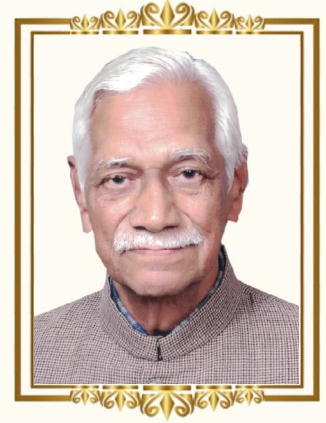




DR. NARAYAN VYAS



Dr. Narayan Vyas is an archaeologist of global repute, whose contribution towards world heritage sites namely Bhimbetka and Sanchi of MP and Rani ki Vav (stepwell) at Gujarat, created a widespread awareness for India's unique heritage and its preservation and conservation.

2. Born on 5th January, 1949 at Ujjain, Dr. Vyas did his MA in Ancient History & Culture followed by a PG Diploma in Archaeology. His pioneer work on Rani ki Vav of Gujarat earned him a Ph.D, while Rock Paintings of Raisen region and Bhimbetka got a coveted D.Litt.- very first in Hindi in the discipline of Archaeology and is inspiration to new generation. Academic pursuit/research is still ongoing. Academic world uses his association with Spanish Rock Art experts and scientific data collection of over 650 pre-historic tools as study resource for scholars.

3. Dr. Vyas' career began in 1972 with Archaeological Survey of India(ASI). 37 years of illustrious service was spread over Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh and UT- Daman & Diu and he was also sent to Myanmar as part of Cultural Exchange Program in 2005. He had key role in excavation at Sanchi, Satdhara, Bes Nagar, Bhimbetka in Madhya Pradesh, Goraj and Rani ki Vav in Gujarat, Thanesar, Sirpur and several another sites. His expertise helped in developing a strong data base and documentation for future use and he also authored book on Bhimbetka. The vast expertise of his career tenure finds utilization in various active roles viz membership/association/headship of learned bodies, antiquity collection, giving lectures, public outreach, publishing books and several research papers (more than hundreds). His insistence on self-study, constant endeavours and flame of curiosity resulted into rich dividends in the form of association, awards and key roles.

4. Dr. Vyas was associated with National Archives of Indian Historical Record Committee, Domain expert member in National Screening and Evaluation Committee (ASI), National Monument Authority, Maharaja Vikramaditya Shodhpeth, Ujjain and as a Project Coordinator ASI for documentation of monuments of Madhya Pradesh. Presently he is associated with Wild Life Board (Member), Government of Madhya Pradesh, Itihas Sankalan Samiti, Madhya Bharat Prant (President), Indira Gandhi National Center for Arts, New Delhi and Ujjain Smart City Project and prestigious Centre-D-Estudis, Contestans, Concentaina of Spain which works in comparative study of Rock Arts of India and Spain.

5. Dr. Vyas was awarded with prestigious Dr. Vishnu Shreedhar Wakankar Award (Government of Madhya Pradesh, 2019), Satish Chandra Mittal Smriti Samman (Akhil Bhartiya Itihas Sankalan Yojna, 2022), Kalashri Samman (Sanskar Bharti, 2023) and recognized by ASI on its foundation Day (2011) for his outstanding contribution in Archaeology. His name also finds a mention in Limca Book of Records (2019) for collection of ancient bricks. His lifetime work reflects exceptional dedication to the preservation, study and dissemination of India's rich Archaeological heritage. He stands out for documenting 1500 sculptures of Rani Ki Vav, working with World Heritage Committee of Rani Ki Vav and Bhimbetka and also discovering the Great wall of India in Raisen. He is working tirelessly in promoting use of Hindi in Archaeology and has collected soils from more than 150 freedom fighters' places to enlighten society about the heroes the country is proud of.