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Satish Gujral : Paintings
Author : Uma Vasudev

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Satish Gujral : Sculptures
Author : Satish Gujral

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Art and Architecture of Nalanda
Author : G.C. Chauley

Art and Architecture of Nalanda deals in details about Nalanda a Buddhist monument of international fame. The author of this monograph has presented Nalanda in brief with all its academic and artistic pursuits for over one millennium as a centre of the Buddhist learning as well as heart of art and architecture.

In 1st chapter an effort is made to furnish in details about the development of Nalanda from a place of pilgrimage of Buddhists and Jains to a renowned Nalanda university for Indian and foreign students.

In subsequent chapter architectural complex of Nalanda is discussed that existed right from the fourth century A.D. till its final extinction in the 12th century A.D., as these Monasteries, stupas, caityas, and shrines have yielded large numbers of antiquities and precious art treasures of ancient Nalanda.

Chapters three to six give the different aspects of the development of a centre of art [sculptures] at Nalanda. The materials used, icons [images] carved and their age wise classification i.e. Gupta, post-Gupta, Pala and Sena etc are the salient features of these chapters. The appropriate interpretation of these icons in the context of religious development viz. Mahayana, Vajravana/Kalachakra yana etc. definitely attract the attention of scholars.

The last chapter throws light on the art and iconography of Brahmanical sculptures found from Nalanda excavation and also within the vicinity.

The author has incorporated art and architecture of University of Vikramsila and Ratnagiri in Orissa to facilitate scholars for a comparative study at a glance in the appendices.

Pub: Sundeep Prakashan, New Delhi Year : 2002 ISBN : 817574121x (Hb)
Bib: 29cm, x+161pp, 23 Plates, Appendices Price : US\$ 40.00

Temples of Madhya Pradesh : The Paramara Art
Author: Rahman Ali

The present book is a result of the new approach of study of analysing the architectural details of the Bhumiya mode of temples often appreciated in the shilpa texts like the Samaranganasutradhara of Malwa and the Aparajitaprccha [Bhuvandeva] etc.

These temples are built in majority in the land of Malwa a tract spread over a large part of Madhya Pradesh. The style was patronised and favoured by the Paramaras of Dhara [Dist.Dhar,M.P.] Thus the Bhumiya mode of temples were soon favoured and was built in neighbouring regions of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Rajasthan etc.

The development of iconography in Malwa and Madhya Pradesh as a whole has been discussed scientifically to reconstruct the coherent history of art of the region. We may, therefore, claim that the book will fulfil the requirements of the scholars concerned and the common man interested in art and culture of India.

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Bib: 26cm, xx+203pp, 10 figs.11 Plates Price : US\$ 45.00

Masterpieces of Mathura museum
Author: Jitendra Kumar

The Government Museum, Mathura enjoys an enviable position among the museums of India . The rich collection of art preserved in the galleries of this museum, furnishes an eloquent testimony to Indian cultural ethos and the aesthetic excellence. In the present book, the author has given adequate information about the history of the museum, about the main periods of the Mathura art and the exhibition arrangement of the galleries. He has highlighted the important exhibits in an appropriate manner.

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Bib: 26cm, Many Plates, Exclusively on Art Paper
Price: US\$ 13.25

A century of Thai graphic design
compiled by Anake Nawigamune.

Pub : River Books, Bangkok Year : 2000 Bib : 152p Chiefly Col Ill 39cm ISBN : 9748225429 Price : US\$ 50.00