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“Cosmography To Cartography’: An Exhibition On Historic Indian Maps

A Way To Know Real History Of India

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USPA NEWS - The Minister of State for Culture, Tourism, Dr. Mahesh Sharma releasing the book at the inauguration of the special exhibition *Cosmology to Cartography: A cultural journey of Indian Maps*, organised by the National Museum in New Delhi on August 11, 2015.

“*Cosmography to Cartography’*, an exhibition on historic Indian maps was inaugurated by the Minister of State for Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation, Dr. Mahesh Sharma at National Museum in New Delhi on August 11. The exhibition was inaugurated in the presence of US Ambassador to India, Mr. Richard Verma. Secretary, Ministry of Culture, and Tourism (Additional Charge), Mr. N K Sinha, DG, National Museum, Mr. Sanjiv Mittal and Mr. Prshant K Lahoti (Kalakriti Archives, Hyderabad) were present on the occasion.

Inaugurating the exhibition, Dr. Mahesh Sharma said that India has a rich cultural heritage, and that “*Cosmology to Cartography*” is a way to know the real history of India. The exhibition is a classical way to know more about our culture and history, he added. Highlighting the importance of Indian culture, Dr. Mahesh Sharma said that Indian culture is appreciated all over the world.

Mr. Richard Verma said that the maps created in the 15th and 16th century were remarkable in quality and are comparable in accuracy to the modern day maps prepared with the help of satellites.

Dr. Mahesh Sharma released two books, “*Purapashaan kaal me Manav’* and “*Raghogarh Paintings’* from National Museum Collection on the occasion. He also released a catalogue on the exhibition “*Cosmography to Cartography’*

Cosmography to Cartography will draw on the Kalakriti Archive, collected by Mr. Prshant Lahoti. The Archive is believed to house India’s most comprehensive private collection of historic maps. Two objects in the exhibition will also be drawn from the collections of the National Museum. The exhibition has been curated by Dr. Vivek Nanda and Dr Alex Johnson.

Picture Description: The Minister of State for Culture (Independent Charge), Tourism (Independent Charge) and Civil Aviation, Dr. Mahesh Sharma releasing the book at the inauguration of the special exhibition *Cosmology to Cartography: A cultural journey of Indian Maps*, organised by the National Museum in collaboration with Kalakriti Archives, Hyderabad, in New Delhi on August 11, 2015. The Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Mr. Narendra Kumar Sinha, the Ambassador of the United States of America, Mr. Richard Rahul Verma and other dignitaries are also seen.

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