An educational tour to Mansar Excavation site

Green Heaven Institute of Management and Research, Rui, Nagpur organized an educational tour to Mansar Archaeological Site, Mansar, Ramtek on 28th November 2015. Faculty members and non teaching staff of GHIMR visited the archaeological site excavated in the last decade. The team had a purpose to know about the excavation, the history of the ancient monument of Vidarbha, understand civilisation structure and promotional strategies of it as a tourist location. The site has the potential for being a world heritage site and is a construction part of the 5th century AD.

The excavation includes the discovery of various shrines, a palace complex (Pravarapura), an extensive temple complex (Pravareśvara), sculptures of Hindu deities including Shiva Vanmana, artefacts, some coins, copper and iron tools, and some stone implements, no. of Bramhixinscript ions on structural fragments, unique and extraordinary red sand-stone sculptures around 1600 years ago. The excavations are identified as the Capital of Vakataka King Pravarsena II of 5th century. ASI-Archaeological Survey of India considers the discovery as noteworthy to find the seal dice of King Praversena and Queen Prabhavati Gupta. This site is locally known as HidimbaTekadi at present. The discovery has made Mansar one of the prime archaeological sites in the country. The excavation started in 1997 by Bodhisatva Nagarjun Smarak Sanstha VaAnusandhan Kendra (a local Buddhist research institute) and carried forward by ASI which, now, is working towards restoring, protecting, preserving and making the site as tourist attraction. This was an attempt by the Institute to explore more of Nagpur region and understand Mansar as a historical place and tourist site. The visit was headed by Director Dr. T Kalyani and the team extended thanks to Secretary, Mr. Anil Sharma for facilitating the tour.