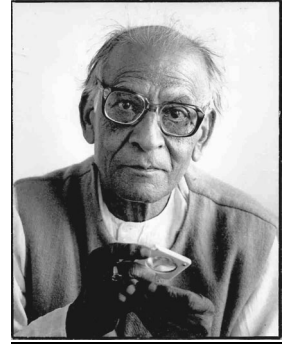


Dr. PARMESHWARI LAL GUPTA
Internationally known scholar of Indian Numismatics



Name: Gupta, Parmeshwari Lal

Date of Birth: December 24, 1914

Date of heavenly abode: July 29, 2001

Place of Birth: Azamgarh (U.P.) India

Educational Qualifications: M.A., Ph. D.

Freedom Fighter:

Expelled from School in 1930 for participating in the political activities of the Indian National Congress for the freedom of the Country under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi. Worked under the Congress till Independence in 1947; imprisoned several times; Freedom Fighter pensioner.

Social Reformer & Educationalist:

1. Organised Agrawal Yuvak Sangh and Agrawal Sevak Mandal to eradicate social evils amongst the Agrawal Community in Azamgarh.
2. Established a public library for the benefit of the citizens of Azamgarh town.
3. Founded Agrawal Kanya Pathsala in 1934 (Now a Girls' Degree College) to impart female education at Azamgarh, that was missing then in the thirties and forties.
4. Established Indian Institute of Research in Numismatic Studies in 1984 at Nasik, Maharashtra, for the furtherance of Numismatics Studies. This is the only institute of its kind in Asia, now widely acclaimed.

Museologist:

Assistant Curator, Bharat Kala Bhavan, Museum of Art & Archaeology, Banaras Hindu University.

Numismatist, Assistant Curator, Archaeology Section, Prince of Wales Museum, Bombay (1955-1962)

Assistant Keeper, Coins and Medals Section, British Museum, London (1962)

Curator (Director), Patna Museum, Patna, Bihar (1963-1972)

Honorary Director, Indian Institute of Research in Numismatic Studies, Nasik . (1984-1989)

Academic Activities

Books: More than 32 books and monographs

1. Coins (In the series-India-Land & People of Book trust of India)
2. Amaravati Hoard of Silver Punch-marked Coins.
3. Early Coins of Kerala
4. Roman Coins from Andhra Pradesh
5. Bibliography of Hoards of the Punch-marked Coins of Ancient India
6. Punch-marked coins from Andhra Pradesh Government Museum
7. Bibliography of Indian Coins (4 Vols)
8. Coin Hoards from Maharashtra
9. Coin Hoards from Gujarat State
10. A Survey of Indian Numismatography
11. Coins-Source of Indian History
12. Hamare Desh Ke Sikke (In Hindi)
13. Puratatva Parichaya (Introduction of Archeology in Hindi)
14. Bhartiya Vastu-kala (Introduction to Ancient Indian architectural monuments in Hindi)
15. Prachin Bharat ke Pramukha Abhilekha (in Hindi, Epigraphy)
16. Gangetic Valley Terracotta Art.
17. Patna Museum Catalogue of Antiquities (Edited)
18. Gupta Gold Coins in Bharat Kala Bhavan.
19. Punch Marked Coins of Ancient India.
20. Catalogue of India Coins in British Museum.
21. Kusana Coins and History
22. Paper Money of India

Research Papers

About 250 Research papers published on Indian History, Numismatics, Ancient Indian Art, Epigraphy, Archeology and Indian Literature in various reputed research journals of India and abroad.

Visiting Lectures

1. London University (School of Oriental and African Studies) 1962 and 1972
2. Gothe University, Frankfurt, West Germany (Department of Roman History) 1972
3. Minister University , Berlin (Institute of Indo-Germanic Studies), 1977
4. Minister University, Munster, West Germany (Department of Indology) 1972
5. Munich University, Munich (Institute of Indology and Iranic Studies) 1977
6. University of Tubingen (Department of Indology) 1977
7. Ohio University, Columbus U.S.A. (Department of Art History) 1977
8. University of Nebraska, Lincoln U.S.A. (Department of Classics) 1977
9. Asia House, New York, 1977
10. B. J. Institute of Research and Learning, Ahmedabad, 1977
11. Banaras Hindu University (Department of Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology)
12. M. S. University, Baroda (Department of Ancient History and Archaeology and Department of Museology) 1965
13. Visvabharti University, Shantiniketan (Department of History) 1977

Personal Distinctions (International)

1. Honorary Member, International Numismatic Commission (Elected 1986)
2. Honorary Fellow, Royal Numismatic Society, London (1975)
3. Medalist, Royal Numismatic Society, London (1977)
4. Huntington Medalist, American Numismatic Society, New York (1987)
5. Recipient, Lhotka Memorial Prize, Royal Numismatic Society, London 1971
6. Chairperson, Numismatic Section, South Asian History Conference, Wisconsin University, USA, 1977

(Only Indian to be so honoured)

Personal Distinction (National)

1. Recipient, Hiralal Gold Medal, Kashi Nagari Pracharni Sabha, Varanasi (1951)
2. Recipient, Chakravikram Medal, Numismatic Society of India (1954)
3. Recipient, Nelson Wright Medal, Numismatic Society of India (1962)
4. Recipient, Sir Jadunath Sarkar Gold Medal, Asiatic Society, Calcutta (1977)
5. Honorary Fellow, Numismatic Society of India (Elected 1974)
6. Honorary Fellow, Asiatic Society of Bombay (1993)
7. President, All India Numismatic Conference, Gauhati, Session (1959)
8. President, Archaeology Section, All India Oriental Conference, Aligarh Session, 1966
9. President, Ancient Indian History Section, Indian History Congress, Mysore Session, 1966
10. President, History Section, All India Oriental Conference, Jadavpur (Calcutta) Session 1969
11. President, Technical & Fine Arts Section, All India Oriental Conference, Dharwar Session (1979)

Official Recognition

1. Member, Committee for Identifying Art Objects of National Importance (Numismatics and Epigraphy), Government of India (1988)
2. Chairman, State Coin Committee, Uttar Pradesh (since 1984)
3. Member, National Art Purchase Committee, Government of India, 1976-1985)
4. Member, Uttar Pradesh State Museums Purchase Committee (1962-1976)
5. Member, Management Purchase Committee, Bharat Kala Bhavan, Banaras Hindu University (Since 1980)
6. Member, Central Advisory Board for Museums, Government of India, (1964-1970)
7. Registered Valuer, for Works of Art, by Ministry of Finance, Government of India (1985)

Visits Abroad

France, Germany, Holland, Denmark, Switzerland, England, U.S.A., Canada, Australia, Phillipines, Japan, Indonesia, Hongkong, Thailand, Nepal.