



# Webinar on Bhimbetka Rock Painting and Shelter

## Why In News?

Recently a webinar was organized by the Ministry of Tourism on Bhimbetka Rock Painting and Shelter, a World Heritage Site and one of the oldest rock paintings in the world.

## Key Points

- Guides, archaeologists and history lovers from the country and the state participated in this webinar.
- In the webinar, Ajay Singh Chauhan, Regional Guide of Central India, Bhopal told that 4 colors (red, white, green and yellow) have been used in Bhimbetka rock painting. All these colors are made from natural sources like leaves, stones, hematite etc.
- Bhimbetka depicts dance and music, body art, hunting and animals. These types of paintings are called pictographs.
- The Bhimbetka rock painting and shelter depicts the journey of human life, showing the day-to-day activities of life, animals, hunting, collecting useful things in the forest, etc.
- It is worth mentioning that Bhimbetka Rock Painting and Shelter is a **UNESCO World Heritage Rock Site** in India. It is very popular for prehistoric rock paintings and rock shelters.
- According to the Archaeological Survey of India's carbon dating process, the rock paintings of Bhimbetka are 30 to 35 thousand years old. The famous archaeologist **Vishnu Sridhar Wakankar** discovered Bhimbetka in the Vindhya mountain range during his visit to Nagpur in 1957-58.
- Recently, the team of the Geological Survey of India has discovered a fossil from Bhimbetka, which is about 25 million years old. Such fossils have also been found in Ukraine, Russia and China.

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