



INDIAN NATIONAL TRUST FOR ART AND CULTURAL HERITAGE
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Dear Friends,

It gives us great pleasure to invite you to a lecture on 'GOLD FOR GARNETS, SILVER FOR SPICES: THE ANCIENT INDIA-ROME COMMERCE 'on 31st August, 2017 at INTACH at 4.30 pm by Dr. S. Suresh.

The ancient kingdoms of South India traded with the Roman Republic and later, with the Roman Empire and its successive empires in the Mediterranean Region. These contacts started around 300 B.C.E. and continued right up to around the fourth century C.E. and to a limited extent, even during the later times.

Besides archaeology, the evidences for these contacts include the limited references to the trade in ancient Greek, Latin, Tamil and Sanskrit literature. Based on extensive field research in South Asia and Europe, the lecture unfolds the little-known story of the Rome-India contacts. The presentation takes you on a unique voyage across the places through which the Romans travelled in India and the interesting things—coins, ceramics, sculptures—that they left behind at those sites.

Dr. Suresh was a Fulbright Senior Research Fellow (2011) and again (2015-16), a Fulbright Visiting Professor, researching and lecturing at Harvard, University of California-Berkeley and the National Trust for Historic Preservation—INTACH's counterpart in the U.S.A. He has a doctorate in Classical Archaeology and another in Medieval South Asian Art . Currently, he is the Tamil Nadu State Convener for INTACH and a consultant in archaeological tourism, museum management and art education. He has authored 70 research papers and 36 books including college textbooks, exhibition catalogues and historical novels. Dr. Suresh has the distinction of being the first Indian to be invited by the Archaeological Institute of America, Boston as the Samuel Kress National Lecturer for the year 2017-18.



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(Please join us for tea after the event)