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### ***Kath-Khuni* depicts beauty, integrity of Himalayan architecture: Prof Thakkar**

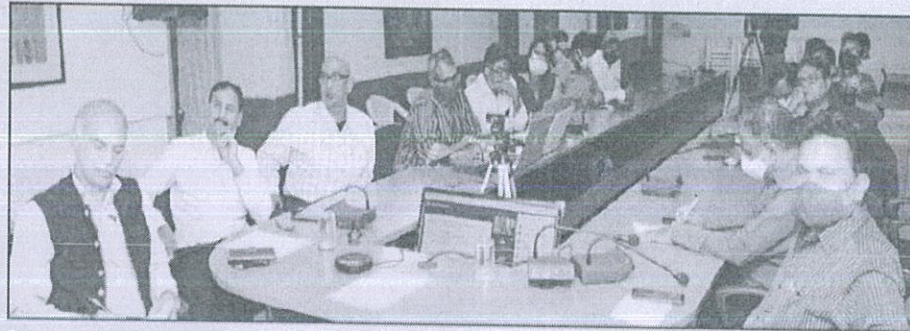
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TO MARK World Heritage Week, Indra Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (IGRMS) organised a special lecture on the topic 'Kath-Khuni Architecture of the Himalayas: Sustainability and Change' on Tuesday.

Director, IGRMS, Dr P K Mishra, presiding over the programme, said that Kath-Khuni art of architecture and construction, which hails from Himachal Pradesh, has imparted a separate identity to the State.

Dr Surya Kumar Pandey, while welcoming and introducing Professors Jai Thakkar and Mansi Shah, informed that Professor Jai Thakkar is an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Design and Head of Research at the Design Innovation and Craft Resource Center (DICRC) at CEPT University.

He then informed that Mansi Shah is an Ahmedabad-based



Director, IGRMS, Dr P K Mishra, Professor Jai Thakkar and Mansi Shah and other dignitaries during the special lecture organised at IGRMS in Bhopal on Tuesday.

urban architect-designer, who is also a teacher in the Faculty of Planning at CEPT University.

Professor Thakkar said that in the Himalayas of India, the practice of traditional building construction is known as Kath-Khuni.

In its making, the traditional knowledge of the developed vernacular architecture of the region, the harsh climate, natural environment and availabili-

ty of local resources, materials and tools, as well as the influence of cultural practices and traditions is clearly implied.

Mansi Shah said that Kath-Khuni, the traditional building construction system in Himachal Pradesh, is the result of extensive field work research, analysis and documentation carried out in Himachal Pradesh from 2005 to 2011.

Chief guest Director of School

of Planning and Architecture, Professor N Sreedharan said that different types of materials used to build houses in the Himalayan region from Himachal to Arunachal Pradesh vary from village, block and region. Assistant Keeper, Dr Surya Kumar Pandey conducted the proceedings and Officer-in-Charge of Himalaya Village Open-air Exhibition, Assistant Curator Dr RM Nayal proposed a vote of thanks.