

Hon'ble Shri Pranab Mukherjee, former President of India Released our book *Draupadi and her Panchala: Re-asserting their place in History*, on 30th Oct 2018 at the National Museum New Delhi. The book is edited by Neera Misra and AVM Rajesh Lal and is a collection of papers presented at the two conferences titled *REVISITING DRAUPADI* and *SIGNIFICANCE OF PANCHALA*, as part of the 5 Days Panchala Mahautsav, organized by the Draupadi Dream Trust at New Delhi.

The wide variety of articles in the Draupadi section bring out the powerful personality of Draupadi, as Sri, as Yajnsenini and also tracing her lineage as incarnation of Parvati, the consort of Shiva. The Panchala section highlights the region as the cradle of Vedic culture and its significant contribution in the evolution and propagation of Vedic scientific knowledge. It covers archaeology, arts numismatics and intellectualism of its great icons.

Dignitaries present on the occasion included Dr B.R.Mani DG National Museum, Gen G.D.Bakshi independent scholar, Air Vice Marshal (retd) Rajesh Lal, and official from ASI, National Museum and Cultural departments