

Section **VIII**

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In keeping with its avowed aim of expanding, broad basing and reinforcing its existing academic activities, the ICHR organized lectures and a Book Discussion on the ICHR premises under its Lecture Series Programme during the period under report. The details are given below:

- Professor Surinder Singh, Deptt. Of History, Punjab University, Chandigarh, spoke on *Some Aspects of State Formation in the Delhi Sultanate* on 25 April 2008.
- Dr. Rachel Loizeau, foundation maison des sciences de' l'homme, Paris, spoke on *Narrative Traditions in Kannada Sculpture under Chalukya and the Hoysala Period (from 7th to 13th Century* on 27th June 2008. She was a guest of the ICHR for a month-long research visit to India under the Indo-French Cultural Exchange Programme.
- Professor Chetan Singh, Deptt. of History, Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla, spoke on *State Formation in the Western Himalayas* on 25th July 2008.
- Dr. Supriya Varma, Centre for Historical Studies, School of Social Sciences, JNU, New Delhi, spoke on *Archaeology and the Construction of Religious Identities in Medieval North India* on 29 August 2008.
- Dr. Bikramjit De, National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata, spoke on *The Colonial State and its Officials: Limits of Management 1939-1945* on 7th November 2008.
- Dr. Archana Prasad, Reader, Centre for JNU Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi spoke on *Dependent Economies and Primordial Identities: The Formation of a rural working class in Tribal Central India* on 19 March 2009.