

Keeladi exhibition in Thanjavur

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With a view to create awareness about Keeladi excavations, an exhibition of flex banners depicting the photos of the articles found in Keeladi was organised jointly by the Tamil Nadu progressive writers association and Department of Architecture, Periyar Maniammal Institute of science and technology (PMIST) here on Friday.

Dr B. Manoharan, chairman, Indian institute of architecture, Thanjavur sub-centre inaugurated the exhibition at the architecture department of the PMIST.

Tamil Brahmi script found in pottery materials at Keeladi, pots in black and red colour, photos depicting the evidences for urban civilisation that existed in Keeladi, iron weapons, ornaments and ivory comb etc are displayed in the exhibition which will go on



Noted architects of India looking at photo exhibits on Keeladi excavations at Thanjavur on Friday. —DC

till January 4.

Aruna of Aram, a wing of the Tamil Nadu Progressive Writers Association told DC that awareness about Keeladi is still lacking among people. Though everyone understood that the excavations throw light on a civilisation that exist-

ed in 580 BCE, it should be popularised with a view to preserve it and be proud of it.

The writers association said that major area of Keeladi is still to be excavated. Out of 110 acres only five cent of land has been excavated. The association

regretted that central government has stopped further excavations after 2017. While excavations in Gujarat and Rajasthan continued for ten to 13 years, it is unfortunate that centre has asked for a report on works completed to permit further excavation.

The Tamil Nadu government should preserve Keeladi as a prestigious and ancient excavation site, the association said.

Noted architects Sanjay Mohe, Mindscape architects, Bengaluru, Charanjit S. Shah, creative group, New Delhi, Dr P.Satheesh Kumar, member, Council of architecture, Kerstin Frick from Germany, Mona Doctor Pingel from Auroville, Velasamy VC, PMIST, were among those who participated.

Later, they took part in the international conference on sustainable architecture and architects at the alumni meet at the institute.