

## **A Unique Journey through Indian Art & Culture**

**Sat. & Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> January &  
Sat. & Sun 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> March, at India Habitat Centre**

For 40 years, Benoy K Behl has been known for his pioneering work in the field of Indian and Asian art and culture. He is world-renowned as an art historian, author, photographer and film maker. 26 years ago, he revealed for the first time the magnificent paintings of Ajanta to the world, in all their true details and color, through his technique of photography in darkness.

Behl has the Limca Book Record for the most traveled photographer, both within India and around the world. He has documented the art of India and Asia, in practically all corners. Where there is no motorable road, Behl has gone by horseback.

He has taken over 50,000 photographs of Asian monuments and art heritage, made 138 documentaries on the history of art and culture which are regularly screened at major cultural institutions worldwide.

Behl is the first Indian about whose work the National Geographic magazine has carried a story (18-pages, cover story in some European editions). BBC World News have also carried 3 major stories about Behl's pioneering work in India and Vietnam.

The vastness of Behl's documentation presents a wide and new perspective in understanding the art of India and Asia.

His photography of ancient murals in remote places has clearly established the continuous tradition of painting in India, from ancient times through the medieval period. This is significant, as earlier, the Indian tradition of painting was believed to begin in medieval times.

In this unique course, consisting of illustrated lectures and film screenings of 14 hours. Benoy K Behl takes the audience deep into the history and meaning of Indian art and culture. It has been found to be an enthralling and illuminating experience for his students. The students in his past courses have included a serving Cabinet Minister, the present CEO of Prasar Bharati, the present CMD of Air India, Ambassadors, Secretaries to Government and Professors of Delhi University and JNU.