

Annual Conference at Varanasi 2017

Annual Conference of IAS, ISPQS & HCS & International Seminar on Recent Field Researches and Scientific Studies in Indian Archaeology was organized by the Centre of Advanced Study, Dept. of A.I.H.C. & Archaeology, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, between 4th and 6th November, 2017. Over 110 life members of the Society attended the conference.

The conference was inaugurated on 4th November, 2017. Dr. Neeraj Tripathi, Registrar, BHU presided over the inaugural function. Dr. B.R. Mani (Distinguished Guest), Shri K.N. Dikshit, Former Joint DG, ASI and General Secretary, Indian Archaeological Society, New Delhi (Guest of Honour), Shri O.P. Tandon (IAS), Prof. P.P. Joglekar (ISPQS), Dr. Surjit Jolly (HCS), Prof. Kumar Pankaj, Dean Faculty of Arts, BHU and Prof. Pushp Lata Singh, Organising Secy. and Head, Department of AIHC & Archaeology were on the dais. Along with other publications *Man and Environment* Volume 42(2) and ISPQS Monograph No. 7 - “Rethinking the Past: A Tribute to Professor V.N. Misra” was released.





Presidential Address

Prof. D.P. Tiwari delivered his presidential address entitled “Dating techniques in archaeology”.

Professor H.D. Sankalia Memorial Lecture

Professor H.D. Sankalia Memorial Lecture 2016 was delivered by Dr. B.R. Mani, Director General, National Museum, Delhi. Title of his lecture was “Genesis of Indian Civilization”.

Following members of the society presented their papers in various sessions.

Title	Author (s)
Revisiting the <i>Mahadevian</i> : A typo-technological reanalysis of lithic assemblages from Mahadeo Piparia, Central Narmada Basin, Madhya Pradesh	Akash Srinivas, Vivek Singh and Parth R. Chauhan
A Reappraisal of the Acheulian Site of Anagwadi, Dist. Bagalkot, Karnataka With Special Reference to Palaeoenvironment and Site Context	Andre Baptista, Sushama Deo and Jayendra Joglekar
Experimental Replication of Cleaver Technology: Examples from Attirampakkam	Kumar Akhilesh and Shanti Pappu
Understanding the Stone Age sites of West Garo Hills, Meghalaya through Sedimentological analysis and Topographic mapping	Smita Devi Bora and Dwipen Bezbaruah
Relict Nature of Acheulian Landscape in Peninsula India	Sushama G. Deo and S.N. Rajaguru
Evidences of Mode I Culture in European Prehistory	Manoj Kumar Singh
Middle Palaeolithic Reduction Sequences in the Middle Godavari Basin, Telangana	Mokshada Salunke

Complexities of Mesolithic Phase: with Special Reference to Vindhya-Gangetic Region	Gargi Chatterjee
Dholavira: A Cognitive Reconnaissance through Lithic Tools	Ruman Banerjee, V.N.Prabhakar, R.S.Bisht
Lithic artefacts belonging to the Sorath Harappan	Charusmita Gadekar and P. Ajithprasad
Settlement Archaeology of Balathal and Gilund with Special Reference to Architecture and Site Planning	Aishwarya Prashant Mhaske
Copper Artefacts of Rakhigarhi: A Preliminary Report	Diya Mukherjee and V.S. Shinde
Typological Analysis of Lustrous Red Ware from Central and Western India	Muhammed Fasalu K., Rajesh S.V. and G. S. Abhayan
Prehistoric Field Explorations in Different River Valleys of Jharkhand	Paromita Bose
Rock Art Heritage of Robertsganj Block, District Sonbhadra, Uttar Pradesh	Swtantra Kumar Singh and Prabhakar Upadhyay
Lesser Known Harappan Spill Over in Art and Tradition: Possible Inferences	Manuel Joseph
Continuity of art from its primitive stage to modern times: A brief Introduction of Ethno Rock Art study based on ritual and festivals	Sachin Kumar Tiwary
Recent Archaeological Explorations in Garo Hill, Meghalaya	Tosabanta Padhan and Amit Upadhyaya
New Light in Archaeology of Mahasamund District, Chhattisgarh	Shambhoo Nath Yadav and Bhagirathi Gartia
Excavation at Limb, District Satara, Maharashtra (2016-17)	Amit Yogiraj Pendam and Anita Agashe
Recent Field Investigations at Asuralay (District Birbhum, West Bengal)	Rajat Sanyal and Sanjit Kumar Pal
New Light on the Historical Archaeology of Vidarbha as Revealed from Excavations at Nagardhan (2015-17)	Shantanu Vaidya, Virag Sontakke and Shrikant Ganvir
Investigating Deep Past of Nagardhan: Some Preliminary Observations	Jayendra Joglekar, Virag Sontakke, Shirkant Ganvir and Shantanu Vaidya
Preliminary Report of Stone Objects from Nagardhan Excavation Season:2015-16	Gopal S. Joge and Shobhna Meshram
Nagardhan Excavations: Preliminary Analysis of Ceramic	Gurudas Shete and Pramod Chavan
Nagardhan Excavations: Numismatic and Sigillographic Data from the 1 st Season (2015-16)	Abhijit Dandekar and Suken Shah
Religious imagery from Nagardhan excavation (2015-17)	Shrikant Ganvir, Virag Sontakke and Shantanu Vaidya
Bhutiapali: An Early Historic Gem Stone Bead Manufacturing Workshop in the Middle Mahanadi Valley of Odisha, India	P.K. Behera and Sakir Hussain
The Undiscovered Rangmahal Culture of Jammu Plains	Navjot Kour

Chumaduthangi (Load Bearing Stones) in Coastal Villages of Southern Kerala, India	Reni P. Joseph, Vinuraj B., Ananthu V. Dev, Mohammed Muhaseen B. S., Rajesh S.V., Abhayan G. S. and Ajit Kumar
Meaning of the Tribal Art in Manipur: An Ethno-Archaeological Perspective	Potshangbam Binodini Devi
Intangible Cultural Heritage Associated with Terracotta Animal Figurine of Sonepur Town, Odisha	Banti Mahapatra and Dr. Shahida Ansari
Harappan Town Planning: Sacred Ratios and Linear Measures	Michel Danino
Questioning the Collapse of Indus Craft Traditions: Pictographic Analysis of Ceramics from North-Western India	A. Ceccarelli, C.A. Petrie, S.P. Quinn and R.N. Singh
A view from the villages: disentangling 'multicropping', agricultural adaptation and resilience in the Indus Civilisation	Jennifer Bates, Cameron A. Petrie and Ravindra N. Singh
<i>Land, Water and Settlement</i> and <i>Two Rains</i> : investigating human and environment interactions during and after the Indus period in northwest India	C.A. Petrie and R.N. Singh
The Role of Rivers in Harappan Settlement Pattern: An Observation Based on Recent Explorations	Vikas Pawar and Appu Sharan
Integrating faunal turnovers, mammalian biogeography and vertebrate taphonomy from Pleistocene South Asia	Parth R. Chauhan, Ramandeep Singh and Abhimanyu Bhardwaj
Animal Remains from the Pre-NBPW (With Iron) Contexts at Raipura, Sonbhadra District, Uttar Pradesh	P.P. Joglekar, Jayshree Mungur-Medhi, G.S. Abhayan, Vibha Tripathi and Prabhakar Upadhyay
Skeletal growth over the period of intensification of agriculture at the late prehistoric site of Ban Non Wat, Northeast Thailand	Neha Dhavale, Siân Halcrow, Hallie Buckley, Nancy Tayles and Andrew Gray
Osteological observations on sub-adult individual excavated from Khibbar, Lahaul, Spiti	V. Mushrif-Tripathy, P.M. Saklani, R.C. Bhatt, H. Chauhan, E. Singh and S. Chaudhary
Soil Micromorphological analyses from Mimi region, Nagaland	Sayantani Neogi, Sean Taylor and Tiatoshi Jamir
Brick Technology and its Possible Assessment through Analytical Methods	Nidhi Pandey
Investigations on Iron Working from Latif Shah, District Chandauli, Uttar Pradesh	Prabhakar Upadhyay
Indian Artefacts from Arabia Peninsula: Archaeological Evidence of Cultural Relations	Sadeq Mohammed Rawdhan and Prabhakar Upadhyay
Archaeological Antiquity found from Karjara Kot, Chandauli, UP: A Report	Sanjay Kumar Kushavaha
Karah Puja : A Ritual of Antiquity	Patel Seema
Excavation at Latif Shah, Session 2016-17	Prabhakar Upadhyay, K.R. Bind, Krishna Mohan Dubey,

	Swatantra Kumar Singh and Satya Prakash
Recent Excavations (2014-16) at Agiabir, District-Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh	Ashok Kumar Singh
Excavations at Sarethi, District Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh	Pushp Lata Singh and Prabhakar Upadhyay
Animal Remains from Sarethi, District Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh: Preliminary Observations	P.P. Joglekar, Pushp Lata Singh and Prabhakar Upadhyay
Exploration of District Ambedkar Nagar	Pushp Lata Singh
Ardhaphalaka: Jain Monks of Mathura (An Epigraphical Study)	Suman Jain
Brief Overview of Animals in Jain Art and Iconography	Gauri Bedekar
Conservation of Stone Sculptures at Village Kumthe, Maharashtra	Balaji Gajul and Pramod Dandwate
Experimental Approaches in the Study of the Formation of Iron Smelting Furnaces	S. Udayakumar
Menhir with a Chola inscription from Mepara, Idukki Dist, Kerala and its socio-cultural Ramifications	Ajit Kumar and S. Balamurugan
Virtual Reality modelling for Medieval cityscape of Pune	Pallavee Gokhale, And Shilpa Sadanand Apte
Making Stone Cleavers: An Educational Film	Shanti Pappu, Kumar Akhilesh and Naama Goren-Inbar
The Unique Set of Nabagunjara Ganjapa of Odisha	Arunima Pati

Valedictory function was held on 6th November, 2017 at which Dr. S.B. Ota represented ISPQS. At the function he thanked the Department of AIHC & Archaeology in general and Prof. Pushp Lata Singh, Organising Secretary and Head of the Department for organising the conference.