

Annual Conference of 2003

Tirupati

The XXXI Annual Conference was held, in conjunction with the XXXVII Annual Conference of the Indian Archaeological Society, XXVII Annual Conference of the Indian History and Culture Society, and the National Seminar on Anthropology, Archaeology, History and Cultural Heritage of Peninsular India at the Department of Anthropology, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh on 19 to 22 December, 2003.

The following life members of the Society participated in the conference:

S.R. Adhyapak, P. Ajithprasad, K. Akhilesh, Shahida Ansari, M. Baruah, P. Baruah, S.K. Bhagat, Banani Bhattacharya, Subrato Chakrabarti, P.P. Dandwate, Michael Danino, Nupur Dasgupta, Sushma Deo,
B.C. Deotare, P. Binodini Devi, K.N. Dikshit, Savita Ghate, M.C. Gupta, S.P. Gupta, P.P. Joglekar,
Anant Joshi, P.S. Joshi, P.M. Khobragade, Ravi Korisetar, Giriraj Kumar, K. Madhavi, C. Margabandhu,
Anup Mishra, V.D. Misra, V.N. Misra, R.K. Mohanty, Abdul Munaf, Malti Nagar, Jayshree Nair,
Rukshana Nanji, J.N. Pal, Ramesh Kumar Pancholi, R.P. Pandey, Shanti Pappu, Anil Pokharia, Sadasiba Pradhan, Jacob Jai Raj, S.N. Rajaguru, D.R. Raju, M.D.N. Sahi, Vijay Sathe, V. Selvakumar,
R.K. Sharma, K.S. Shukla, A.K. Singh, K. Srinivasulu, Chanchala Srivastava, Rakesh K. Srivastava,
J.P. Srivastava, A. Sundara, V.H. Sonawane, V.S. Soni, Reshma Swawant, Devi Prasad Tewari, P.K. Thomas and P.C. Venkatasubbaiah.

Inaugural Function

The inaugural function of the joint Annual Conference of the three Societies and the National Seminar on Anthropology, Archaeology, History and Cultural Heritage of

Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh. Prof. P. Murali, Honorable Vice Chancellor of S.V. University, inaugurated the Conference. Prof. S. Jayarama Reddy, Principal, S.V. University College of Arts and Sciences presided over the function. Dr. S.P. Gupta (Chairman, Indian Archaeological Society), Dr. P.K. Thomas (General Secretary, Indian Society for Prehistoric and Quaternary Studies), Dr. Vandana Kaushik (General Secretary, Indian History and Culture Society), Dr. O.P. Kejariwal (Director, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi) and Prof. A. Papa Rao (Head, Department of Anthropology, S.V. University, Tirupati) were felicitated during the inaugural function.



Presidential Address

The Presidential Address of the Society was delivered by Shri R.S. Bisht in absentia on Rigveda and Archaeology.

Professor H.D. Sankalia Memorial Lecture

The Thirteenth Professor H.D. Sankalia Memorial Lecture was delivered by Prof. A. Sundara on Literary Sources and Archaeology.

Professor H.D. Sankalia Young Archaeologist Award

The following paper was presented for this Award:

Reshma R. Sawant: Asmaka Mahajanapada: a New Perspective

This paper was sent to three eminent experts for their evaluation. After presentation at the Conference, the panel of judges nominated by the Society's Executive Committee, namely Prof. A. Sundara and Prof. V.D. Misra, unanimously recommended the paper by Reshma Sawant for Professor H.D. Sankalia Young Archaeologist Award. This paper is printed in *Man and Environment* Vol. XXVIII(2).

The academic sessions of the conference were held from the afternoon of 19 to 22 December and the following papers were presented at the Conference:

S.N. Rajaguru, Sushma Deo, S. Mishra, S. Ghate and P. Shirvalkar: Discovery of Detrital Laterite in the Karha Basin, Dist. Pune, upland Maharashtra.

P. RAJENDRAN and S. N. RAJAGURU: Studies on the Prehistoric Cultures and the Pleistocene Human Fossil from Tamil Nadu.

RAVI KORISSETTAR and M.D. PETRAGLIA: Recent Explorations in the Kurnool Basin.

V.S. SONI: Rich Palaeolithic Assemblage from Hitherto Unexplored Geographical Realms of Siwaliks.

VIJAY SATHE: Taphonomy of Hippopotamus Burial site in the Manjra valley, Dist. Latur, Maharashtra.

GIRIRAJ KUMAR: Further Excavation (2003) at Daraki-Chattan – a Palaeolithic Cupule cave in Chambal Valley.

SHANTI PAPPU, YANNI GUNNEL, MAURICE TAIEB, K. ANUPAMA and KUMAR AKHILESH: Excavations at Attirampakkam: Results of the Season – 2003.

D.R. RAJU and N. CHANDRAMOULI: Lower Palaeolithic in the Nallamalais, Andhra Pradesh.

V.N. MISRA: Geographical Distribution of Ancient Cultures in Rajasthan: The Role of Environmental Factors.

SAVITA GHATE: Archaeological Investigation around Thandla, district Jhabua, M.P.

KUMAR AKHILESH: A Re-examination of the Upper Palaeolithic “Damin” Industries, Bansloi River Basin, Jharkhand.

P. AJITHPRASAD: Pithad – A Sorath Harappan Settlement in Jamnagar District, Gujarat.

V.H. SONAWANE, P. AJITHPRASAD, K. K. BHAN, K. KRISHNAN, S. PRTAPCHANDRAN, ABHIJIT MUJUMDAR and JAYA MENON: Excavations at Bagasra 2002-2003: A Preliminary Report.

M.D.N. SAHI: Source of Fifth and Fourth Millennium Copper at Mehrgarh I and Bagor II, the Acculturation and its Implications.

P.P. JOGLEKAR, P.K. THOMAS and R.K. MOHANTY: Faunal Remains from Purani Marmi: a Late Ahar Culture Settlement in Mewar Region of Rajasthan.

P.C. VENKATASUBBIAH: Archaeological Investigations in the Kurnool District of Andhra Pradesh with special reference to the Neolithic Culture.

J.N. PAL and M.C. GUPTA: Further Excavations at Tokwa: A Neolithic-Chalcolithic Site on the Confluence of the Belan and Adwa.

V.D. MISRA, J.N. PAL and M.C. GUPTA: The Neolithic Culture of the Gangetic Plain with Special Reference to Jhusi.

K. JAYSHREE NAIR: Problematizing the Transition from Neolithic to Megalithic: An Excuse on Umichipoyil Evidences.

P. BINODINI DEVI: An Investigation into the Megalithic Culture of the Ememais (Maos), Senapati District, Manipur.

R.K. MOHANTY: Recent Archaeological Investigations of the Early Iron Age site of Mahurjhari, Vidarbha.

P.S. JOSHI: Prospects of Vidarbha Megaliths.

B.C. DEOTARE: Recent Findings in Purna Basin of Vidarbha, Maharashtra.

CHANCHALA SRIVASTAVA: Emerging Trends of Palaeo-ethnobotanical Investigations at Ancient Saunphari and Madnapur, District Shajahanpur, U.P.

R.P. PANDEY: Changing Landscape and Rise of Cultures in Northern Madhya Pradesh.

P.P. DANDAWATE and S.A. PRADHAN: Rock-cut Caves, Taluka Maval, district Pune.

V. SELVAKUMAR, M.V. NAIR and P.K. GOPI: Excavation of a Sailboat at Kadakkarapally, Alapuzha District, Kerala.

KURUSH F. DALAL, S.P. GUPTA, A. DANDEKAR, R. NANJI, P. ARAVAZHI and S. BOWLDE: A Preliminary Report of the Second Season's Excavation at Sanjan.

ABHIJIT DANDEKAR and RUKSHANA NANJI: Pottery from Sanjan: Results from the Excavations of the Second Season.

D.P. TIWARI: Archaeological sites and their co-relation with water bodies.

ANUP MISHRA and U.P. ARORA: Further Excavations at Abhaipur.

ANANT JOSHI: Women's Head-Dress in Indus Valley Period.

K.S. SHUKLA: Decipherment of the Indus Script.

MICHEL DANINO: The Horse in the Indus-Sarasvati Civilization.

B. RAGHUNATHA RAO and SASISEKARAN: Metallurgical Processing Techniques in Early Historic Tamil Nadu.

NUPUR DASGUPTA: The Canvas of the Hunter-Gatherer: Building the Interface of Archaeology and History.