

Annual Conference of 2004 Lucknow

Inaugural Function

The inaugural function of the joint Annual Conference of the three Societies and the National Seminar on Archaeology of the Ganga Plain was held at 11.00 am, on 28 December, 2004 at the Ganna Sansthan Auditorium, Dalibagh, Lucknow. The Honourable Revenue Minister Shri Ambika Choudhary, inaugurated the Conference. Other dignitaries present on the occasion are Smt. Rita Sinha, Principal Secretary Ministry of Culture, Prof. S.P. Singh, Honorable Vice-chancellor, Lucknow University, Shri B.B. Lal, retired Director General, Archaeological Survey of India, Dr. S.P. Gupta, Chairman Archaeological Society of India, Dr. Vandana Kaushik, General Secretary, Indian History and Culture Society, Dr. P.K. Thomas, General Secretary, Indian Society for Prehistoric and Quaternary Studies and Dr. Rakesh Tiwari, Director U.P. State Archaeology. The function started after two minutes silence observed in memory of Shri P.V. Rao and also in memory of the Tsunami victims.



Presidential Address

The Presidential Address of the Society was delivered by Professor I.B. Singh, Department of Geology, University of Lucknow on *Quaternary Palaeoenvironment of the Ganga Plain and Anthropogenic Activity*. It has been published in *Man and Environment*, Vol. XXX(1).

Professor H.D. Sankalia Memorial Lecture

The Fourteenth Professor H.D. Sankalia Memorial Lecture was delivered in absentia by Prof. Kenneth A.R. Kennedy, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York on *Archaeological and Anthropological Research in South Asia: Developments Over the Past Fifty Years*. It has appeared in *Man and Environment*, Vol. XXX(1).

Dr. Malti Nagar Ethnoarchaeology Award

The following paper was presented for this Award:

Ms. Madhulika Samanta: The Practice of Agastya Worship among the Shankhari Caste of Bengal: an Ethnoarchaeological Investigation in Bishnupur and Kolmijod of West Bengal.

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. V.H. Sonawane and Prof. V.D. Misra, unanimously recommended the paper by Ms. Madhulika Samanta for Dr. Malti Nagar Ethnoarchaeology Award. It has appeared in *Man and Environment*, Vol. XXX(1).

The academic sessions of the conference were held from the afternoon of 28 to 31 December and the following papers were presented at the Conference:

Shanti Pappu and Kumar Akhilesh: Preliminary Results of the Analysis of Acheulian artefacts from excavations at Attirampakkam, Tamil Nadu.

Sushama G. Deo, Sheila Mishra, Sonali Naik, Riza Abbas and S.N. Rajaguru: Excavation at the Acheulian site of Morgaon, District Pune, Maharashtra

Neetu Agrawal and Sheila Mishra: Lalitpur: A Re-analysis of an Early Acheulian Assemblage from Central India.

Sheila Mishra, Neetu Agrawal, Sushama Deo and Riza Abbas: Early Acheulian in India: New Ideas about its Typology and Technology.

S.N. Rajaguru, Shanti Pappu and Sushama Deo: Site formation Processes in Landscapes comprising Laterites, Ferricretes and Red Soils of Peninsular India.

V.S. Soni and A. S. Soni: Envisaging a new scenario of sub-Himalayan Palaeolithic industries.

Kumar Akhilesh: A Preliminary Analysis of Cores from the Upper Palaeolithic Damin Industries, Jharkhand.

Subrata Chakrabarti and Salina Thapa: Polished Stone Axe Sites in Western Kalimpong, Darjeeling District, West Bengal: A Preliminary Survey.

Suman Pandya: Chokhali Tembo: A Mesolithic Settlement.

V.H. Sonawane, P. Ajithprasad, K.K. Bhan, S. Pratapchandran, K. Krishnan and Abhijit Majumdar: Excavation at Bagasara, 2003-2004: A Preliminary Report.

Karuna Shankar Shukla: Decipherment of the Indus Script.

Durgesh Kumar Srivastava and D.P. Tewari: Excavations at Siyapur, District Kannauj, Uttar Pradesh.

J.N. Pal, V.D. Misra and M.C. Gupta: Neolithic Phase at Jhusi.

M.C. Gupta and J.N. Pal: Neolithic Culture at Tokwa.

Vasant Shinde, P.P. Joglekar, Ravi Jadhav and V. Naiknavare: Excavation at Mudvi and Sidhapur: Some Observations.

R.K. Mohanty: Excavations at Mahurjhari — 2003-04.

Somnath Ghosh and Varada Khaladkar: Archaeometric Analysis of Glazed Bricks from Medieval Bengal: Some Methodological Considerations.

Abhijit Dandekar and Rukshana J. Nanji: Ceramic and Pottery at Sanjan.

Anil Kumar Pokharia and K.S. Saraswat: Ancient Crop Economy from Ojiyana, Bhilwara District, Rajasthan.

Chanchala Srivastava: Emerging trends of Palaeo-ethnobotanical Investigations at Ancient Ahirua-Rajarampur and Siyapur, District Kannauj, U.P.

Mukund D.: Kajale: On the Occurrence of Offshore Plant remains of Anthropogenic Origin in Gulf of Khambhat region, Western India.

K.S. Saraswat and A.K. Pokharia: Plant Resources in the Neolithic Economy at Kanispur, Kashmir.

Arati Deshpande-Mukherjee: Marine Shell Utilisation in Western Deccan during Chalcolithic Period.

Vasant Shinde and Shahida Ansari: Chalcolithic Storage Facilities in Mewar: An Ethnoarchaeological Study.

Jayshree Mungar: Archaeological Investigation at Aapravasi Ghat site in Mauritius.

Murari Lal Sharma and Madan Lal Meena: A New Rock Art Site Discovered in the Shekhawati Region: western India.

Shreekant S. Jadhav: Aajanta Cave 24 — A study.

Shilpa S. Gore: Karneshwar Temple — A Treat for Scholars.

P.P. Dandwate and Balaji S. Gajul: Temple Architecture of Early Maharashtra: A Study.