

Annual Conference of 2005

Bangalore

The XXXIII Annual Conference of the Society was held, in conjunction with the XXXIX Annual Conference of the Indian Archaeological Society, XXIX Annual Conference of the Indian History and Culture Society, XXXII Annual Conference of Epigraphical Society of India, XXVI Annual Conference of the Place Names Society of India and the National Seminar on Beginning of Agriculture and Village Settlements in India: Recent Archaeological and Scientific Investigations. The joint conference was organized by the M.H. Krishna Institute of Indology, Bangalore, Department of Sanskrit, Bangalore University and the Directorate of Archaeology and Museums, Government of Karnataka under the overall leadership of Professor S. Nagaraju, Director, M.H. Krishna Institute of Indology.



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

S.R. Adhyapak, Kumar Akhilesh, Shahida Ansari, S.K. Aruni, Arati Deshpande-Mukherjee, Subrato Chakrabarti, S.G. Charusmita, Kurush Dalal, Rhea Mitra Dalal, A. Dandekar, P.P. Dandwate, Nupur Dasgupta, Hemant Dave, Sushma Deo, P. Binodini Devi, K.N. Dikshit, D.P. Dubey, S.P. Ganvir, Savita Ghate, S.S. Gore, M.C. Gupta, S.P. Gupta, S.S. Jadhav, Shehnaj Husne Jahan, M. Jaishri, Jaya Jose, P.P. Joglekar, P.S. Joshi, P.M. Kabragode, M.D. Kajale, Alok Kanungo, Giriraj Kumar, Manoj Kumar, K. Madhavi, Anup Mishra, Sheila Mishra, V.D. Misra, V.N. Misra, R.K. Mohanty, Malti Nagar, Rukshana Nanji, V. Nautiyal, S.B. Ota, J.N. Pal, R.P. Pandey, S. Pandya, Shanti Pappu, Sadasiba Pradhan, A.K. Prasad, K. Rajan, P. Rajendran, Anjana Reddy, Vijay Sathe, T. Satyamurthy, V. Selvakumar, Bratiti Sen, R.K. Sharma, M.L. Sharma, Pranab J. Sharma, V. S. Shinde, K.S. Shukla, A.K. Singh, B.P. Singh, Sharada Srinivasan, Chanchala Srivastava, Rakesh K. Srivastava, J.P. Srivastava, V.H. Sonawane, V.S. Soni, A. Sundara, N. Taherm, Devi Prasad Tewari, P.K. Thomas, Alok Tripathi, Shipra R. Upadhyaya and Aokumla Walling.

Inaugural Function

The inaugural function of the joint annual conference of the five societies was held on 15th December 2005 at the Jnana Jyothi Auditorium, Central College Campus, Bangalore. H.H. Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, Founder, Art of Living Foundation, Bangalore was the chief guest. Professor D.N. Tripathi, Chairman, Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi inaugurated the joint conference. Other dignitaries present on the occasion are Professor M. Thimmappa, Vice-Chancellor, Bangalore University, Professor S. Nagaraju, Organising Secretary of the Conference, Shri K.N. Dikshit, General Secretary, Indian Archaeological Society, Dr. Vandana Kaushik, General Secretary, Indian History and Culture Society, and Dr. P.K. Thomas, General Secretary, Indian Society for Prehistoric and Quaternary Studies.

Presidential Address

The Presidential Address of the Society was delivered by Professor M.L.K. Murty, former director, Centre for Regional Studies, School of Social Sciences, University of Hyderabad on “Prehistoric Archaeology in India: Recent Trends in Method and Theory”.

Professor H.D. Sankalia Memorial Lecture

The fifteenth Professor H.D. Sankalia Memorial Lecture was to be delivered by Prof. S.N. Rajaguru, Retired Joint-Director, Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute, Pune. Due to some unavoidable circumstances Prof. Rajaguru could not attend the Conference.

Dr. Malti Nagar Ethnoarchaeology Award

The following papers were presented for this award:

Dr. Sharada Srinivasan: Megalithic High Tin Bronzes: Ethnoarchaeological and Archaeometallurgical Insights on Manufacture and Possible Artistic and Musical Significance.

Ms. Anjana Reddy: From ‘Banda’ to ‘Bailu’ (the Hills to the Plains): An Ethnoarchaeological Approach to Settlement Patterns of the Chenchus of the Nallamalai Hills, Andhra Pradesh.

These papers were 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 Professors M.L.K. Murty, V.H. Sonawane and V.D. Misra, unanimously recommended both the papers by Dr. Sharada Srinivasan and Ms. Anjana Reddy for Dr. Malti Nagar Ethnoarchaeology Award.

The Academic Sessions

The academic sessions of the conference were held between 16-18 December 2005 and the following papers were presented:

Savita Ghate: Geomorphological and Geoarchaeological Changes along the Konkan Coast during the Holocene – A Review.

Sushama Deo, S.N. Rajaguru, P.P. Joglekar, Arati Deshpande-Mukherjee and Pandurang Balakawade: Quaternary Hydrological Changes in the Mutha Basin, District Pune: Glimpses from Salvage Work.

P. Rajendran, Peter Koshy and K. Chandra Kumar: SEM study of a Middle Pleistocene Human Fossil.

M.D. Kajale and S.D. Sathe: Late Quaternary Palaeoecological Excavation and Palaeoenvironmental Studies at Tadula, Manjra Valley, Maharashtra.

Shanti Pappu and Kumar Akhilesh: Excavations at the Prehistoric Site of Attirampakkam: The Regional Context.

Giriraj Kumar: Lower Palaeolithic Petroglyphs and Hammer Stones from the Excavation at Daraki-Chattan.

V.H. Sonawane *et al.*: Excavation at Bagasara – 2004-2005: A Preliminary Report.

Anujot Singh Soni and Vidwan Singh Soni: Preliminary report on the Excavation of an Epipalaeolithic site complex in the Sivaliks of Himachal Pradesh.

R.K. Mohanty: Excavations and Reconstruction of Megalithic Burial at IGRMS Campus, Bhopal.

K. Rajan: Excavations at Thandikudi, Tamil Nadu.

R.K. Mohanty and Tilok Thakuria: A Comparative Study of Beads from Vidarbha Megaliths, Maharashtra.

V. Selvakumar and K.P. Shajan: Recent Investigations at the Site of Pattanam (Muziris?), Kerala.

J.N. Pal and M.C. Gupta: Excavations at Hetapatti (Allahabad).

Charusmita S.G. and P. Ajithprasad: A Preliminary Study of Stone Implements from Gola Dhoro an Indus Civilization Site in Gujarat.

Shahida Ansari: Ethnoarchaeological Studies among the Mahadeo Kolis of Maharashtra.

P. Binodini Devi: Thongjao Pottery: An Ethnoarchaeological Study.

V.D. Misra, J.N. Pal and M.C. Gupta: Chronology of the Neolithic Culture of Vindhya.

A.K. Prasad: Prehistoric Rock Paintings of South Bihar – Some Observations and Comparisons with Other Rock Art Regions.

Shipra R. Upadhyaya: Selected Rock Paintings from Raichur: Some Steps beyond the Basic Analysis.

A. Sundara: Rock Engravings from Sonde and Gavati and Vrishalsarga Ritual.

Vijay Sathe: A Rare Example of Dental Pathology in the Elephant of Lower Pleistocene.

Shehnaj Husne Jahan: Bengal's Contribution to the Indian Ocean Trade of the Early Historic Period.

Shilpa Gore: The Unusal Featurous Temple at Ratanwadi.

P.P. Dandawate and B.S. Gajul: Koppeshwar Temple, Khidrapur: Architectural and Iconographical Perspective.

Jaya Jose: Re-examining the Greco-Roman Aspects of Some Composite Motifs in Early Indian Art.

Shreekant P. Ganvir: The Vihara Cave at Banoti.

Bratiti Sen: Nandadirghi-Vihara of an Army Chief Vajradeva at Jagajjivanpur, Maldaha District, West Bengal.

Pranab Jyoti Sharma: Archaeological Investigations at Numoligarh: A Medieval Fort in the Dhanasiri Valley of Assam.

R.P. Pandey: Palaeoenvironment and Rise of Cultures in Northern Madhya Pradesh, India.

Sheila Mishra, Sonali Naik and Sushama Deo: Early Holocene Archaeological Sites in the Godavari Valley.

Santosh Kumar Singh: Beginnings of Urbanization in Middle Ganga Plain: Technological and Ecological Perspective.

Vasant Shinde: Protohistoric Research and Evidence of Development of Village Life in Mewar, Rajasthan.

Nupur Dasgupta: Settlement Patterns in Early History: Technological and Ecological Perspective.

Suman H. Pandya: Mesolithic Settlements in Sabarkantha: Beginning of Agriculture.

P.C.Venktasubbaiah: Beginning and Development of Agriculture in the Rayalseema Region of Andhra Pradesh: An Archaeological Perspective.

P.K. Thomas and Arati Deshpande-Mukherjee: Preliminary Observations on Animal Exploitation at Mahurjhari. A Megalithic Site in Vidarbha, Maharashtra.

P.P. Joglekar: Societal Attitudes of the Pre-Industrial Societies towards their Domestic Animals: A Case Study of the Donkey in Ancient India.

Veena Mushrif: Preliminary Observations on Human Skeletal Remains from the Dokhma at Sanjan: A Early Medieval Site.

Yogambar Singh Farswan: Reconstruction of Palaeodiet through the estimation of trace elements and isotopic ratios of carbon in the faunal remains from Mid-Central Garhwal Himalaya.

S.B. Ota: Salvage Archaeology: A case Study in Narmada Dam Project.

T. Satyamurty: Recent Excavations at Adichanellur.

A.K. Kanungo: Collection of Naga Antiquities: Was it Looting?

Kurush Dalal: Religion and Archaeology: Examinations at Sanjan (2002-04).

Rhea Mitra: Glass Artefacts from Sanjan: A Preliminary Study.

N. Taher and Abhijit: Documentary Film on Mystery of Queen Kelevan: The search Continues.