

# Annual Conference of 2007 Raipur

The 35th Annual Conference was held, in conjunction with the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the Indian Archaeological Society and 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the Indian History and Culture Society from 1<sup>st</sup> to 4th December 2007. It was organized by the Directorate of Culture and Archaeology, Government of Chhattisgarh at Raipur.

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

S.R. Adhyapak, P.Ajithprasad, R.K. Bansal, Kanchana Bhaisare, Ms. Bina Gandhi Deori, Dharmendra Bahadur, K.N. Dikshit, , A.S. Gaur, Vijay Gedam, M.C. Gupta, P.P. Joglekar, P.S. Joshi, J.P. Joshi, Ismail Kellelu, V.D. Misra, R.K. Mohanty, Ramesh K. Panchoi, J.N. Pal, Archana Pataskar, Narendra Pitale, S. Prapatchandran , L.S. Rao, Fariba Sarhaddi, N.K. Sinha, K.S. Saraswat, Chanchala Srivastava, D.K. Srivastava, R.K. Srivastava, Tilok Thakuria, Sila Tripathi, Vibha Tripathi, D.P. Tewari, V.H. Sonawane, A. Sundara and P.K. Thomas.

## Inaugural Function

The inaugural function of the joint Annual Conference of the three Societies was held on 1st December, 2007. The programme started with *Saraswati Vandana* and Dr. A.K. Sharma, the chief organizing secretary of this Conference welcomed all the guests. Dr. R.C. Tripathi, Shri J.P. Joshi, Shri K.N. Dikshit, Prof. A. Sundara, Prof. Vibha Tripathi and Shri Rakesh Chaturvedi were on the dais. Homage was paid to departed scholars – Dr. S.P. Gupta, Shri M.C. Joshi and Dr. Sita Ram Sharma.



## Presidential Address

The Presidential Address of the Society was delivered by Professor A. Sundara, Former Head of the Department of Ancient History, Culture and Archaeology, Karnataka University, Dharwad. He spoke on “South Indian Protohistoric Archaeology: Some Problems”.



## Professor H. D. Sankalia Memorial Lecture

The seventieth Professor H.D. Sankalia Memorial Lecture was delivered by Professor V.H. Sonawane, Former Head of the Department Archaeology and Ancient History, the Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda. The title of his lecture was “Rock Art of India: A Historical Perspective”. This lecture has been printed in Volume 33 (1).



## R.K. Sharma Award for Excellence in Archaeology

This year, R.K. Sharma Award for Excellence in Archaeology was conferred upon veteran archaeologist Shri J. P. Joshi (who is no more with us). Late Shri J. P. Joshi in his career that spanned over four decades has contributed immensely to growth of India’s archaeological past.

## Dr. Malti Nagar Ethnoarchaeology Award

This year's Dr. Malti Nagar Ethnoarchaeology Award was given to Mr. Rammathot Khongreiwo, Department of History, University of Delhi for his paper "Tangkhul Naga Megalithic Tradition: A Case Study of North Ukhrul, Manipur". A modified version of this paper has been printed in Volume 33 (1).

## The Academic Sessions

The academic sessions of the conference were held from 1–4 December 2007 and the following papers were presented.

Author/s	Title of the paper
L.S. Rao	Evolution of Harappan Bullock Cart at Bhirrana, District Fatehabad, Haryana.
S.G. Deo, Sheila Mishra, Riza Gurudas Shete	Recent Excavations at the Acheulian Site of Morgaon, District Pune, Maharashtra
Ismail Kellellu, P.S. Meshram and Gajbhiye	Excavation at Gaurala, District Chandrapur, Maharashtra
Tilok Thakuria and R.K. Mohanty	Annihilation of Archaeological Sites: A Case study of Megalithic Vidarbha, Maharashtra.
P.S. Joshi	Megalithic Culture of Early Iron Age in India: New Trends.
Pratapchandran S.	Magan Melluha – Their Trade Relations
P. Ajithprasad, S.V. Rajesh and B.P. Sharma	The Prabhas Assemblage and the Recent Exploration in the Saurashtra Coast of Gujarat.
Pankaj Goyal and P.P. Joglekar	A Few Observations on the Faunal Remains from Kanmer, Gujarat
Arati Deshpande-Mukherjee, P.K. Trivedi and J.K. Patnaik	Faunal Remains from Tarkhanewala Dera and Chak 86, District Ganganagar, Rajasthan
Chanchala Srivastava	Emerging Trends of Palaeo-Ethnobotanical Investigations at Ancient Indor-khera, District Bulandshahr, U.P.
K.S. Saraswat	Plant Economy at Ancient Imlidih – Khurd in the context of the Middle Ganga Plain
Ramesh K. Pancholi	"Kriya hi Kala"
Bina Gandhi Deori and R.K. Bansal	Political Marriage Alliances
R.K. Bansal and Bina Gandhi Deori	Oxen and Carts: Common Means of Transportation in the Mughal Period
R.K. Mohanty and Monica Smith	Sisupalgarh Excavations- 2007.
Rama Kant	Upper Palaeolithic Culture of North-Central India
Dharmendra Bahadur	Stone Tools: A Functional Analysis
V.D. Misra, J.N. Pal and M.C. Gupta	Chronology of the Neolithic Culture of the Ganga and the Vindhyas