

Annual Conference of 2008 Bhubaneswar

The 36th Annual Conference was held, in conjunction with the 42nd Annual Conference of the Indian Archaeological Society and 32nd Annual Conference of the Indian History and Culture Society on 29-31 December, 2008 at Orissa Museum, Bhubaneswar, which was organized by Orissa State Museum, Orissa State Archaeology and OIMSEAS, Department of Culture, Government of Orissa.

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

Adhyapak, S.R., Ansari Shahida, Banani Bhattacharyya, Bedekar Gauri, P. Binodini Devi, Bishnupriya Basak, Chandrashekhar, H., Cheriyan P. J., Dandawate P.P., Arati Deshpande-Mukherjee, Deo S.G., Dikshit, K.N., Dinesh Bhargava, Gajul, B.S., Gupta, M.C., Kharakwal, J.S., Kanti Kumar, Jadhav, N., Jadhav, S.S., Joglekar, P.P, Joshi, P.S., Kanungo Alok, Mallinathpur Anup R. Mishra Yogesh, Misra, V.D, Mohanty, R.K, Pal, J.N., Pankaj, Goyal, Prabhakar, V.N., Sabnis Varad, Savita Ghate, Saraswat, K. S., Satyamurthy, T., Selvakumar, V., Shaikh Salim, Shahnaj Husne Jahan, Shantanu Vaidya, Shajan, K.P., Sharada, C.V., Shinde V. S., Smith Monica L., Sonawane, V.H., Subrata Chakrabarti, Suman Pandya, Srivastava, Rakesh K., Tama Panda Roy, Tilok Thakuria, and P.K. Thomas.

Inaugural Function

The inaugural function of the joint Annual Conference of the three Societies was held at 11:00 am, on 29th December, 2008. Sri Debiprasad Mishra, Honorable Minister, Tourism and Excise Government of Orissa inaugurated the event as the chief guest at Bhanjakala Mandap in the State Museum premises. Sri A.K. Tripathy, IAS, Chief Secretary and Chief Development Commissioner and Sri Jena, IAS, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Culture Department, Government of Orissa were the Guests of Honour at the inaugural function. Sri B.S. Panda, Director Culture presided over the function. Dr. C. B. Patel, Deputy Director (Technical), and his staff of the Orissa State Museum, Bhubaneswar organized the event.

Presidential Address

The Presidential Address of the Society was delivered by Professor S. Nagaraju, Director, M.H. Krishna Institute of Indology, The Mythic Society, Bangalore entitled 'Relevance of Archaeology for Studies in Recent History'.

Professor H. D. Sankalia Memorial Lecture

The Eighth Professor H.D. Sankalia Memorial Lecture was delivered by Dr. K.S. Saraswat, Scientist (Retd.), Birbal Sahani Institute of Palaeobotany, Lucknow on 'Who Discovered America: Some Botanical Stretching of the Facts'

The Academic Sessions

The academic sessions of the conference were held on the 30th and 31st December 2008 and the following papers were presented:

Subrata Chakrabarti and Banani Bhattacharyya : Middle Palaeolithic culture in Birbhum: Second Season's Excavation at Sekhsmpur.

Savita Ghate, Anirudhha Deshpande and Sushma G. Deo: Geoarchaeology of North Konkan, Maharashtra.

Bishnupriya Basak: Microlithic Sites in Ayodhya Hills, Purulia – Some Observations.

J.N. Pal and M.C. Gupta: A Revisit to the Prehistory of the Middle Son Valley.

V. S. Shinde: Harappan Archaeology in the Ghaggar Basin.

H. Chandrashekar: Two Protohistoric Sites in Deodurg Taluk, Raichur District, Karnataka.

Tama Panda Roy: Who were the Authors of Golbai Chalcolithic Culture?

Yogesh Mallinathpur M.: Recent Explorations in the Hagari Basin (Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka).

Salim Shaikh: Study of Rock Art and Associated Cultures in Harauti Plateau.

Nilesh Jadhav and B.C. Deotare: Recent Archaeological Findings in the Middle Girna Basin, Jalgaon District, Maharashtra.

C. V. Sharada and P.P. Joglekar: Preliminary Observations on the Faunal Remains at Farmana, Haryana.

Deshpande-Mukherjee: Ongoing Faunal Studies from Bhirrana, a Harappan Site in Haryana.

Shantanu Vaidya and Pankaj Goyal: Possible Animal Utilization in the Vidarbha Megalithic Culture.

Gauri Bedekar and P.P. Joglekar: Animals in Ancient India: Organizing Information from the Ancient Sanskrit Texts.

Kanti Kumar, A. Pawar and Anupama Singh: Study of Rock Art and its Associated painted Culture in the Chandrapur District of Vidarbha region of Maharashtra.

Shahnaj Husne Jahan: Archaeological Investigation in Panchagarh District, Bangladesh.

R.K. Mohanty and Monica L. Smith: Excavations at Sisupalgarh 2008.

Tilok Thakuria, J.S. Kharakwal and T. Osada: Paliyas of Kachchh: Study of Paliyas at Kanmer, Gujarat.

P. Binodini Devi: Tangkul Megaliths and Their Counterparts: A Comparative Study.

P.J. Cheriyan, Tilok Thakuria, R.K. Mohanty, V. Selvakumar and K.P. Shajan: Manufacturing of Stone Ornaments at Pattanam, Kerala: A Preliminary Study from 2007 Excavations.

Dinesh Bhargava: The Ongoing Debate on the Saraswati River in the Light of Archaeological Findings.

Shreekant S. Jadhav: The Six Major Unfinished Caves at Ajanta – A Geoarchaeological Approach.

Suman Pandya: Origin and Spread of Rajputs of Gujarat: An Ethnoarchaeological Investigation – A Beginning.

P.P. Dandawate and B. S. Gajul: Rock-cut Temple at Anjandoh, District Aurangabad, Maharashtra.