

## Annual Conference at Patna 2019

The Joint Annual Conference of IAS, ISPQS & HCS was organized by the Department of Art, Culture and Youth, Government of Bihar at Patna between 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019. This conference was to be held earlier in 2018. The conference was inaugurated on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 by Shri Sushil Kumar Modi, Deputy CM of Bihar. On this occasion guests and office bearers of the societies present were Shri Ravi Parmar (Principal Secretary, Department of Art, Culture and Youth, Bihar), Dr. K.N. Dikshit (General Secretary of Indian Archaeological Society, and History and Culture Society, New Delhi) and Prof. P.P. Joglekar (General Secretary, ISPQS). Along with other publications, *Man and Environment* Volume 43(2) was released during this function.



Shri Sushil Kumar Modi, Deputy CM of Bihar delivering the inaugural speech



Release of *Man and Environment*, Volume 43(2) of 2018

Professor H.D. Sankalia Memorial Lecture 2019 was delivered by Bijoy Kumar Choudhary on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 in the first academic session.



Dr. Bijoy Kumar Choudhary delivering Professor H.D. Sankalia Memorial Lecture

Following members of the society presented their papers in various sessions.

| Title   | Author (s)   |
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| Tejas M. Garge, Rhutvij R. Apte and Sudhir Risbud | Discovery of Petroglyphs in Ratnagiri District, Maharashtra: A Fresh Perspective on Dark Age of Konkan |
| Suman Pandya and Paresh Patel                     | Survival of the Mesolithic Burial Tradition in the Tribals of the Poshina Patta: Gujarat               |
| Oishi Roy   | Evidence for Steel Making at Naikund and Its Relationship with Mahurjhari, Borgaon and Khairwada       |
| Awadh Kishore Prasad                              | Some Landmark Additions in the Archaeological / Cultural Heritage of Magadha Region                    |
| Gurudas Shete and N. Nihildas                     | Iron Age Pottery of Phupgaon, Purna Valley, Maharashtra  |
| Yogesh Mallinathpur                               | Pottery study of Trench-21 Brahmagiri site (Iron Age and Early History)                                |
| R.K. Mohanty, Monica L. Smith, Shantanu           | Recent Research on the Early Historic Coastal  |

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| Vaidya   | Settlements of Odisha  |
| Sayan Bhattacharya                                       | Archaeological Investigations in the Mayurakshi River Valley with Special Emphasis on the Site Kotasur                   |
| Amit Ranjan  | Archaeology Between Rivers and Mountains in Haryana  |
| Vinay Kumar  | History and Archaeology of Amarkantak Region, Madhya Pradesh   |
| Shambhoo Nath Yadav and Bhagirathi Gartia                | Recent Archaeological Investigation of Kharun River in Chhattisgarh  |
| Kaushik Gangopadhyay                                     | Understanding the Proto-Historic Period in Southern West Bengal with Special Emphasis on the Site of Erenda              |
| Gargi Chatterjee and Amit Singh                          | Subsistence Strategies of Mesolithic Settlers of Vindhyan Region   |
| Ashok Kumar Singh and Ravi Shankar                       | अस्थि-बेधक उपकरण: विविध आयाम   |
| Vijay Sarde  | Earliest Depictions of Yoga Postures on the Medieval Temples of Maharashtra  |
| D.P. Tewari  | Some Newly Discovered Coins from Sanchankot  |
| Varada Khaladkar   | Recent Research in Deccan Chalcolithic with Special Reference to Upper Bhima Basin                                       |
| Virag Sontakke, shantanu Vidya and shrikant Ganvir       | Vakataka Era (6th -10th c) in Vidarbha in the Light of Excavations at Nagardhan  |
| H.A. Naik and Shanker Sharma                             | Conserving and Preserving Cultural Heritage of Bihar   |
| Sushama G. Deo and S.N. Rajaguru                         | Understanding Pleistocene Environment of the Deccan: a Geoarchaeological Perspective                                     |
| Mokshada Salunke   | Palaeolithic Cultural Evolution and Transitions Through Time in the Middle Godavari Basin, Telangana, India              |
| S.B. Ota, Niharika Srivastava, Suman Pandey and S.G. Deo | Recycling of Acheulian Artifacts: Evidence from Damdongri, District Raisen, Madhya Pradesh                               |
| Jayendra Joglekar  | On Terra Incognita to Terra Potentia: A Study of Acheulian Record from the Deccan Trap Region of the Upper Krishna Basin |
| Himanshu Shekhar   | Menhirs in Jharkhand: Archaeology and Ethnography  |

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| P.P. Joglekar and Bijoy Kumar Choudhary                              | Faunal Remains from Neolithic Contexts at Panr, Samastipur District, Bihar  |
| Gopal S. Joge and Abhijit Dandekar                                   | An Appraisal of the Gangavatarana Relief in the Art of Deccan   |
| Vimal Tiwari and Nitu Tiwari   | प्राचीन भारत में जलीय संरचनाओं एवं जल प्रबंधन तकनीक का पुरातात्विक मूल्यांकन  |
| Amit Pendam  | Architecture and Iconography of Mahadev Temple at Bhejgaon, District Chandrapur, Maharashtra  |
| Manjiri Bhalerao   | Protecting Deities of Ancient Buddhists: A Case Study of the Cāturmahārājikas   |
| S.Vasanthi   | The Narrative Miniature Reliefs Sculptures in Tamil Nadu with Special Reference to Sculptures Depicting Ramayana Story                        |
| Mohan S. Pardhi, Virag Sontakke, Shrikant Ganvir and Shantanu Vaidya | Newly Excavated Terracotta Objects from Nagardhan, District Nagpur, Maharashtra: An Analytical Study  |
| Harshada Wirkud  | Assimilation of Ass-curse steles into divinity through public perception: A case study of the Niti Devta from Pavshi, Sindhudurg, Maharashtra |

The Annual General Body Meeting of the Society (2018-2019) was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2019 at 3.30 pm in the premises of the Patna Museum.



AGM of 2018-2019 in progress



The participants

The valedictory function was held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at the newly built Bihar Museum. Shri Anjani Kumar Singh, advisor to Honourable Chief Minister of Bihar was the chief guest. Shri Ravi Parmar (Principal Secretary, Department of Art, Culture and Youth, Bihar) also graced the function. In this function, Prof. R.K. Mohanty represented ISPQS. He thanked the Department of Art, Culture and Youth, Government of Bihar and Dr. Atul Kumar Verma and his team. During this function, first Prof. V.N. Misra Award was conferred upon Dr. Shanti Pappu. In her absence, on her request, Prof. S.G. Deo received the award. Professor H.D. Sankalia Young Archaeologist Award was conferred upon Dr. Oishi Roy of the IIT, Gandhinagar.



The valedictory function

Dr. Atul Kumar Verma, Director of Archaeology and his team comprising Drs. K.C. Nauriyal, Fuhar Bali, Harsh Ranjan Kumar and Raja Ambedkar worked hard to make the conference a successful event.