

Report
One-day seminar on
'New perspectives on Pre- and Protohistory in India'

One-day seminar on '*New perspectives on Pre- and Protohistory in India*' was organised by the Society and Deccan College jointly on 18th August 2015. The purpose of this seminar was to felicitate Prof. V.N. Misra on his 80th birthday for his valuable contributions in the field of Prehistory and Protohistory, as well as his immense role in building the Society from scratch. The response was enormous and total 109 participants had registered for this one-day seminar.

The seminar began with lighting the lamp. Dr. G.B. Deglurkar, Chancellor and Prof. V.S. Shinde, Vice Chancellor of the Institute and other eminent persons lighted the lamp. Prof. Sushama G. Deo, co-ordinator of the seminar highlighted Prof. V.N. Misra's long academic career. Her presentation contained some rare photographs of Prof. V.N. Misra and his colleagues dating back to the early 1960s.

Prof. V.N. Misra was felicitated by Dr. Deglurkar and Prof. Shinde. On behalf of the Society Dr. Deglurkar handed over 4 volumes of collected works of Prof. V.N. Misra. All his publications were presented to him as PDF files on a pen drive. A special memento of the Society made for this occasion was also given to him.

Prof. A. Sundara from Mysore and Shri S.B. Ota from Bhopal have sent their gifts. These were presented by Prof. Shinde. Abdul Munaf from Hyderabad, a student of Late Prof. Jacob Jayaraj, presented a shawl. Issue 1 of Volume XL of *Man and Environment* was released on this occasion.

There were following six invited lectures:

Building Indian Prehistory on the Foundations laid by Prof. V.N. Misra - Prof. Sheila Mishra

Recent trends in Protohistoric studies in India- Prof. V.S. Shinde

Megalithism in Vidarbha: challenges ahead- Prof. R.K. Mohanty

Investigations into the Development of Early Agricultural Societies during 3000-300 BCE in the Southern Deccan Region of Peninsular India: A Status Report- Prof. Ravi Korisettar

Pleistocene Palaeoclimate as reflected from archaeological sites- Prof. S.N. Rajaguru

Study of preliterate past in India; future possibilities and its societal relevance- Prof. K. Paddayya

A poster session was organised for all other participants. Total 31 posters on recent researches in archaeology were displayed.

The vote of thanks was given by Dr. Arati Deshpande-Mukherjee at the end of Felicitation and later by Prof. P.P. Joglekar at the end of the seminar.

Poster Session

1. Field investigations in Bhal Region, Gujarat
S.V Rajesh, K Krishanan, B.P. Sharma and P. Sukumaran
2. Identification of Taxa of Fish Otoliths from Navinath, Kachchh, Gujarat
Abhayan G.S., Aswathy Gopan S., Rajesh S.V., Ajith Kumar, Brad Chase, Y.S. Rawat, Ambika Patel, Haseen Raja R., Charusmita Gadekar, P. Ajith Prasad, B.P. Sharma, A. Uesugi, P. Sukumaran, Renjinimol M.N., Muhammad Fasal K., Ananthu Dev and Reni P. Joseph
3. Archaeological Excavations at Narappa in Nakantrana Taluka of Kachchh District, Gujarat
Rajesh S.V., Vishnu M., Abhayan G.S, Ajith Kumar, Brad Chase, Y.S. Rawat, Ambika Patel, Haseen Raja R., Charusmita Gadekar, P. Ajith Prasad, B.P. Sharma, A. Uesugi, P. Sukumaran, Renjinimol M.N., Muhammad Fasal K., Ananthu Dev and Reni P. Joseph
4. Deities of Uttarakhand (Joshimath)
Deepshikha Semwal
5. Two Human Skeletal Finds from Choskar District, Kargil
V. Mushrif-Tripathy, S.B. Ota, R.K. Ganjoo, R. Unkule and Akanksha
6. Hwen Thsng's Route of Journey Through Central India as Describe by Alexander Cunningam in 1871 in the Ancient Geography of India, Buddhist period
Pallavee Gokhale
7. Mewar Plain Archaeological Assessment (MPAA); Excavation at Panchmata
P. Shirvalkar, P. Raczek, E. Prasad and L. Pandey
8. Relics Ancient Fauna: Vertebrate Paleontology in 21st century
P. Chakraborty and Vijay Sathe
9. Features Observed on Acheulian Artefacts Made on Basalt
Jayendra Joglekar
10. Ajmunda (Durga)
Tariq L. Tamboli
11. A Study of Beeds from the Harappan site of Kuntasi, Morvi District, Gujarat.
Aparna Kulkarni
12. Excavation at Junnar (2013-14)
Shrikant Jadhav
13. Yogini
Shrikant Jadhav
14. A Newly Discovered Microlithic site at Yelpane, Ahmednagar District, Maharashtra
Shreyas Jagtap
15. King in Crisis: Evidence from the Coins of Rudrasimha I
Suken Shah
16. Beads of the Ao Nagas: An Archaeological Perspectives
Aokumla Walling

17. Early Iron Age Culture of Vidarbha: Two Traditions, a Perspective
Joshi P.S. and Kanchana Bhaisare
18. Anthropomorphic and Zoomorphic depictions in Rock Art of Jharkhand, North Karanpura Valley
Himanshu Shekhar
19. Animal Representation in rock art sites of Western Odisha
Kshirsindhu Barik
20. Ethnographic Documentation on the methods of Shifting/Jhum Slash and Burn Cultivation among the Nagas (Nagaland)
Roukounou Rose Yhome
21. Game Boards (Mancala) on the Basalt Exposures and the Khandoba Temple of Deccan College Campus
R. Arjuna
22. Rock Art Exploration in the Malaprabha Basin, Karnataka
R. Mohana
23. Cupule Sites in the Vedavathi (Hagari) Basin, Karnataka
R. Mohana
24. Geoarchaeological Investigations in Bor River, Karnataka
Shivaji Kshirsagar
25. Geoarchaeological Investigations in Sina River, Maharashtra
Shivaji Kshirsagar
26. Ramayana panels from the Papanath temple at Pattadakkal
Shrikant Ganvir, Gopal Joge and Abhijit Dandekar
27. Discovery of Hero Stone at Ettayapuram, Tamil Nadu
G. Manikandan
28. Preliminary Investigation of Garuda Pillar at Babupeth in Chandrapur District, Maharashtra
Amit Pendam
29. Prehistoric Explorations in Velikonda, Eastern Ghats, India
Abdul Sheik Munaf
30. Vadgaon Kasimbeg : where two painters meet
Shrikant Pradhan
31. A Decade of South Asian Prehistory (2005-2015)
Parth Chauhan

Photographs of the Seminar



