Annual Conference of 2003
Tirupati

The XXXI Annual Conference was held, in conjunction with the XXXVII Annual Conference of the Indian Archaeological Society, XXVII Annual Conference of the Indian History and Culture Society, and the National Seminar on Anthropology, Archaeology, History and Cultural Heritage of Peninsular India at the Department of Anthropology, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh on 19 to 22 December, 2003.

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


Inaugural Function

The inaugural function of the joint Annual Conference of the three Societies and the National Seminar on Anthropology, Archaeology, History and Cultural Heritage of Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh. Prof. P. Murali, Honorable Vice Chancellor of S.V. University, inaugurated the Conference. Prof. S. Jayarama Reddy, Principal, S.V. University College of Arts and Sciences presided over the function. Dr. S.P. Gupta (Chairman, Indian Archaeological Society), Dr. P.K. Thomas (General Secretary, Indian Society for Prehistoric and Quaternary Studies), Dr. Vandana Kaushik (General Secretary, Indian History and Culture Society), Dr. O.P. Kejariwal (Director, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi) and Prof. A. Papa Rao (Head, Department of Anthropology, S.V. University, Tirupati) were felicitated during the inaugural function.
President Address

The Presidential Address of the Society was delivered by Shri R.S. Bisht in absentia on Rigveda and Archaeology.

Professor H.D. Sankalia Memorial Lecture

The Thirteenth Professor H.D. Sankalia Memorial Lecture was delivered by Prof. A. Sundara on Literary Sources and Archaeology.

Professor H.D. Sankalia Young Archaeologist Award

The following paper was presented for this Award:

Reshma R. Sawant: Asmaka Mahajanapada: a New Perspective

This paper was 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 Prof. A. Sundara and Prof. V.D. Misra, unanimously recommended the paper by Reshma Sawant for Professor H.D. Sankalia Young Archaeologist Award. This paper is printed in Man and Environment Vol. XXVIII(2).

The academic sessions of the conference were held from the afternoon of 19 to 22 December and the following papers were presented at the Conference:


P. RAJENDRAN and S. N. RAJAGURU: Studies on the Prehistoric Cultures and the Pleistocene Human Fossil from Tamil Nadu.

RAVI KORISETTAR and M.D. PETRAGLIA: Recent Explorations in the Kurnool Basin.

VIJAY SATHE: Taphonomy of Hippopotamus Burial site in the Manjra valley, Dist. Latur, Maharashtra.


D.R. RAJU and N. CHANDRAMOULI: Lower Palaeolithic in the Nallamalais, Andhra Pradesh.

V.N. MISRA: Geographical Distribution of Ancient Cultures in Rajasthan: The Role of Environmental Factors.

SAVITA GHATE: Archaeological Investigation around Thandla, district Jhabua, M.P.

KUMAR AKHILESH: A Re-examination of the Upper Palaeolithic “Damin” Industries, Bansloi River Basin, Jharkhand.


M.D.N. SAHI: Source of Fifth and Fourth Millennium Copper at Mehrgarh I and Bagor II, the Acculturation and its Implications.


P.C. VENKATASUBBAIAH: Archaeological Investigations in the Kurnool District of Andhra Pradesh with special reference to the Neolithic Culture.

J.N. PAL and M.C. GUPTA: Further Excavations at Tokwa: A Neolithic-Chalcolithic Site on the Confluence of the Belan and Adwa.

V.D. MISRA, J.N. PAL and M.C. GUPTA: The Neolithic Culture of the Gangetic Plain with Special Reference to Jhusi.

K. JAYSHREE NAIR: Problematizing the Transition from Neolithic to Megalithic: An Excurse on Umichipoyil Evidences.
P. BINODINI DEVI: An Investigation into the Megalithic Culture of the Ememais (Maos), Senapati District, Manipur.

R.K. MOHANTY: Recent Archaeological Investigations of the Early Iron Age site of Mahurjhari, Vidarbha.

P.S. JOSHI: Prospects of Vidarbha Megaliths.

B.C. DEOTARE: Recent Findings in Purna Basin of Vidarbha, Maharashtra.

CHANCHALA SRIVASTAVA: Emerging Trends of Palaeo-ethnobotanical Investigations at Ancient Saunphari and Madnapur, District Shajahanpur, U.P.


V. SELVAKUMAR, M.V. NAIR and P.K. GOPI: Excavation of a Sailboat at Kadakkarapally, Alapuzha District, Kerala.


ABHIJIT DANDEKAR and RUKSHANA NANJI: Pottery from Sanjan: Results from the Excavations of the Second Season.

D.P. TIWARI: Archaeological sites and their co-relation with water bodies.

ANUP MISHRA and U.P. ARORA: Further Excavations at Abhaipur.

ANANT JOSHI: Women’s Head-Dress in Indus Valley Period.


MICHEL DANINO: The Horse in the Indus-Sarasvati Civilization.

B. RAGHUNATHA RAO and SASISEKARAN: Metallurgical Processing Techniques in Early Historic Tamil Nadu.