

TOP50 MCCs**ANCIENT HISTORY (PRELI & MAINS)** PRE - HISTORY & INDUS VALLEY CIVILZATION PYQ QUESTIONS NCERT 2024 **ANKITAA PODDER** UPSC II BANK II RAIL II WBCS II WBPSC II STATES PSC II SSC

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HARAPPA

- Country : Pakistan
- River : Ravi
- Excavator : Dayaram Sahini (1921)
- Evidence :
 - 1. Two rows of six granaries
 - 2. Coffin burial
 - 3. Red stone of dancing girl
 - 4. Trade with Mesopotamia.



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CHANHUDARO

- Important Jhukar sites in Harappan Civilisation is Chanhudaro.
- Bead-making factories in Harappan Civilisation were **Chanhudaro** and Lothal.
- Chanhudaro is now in Pakistan (Sindh).
- Chanhudaro was first excavated by **N. G. Majumdar** in March, **1931**.
- Only Harappan city without a citadel and found the evidence of **Human** sacrifice.



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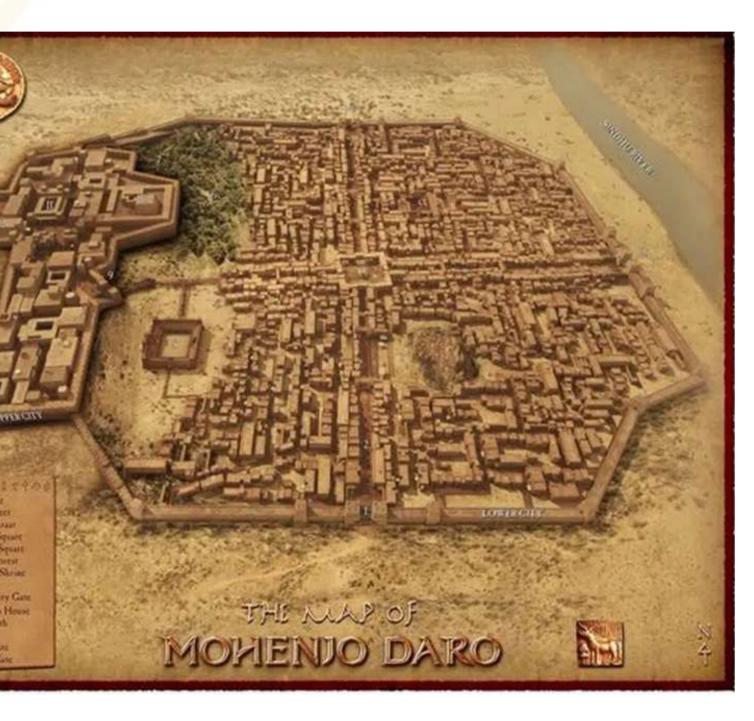


Town Planning of Indus Valley Civilisation

- Harappan civilisation is known for its **urban** sophisticated planned of town planning.
- The largest citadel in the Indus Valley Civilization was located in **Mohenjo-daro**.
- **Citadel/Raised part** occupied a smaller area. Belived that rulers of the city lived here. It also contained **public buildings**, granaries, and important workshops
- City planning was followed **a grid pattern**.

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Supporting Statesment :

- **Mehrgarh** is a neolithic site.
- Famous Harappan sites are Harappa, Mohenjo-

Daro,Lothal,Banawali and Dholavira,

Kalibangan, Chanhu-Daro, Rangpur, Alamgirpur,

Koti-Diji, Amri, Ropar, Surkotada,

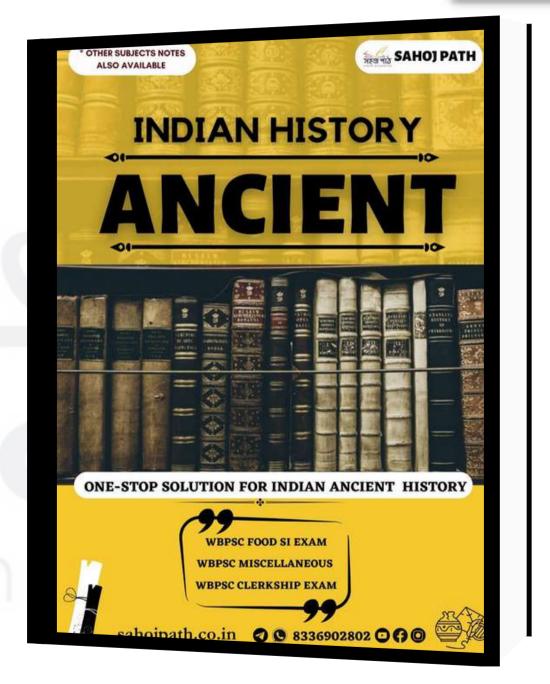
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Stone Ages





Mesolithic Age

Hunters & Food Gatherers

Palaeolithic Age

5,00,000 – 10,000 BCE

Hunters and Herders

10,000 – 6000 BCE

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Neolithic Age

Food-Producing Stage

6,000 – 1000 BCE

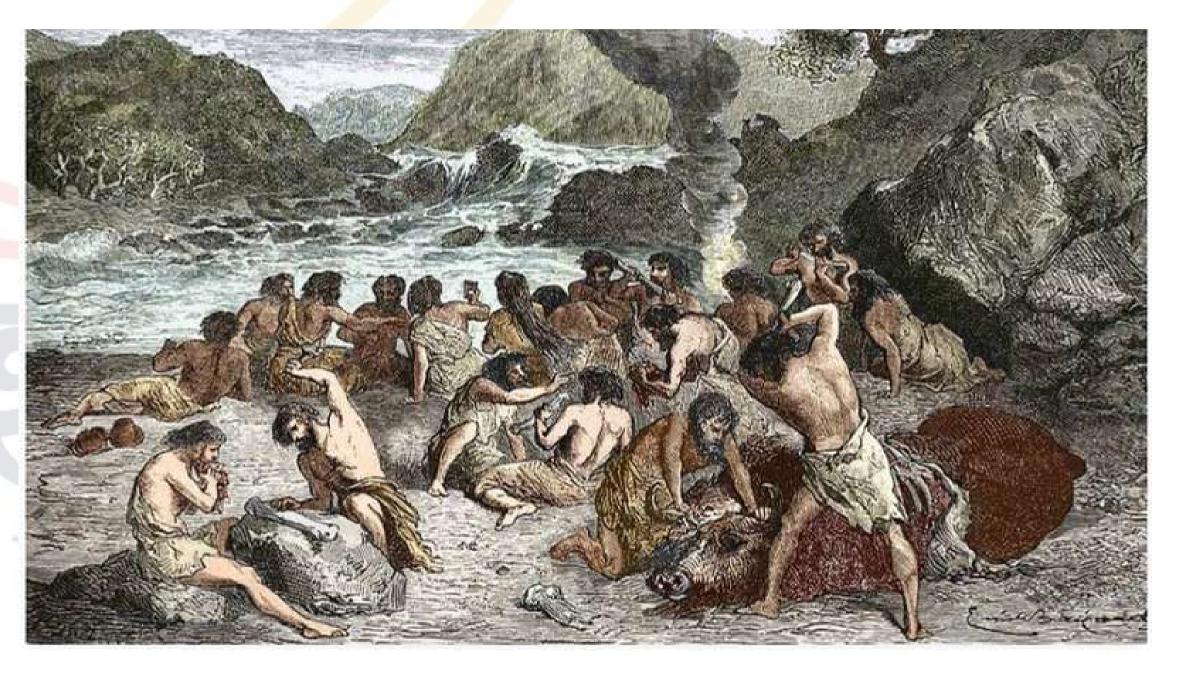
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Chalcolithic Age or Copper-Stone Age

Metal used

3000–500 BCE



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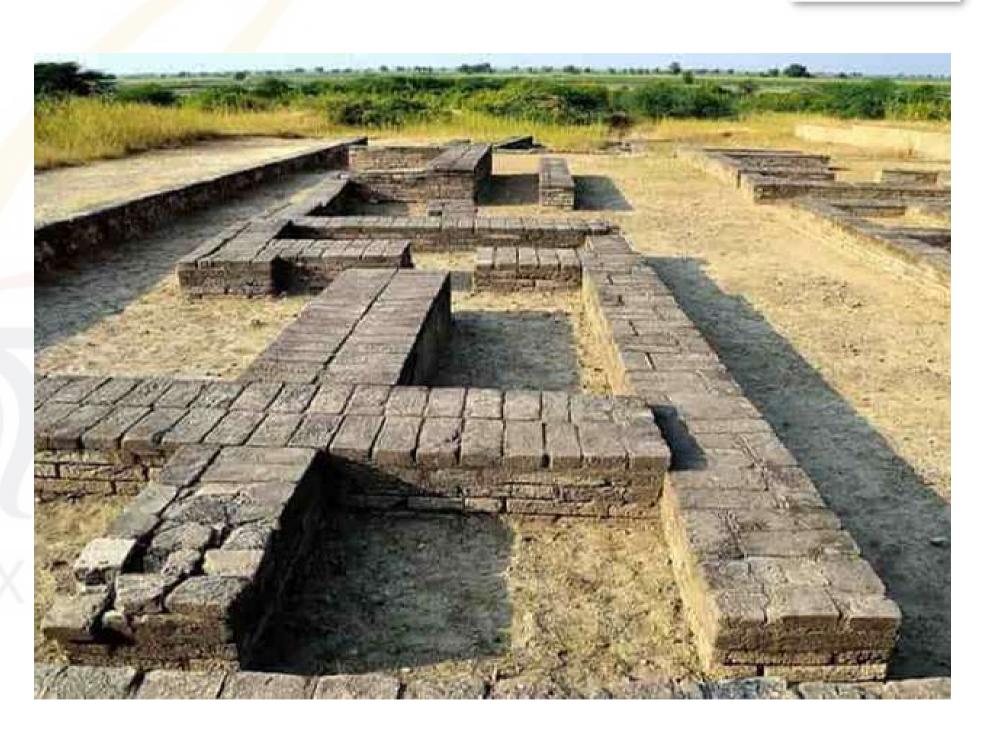
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LOTHAL

- It has evidence of the earliest cultivation of rice.
- In Lothal Dockyard was found in **Harappan** Civilisation (artificial Brick dockyard).
- Lothal is located in **Gujarat**.
- Lothal was discovered by S.R. Rao in 1954 and situated on the bank of the **Bhogava** river.
- Evidence of double burial (male and female together).
- Evidence of Fire altars.

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IMPORTANT ONE LINER

- The Danish scholar **Christian J. Thomsen** coined the term 'Stone Age' in the late 19th century.
- The term 'Neolithic' was coined Sir John Lubbock in his book "Prehistoric Teme" which was first published in 1865.
- V. Gardon Childe was the first who defined the Neolithic-Chalcolithic Culture as a self-sufficient food economy.
- The Palaeolithic research in India got a boost only with the coming of 'Yale Cambridge Expedition' in 1935 led by Deterra and Patterson.
- The microliths were the first discovered by Carlyle in 1867 from Vindhyan Rock Shelters.
- The site of Koldihwa (of 6,500 B.C.) provided the earliest evidence for the domestication of rice. It is the oldest evidence of rice cultivation in any part of the world.
- The agriculture in the **Belan valley** began around 6,500 B.C. Besides rice, cultivation of barley was also attested at Mahgara.
- In India, the only hominid fossil found from 'Hathnaura' in the Narmada Valley.



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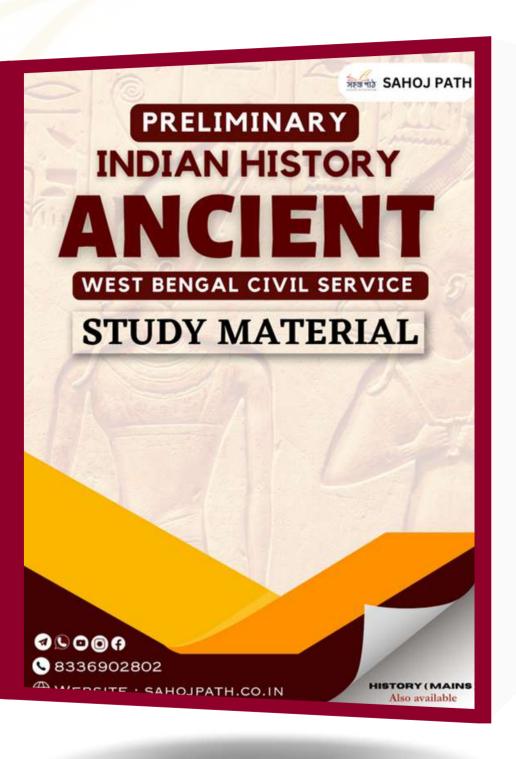


Harappan sites in India

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Location	
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Gulf of Cambay and Gulf of kutch	
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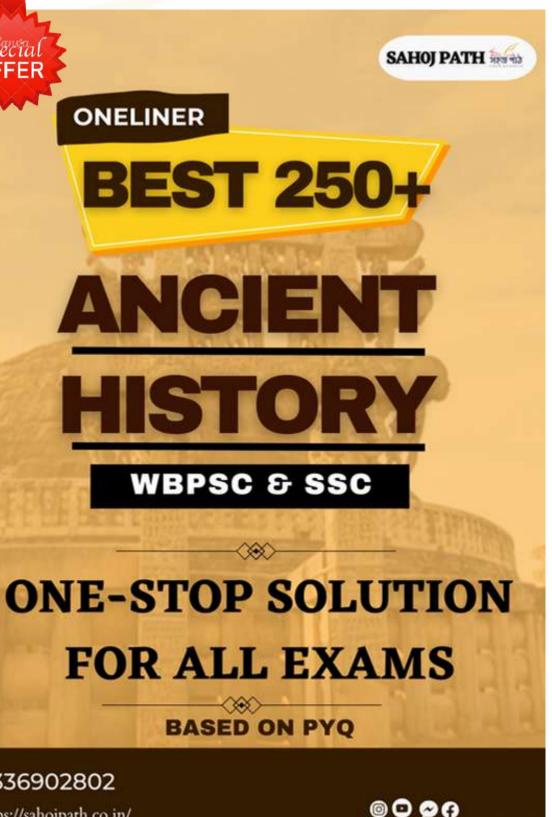
IMPORTANT ONE-LINER :

- **Copper** was the first metal used by men
- Harappan cities are part of Indus Valley Civilizations, which was held after the Chalcolithic period of stone-age.
- Copper, bronze, silver, and gold were metals known and used by Harappans, but iron was not.

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Mesolithic Age (Hunters and Herders (পালক):

- Mesolithic Cultures belong to the Holocene era.
- The Mesolithic man lived on **hunting, fishing, food gathering.**
- Mesolithic Age was the reduction in size of well-established tool types -Microliths.
- Pottery is absent at most Mesolithic sites, but it is present at Langhnaj in Gujarat and in the Kaimur region of Mirzapur (UP).
- The last phase of this age saw the **beginning of plant cultivation**.
- Prehistoric rock art dates back to the Mesolithic period. The first Indian rock drawings were uncovered in 1867 at Sohagi Ghat (Kaimur Hills, UP).

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4. **Ropar**



DHOLAVIRA

- Country : Gujarat
- Excavator : J. P. Joshi (1967-68)
- UNESCO considred as 40th World Heritage **Sites in 2021,**
- Evidence :
 - 1. Giant water reservoir
 - 2. **Unique** water harvesting
 - 3. Shows all **three** phases of

Harappa Culture.

4. Large - scaleuse of sandstone with

mudbrick



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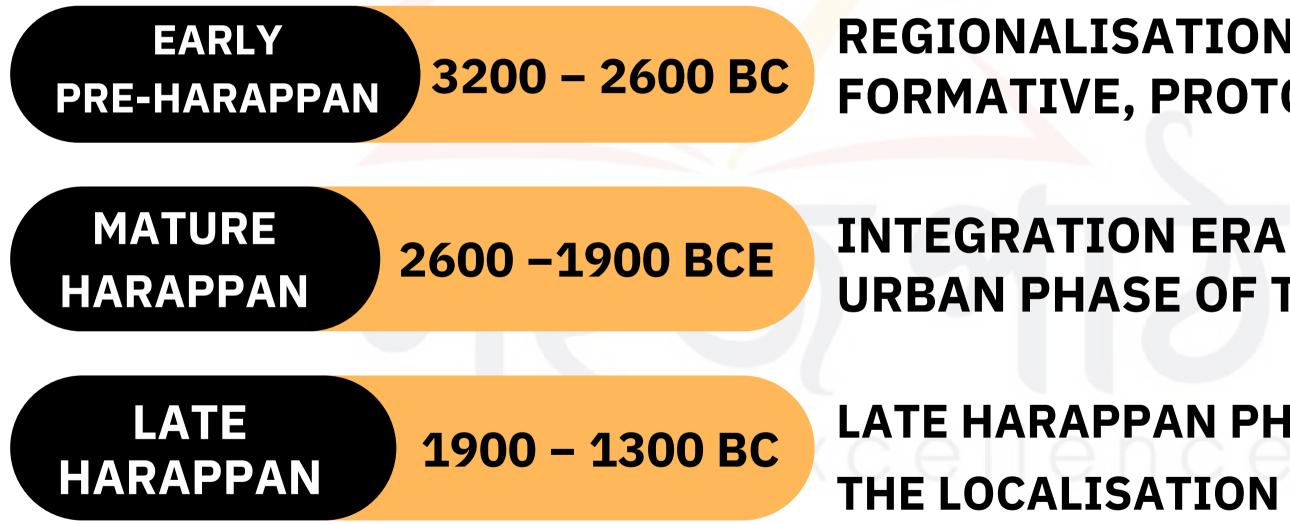


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The Harappan civilisation can be classified in three phases:



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REGIONALISATION ERA FORMATIVE, PROTO-URBAN PHASE

URBAN PHASE OF THE HARAPPAN

LATE HARAPPAN PHASE THE LOCALISATION ERA

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SURKOTADA

- States : Gujarat
- Excavator : **J. P. Joshi (1964)**
- Evidence : Bones of horse and graveyard.



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BONES OF CAMEL KALIBANGAN

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MOHENJO - DARO

- Country : Pakistan (Sindh)
- River : Indus
- Excavator : R. D. Banerjee (1922)
- Evidence :
 - 1. Multi pillared assembly Hall
 - 2. Great Bath public venue
 - 3. Large granary
 - 4. Horse
 - 5. Bronze dancing girl
 - 6. Mother Goddess, Pashupati, bearded man and a woman.

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IMPORTANT ONE LINER OF IVC

• The Harappan civilisation was the **first urban civilisation in South Asia, contemporaneous** with the

civilisations of Mesopotamia and Egypt.

- Harappa as the first archaeological site to be discovered, therefore gives its name to the entire civilisation.
- The Harapparts got raw materials locally or from other places like **Rajasthan, Oman, Iran etc.**
- In **Dholavira** in **present-day Gujarat**, a large open area for ceremonies, and stones with engravements in

Harappan script have been, discovered.

- A storehouse has been found in the city of Lothal .
- Seals and pots with wonderful designs were also made. **Cloth** has also been found.
- Largest of the four ancient urban civilizations of **Egypt, Mesopotamia, India, and China.**

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BANAWALI

- States : Haryana
- River : Rangoi
- Excavator : **R.S. Bist (1973–74)**
- Evidence :
 - 1. Fire altars
 - 2. Clay model of plough.
 - 3. High quality barley.
 - 4. Only in lower town and not in citadel.

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Ploughed field KALIBANGAN Terracotta models of plough BANAWALI, BAHAWALPUR Clay model of plough : BANAWALI





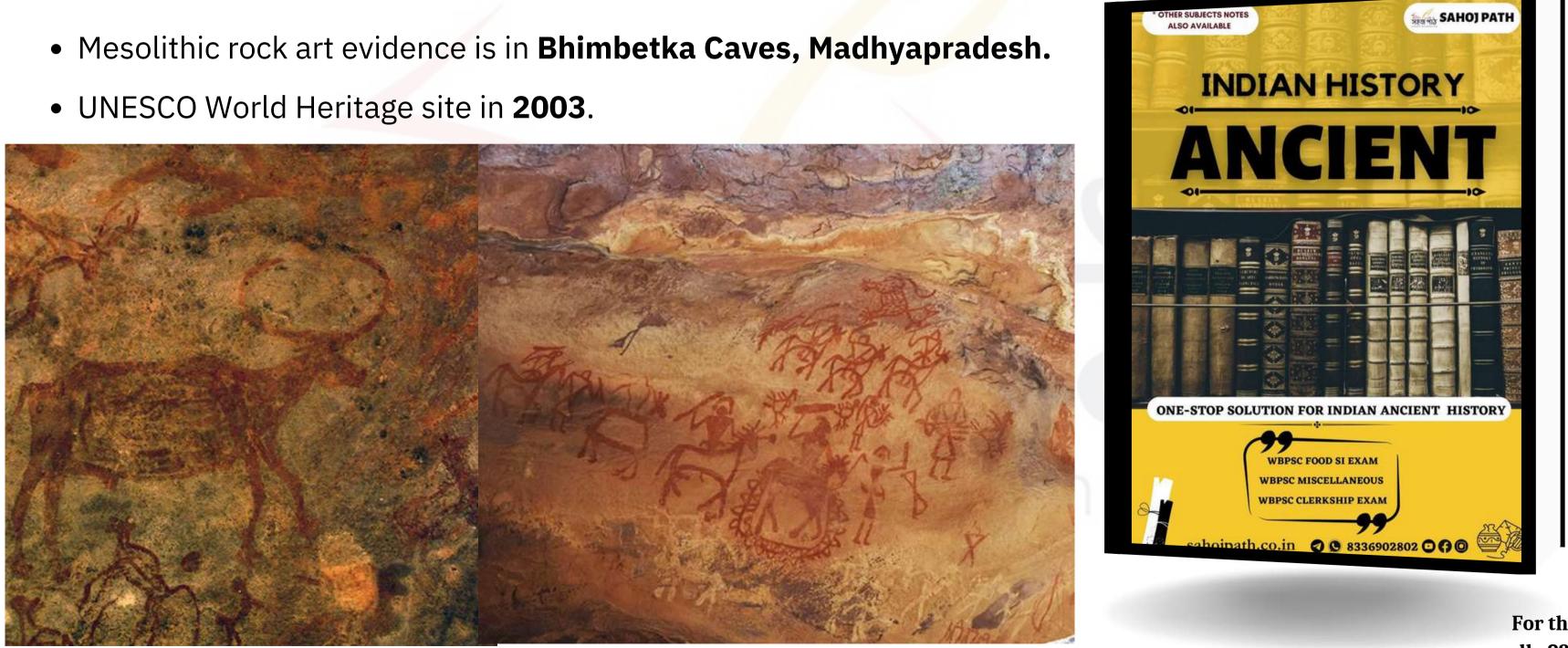
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NORTH **MANDA AKHNOOR JAMMU AND KASHMIR**

WEST SUTKAGENDOR PAKISTAN



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EAST ALAMGIRPUR WESTERN UP

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PASHUPATI

- **The Harappan** people generally worshipped Mother goddess and Pashupati Mahadeva or proto-Shiva.
- The seal of Pashupati Mahadeva is surrounded by an elephant, a tiger, a rhino, a buffalo, and a deer.
- Evidence found in Mohenjo-Daro.



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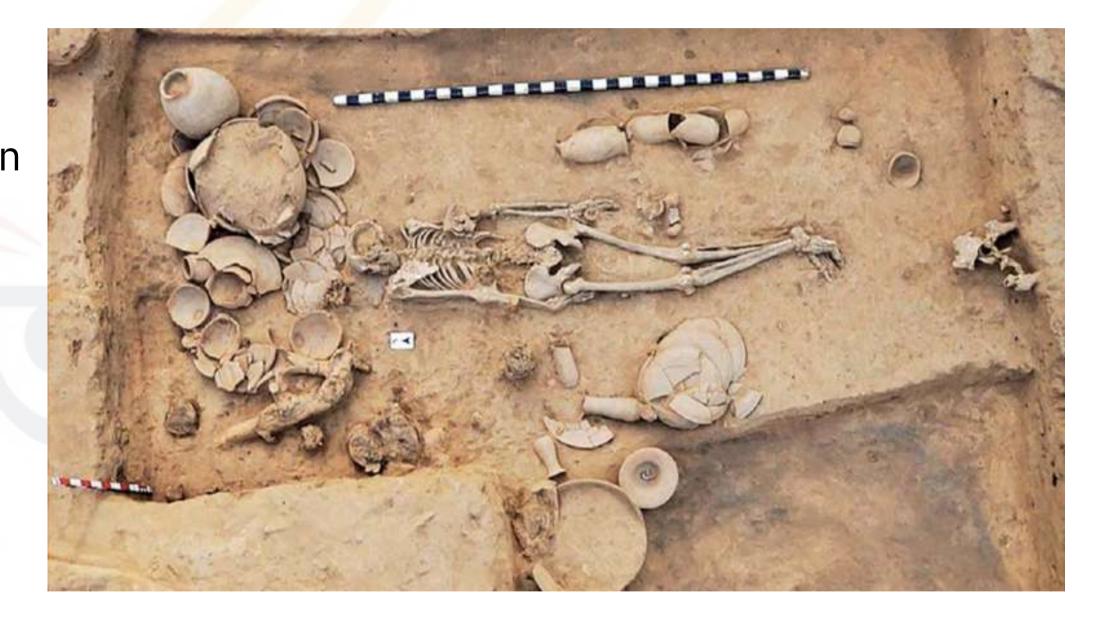




RAKHIGARHI

- Rakhigarhi in Haryana is the largest Harappan site in the Indian subcontinent.
- States : Haryana
- The site was excavated by

Amarendra Nath of ASI.



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ONE-LINER OF PRE-HISTORY

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- The study of the past which has the writing record and archaeological sources : **History**.
- Robert Bruce Foote Father of South Indian Geology who discovered what was probably.
- The first paleolithic tool discovered in India is Pallavaram handaxe.
- The study of coins is called **Numismatics**.
- The study of inscriptions is called **Epigraphy**.

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Introduction :

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The Deciphering of Pictographic Harappan Inscriptions is still pending.

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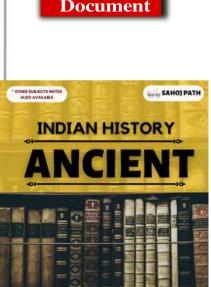
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CHANHUDARO

- Bead-making factories at Chanhudaro and Lothal, which products were exported.
- Important Jhukar sites in Harappan cuvilisation are Jhukar, Chanhudaro, and Amri.
- Mature phase in Harappan cuvilisation are Harappa, Mohanjo-Daro, Chanhudaro, Kalibangan.
- Broken ivory was used as a scale in Chanhu-Daro.

CHANHUDARO: BEAD-MAKERS OF THE INDUS VALLEY

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- During the Chalcolithic era, people used bricks but no traces of **burnt (baked) bricks.**
- In Harappan civilisation, people used burnt bricks of good quality and the unique feature.
- Identical ratio of this brick was **1:2:4** in terms of thickness:width:length across all Harappan structures.
- Average size of bricks 7 × 14 × 28 cm3 for houses and 10 × 20 × 40 cm for city walls.



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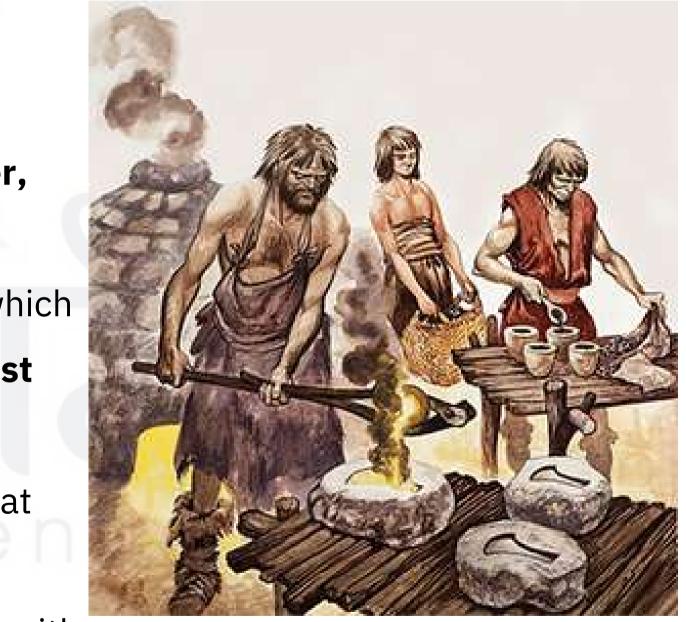
BRONZE AGE

- Proto-history of India belongs to the Bronze Age.
- Harappan culture was a **Bronze Age Culture.**
- The Indus Valley people knew the use of **Gold, Silver, Copper, Bronze and Tin.**
- The Bronze Dancing Girl was discovered at Mohenjo-Daro, which was . The statue was excavated by British archaeologist **Ernest** Mackay.
- **Bronze** model of roofed chariot of Harappa times was found at Chanhu-Daro.
- The Rig Vedic people knew of a metal, called **ayas**, which was either copper or bronze.

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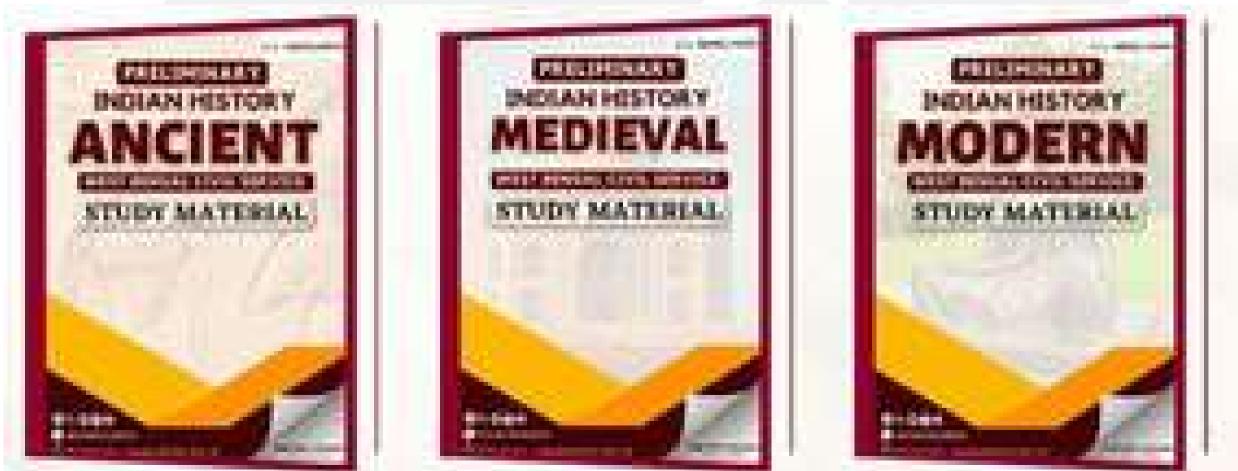
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MESOLITHIC PERIOD IMPORTANT MESOLITHIC SITES ARE:

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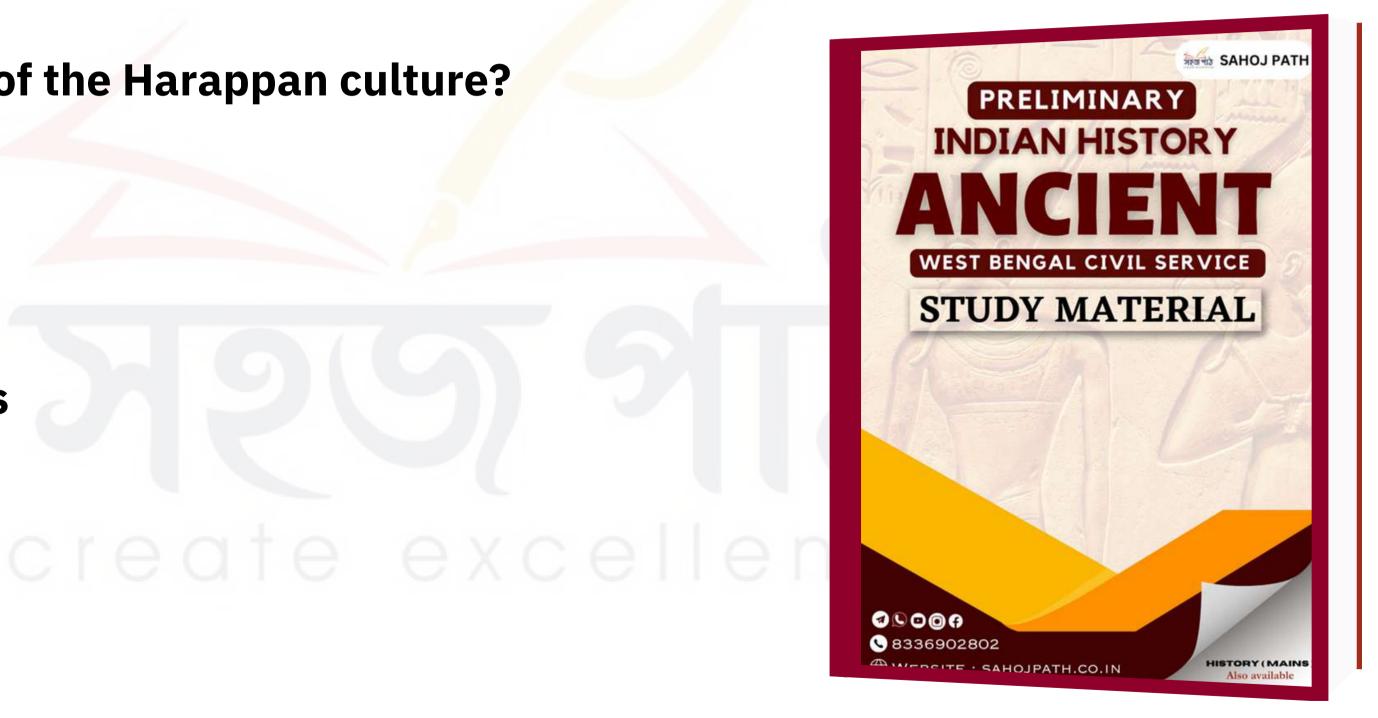
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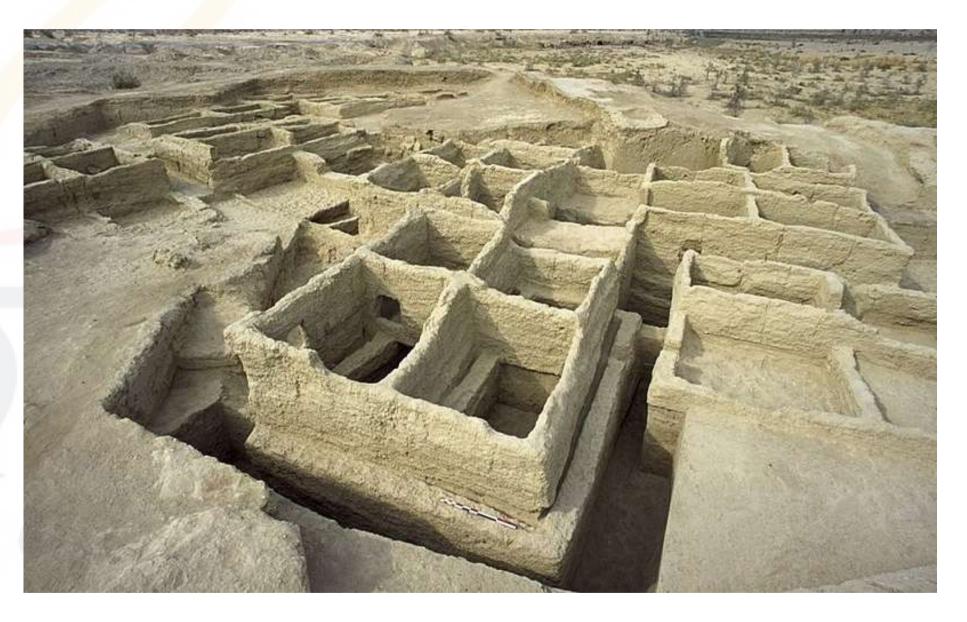
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MEHRGARH

- This site is located in a fertile plain, near the Bolan Pass, which is one of the most important routes into Iran.
- Mehrgarh was probably one of the places where women and men learnt to grow barley and wheat, and rear sheep and goats for the first time in this area.
- Beginning of settlement at Mehrgarh (about 8000 years ago)
- Mehrgarh include remains of square or rectangular houses.



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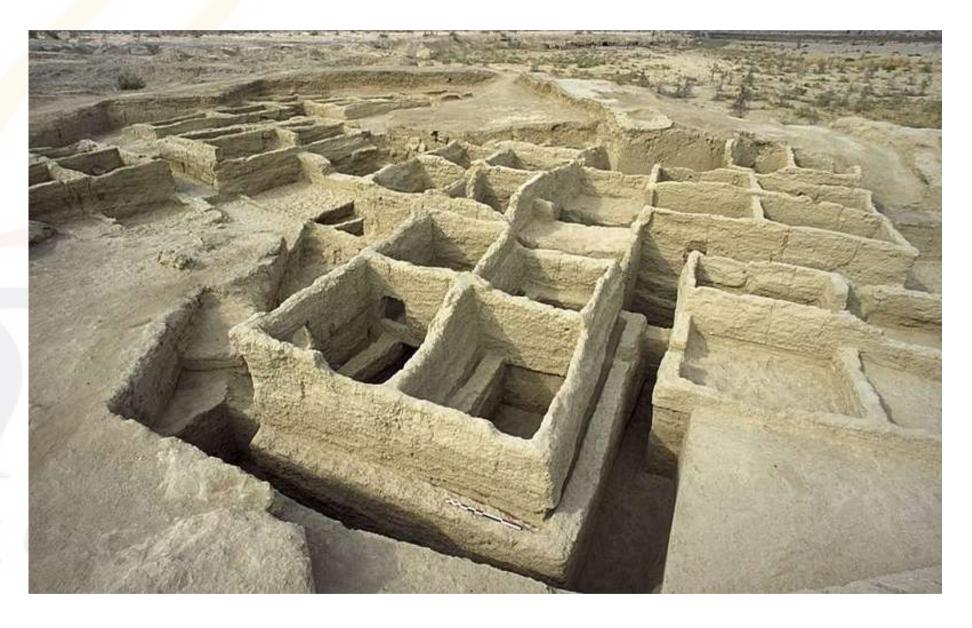


MEHRGARH

• Mehrgarh was the earliest **Neolithic site** known

as the **Breadbasket of Baluchistan**.

- Mehrgarh is located beside of the Bolan River
- The Harappans grew wheat and especially in Mehrgarh.
- It was one of the **earliest** regions where **cotton** was grown.
- It was the oldest agricultural settlement in the Indian subcontinent Agriculture



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