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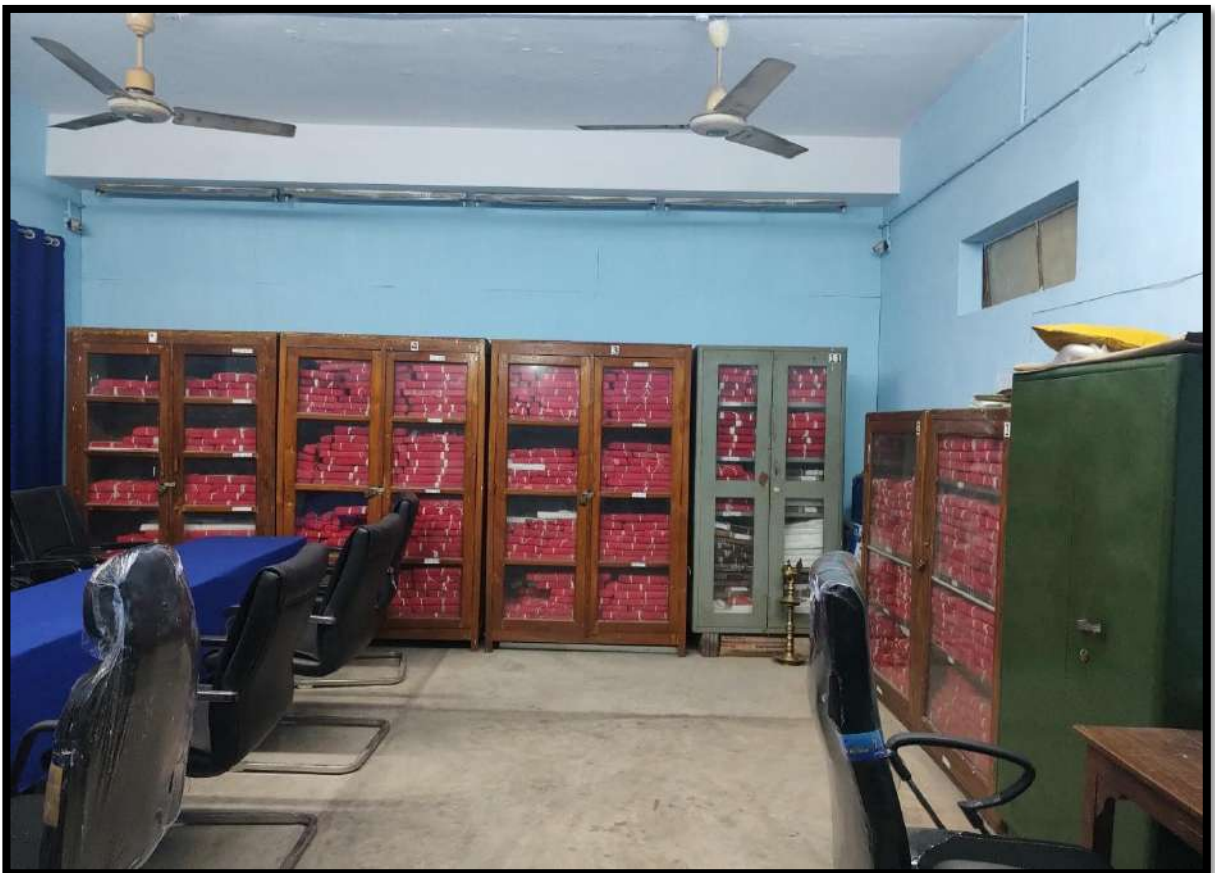
The P.G. Department of History at Sambalpur University is a distinguished institution of higher learning, known for its commitment to academic excellence and research in the field of History & Archaeology. Situated in Sambalpur, Odisha, India, the Department has a rich history and a legacy of producing highly skilled and knowledgeable historians & Archaeologist since its inception. Established several decades ago, the P.G. Department of History has grown to become one of the premier centers for historical and archaeological studies in the country. Its primary objective is to foster a deep understanding of the past, to analyze historical events critically, and to instill a sense of historical consciousness among its students. The department offers various postgraduate and doctoral programs that cater to the diverse interests of history enthusiasts and researchers. The faculty encourages students to explore different perspectives and methodologies, helping them develop a holistic approach to historical & archaeological analysis.



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The department boasts state-of-the-art facilities, including well-equipped classrooms, a comprehensive library, and advanced research laboratories, Museum, Archives and Palm leaf library. The palm leaf library is a treasure trove of historical texts, documents, and journals, providing students with ample resources to conduct in-depth research and broaden their knowledge base. One of the hallmarks of the P.G. Department of History is its emphasis on interdisciplinary studies. Recognizing the interconnectedness of various fields, the department encourages students to explore intersections between history and other disciplines such as anthropology, sociology, archaeology, and political science. This interdisciplinary approach nurtures well-rounded historians capable of addressing complex historical questions and challenges. Apart from academic activities, the department actively organizes seminars, conferences, and workshops. These events provide a platform for scholars, both national and international, to present their research findings, exchange ideas, and engage in scholarly discussions. The students also get a chance to participate and present their research work, honing their presentation and communication skills.



Academic Program

The department provides a wide range of highly demanded academic programs that cater to students all across the country. It strives to create a nurturing academic environment, fostering the growth of students in all aspects of their lives.

M.A. in History

The Department offers a comprehensive four-semester M.A. Program with specializations in Archaeology, Museology, Cultural History of India, and Cultural History of Odisha. The program has an intake capacity of 32 students. Those with an undergraduate degree in History are eligible for admission to the program through an admission test

M.Phil. in History

Department offers a one year M.Phil. Program in History with with an intake capacity of 06. Student with an M.A. degree in History is eligible for the admission in the program through admission test.

Doctoral Program in History

The Department of History serves as the central hub for the Ph.D. program at Sambalpur University. Research lies at the core of this program, and in this brochure, you will find detailed descriptions of the faculty members' research interests. Our primary focus is to cultivate research skills among students and prepare them to present their work effectively to a scientific audience, achieved through a well-structured curriculum consisting of coursework, seminars, and presentations.

Aspiring candidates who hold an M.A. degree in History are eligible to apply for admission to the Ph.D. program through a rigorous admission test. Once accepted, students proceed with the Ph.D. coursework, and upon successful completion, they become eligible for Ph.D. registration, thereby officially commencing their doctoral journey. Our faculty members are committed to supporting and guiding students throughout their research activities, fostering a stimulating and productive academic environment.



Professor Pradeep Kumar Behera is a distinguished archaeologist and academician who has made significant contributions to the field of archaeology, associated with Sambalpur University, an esteemed institution located in the state of Odisha, India.

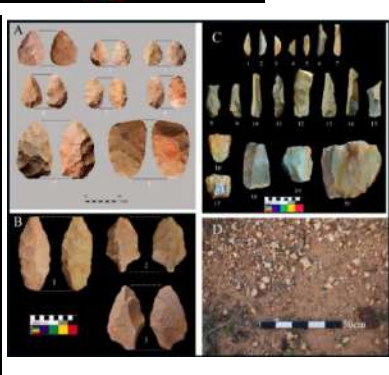
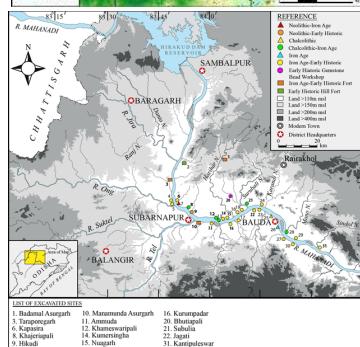
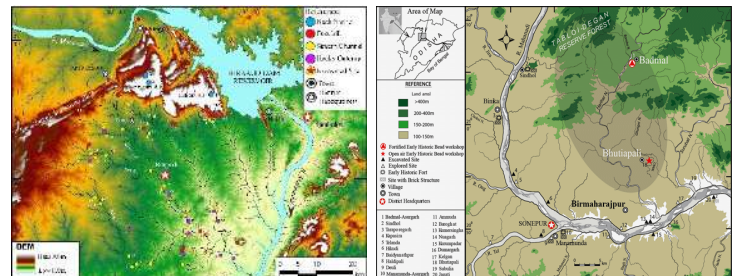
With a profound passion for History and Archaeology, Professor Behera embarked on a journey of exploration and excavation in different parts of Odisha. He has been involved in numerous archaeological excavations, research projects in Middle Mahandi Valley and Bargarh upland, shedding light on the rich cultural heritage of India's past. As a faculty member at Sambalpur University, Professor Behera has been instrumental in shaping the minds of young archaeology enthusiasts and nurturing their interests in uncovering the mysteries of ancient civilizations. He has served as a mentor and advisor to numerous students, inspiring them to pursue careers in archaeology and cultural heritage management.

Ph.D. (Banaras Hindu University)
Post. Doc (Banaras Hindu University)

Total Publications: 55

Significant Publications

1. Behera, P. K., Sinha, P., & Thakur, N. (2015). Barpadar: An Acheulian site in the upper river Jira Basin, District Bargarh, Odisha. *Man and Environment*, 40(1), 1-13.
2. Behera, P. K., & Hussain, S. (2019). Early historic gemstone bead workshops at the Badmal Asurgarh and Bhutiapali in the middle Mahanadi Valley region, Odisha, India. *Ancient Asia*, 10.
3. Behera, P. K., & Thakur, N. (2019). Tanged Points from the Middle Palaeolithic context at Torajunga, Bargarh Upland, Odisha, India. *Man and Environment*, 44(1), 1-11.
4. Behera, P. K., Thakur, N., Sudarshan, M., & Chatterjee, B. (2017). Investigation into the Microlithic Assemblages with Pebble-Cobble Tool Component below Tephra at Burla, Odisha, India. *Indian Journal of Archaeology*, 2(3), 1-22.
5. Behera, P. K., Sudarshan, M., & Thakur, N. (2020). Sourcing Used Red Ochre in the Late Middle Palaeolithic Context at Torajunga, Bargarh Uplands, Odisha, India: Results of Preliminary Investigation. *Journal of Anthropological and Archaeological Sciences*, 2(4), 287-300.



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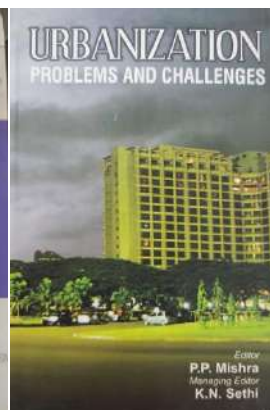
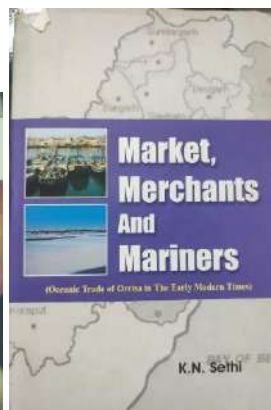
Total Publications: 53

Significant Publications

1. Sethi, K. N. (2014). The City in History: Balasore as a Port City in the Seventeenth Century Orissa. *Shoryabhumi A Peer Review International Journal of Multi-Disciplinary Research*, 2(3), 7–11.
2. Sethi, K. N. (2012). Markets, Prices and Inter-Regional Trading Network: The Eastern Coast of India Under the Mughals. *Central India Journal of Historical and Archaeological Research* 1(3), 72-80.
3. Sethi, K. N. (2009). European Influence on Indian Trading Pattern: A Special Reference to Seventeenth Century Orissa. *Lyncean Journal of Cultural and Historical Studies* 2(1), 88-106.
4. Sethi, K. N. (2009). Textile Technology in Medieval Orissa: A case study of production and Export during the 17th and 18th Century. *The Icfai University Journal of History and Culture* Vol.III(3&4), 56-66.
5. Sethi, K. N. (2005). Urbanization in Medieval Orissa: A Special Reference to the Ports and Their Hinterland during the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries. *The Historical Review A Biannual journal of History and Archaeology* Vol. XIII(1&2), 44-64.

Professor K.N. Sethi is a distinguished historian known for his invaluable contributions to the field of Medieval economic history and maritime research, particularly focusing on the medieval ports of Odisha, India. He has left an indelible mark on the academic landscape through his meticulous research, insightful publications, and dedicated teaching at Sambalpur University. Prof. Sethi's work in Medieval economic history delves deep into the socio-economic dynamics of the past, shedding light on the trading networks, commercial activities, and economic structures that shaped societies. His research has unveiled the intricate connections between trade routes, cultural exchanges, and economic growth during the Medieval period, offering fresh perspectives on the historical development of the region.

His specialization in maritime research, with a focus on the medieval ports of Odisha, is a testament to his dedication to uncovering the maritime heritage of the state. Prof. Sethi's legacy extends beyond his research prowess; his mentorship and guidance have nurtured numerous budding historians, fostering a new generation of scholars passionate about exploring the rich tapestry of India's past.



Dr. Biswajit Pradhan, Associate Professor

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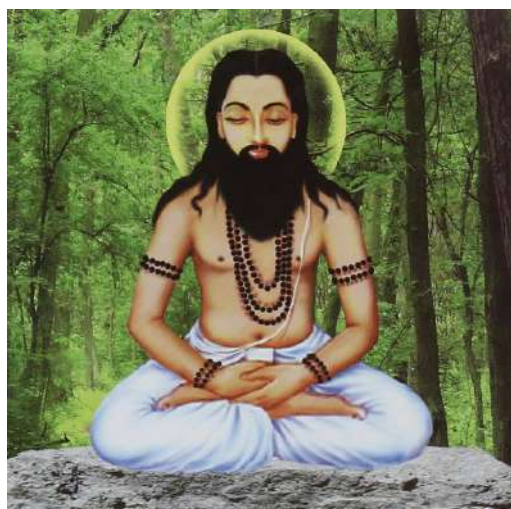


Ph.D. (Sambalpur University)

Total Publications: 35

Significant Publications

1. Pradhan, B. (2011). A new light on the Origin of the Mathara dynasty. *Journal of New aspects of History of Orissa*, Vol- XIV, 33-36.
2. Pradhan, B. (2013). The rise of Satnami cult in Chhatisgarh region of south kosala. *Central India Journal of Historical and Archaeological Research* 11 (5), 26-30.
3. Pradhan, B. (2013). A case study on Ananta Sayee Vishnu Temple of Sambalpur. *Journal of New aspects of History of Orissa*, Vol- XV, 32-35.
4. Pradhan, B. (2015). Two sculpture from Patnagarh and their tantrik affiliation: A critique. *Kosala* Vol. 8, 120-123.
5. Pradhan, B. (2017). Mathara rule in Kalinga: A study on Historical Geography. *12 The Historical Review A Biannual journal of History and Archaeology* Vol. XIII(1&2), 44-64.



Dr. Biswajit Pradhan, a distinguished historian affiliated with Sambalpur University, has significantly enriched our understanding of Ancient Odishan history through his meticulous research and scholarly contributions. With a passion for unraveling the hidden narratives of the past, Dr. Pradhan has dedicated his academic career to shedding light on the lesser-explored aspects of Odisha's historical journey.

One of his prominent areas of expertise lies in the study of the Satnami cult, a socio-religious movement that emerged in medieval India. Dr. Pradhan's insightful investigations into the Satnami movement's origins, development, and impact in the Odishan context have offered fresh perspectives on the intricate interplay between religious ideologies and sociopolitical dynamics during that era.

Furthermore, Dr. Pradhan has delved into the often-overlooked period of Mathara rule in Odisha. Through careful analysis of historical sources and archaeological evidence, he has managed to piece together a comprehensive narrative of this era, highlighting its significance in shaping the region's cultural and political landscape.

His rigorous scholarship and dedication to unearthing hidden historical gems have not only earned Dr. Biswajit Pradhan accolades within the academic community but have also contributed substantially to the broader comprehension of Odisha's multifaceted history. His work serves as an inspiration for fellow historians and anyone intrigued by the profound complexities of the past





Ph.D. (Sambalpur University)

Total Publications: 18

Significant Publications

1. **Thakur, N., & Jayaswal, V.** (1991). Insights into the Utilization Pattern of Osteological Remains from Senuwar. *Indian Archaeological Heritage*, 1, 163-170
2. **Thakur, N., & Behera, P. K.** (2015). Palaeolithic Industries on the foothills of Lohara Reserve Forest, Bargarh Upland, Odisha. *Jagruti*, 3, 1-19.
3. Behera, P. K., & **Thakur, N.** (2019). Tanged Points from the Middle Palaeolithic context at Torajunga, Bargarh Upland, Odisha, India. *Man and Environment*, 44(1), 1-11.
4. Behera, P. K., **Thakur, N.**, Sudarshan, M., & Chatterjee, B. (2017). Investigation into the Microlithic Assemblages with Pebble-Cobble Tool Component below Tephra at Burla, Odisha, India. *Indian Journal of Archaeology*, 2(3), 1-22.
5. Behera, P. K., Sudarshan, M., & **Thakur, N.** (2020). Sourcing Used Red Ochre in the Late Middle Palaeolithic Context at Torajunga, Bargarh Uplands, Odisha, India: Results of Preliminary Investigation. *Journal of Anthropological and Archaeological Sciences*, 2(4), 287-300.

Dr. Neena Thakur is an esteemed Assistant Professor in the Department of History at Sambalpur University, renowned for her exceptional contributions to the fields of prehistory and archaeology. With a profound passion for unraveling the mysteries of the past, she has made significant strides in reshaping our understanding of ancient culture. Dr. Thakur's research has centered on shedding light on prehistoric societies and their cultural evolution. Her meticulous and insightful analysis have unveiled crucial insights into the lifeways, technologies, and interactions of early humans. Her dedication to unearthing the past and her unquenchable curiosity continue to inspire both students and fellow researchers alike. Through her relentless efforts, Dr. Thakur has illuminated the shadows of history and left an indelible mark on the realms of prehistory and archaeology of Odisha.

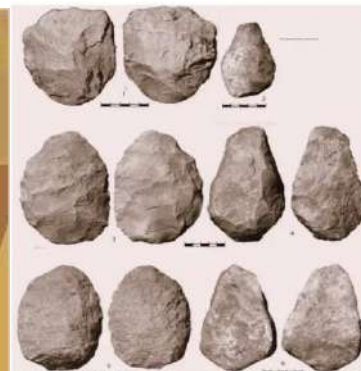
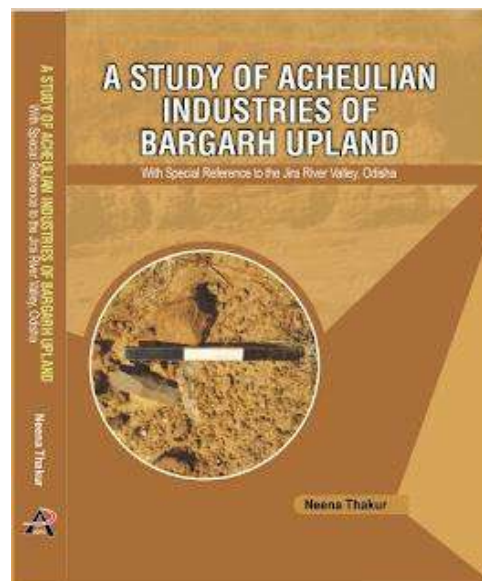


Fig 6 Handaxes (2,3,5 and 6), Cleavers (1 and 4)



Fig 7 1-Chopper, 2.Cleaver

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Contribution towards society

Preservation of Cultural Heritage: Extensive research and documentation of historical sites and traditions in Mahanadi Valley and Bargarh upland.

Archaeological Excavations: Unearthing valuable artifacts and historical remains, providing insights into ancient civilizations.

Educational Outreach: Workshops, seminars, and lectures to raise awareness and promote local history appreciation.

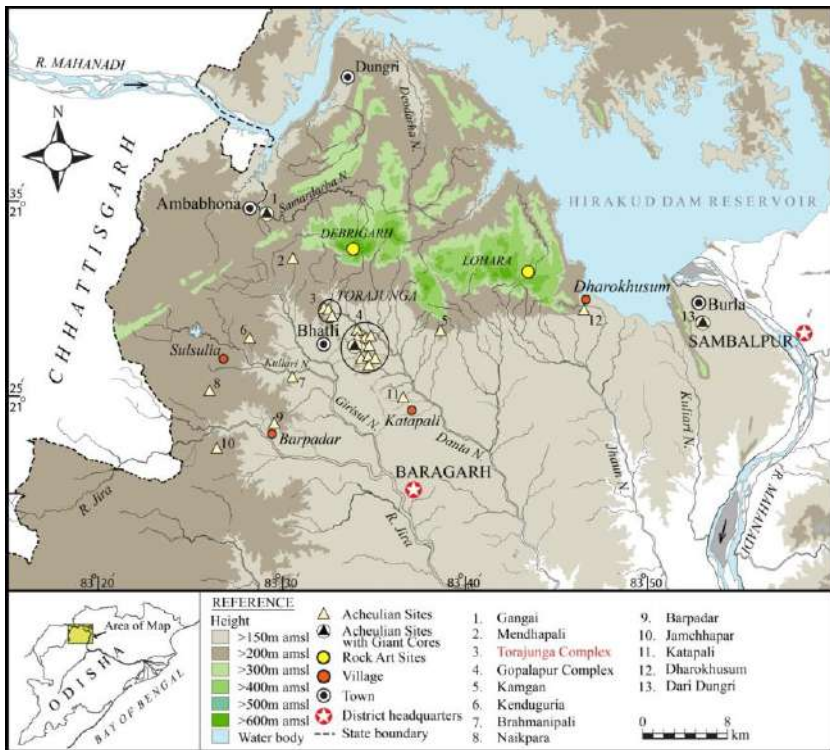
Tourism Promotion: Highlighting historical and archaeological attractions to attract tourists and boost the local economy.

Cultural Revival: Rediscovery of forgotten traditions, customs, and art forms, contributing to cultural preservation.

Academic Excellence: Enriching the field of history and archaeology, benefiting scholars and students alike.

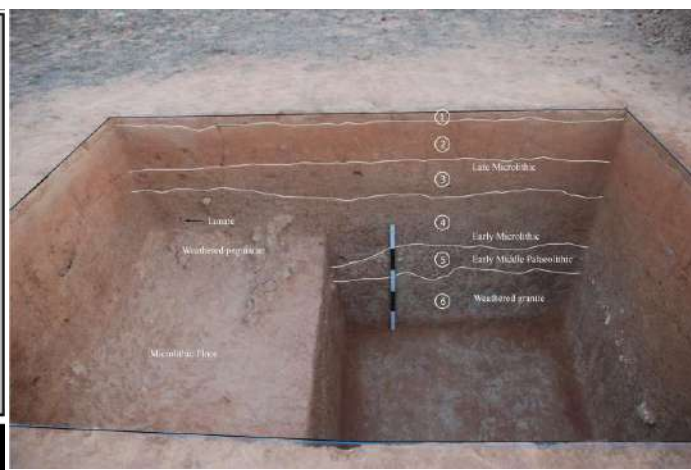
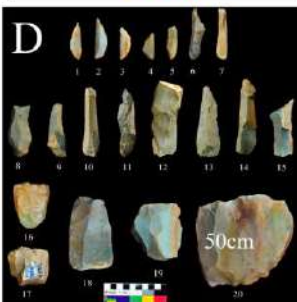
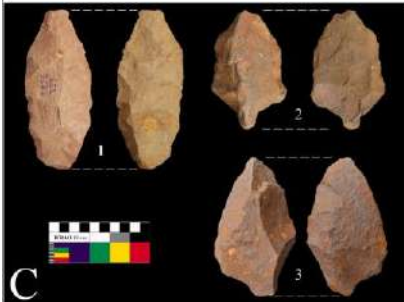
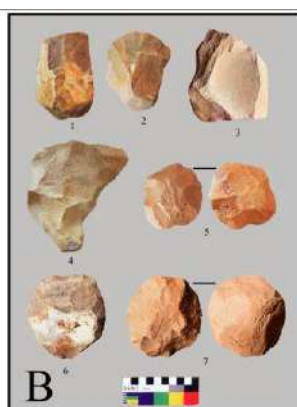
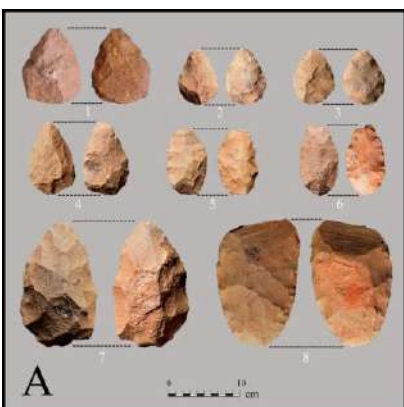
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Preservation of Cultural Heritage: Extensive research and documentation of Prehistoric sites and traditions in Bargarh upland.



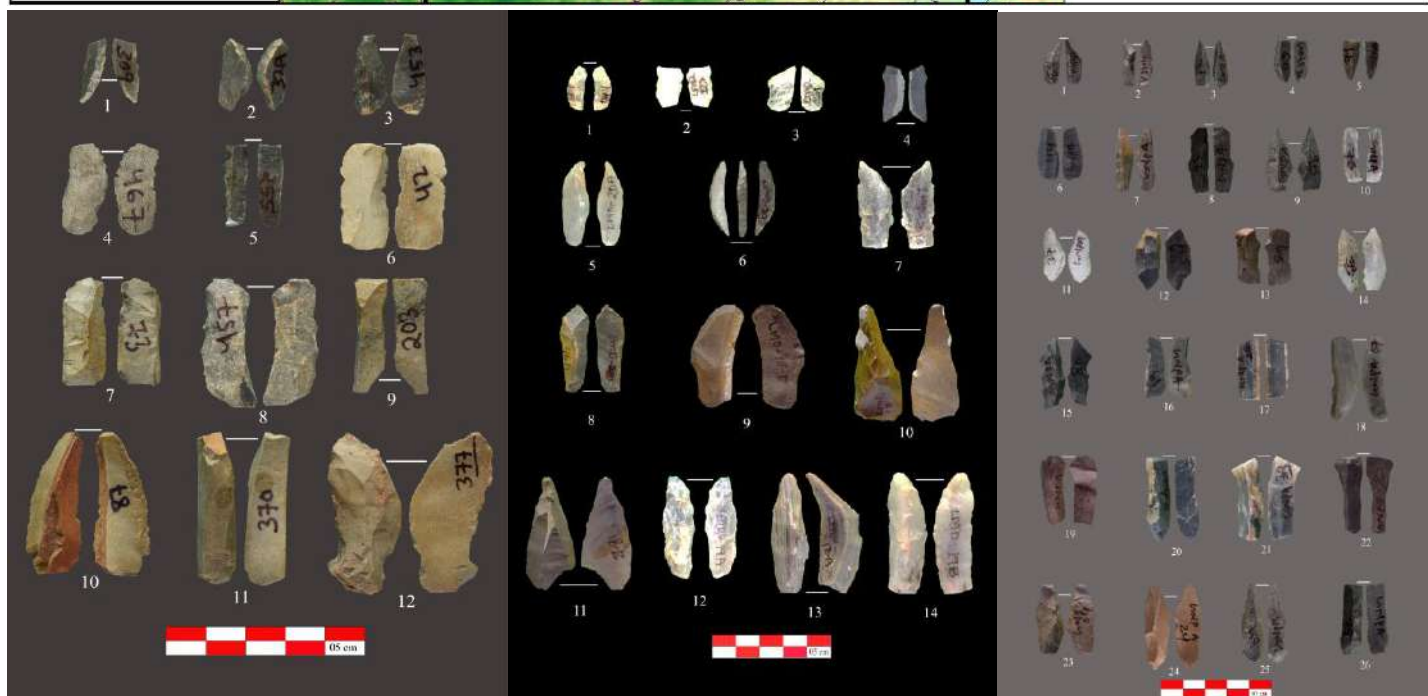
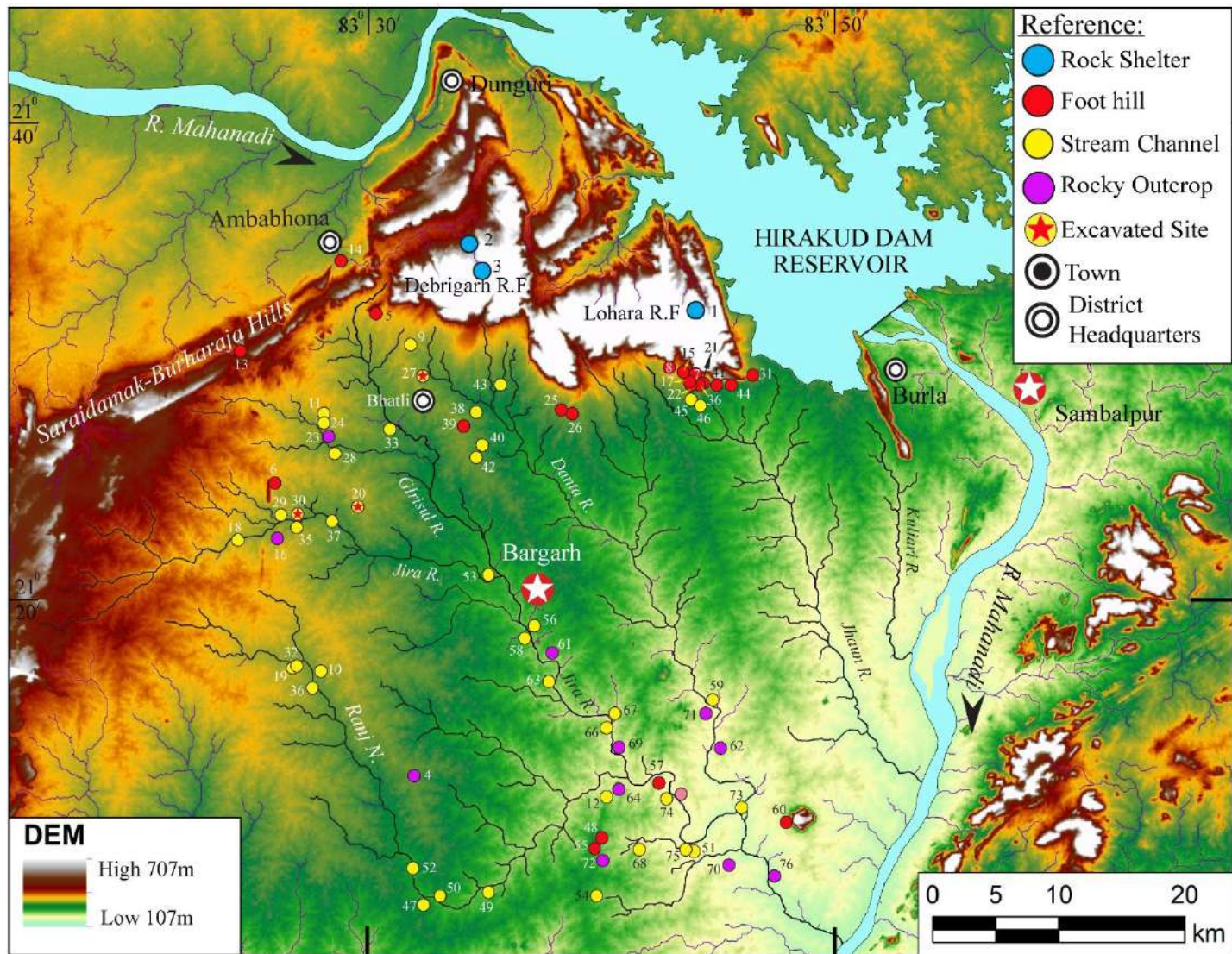
Study area and findings

Contribution towards fixing the chronology Odishan Prehistory



Stratigraphy, Excavation Trench & Findings

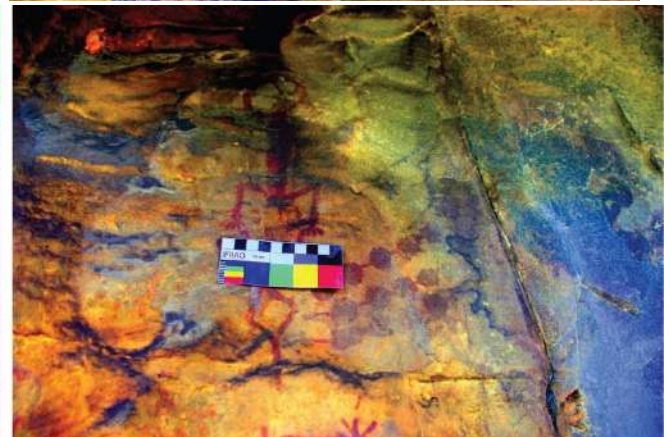
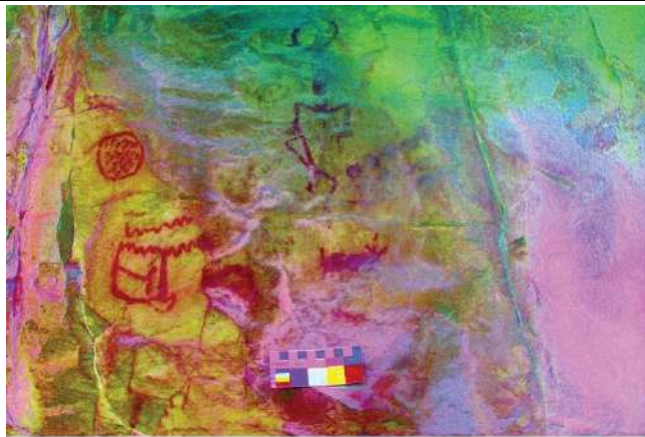
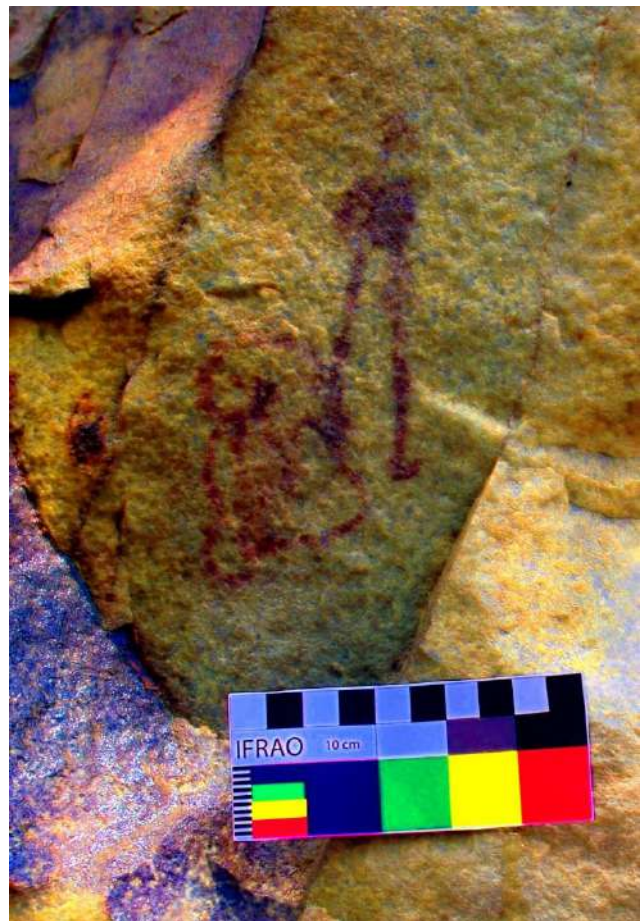
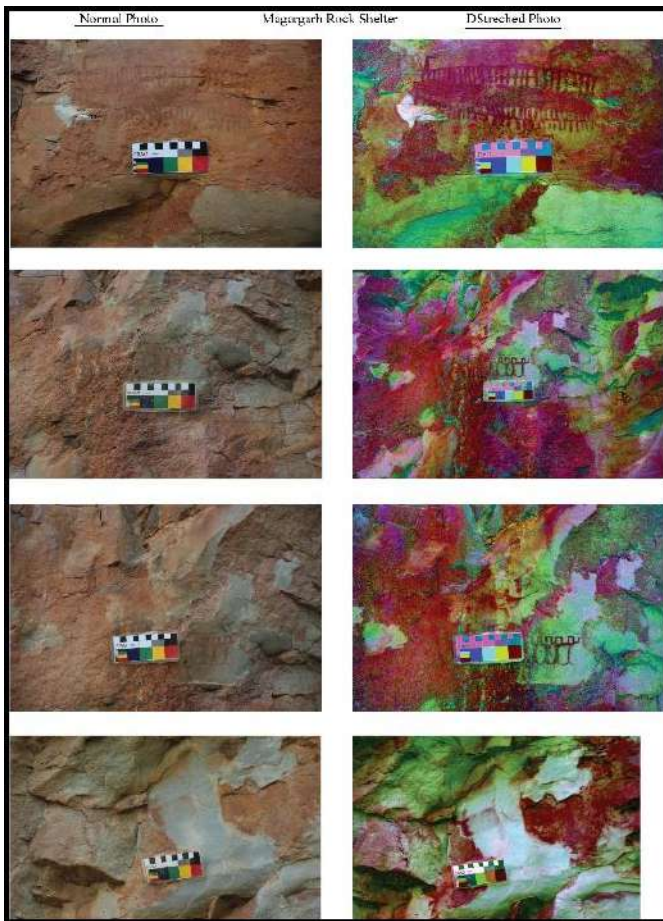
Contribution towards understanding the emergence of Modern humans in Bargarh Upland



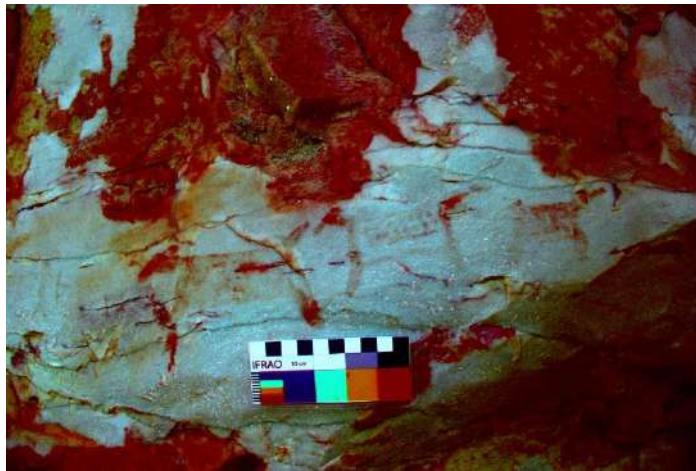
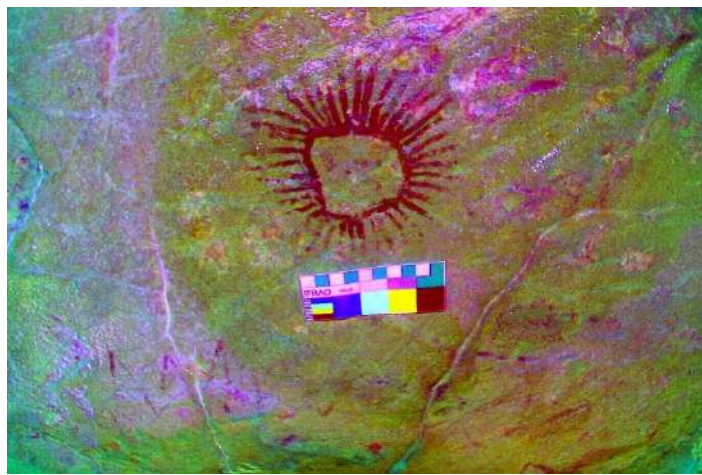
Recently discovered Rock art sites in Debrigarh-Lohara Reserve Forest 2020-22



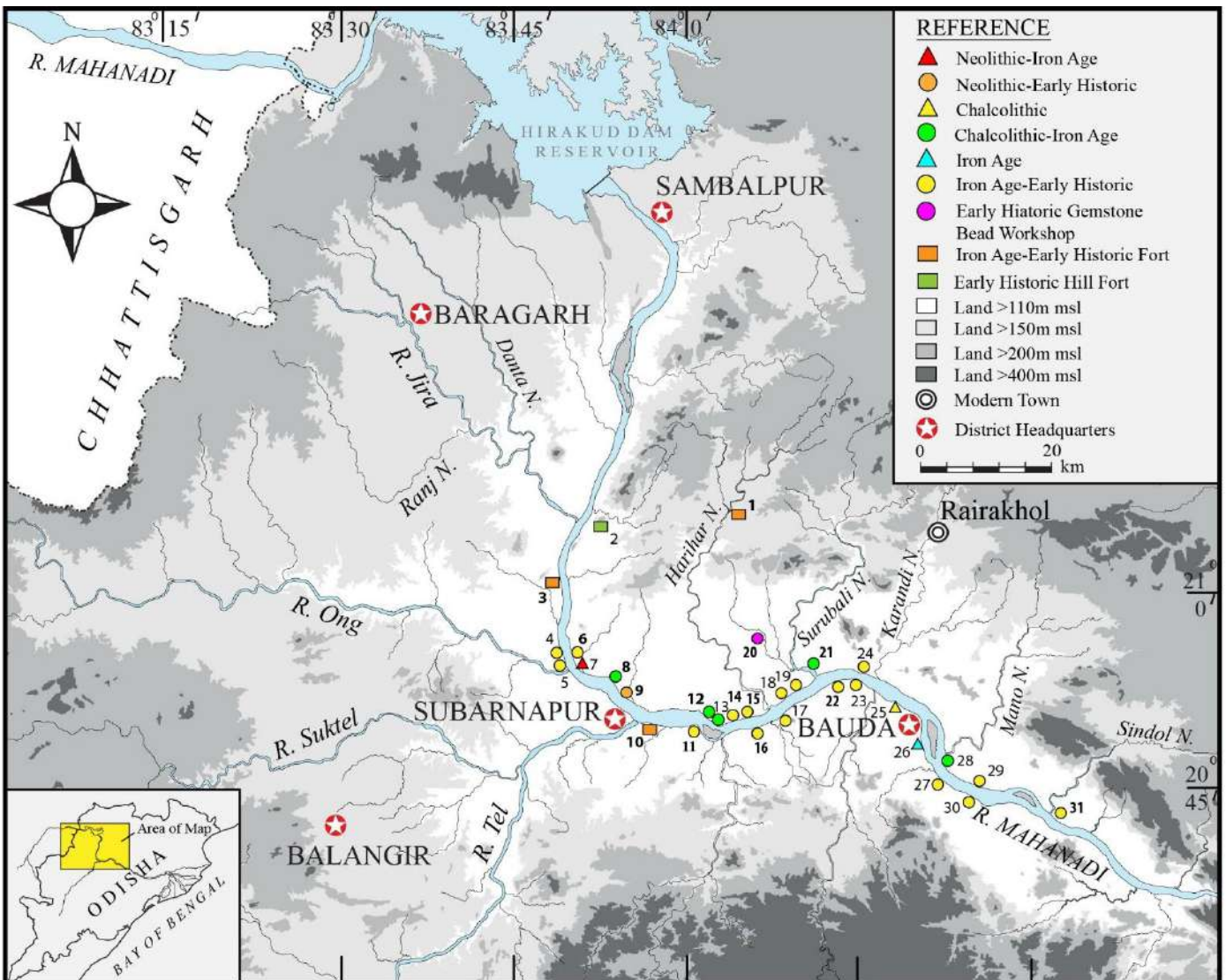
Preservation & Documentation of Cultural Heritage



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Contribution towards understanding the Emergence of Early farming and settled life in Mahandi valley



LIST OF EXCAVATED SITES

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| 1. Badamal Asurgarh | 10. Manamunda Asurgarh | 16. Kurumpadar |
| 3. Taraporegarh | 11. Ammuda | 20. Bhutiapali |
| 6. Kapasira | 12. Khameswaripali | 21. Kamira |
| 8. Khajeriapali | 14. Kumersingha | 22. Jagati |
| 9. Hikudi | 15. Nuagarh | 31. Kantipuleswar |



Figure 10: Post-firing application of red ochre on the surface of BRW and BSW pottery from Early and Middle Phases



Figure 11: Ivory/Bone Dice from the Late Iron Age Phase

Contribution towards understanding the Emergence of Early farming and settled life in Mahandi valley



Figure 6: Black-on-Red ware (1-3), White Painted BRW (4-24), and BSW (25-27) from Kapsira

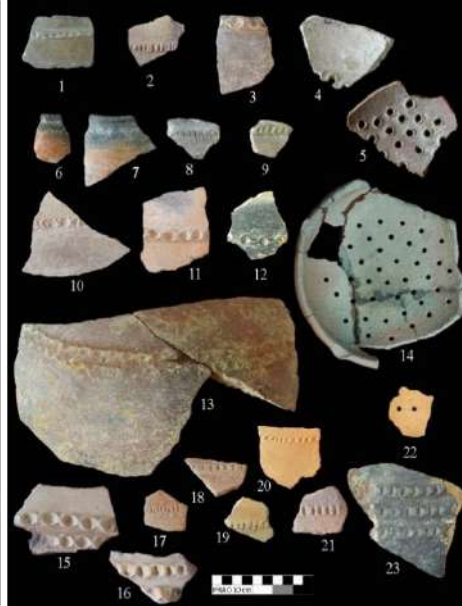


Figure 7: Decorated Pottery (1-5: Early Phase, 6-14: Middle Phase, and 15-23: Late Phase)



Figure 7: White Painted BSW (1-3 and 12-24), BRW (4-7), and RSW (8-11) from Kantipuleswar



Figure 8: Graffiti Marked Pottery from Kantipuleswar (1-3: Early Phase, 4-6: Middle Phase, and 7-8: Late Phase)



Figure 3: Material Remains Recovered from three Iron Age Phases at Kapsira (1-6: Early Phase, 7-15: Middle Phase, and 16-25: Late Phase)

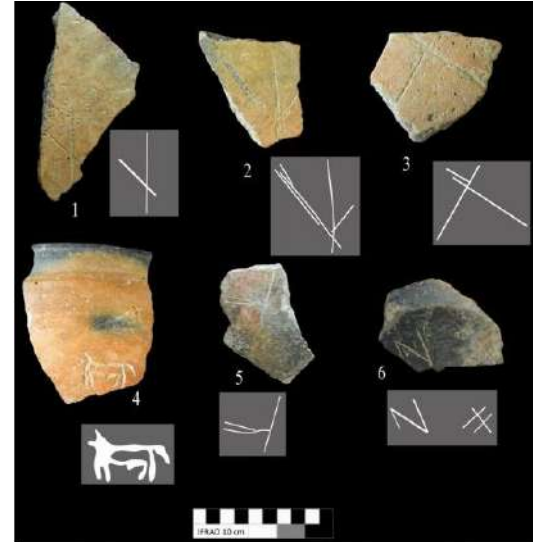


Figure 9: Graffiti Marked Pottery from Kapsira (Middle Phase)

Bad remains from the site of Manamunda Asurgarh



Fig. 6: Beads and Pendants of Early Historic Period in the Middle Mahanadi Valley Region (1-76 and 87 Precious and Semi-Precious Stone, 77-86 Glass).

Archaeological Excavations & Training



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Educational Our Reach: Seminar/Conference



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Monument and Museum Visit of students

Department of History, Sambalpur University, Odisha

Educational Our Reach: Students Visit to Museum & Palm leaf Library

- ❖ Visit of school children to Museum and palm leaf library
- ❖ visit of College Students to Museum and palm leaf library
- ❖ Visit of College students to Palm leaf library and Archive for Dissertation purpose



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