

Continuity of Harappan Tradition at Rakhighari

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Agro-Pastoral village life goes back to c.10, 000 years in South Asia and is still a backbone of many lives in the South Asian Subcontinent. Urban or complex social lives began with the Harappan Civilization and they were pioneers in developing basic crafts and technologies. Most of the traditions and technologies continued until today at Rakhighari.

The paper on “Continuity of Harappan Tradition at Rakhighari” attempts to show how the traditions which were introduced around 3000 BCE are continued till date. The continuity is observed in the Housing Patterns including settlement layouts, construction methods, drainage; cooking traditional food and food habits reflecting in their wares of pots, storage areas and chullas/tandoors etc; agricultural equipments and bullock carts frames etc; The most unique tradition is the ornamentation like beads, bangles, anklets, hair ornaments, gold, silver, copper etc, typologically similar to the one used by the Harappans. Here one may raise question why these traditions are still continued till date? At the end of the paper author attempts to answer this question. The presentation will show that continuity for five thousand years through illustration.

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