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ANCIENT INDIAN HISTORY

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Location	Archaeological findings
Mohenjo-Daro (Pakistan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copper figure of a dancing girl • Bronze figure of a bull • Bearded nobleman or high priest, draped in a shawl with trefoil pattern • Terracotta figure of mother goddess • Pashupati seal • The Great Granary • The Great bath
Harappa (Pakistan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Male torso made of red sandstone • 2 row of six granaries with big platform • Stone symbol of lingam and yoni • Wheat and barley in wooden mortar • Copper scale • Sculpture of dog chasing a deer in bronze metal
Lothal (Gujarat)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copper dog and bird • Ivory scale • Fire altars • Evidence of rice • Evidences of bead industry
Kalibangan (Rajasthan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charging bull made of bronze • Fire altars
Chanudaro (Pakistan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harappan city without Citadel • Evidences of bead industry
Dholavira (Gujarat)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giant water reservoir and unique water harnessing system • Wooden "signboard"

Ropar (Punjab)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog buried with human in oval pit burials • Copper axe
Banawali (Haryana)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terracotta plough • Township laid in a radial pattern



DID YOU KNOW?

Mother Goddess:

- The mother goddess figures have been **found in many Indus sites**.
- The figures are usually **crude standing female figures** adorned with necklaces hanging over prominent breasts and wearing a **loin cloth and a girdle**.
- The **fan-shaped head-dress** with a cup-like projection on each side is a distinct decorative feature.
- The pellet eyes and beaked nose of the figures are very crude, and the mouth is indicated by a slit.



Pashupati seal/female deity:

- This seal is generally identified as the Pashupati Seal by some scholars whereas some identify it as the female deity.
- It depicts a human figure seated cross-legged
- An **elephant** and a **tiger** are depicted to the right side of the seated figure, while on the left a **rhinoceros** and a **buffalo** are seen.
- In addition, two **antelopes** are shown below the seat.

