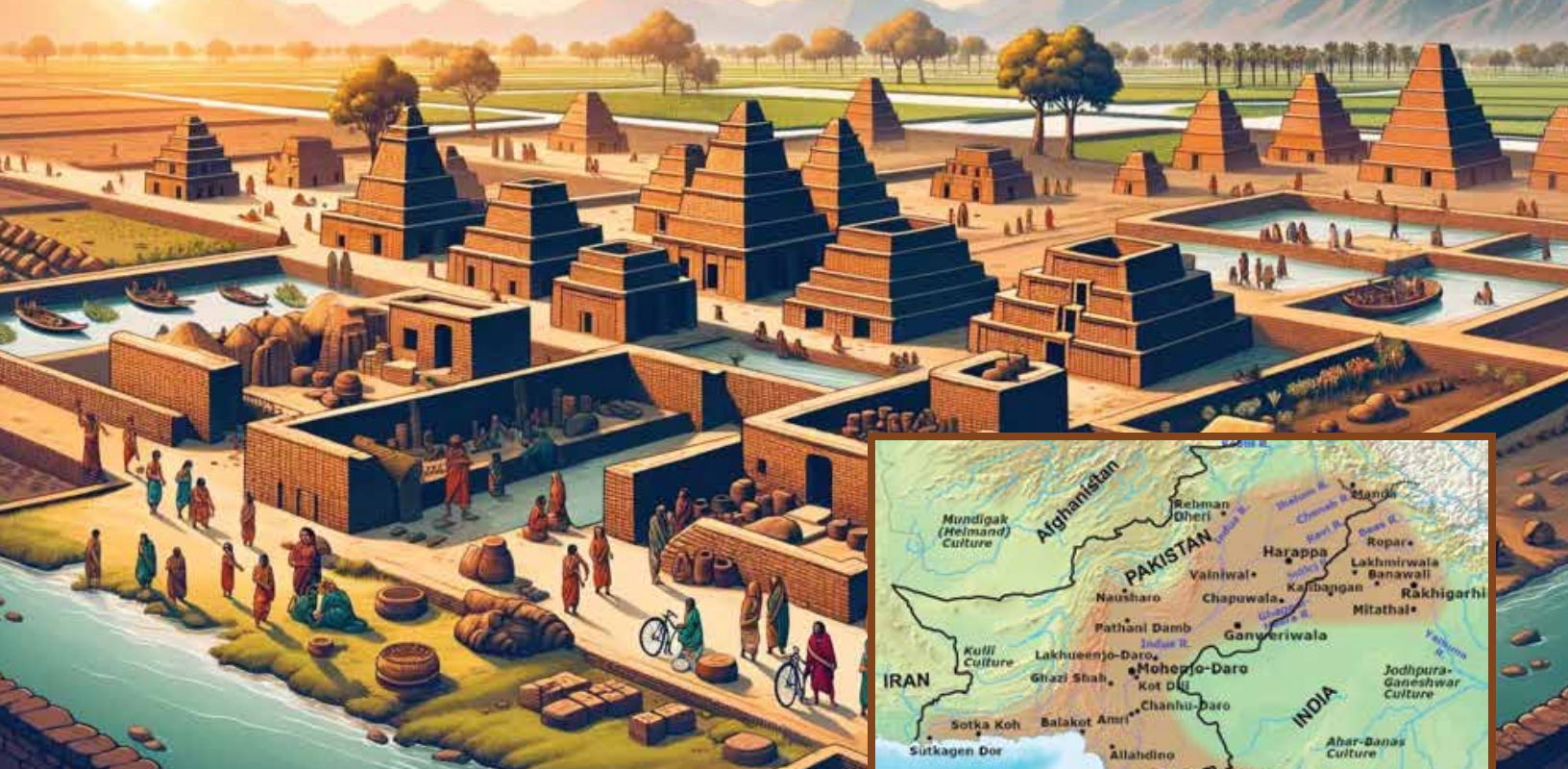


Indus Valley Civilization (IVC)



Important places of IVC_Part 2

Kot-Diji

Kot-Diji is situated on the left bank of the **Indus River**, opposite Mohenjo-Daro. Excavated by **F.A. Khan**, it is considered a precursor to the Harappan Civilization, with both **pre- and mature Harappan evidence**.

◆ City Structure

- The citadel area was on high ground, fortified with unbaked mud-bricks and stones.
- The site yielded terracotta bulls, mother goddess figurines, and large cooking ovens, reflecting early Harappan traditions.

◆ Cultural Features

- Evidence of large-scale burning across the site points to a significant event or ritualistic activity.



Surkotda

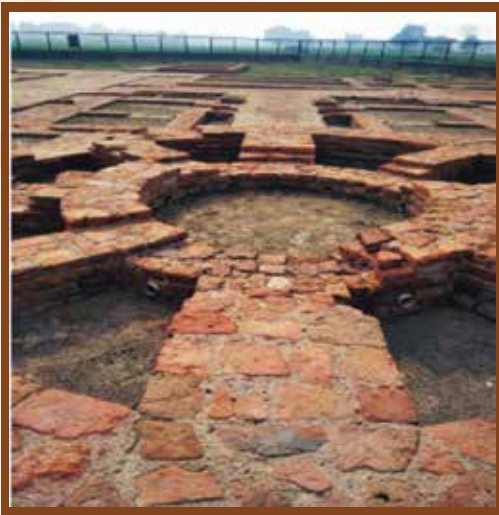
Surkotda, located in Kutch District, Gujarat, was excavated by **J.P. Joshi**.

◆ City Features

- Surkotda has a fortified citadel and lower town, with structures made of burnt bricks.



Ropar



◆ **Location:** Punjab, India, on the banks of the **Sutlej River**.

◆ **Significance:** The **first Harappan site to be excavated in post-partition India**.

◆ Findings:

- The site has a fortified citadel and lower town, with evidence of trade and craftsmanship through finds like **beads, bangles, and terracotta items**.
- Unique burial **practices include the burial of a dog** with humans, indicating a distinct ritualistic practice.

Amri

Amri, located in Sind (Pakistan), south of Mohenjo-Daro, shows signs of **both pre-Harappan and mature Harappan phases**.

◆ Notable Features

- Lacking fortifications, Amri had a simpler layout than other Harappan cities.
- The site **yielded remains of rhinoceros**, which is a rare find for the Harappan Civilization.



Chanhu-Daro

Located about 130 km south of Mohenjo-Daro, Chanhu-Daro was excavated by **N.G. Majumdar** in 1930. **It is an Indus Valley city that did not have a citadel.**



◆ Craft Industry

- Chanhu-Daro was a hub for bead-making, seal-making, and shell-working.
- A bead factory was discovered, highlighting the city's role in craft production.

Banawali

Banawali is located in the Hissar district of Haryana, near the dry bed of the ancient **Sarasvati River**, **has evidence of all three phases of the Harappan Civilization.**

◆ City Layout

- The city had a citadel and lower town, both fortified.
- It was primarily a **trading center**, with evidence of **fire altars** suggesting ritualistic practices.
- The discovery of a **terracotta plough model** and **stone weights** indicates agricultural activity and trade.



Rangpur



Rangpur, located near Vanala in Saurashtra, Gujarat, was a trading port in the Harappan civilization.

◆ City Structure

- The citadel and lower town were fortified, with **evidence of rice cultivation** and trade.

Desalpur

- ◆ **Location:** Gujarat, India.
- ◆ **Significance:** A Harappan settlement with well-planned streets, houses, and drainage systems.
- ◆ **Artifacts:** Pottery, seals, beads, and other objects, indicating a **thriving urban center** during the Indus Valley Civilization.



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