

**An International Conference on
“Buddhist Cultural Heritage of India: Recent Archaeological
Findings”**

organized by

**Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies,
Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune, India**

11th to 13th August 2022

Conference Schedule

Inaugural Session: 09:00 am to 11:00 am (IST)

Welcome Address: Prof. Mahesh Deokar

Head, Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies, SPPU, Pune

Key-note Address: Prof. Bhadra Rujirathat alias Peter Skilling

Special Lecturer, Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok

Chief Guest: Prof. Gautam Sengupta

Former Director General, Archaeological Survey of India, Kolkata

Session Coordinator: Ms. Truptirani Tayade

TEA BREAK – 11:00 am to 11:15 am (IST)

Session I

Chairperson: Prof. B. C. Deotare

Former Head, Department of A.I.H.C. & Archaeology, Deccan College Post Graduate &
Research Institute, Deemed to be University, Pune

Session Coordinator: Dr. Talat Praveen

Time: 11:15 am to 01:15 pm (IST)

Time	Name of the Speaker	Title of paper
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11:15 – 12:00	Dr. Y. S. Rawat Former Director, Department of Archaeology and Museums, Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar	Buddhist Remains of North Gujarat with Special Reference to Vadnagar and Taranga
12:00 – 12:30	Prof. V. H. Sonawane Former Head of Department, Department of Archaeology & Ancient History, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, Vadodara	Archaeology of Rock Paintings Depicting Stupas in Gujarat
12:30 – 1:00	Dr. E. Sivanagi Reddy Sthapati and Chief Executive Officer, Pleach Foundation, Hyderabad	Thotlakonda: An Important Buddhist Monastic Site in Costal Andhra Pradesh
1:00 – 1:15	Prof. B. C. Deotare	Chairperson's remarks

LUNCH BREAK – 01:15 pm to 02:15 pm (IST)

Session II

Chairperson: Dr. E. Sivanagi Reddy

Sthapati and Chief Executive Officer, Pleach Foundation, Hyderabad

Session Coordinator: Mrs. Deepali Patil

Time: 02:15 pm to 05:15 pm (IST)

Time	Name of the Speaker	Title of paper
2:15 – 2:45	Dr. Phanikanta Mishra Former Regional Director, Archaeological Survey of India, Bhopal	Discovery of Deur Kothar, Dist. Rewa, Madhya Pradesh
2:45 – 3:15	Prof. Projit Kumar Palit Professor and Director, Centre for Indological Studies, Department of History, Assam University, Silchar, Assam	Buddhism in Tripura: An Archaeological root between Myanmar and Bangladesh
3:15 – 3:45	Dr. Milan Kumar Chauley Superintending Archaeologist, Archaeological Survey of India, Aurangabad Circle, Aurangabad	Archaeological Investigations at Udayagiri, Odisha

TEA BREAK – 3:45 pm to 4:00 pm (IST)

Session Coordinator: Mr. Ritesh Ovhal

Time	Name of the Speaker	Title of paper
4:00 – 4:30	Dr. Shanker Sharma Assistant Superintending Archaeologist, Archaeological Museum Nalanda, Archaeological Survey of India, Nalanda	Sujatagarh Stupa at Bakraur, Bodhgaya (Bihar): An Archaeological Appraisal
4:30 – 5:00	Dr. Rohit Ukey Assistant Professor, Department of History of Art, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi	Reevaluating Mansar: A Case Study of MNS 2
5:00 – 5:15	Dr. E. Sivanagi Reddy	Chairperson's remarks

Session III – Special Lecture

TEA BREAK – 05:15 pm to 05:30 pm (IST)

Time: 05:30 pm to 06:15 pm (IST)

Name of the Speaker	Title of paper
Dr. Jason Hawkes Cook-Crone Research Bye-Fellow Director of Studies in Archaeology, Gonville and Caius College, University of Cambridge, U. K.	Archaeological Investigations at Buddhist Site of Bharhut and its vicinity, Central India

DAY 2

Session I

Chairperson: Prof. V. H. Sonawane

Former Head of Department, Department of Archaeology & Ancient History, The Maharaja
Sayajirao University of Baroda, Vadodara

Session Coordinator: Ms. Pranali Waingankar

Time: 9:30 am to 11:15 am (IST)

Time	Name of the Speaker	Title of paper
9:30- 10:00	Prof. M. S. Krishna Murthy Former Head of Department, Department of Ancient History & Archaeology, University of Mysore, Mysuru, Karnataka	Rajaghatta - A unique Buddhist Site in Karnataka
10:00 – 10:30	Prof. B. C. Deotare Former Head of Department, Department of A.I.H.C. & Archaeology, Deccan College, Deemed to be University, Pune	Urbanization during Early Historic period in Purna basin with special reference to Bhon
10:30 – 11:00	Dr. D. Dayalan Former Regional Director, Archaeological Survey of India, Chennai	Excavations at Kanaganahalli- A Unique Buddhist Site
11:00-11:15	Prof. V. H. Sonawane	Chairperson's remarks

TEA BREAK – 11:15 am to 11:30 am (IST)

Session II

Chairperson: Dr. D. Dayalan

Former Regional Director, Archaeological Survey of India, Chennai

Session Coordinator: Dr. Shrikant Ganvir

Time: 11:30 am to 01:15 pm (IST)

Time	Name of the Speaker	Title of paper
11:30 – 12:00	Prof. Anand Singh Professor, School of Buddhist Studies, Philosophy and Comparative Religions, Nalanda University, Rajgir, Bihar	Buddhist Remains at Giriya hills: Some Archaeological Observations

12:00 – 12:30	Dr. Rajat Sanyal Assistant Professor and Former Head of the Department, Department of Archaeology, University of Calcutta, Kolkata	Archaeology of Buddhism in Early Medieval Eastern India: New Evidence from Moghalmari
12:30 – 1:00	Dr. Stanzin Mingur Assistant Professor in Bhot Puranic History, Central Institute of Buddhist Studies, Deemed to be University, Choglamsar, Leh (UT-Ladakh)	Leh Chos 'khor
1:00 – 1:15	Dr. D. Dayalan	Chairperson's remarks

LUNCH BREAK – 01:15 pm to 02:15 pm (IST)

Session III

Chairperson: Dr. Phanikanta Mishra

Former Regional Director, Archaeological Survey of India, Bhopal

Session Coordinator: Dr. Lata Deokar

Time: 02:15 pm to 05:15 pm (IST)

Time	Name of the Speaker	Title of paper
2:15 – 2:45	Dr. Shanker Sharma Assistant Superintending Archaeologist, Archaeological Museum Nalanda, Archaeological Survey of India, Nalanda	Structural Morphology of Mahabodhi Temple (Bodhgaya) in the light of new discovery
2:45 – 3:15	Dr. Garima Kaushik Assistant Superintending Archaeologist, Archaeological Survey of India, Dharohar Bhawan, New Delhi	Adi Badri: A little known Tantric Buddhist site of North India
3:15 – 3:45	Dr. Manish Rai Assistant Superintending Archaeologist, Archaeological Survey of India, Regional Director's Office, Mumbai	Revisiting the Buddhist Archaeological Setting at Sopara, Maharashtra

TEA BREAK – 03:45 pm to 04:00 pm (IST)

Session Coordinator: Dr. Snehal Kondhalkar

Time	Name of the Speaker	Title of paper
4:00 – 4:30	Dr. Shrikant Ganvir Assistant Professor, Department of A.I.H.C. & Archaeology, Deccan College, Deemed to be University, Pune	Revisiting the Buddhist Monastic Site at Nelakondapalli, Telangana
4:30 – 5:00	Dr. Saurabh Singh Former UGC Research Fellow, Department of A.I.H.C. & Archaeology, Deccan College, Deemed to be University, Pune	Buddhist Archaeological Remains at Sirpur, Chhattisgarh
5:00 – 5:15	Dr. Phanikanta Mishra	Chairperson’s remarks

TEA BREAK – 05:15 pm to 05:30 pm (IST)

Session IV – Special Lecture

Time: 05:30 pm to 06:15 pm (IST)

Name of the Speaker	Title of paper
Dr. Abhishek S. Amar Associate Professor of Asian Studies, Hamilton College, Clinton, New York, USA	Archaeological Investigations at and around Bodhgaya

DAY 3

Session I - Special Lecture

Time: 9:30 am to 10:15 am

Name of the Speaker	Title of paper
Prof. Pia Brancaccio Professor, Art History, Drexel University, USA	Indian Buddhism and Maritime & Long distance Trade: Recent Studies

Session II

Chairperson: Prof. Anand Singh

Professor, School of Buddhist Studies, Philosophy and Comparative Religions, Nalanda
University, Rajgir, Bihar

Session Coordinator: Mr. Deepak Gaikwad

Time: 10:15 am to 01:15 pm (IST)

Time	Name of the Speaker	Title of paper
10:15 – 10:45	Dr. Sunil Kumar Patnaik Director (Research), Odishan Institute of Maritime and South East Asian Studies, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar	Aragarh: An Excavated Early Historic Buddhist Site
10:45 – 11:15	Dr. K. Munirathnam Reddy Superintending Archaeologist (Epigraphy), Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Institute of Archaeology, Archaeological Survey of India, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh	New Buddhist Inscriptions of the Deccan region

TEA BREAK – 11:15 am to 11:30 am (IST)

Session Coordinator: Dr. Nidhi Wader

Time	Name of the Speaker	Title of paper
11:30 – 12:00	Dr. Sunil Kumar Patnaik Director (Research), Odishan Institute of Maritime and South East Asian Studies, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar	Langudi: An Early Historic Buddhist Site of Eastern India
12:00 – 12:30	Dr. Sushma Trivedi Professor, Department of History, Navayug PG College, University of Lucknow, Lucknow	Kesariya Stupa: Reflections on the Enigma of Inspiration, Linkages and Character
12:30 – 01:00	Rahul Maurya UGC Senior Research Fellow, Department of History, University of Delhi, Delhi	Buddhist Rock-cut Sculptures at Deogarh, Uttar Pradesh
01:00 – 01:15	Prof. Anand Singh	Chairperson's remarks

LUNCH BREAK – 01:15 pm to 02:15 pm (IST)

Session III

Chairperson: Dr. Sunil Kumar Patnaik

Director (Research), Odishan Institute of Maritime and South East Asian Studies,
Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar

Session Coordinator: Mr. Maheshwarsingh Negi

Time: 02:15 pm to 03:00 pm (IST)

Time	Name of the Speaker	Title of paper
2:15 – 2:45	P. Nagaraju Deputy Director (Museums) Department of Heritage Telangana, Government of Telangana, Hyderabad and Dr. Shrikant Ganvir Assistant Professor, Department of A.I.H.C. & Archaeology, Deccan College, Deemed to be University, Pune	Phanigiri: Unearthing the history of Buddhism in Telangana
2:45 – 3:00	Dr. Sunil Kumar Patnaik	Chairperson's remarks

TEA BREAK – 03:00 pm to 03:15 pm (IST)

Session IV – Valedictory Session

Session Coordinator: Ms. Truptirani Tayade

Time: 03:15 pm to 05:00 pm (IST)

Valedictory Address: Prof. Alok Parasher Sen

Professor Emerita, Department of Sanskrit Studies and
Former Professor, Department of History,
University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad

Chief Guest: Prof. Gamini Ranasinghe

Director General, Central Cultural Fund, Government of Sri Lanka, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Guest of Honour: Prof. Li Ling

Professor, Institute of Taosim and Religious Culture, Sichuan University, China