

SESSION – VIII**11.03.2023** **15.40 - 17.40 hrs**Chairperson : **Shrinivas Padigar**

Manikpatana: An ancient port site in Odisha, India

R.K. Mohanty

இரண்டாம் வரகுணபாண்டியனின் தமிழ்,

வட்டெழுத்துக் கல்வெட்டுகள், வெ. வேதாசலம்

Scientific studies in Pattaraiperumpudur excavation

K. Sridaran

Animal – Based subsistence strategies at Gottiprolu, a southern, Satavahana outpost in Andhra Pradesh's SPSR Nellore district

Pankaj GoyalExcavations carried on at Valasai, Gudiyatham, Tamil Nadu and their relevance in the Archaeological investigations of south India, **J. Soundararajan**

Social and economic characteristics on megalithic communities in Vidarbha,

Shantanu Vaidya**SESSION – IX****11.03.2023** **17.40 - 18.40 hrs**Chairperson : **Rabi Mohanty**

Excavations at Mayiladumparai

K. Sakthivel, B. Asaithambi, S. Paranthaman, R. Venkataguruprasanna

Excavations at Perumbalai (2022), Tamil Nadu

S. Paranthaman R. Venkataguruprasanna

Excavations at Gangaikondacholapuram

S. Nandhakumar, K. Bakialakshmi, S.M. Umayal,**S. Subalakshmi**

Excavations at Thulukkarpatti

K. Vasanthakumar, T. Kaleeswaran**SESSION – X****12.03.2023** **9.30 - 10.50 hrs**Chairperson : **Veena Mushrif-Tripathy**

Early maritime exchange between south India and Asia-mid-first millennium BCE- mid-first millennium CE

HDR Bérénice Bellina-Pryce

Recent Archaeological investigations in lower Palar river:

Socio-cultural developments

S. Rama Krishna Pisipaty

Architecture of Southern India and Roof-tiles of the Historical period

V. Selvakumar

Recent epigraphical discoveries in Pandyanadu - Synopsis

C. Santhalingam (Online)**SESSION – XI****12.03.2023** **11.00 - 13.00 hrs**Chairperson : **Berenice Bellina Pryce**

From Excavations to Experimental Archaeology:

New Dimensions in the Prehistory of Tamil Nadu

Shanti Pappu

Excavations at Sendrayanpalayam, Tamil Nadu:

New perspectives on Lower Palaeolithic

Kumar Akhileshதமிழகக் காசுகள் (அண்மைக்காலக் கண்டுபிடிப்புகள்)
ஆறுமுக சீதாராமன்

Indus signs for gold , Gold-measuring unit, And treasury Shows that Indus inscriptions encoded names of taxed commodities and tax-collecting entities Bahata Ansumali

Mukhopadhyay

Architectural Tradition of Tamil Nadu:

Distinctions and recent trends, **T. Satyamurthy**

3D Geometric morphometrics in the analysis of stone

artefacts: Case studies from experimental and

archaeological sites in Tamil Nadu, **Prachi Joshi****SESSION – XII****12.03.2023** **14.30 - 15.30 hrs**Chairperson : **T. Satyamurthy**

Reinvestigations into the Neolithic of Tamil Nadu, India:

Perspectives on Celt Manufacturing Strategies

Kumar Akhilesh, Sutonuka Bhattacharya, Prachi Joshi,**S. Paranthaman, R. Sivanantham, K. Bakialakshmi,****K. Rajan, Shanti Pappu**

Alienated depiction of elements in Indian rock art -

An indirect reference to Human Migration

Jinu Koshy

தமிழகக் கல்வெட்டியலில் எண்களும் குறியீடுகளும்

S. Rajagopal**SESSION – XIII****12.03.2023** **15.40 - 17.00 hrs**Chairperson : **Shanti Pappu**

Braiding Traditional Knowledge and Scientific Practice

Claire Smith (Online)

Early Trade and Trade Routes in the East Coast:

South - East Indian Perspective

Sunil Kumar PatnaikMaritime archaeological studies along the Tamil Nadu coast: An overview, **Sila Tripati**

Human skeletal studies on partial collection from Kondagai site, Tamil Nadu: it's future and scope

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Padmasri Iravatham Mahadevan (Born on 2nd October 1930) was one of the illustrious son of India. He was a world accomplished researcher and made a remarkable contribution to the study of Indus script and Early Tamil Epigraphy. Mahadevan entered into the Indian Administrative Service in 1953 and served as an Assistant Collector in Coimbatore district and Sub-Collector at Pollachi. In 1958, Mahadevan became Assistant Financial Advisor in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry serving from 1958 to 1961. In 1962, Mahadevan was posted back to Madras as Deputy Secretary in Government of Tamil Nadu's Industries Department and served as Director of Handlooms and Textiles Department from 1962 to 1966. His thrust towards basic research made him to seek retirement voluntarily from civil service in 1980 and since then devoted his entire life covering more than four decades for research in documenting, analysing and publishing invaluable works on Early Tamil Epigraphy and Indus script.

Padma Sri Iravatham Mahadevan is considered as a proponent and pioneer in bringing out publications in the chosen areas. Mahadevan turned his interest to the decipherment of the Indus script, for which he was awarded the Jawaharlal Nehru Fellowship in 1970. The publication of *The Indus Script: Texts, Concordance and Tables* (1977) is considered as one of the primary source books for academic community. Mahadevan turned his attention towards Tamil-Brahmi in 1991 as a recipient of National Fellowship from the Indian Council of Historical Research in 1992 though he made preliminary attempt as early as 1966. The *Corpus of Tamil Brahmi Inscriptions* (1966) and *Early Tamil Epigraphy: From the earliest times to the sixth century AD* (2003) are considered as *magnus opus* in the field of Tamil Epigraphy. His articles and books stand as *Magna Carta* for many. His love towards Indus script never diminished and he established the Indus Research Centre at the Roja Muthiah Research Library in Chennai as a viable platform to promote research on Indus script. He devoted his entire life, energy and economic resource to the chosen field. The devotion brought him laurels. He adorned the dais of Indian History Congress as a General President in 2001 and the Government of India awarded the Padmasri in 2009.

The Tamil Nadu State Department of Archaeology took a pride in organizing the International Seminar in commemoration of *Padmasri Iravatham Mahadevan's* contribution to Tamil language and society. In March 2022, the first International Seminar was conducted and the 2nd International Seminar is being conducted on 10th, 11th & 12th of March 2023 on the topic *Recent Advances in Archaeological Investigations of South India* to bring the researchers on a common platform to exchange their views on recent developments that had taken place in the field of south Indian archaeology.

SESSION – I

10.03.2023 12.00 - 13.00 hrs

Chairperson : **Anura Manatunga**

Evidence of Millet Agriculture in the Southern Neolithic of India: with special reference to Karnataka region, **Ravi Korisetar**

Sengalur excavation- a new approach in probing the megalithic monument, **D. Dayalan**

The 'whispering' of Tamili (Tamil - Brahmi) inscriptions: Can historical linguistics allow for a descriptive and empirical analysis of Pulimankompai, **Appasamy Murugaiyan**

SESSION – II

10.03.2023 14.30 - 15.30 hrs

Chairperson : **RM Pitchappan**

An attempt to understand the typologies of megalithic burials through Sangam literature, **Marxiagandhi N**

Stone Age to Metal Age: Societal Transformation during 3000 – 200 BCE in South India, **K.P. Rao**

Recent advances in the landscape archaeology of Karnataka **Arjun R**

SESSION – III

10.03.2023 15.40- 16.40 hrs

Chairperson : **D Dayalan**

Temple organisation and patronising communities of the Saiva temples of the ancient Paluvar (9th to 11th centuries), **Valérie Gillet (Online)**

Dravidian evolution – known and unknown

RM. Pitchappan

Links between south India and peninsular Thailand-Myanmar through Indian-related ceramics,

Coline Lefrancq (Online)

SESSION – IV

10.03.2023 16.40 - 18.10 hrs

Chairperson : **Ravi Korisetar**

Keeladi and its Cluster Sites Excavations Season-8/2022 (Keeladi, Agaram and Kondagai)

R. Sivanantham, M.Ramesh, R. Ajay Kumar, R.Kaviya, M.Suresh

Excavations at settlement site of Adichanallur (2019-20 and 2020-21)

J. Baskar, P.G. Loganathan, K. Vasanthakumar, G. Harigopalakrishan, A. Sai Priya

Excavations at Sivagalai

M. Prabhakaran, K. Victor Ganaraj, R. Barathkumar
Kodumanal Excavations (2019 – 2021)

J. Ranjith, S. Nandhakumar, K. Suresh

Excavation at Vembakottai (2021-2022)

P. Baskar, R. Barathkumar

Archaeological Excavation at Korkai

T. Thangadurai, B. Asaithambi, T. Kaleeswaran

SESSION – V

11.03.2023 9.30 - 10.50 hrs

Chairperson: **Appasamy Murugaiyan**

Archaeological excavation at vadakkupattu, District, Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu (season I), **M. Kalimuthu**

Polonnaruva – The Chola capital city of Sri Lanka **Anura Manatunga**

The Nature and Importance of Madras School of Orientalism, **K. Paddayya (Online)**

Looking for early Tamil Nadu artistic elements in the Deccan **Shrinivas V. Padigar**

SESSION – VI

11.03.2023 11.00 - 13.00 hrs

Chairperson: **K.P. Rao**

Population Genetics, Ancient DNA and the Prehistory of the Indian Subcontinent: A Reappraisal after half-a-decade

Tony Joseph (Online)

Recent Research at Adichanallur with special reference usage of Technology (i.e remote sensing and GIS applications)

Arun Raj T, Yathees Kumar, Muthu Kumar

South Indian iron: An antiquity and metallurgical study

Alok Kumar Kanungo & Amit Arora (Online)

The archaeological landscape of Siruthavoor and Amoor **Smriti Haricharan**

Utilization of animal resources in ancient Tamil Nadu :

Preliminary observations from recent faunal studies

Arati Deshpande-Mukherjee, Tarannum Caur Sodhi

Muciri Pattinam: An epicentre of Tamil classical culture (500 BCE-500 CE), **PJ Cherian and Deepak Padmanabhan**

SESSION – VII

11.03.2023 14.30 - 15.40 hrs

Chairperson : **Alok Kumar Kanungo**

Scientific challenges and opportunities in dating urns of Sivagalai using luminescence dating method,

P. Morthekai (Online)

Early forged Bronze and High-tin Bronze from Tamil Nadu and India, **Sharada Srinivasan**

Exploring the Genomics, Proteomics and Organic Molecules of the excavations from Tamil Nadu

G. Kumaresan (Online)