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Discovery of Mohenjo Daro mark the 100 years in 2022

About Mohenjo-daro

- Mohenjo-daro, which means '**mound of the dead**', was one of the oldest cities of the world. Known to be a **model planned city** of the ancient civilisation, the houses here had bathrooms, toilets and drainage system.
- **It comprises the remnants of one of two main centres of the ancient Indus Valley Civilisation, the other one being Harappa, located 640 km to the northwest, in Punjab province.**
- It was discovered by archeologists **Rakhaldas Banerji and Sir John Marshall.**
- Its excavations revealed findings like the Great Bath, Great Granary, a large assembly hall, temple-like structure, the **seal of Pashupati** and a **bust of a bearded man.**
- It is the most glaring example of town planning in the Harappan civilization.
- Mohenjo-Daro has shown an **extensive usage of bricks.**
- A piece of woven cotton along with spindle whorls and needles has been found.
- A **bronze figurine of a dancing girl** has been found.
- A seal representing the **Mother Goddess a plant** growing from her womb has been found.
- A seal with a picture suggesting **Pashupati Mahadev** has been found at Mohenjo-Daro.
- The site **went to Pakistan during Partition.**

Other Indus Valley sites

- The Indus Valley Civilisation spanned much of what is now Pakistan and the northern states of India (Gujarat, Haryana and Rajasthan), even extending towards the Iranian border.
- Its major urban centers included **Harappa and Mohenjo-daro in Pakistan, and Lothal, Kalibangan, Dholavira and Rakhigarhi in India.**

Important Sites of IVC

Site	Excavated by	Location	Important Findings
Harappa	Daya Ram Sahni in 1921	Bank of river Ravi in Montgomery district of Punjab (Pakistan)	Sandstone statues of Human anatomy Granaries Bullock carts
Mohenjo-Daro (Mound of Dead)	R.D. Banerjee in 1922	Bank of river Indus in Larkana district of Punjab (Pakistan)	Great bath Granary Bronze dancing girl Seal of Pasupathi Steatite statue of beard man A piece of woven cotton
Sutkagendor	Stein in 1929	In southwestern Balochistan province, Pakistan on Dast river	A trade point between Harappa and Babylon
Chanhudaro	N.G. Majumdar in 1931	Sindh on the Indus river	Bead makers shop Footprint of a dog chasing a cat

Amri	N.G. Majumdar in 1935	On the bank of Indus river	Antelope evidence
Kalibangan	Ghose in 1953	Rajasthan on the bank of Ghaggar river	Fire altar Camel's bones Wooden plough
Lothal	R. Rao in 1953	Gujarat on Bhogva river near Gulf of Cambay	First manmade port Dockyard Rice husk Fire altars Chess-playing
Surkotada	J.P. Joshi in 1964	Gujarat	Bones of horses Beads
Banawali	R.S. Bisht in 1974	Hisar district of Haryana	Beads Barley Evidence of both pre-Harappan and Harappan culture

Dholavira	R.S Bisht in 1985	Gujarat in Rann of Kachchh	Water harnessing system Water reservoir
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