

ANCIENT MOUND, BALU, KAITHAL

Ancient Mound Balu circa 2300-1700 B.C.

Site

The ancient mound is located about 2 km north of the village Balu in Kaithal District of Haryana state. The mound is approached by canal road near a village Deban on the Kaithal- Jind highway. The ancient site of Balu was explored by Prof. Suraj Bhan and Shri Jim Shafer in 1977. In 1979, excavation work started by Kurukshetra University, revealed a sequence of three cultures- pre-Harappan, Harappan and post-Harappan.

The excavations revealed about 4.50 m thick deposit of Harappan cultural sequences.

The post-Harappan settlement was seen long after desertion of the Harappan settlement. Extensive erosion was visible on the site. The post-Harappan culture is distinguished by the characteristic Bara ware, mud or mud brick structures, kilns and furnaces, faience beads, bangles and objects of copper, etc.

Nine kilns or furnaces were exposed in the post- Harappan levels during the excavations since 1979.

