

ANCIENT SITE OF BHIRRANA, FATEHABAD

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Site

Bhirrana or Birhana is the oldest Indus Valley Civilization site, dating back to 7570- 6200 BCE. The excavation has yielded a three-fold cultural sequence known as Pre-Early Harappan, Early Harappan and Mature Harappan period. Hakra ware culture was seen during excavation season for the first time at this site. The antiquities recovered from various excavation seasons and habitation layers, included copper objects such as chisels, celts, arrow heads, spear heads; beads of steatite, faience, terracotta and shell, bangles of copper and terracotta; semi-precious stones and beads etc. Shell and bone objects were also unearthed apart from various terracotta objects. The cultural assemblage include pottery shapes and fabrics in red ware, chocolate-slipped ware, grey ware, buff-ware, mud-applique wares etc. Charred grains of wheat and barley are also found from the deposits. A female dancing girl engraved on a potsherd as graffiti is one of the unique finds from the site. Terracotta wheels with painted spokes are also a significant finding. Multi roomed houses were exposed at this site.

