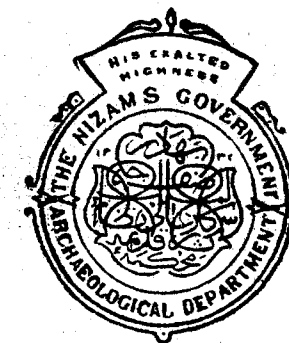


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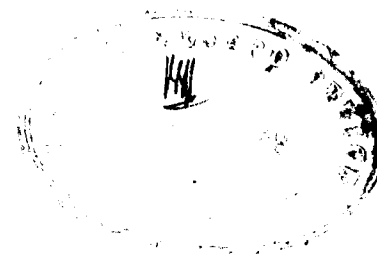


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in the Judicial, Police, and General Departments (Archæological)*

D.O. No. 89 Miscellaneous

DATED, HYDERABAD-DECCAN { 11th BAIHMAN, 1347 F.
14th DECEMBER, 1937 A.C.

SUBJECT

**Review of the Report on the working of the Archæological Department
for the year 1345 Fasli (1935-36 A.C.)**

Personnel.—There was no change in the personnel of the department during the year under review.

His Majesty the King-Emperor was graciously pleased to confer the title of O.B.E., on the Director, Mr. Ghulam Yazdani, in recognition of meritorious services rendered by him in the preservation and study of the monuments of His Exalted Highness the Nizam's Dominions.

Survey of Monuments.—Two important surveys were carried out this year in the Raichūr district and some prehistoric sites were excavated. Detailed reports of the excavations and the antiquities they yielded, are appended at the end of the report. Another interesting article on this subject is a paper (attached as appendix D) prepared by one of the Assistant Directors and read at the International Congress of Prehistoric and Protohistoric Sciences held at Oslo (Norway).

A group of important monuments surveyed in the same district comprises about a dozen temples of Gabbūr where several contemporary inscriptions were found. The conservation of the more important buildings of this group is

scale at Bidar, where a number of archæological monuments have been recently cleared and are being preserved by timely and scientific repairs.

Epigraphy and Publications.—A number of inscriptions dating from the Pre-Moslem period and others belonging to the Moslem medieval dynasties have been brought to light and are being properly edited and published. Some other publications by the Department are mentioned in the report under review. It is to be hoped that the book on Bidar that was promised some years ago will soon be completed and made available to the public.

Expenditure.—The total expenditure on the maintenance of the Department for the year under review was Rs. 94,671, marking a slight increase on last year's total of Rs. 93,218, while Rs. 65,255 and 16,898 were spent on the conservation of monuments and the maintenance of the Hyderabad Museum respectively.

Government are pleased to note the progress and efficient working of the Department under its able Director, Mr. Ghulam Yazdani, and his competent assistants.

(By Order)
(Sd.) AZHAR HUSAIN,
*Offg. Secretary to Government,
Judicial, Police and General Departments.*

Copy forwarded to :—

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- (2) The Secretary to His Excellency the President of the Executive Council.
- (3) The Secretary to Government, Political Department.
- (4) The Secretary to Government, Financial Department.
- (5) The Secretary to Government Public Works Department.
- (6) The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
- (7) The Director, Archæological Department.
- (8) The Superintendent, Government Press, for publication in the *Jarida*.

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FROM

GHULAM YAZDANI, ESQ., M.A., O.B.E.,
*Director, Archæological Department,
His Exalted Highness the Nizam's Dominions,
Hyderabad-Deccan.*

TO

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
*Judicial, Police, and General (Archæological) Departments,
Hyderabad-Deccan.*

Dated, Hyderabad-Deccan, the 6th November, 1937.

SIR,

I have the honour to send herewith two copies of the *Annual Report* of the Department for the year 1345 F.

I regret very much the unavoidable delay in submitting the Report, necessitated by myself as well as my staff being out on tour during the latter half of the year.

I have the honour to be,
SIR,
Your most obedient servant,
GHULAM YAZDANI,
Director of Archæology.

Annual Report of the Archæological Department, Hyderabad

for the year

1345 F. (1935-36 A.C.)

There was no change in the personnel of the Department during the year **Personnel** under review. The Director, Mr. G. Yazdani, owing to pressure of official duties could not devote himself to the compilation of the various publications for which he had requested Government to place him on Special Duty. Towards the close of the year he proceeded on privilege leave for four months (16th Mīhr, 1345 F. to 1st Baiḥman, 1346 F.) and during his absence the Assistant Director, Mr. Syed Yusuf, officiated for him.

It is gratifying to note here that on the Ex-King Emperor's last Birthday (23rd June, 1936), His Imperial Majesty was graciously pleased to confer the title of O.B.E. on the Director, Mr. G. Yazdani, in appreciation of his talents as an archæologist and in due recognition of the meritorious services rendered by him in the preservation and study of the monuments of H.E.H. the Nizam's Dominions.

The Director toured in the Warangal, Raichur, Bidar, Aurangabād and **Tours** Nalgonda Districts for 42 days and the Assistant Directors, Mr. Syed Yusuf and Khwaja Muhammad Ahmad toured in the Warangal, Bidar, Gulbarga, Medak and Karīmṇagar Districts for 15 and 80 days respectively. The object of these tours was to survey the newly discovered monuments and also to supervise the excavation and conservation works which were being carried out in these districts. The details of the tours of the Director and the Assistant Directors are given in their diaries published in this report as Appendices F, G and H.

Several new monuments of considerable archæological importance were sur- **Survey of**
veyed during the year in the Raichūr, Gulbarga, Nalgonda, Bidar, Aurangabād, **Monuments**
Medak and Karīmṇagar Districts. But the most interesting and by far the most important discoveries made during the year were the prehistoric sites explored and surveyed by the Department in the western *talukas* of the Raichūr district. The names of the sites together with the *talukas* are given below :—

<i>Name of site</i>	<i>Name of Taluqa</i>	<i>Name of site</i>	<i>Name of Taluqa</i>
Alisindhī Hill	Deodurg	Anandgal	Manwī
Sirwār	„	Hālapūr	„
Benkāl	Gangawati	Kotegal	„

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APPENDIX H

Diary of the Curator, Hyderabad Museum, for the year 1345 F. (1935-36 A.C.)

Month	Date	Place
1345 F. (1935-36 A.C.)		
<i>Ādhur</i> (October)	1st to 10th (7th to 16th)	Duty at headquarters
"	11th (17th)	Tour to Surayyapet, Pillalmari and Uppalpahad
<i>Ādhur to Dai</i> (October to November)	12th <i>Ādhur</i> to 4th <i>Dai</i> .. (18th October to 9th November)	Duty at headquarters
<i>Dai</i> (November)	5th to 9th (10th to 14th)	Tour to Warangal
"	10th to 17th (15th to 22nd)	Duty at headquarters
"	18th (23rd)	Tour to Nalgonda and Pāngal
"	19th to 23rd (24th to 28th)	Duty at headquarters
<i>Dai to Baihman</i> (November to December)	24th <i>Dai</i> to 25th <i>Baihman</i> .. (29th November to 29th December)	Tour in the Raichūr District
<i>Baihman to Isfandār</i> (December to January)	26th <i>Baihman</i> to 1st <i>Isfandār</i> .. (30th December to 4th January)	Tour to Mysore for attending the All India Oriental Conference and the Annual Meeting of the Numismatic Society of India
<i>Isfandār</i> (January)	2nd to 5th (5th to 8th)	Duty at headquarters
<i>Isfandār to Farwardān</i> (January to February)	6th <i>Isfandār</i> to 5th <i>Farwardān</i> .. (9th January to 7th February)	Tour in the Raichūr District
<i>Farwardān to Khurdād</i> (February to April)	6th <i>Farwardān</i> to 3rd <i>Khurdād</i> .. (8th February to 7th April)	Duty at headquarters
<i>Khurdād</i> (April)	4th to 7th (8th to 11th)	Tour to Bombay and Aurangabād
<i>Khurdād to Amurdād</i> (April to June)	8th <i>Khurdād</i> to 6th <i>Amurdād</i> .. (12th April to 11th June)	Duty at headquarters
<i>Amurdād</i> (June to July)	7th to 26th (12th June to 1st July)	Visit to London for attending the International Congress of Numismatists
<i>Amurdād to Shāhriwar</i> (July)	27th <i>Amurdād</i> to 10th <i>Shāhriwar</i> .. (2nd to 16th)	Visit to Oslo for attending the International Congress of Prehistoric and Protohistoric Sciences
<i>Shāhriwar to Ābān</i> (July to September)	11th <i>Shāhriwar</i> to 24th <i>Ābān</i> .. (17th July to 29th September)	Tour in Europe for visiting important Museums

APPENDIX H—contd.

Month	Date	Place
<i>Ābān</i> (September to October)	25th to 28th (30th September to 3rd October)	Duty at headquarters
<i>Ābān</i> (October)	29th to 30th ..	

APPENDIX T

Statement of expenditure on the Hyderabad Museum during the year 1345 F. (1935-36 A.C.)

				Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.	
Salaries :—										
Curator (300—20—500)	..	..	..	4,800	0	0				
Establishment	..	..	..	6,576	0	0				
Temporary Establishment	..	..	..	1,800	0	0				
							13,176	0	0	
Contingencies :—										
Fixed Contingencies	..	..	..	1,098	2	0				
Extra Contingencies :—										
Livery of peons	..	..	..	166	0	7				
Purchase of books	..	..	..	42	9	4				
Furniture	..	..	..	560	10	0				
Electricity	..	..	..	88	11	6				
Water tax	..	..	..	27	0	0				
							1,983	1	5	
Purchase of exhibits	..	..	..	1,262	3	4				
Preservation of exhibits	..	..	..	477	5	4				
							1,739	8	8	
GRAND TOTAL							O.S.	16,898	10	1
							(B.G.)	14,484	8	8

APPENDIX U

List of articles found during the excavations at Maski and the survey of Pre-historic Sites in

ILLUSTRATIONS



(a) EXCAVATIONS OF THE NATURAL CAVERNS, NEAR THE ASOKAN EDICT: MASKĪ, RAICHUR DISTRICT



(b) EXCAVATIONS IN SULTĀN MUḤAMMAD'S FIELD: MASKĪ



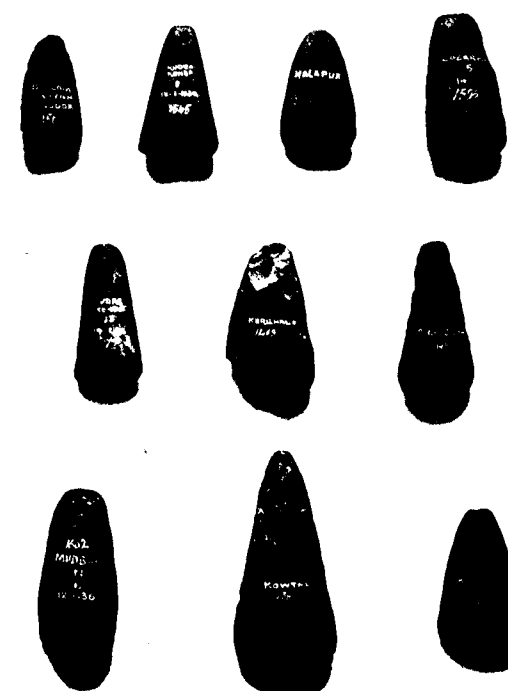
(a) SIFTING THE EARTH FOR MINOR ANTIQUITIES: MASKĪ EXCAVATIONS



(b) A FUNERARY URN: MASKĪ EXCAVATIONS



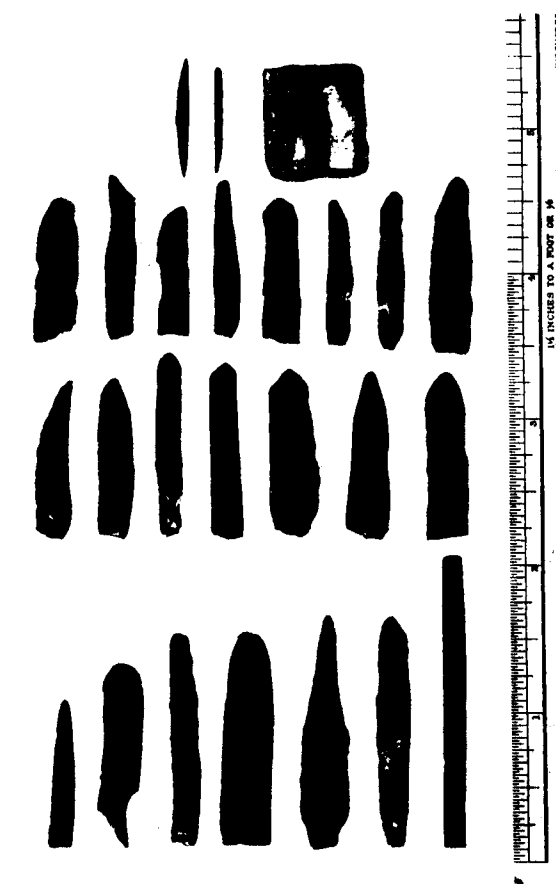
(a) STONE IMPLEMENTS FROM PREHISTORIC SITES:
RAICHUR DISTRICT



(b) ANOTHER SET



(c) ANOTHER SET



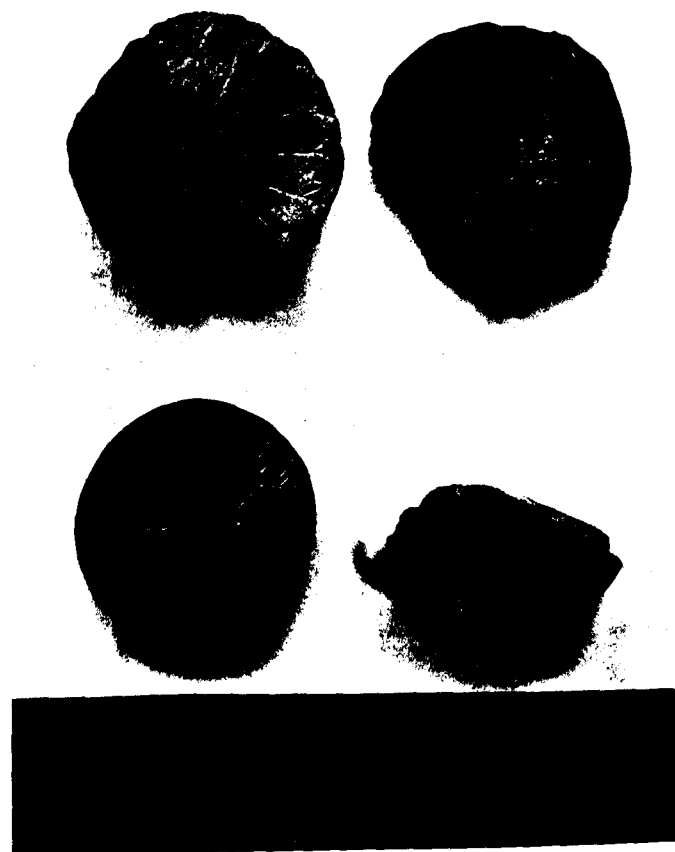
(d) FLINT NEEDLES AND SCRAPERS: MASKI EXCAVATIONS



(a) FRAGMENTS OF PAINTED POTTERY: MASKI EXCAVATIONS



(b) TERRACOTTA FIGURINES: MASKI EXCAVATIONS



(a) TERRACOTTA DISCS: MASKĪ EXCAVATIONS



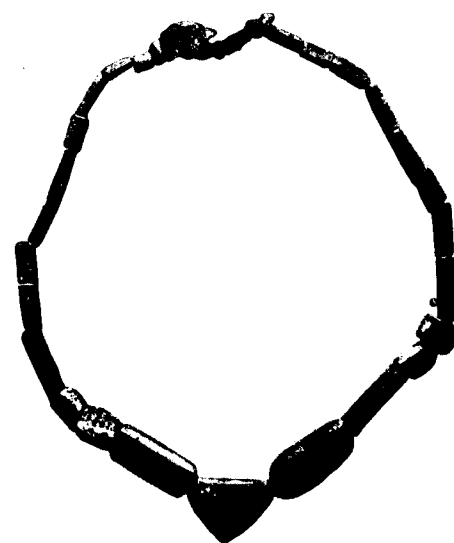
(b) FRAGMENT OF A CARVED UTENSIL



(c) A TERRACOTTA FIGURINE, (HORSE?):
MASKĪ EXCAVATIONS



(d) A SEAL: MASKĪ EXCAVATIONS



(a) LAPIS LAZULI BEADS: MASKĪ EXCAVATIONS



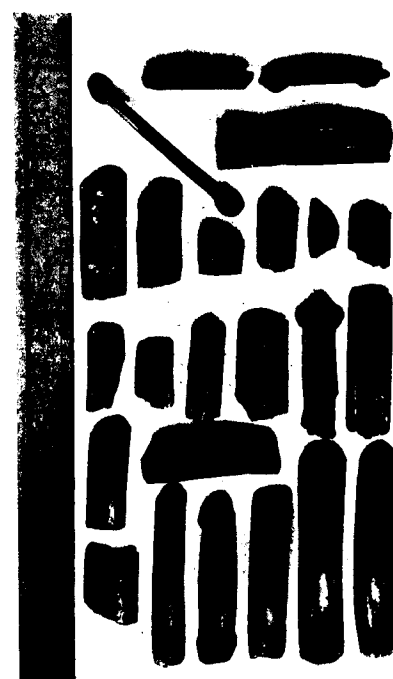
(d) CARNELIAN BEADS WITH INLAY
DESIGN: MASKĪ EXCAVATIONS



(e) CARNELIAN BEADS:
MASKĪ EXCAVATIONS



(b) STONE BEADS:
MASKĪ EXCAVATIONS



(c) PIECES OF GLASS BANGLES:
MASKĪ EXCAVATIONS



(f) CONCH BANGLES BEADS AND OTHER ORNAMENTS:
MASKĪ EXCAVATIONS



(a) DOLMENS IN BENKĀL FOREST: RAICHUR DISTRICT



(b) THE SAME: ANOTHER GROUP

