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STATEMENT REGARDING DISCOVERY OF NEW FACTS ETC.

This district of Ahmedabad, a political unit of the State of Gujarat was taken up for a systematic archaeological village to village survey for the first time.

Hence as a result of village to village survey of this district following discoveries of new facts are made:-

(1) It is for the first time that Ahmedabad district is surveyed in this way.

(2) Formerly only 15 archaeological sites were discovered. But now as a result of this project 69 sites belonging to various periods are discovered.

(3) The absence of palaeolithic tools indicates that this district was not inhabited by man during that period.

(4) Human habitation of the district started during microlithic period.

(5) The people of microlithic period were using geometrical tools like lunates, triangles, etc. and they lived along the river banks as well as on sand dunes.

(6) There was a gap between microlithic and Harappan culture.
(7) The extension of Harappan culture is traced further towards east and south of Lothal.

(8) Totally sixteen new Harappan sites belonging to late period are discovered.

(9) Some of these Harappan sites are quite extensive suggesting well settled villages or towns.

(10) Like their neighbours in the adjoining districts, the people of this culture also used painted as well plain red potteries. Dish-on-stand, bowls, dishes, etc. formed their main forms.

(11) The presence of microlithic blades and cores at these sites indicate chalcolithic nature of the culture.

(12) After the end of Chalcolithic Harappan culture there is a gap between this culture and the early historic culture of this region.

(13) The historical culture of this district has revealed twenty one sites, which can be dated at least from early centuries of Christian Era upto early historic period i.e. 1300 A.D.

(14) Totally ninety sculptures are found, out of which twenty one are Vaishnavas and eight are Saiva sculptures.

(15) Iconographically these sculptures are classified and studied.
(16) They give following forms and types:-

I) (A) Siva
   (1) Standing
   (2) Sitting

II) (B) Vishnu:
   (1) Standing
   (2) Sitting

(17) A complete cultural sequence based on archaeological data is established for the district for the first time.

(18) The detailed study of architectural remains like temples, tanks etc. is also presented.

(19) Aquatic structures like tanks of Viramgam and Dholka are studied in details.

(20) The overall study of the archaeological antiquities from Ahmedabad district has provided that:

Man lived in this region right from an microlithic period up to modern times, with short gaps between microlithic and Harappan culture and other gap between Harappan and early historic cultures.

(B) Even during historical period this district was rich as indicated by number of sites with temples, sculptures, etc.