

## EXPLORATION IN PURNA RIVER BASIN, AMARAVATI, MAHARASHTRA

SITE	GEO-CORDINATES	DISTRICT	TALUKA	NATURE OF REMAINS
Phubgaon	21°13'404"N, 77°39'175"E	Amravati	Chandurbazar	Chalcolithic to Early Historical
Kotgavandi	21° 11'611"N, 077° 37' 355"E	-do-	-do-	Medieval Period
Krishnapur	21° 14' 586" N, 77° 40' 762"E	-do-	-do-	Historical to Medieval Period
Kurul Purna	21 13' 771" N, 77° 40'558" E	-do-	-do-	Late Medieval Period
Udapur Maroti	21°13'912"N, 77°40'438" E	-do-	-do-	Late Medieval Period
Bahadarpur	21°10'110"N, 77°35'741" E	-do-	-do-	Historical to Late Medieval Period
Korambi	20°59'925"N, 77°24'258" E	-do-	Daryapur	Medieval Period
Narayanpur Devsthan	21°00'944"N, 77° 23'840"E	-do-	-do-	Medieval Period
Khirgavahan	21°01'058"N, 77°27'468" E	-do-	-do-	Historical to Medieval Period

The Purna river basin in Amravati district of Maharashtra has been attracting the attention of archaeologist since 1960s. The said area was explored by Shri. B.P. Bopardikar of the Prehistory Branch of the Survey. He surveyed the Purna river, falling within the Akola, Amravati and Jalgaon Districts, and discovered a number of early, middle and late stone age sites, besides a chalcolithic and several early historical ones. Later on in 1979-80 the Purna valley falling within Amravati district was also explored by department of Ancient, Indian, History, Culture and Archaeology, Nagpur University, Nagpur and brought to light Kholapur. Apart from this, the said river valley was also explored by Archaeological Survey of India under Bembla river project, Shahanoor river project and under the village-to-village survey programme. All these explorations brought to light lower Palaeolithic, Chalcolithic, early historical and late historical sites.

This office has undertaken Archaeological exploration/section scraping/trial digging in the Purna river basin, Maharashtra, which yielded eight medieval sites and one Chalcolithic site. The details of the sites explored are given below:





