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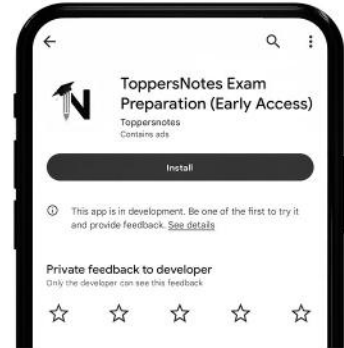
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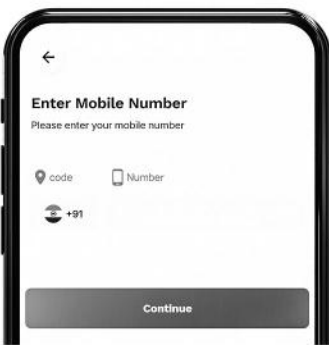
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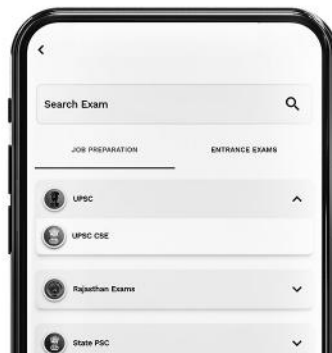
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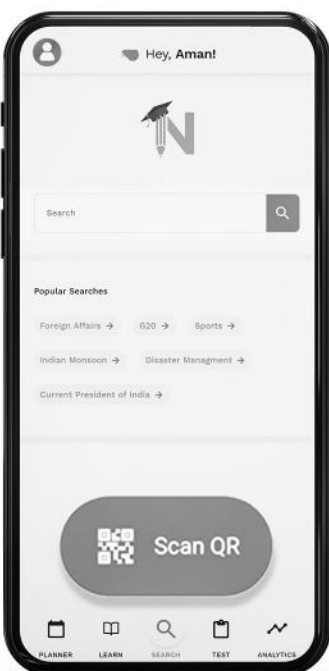
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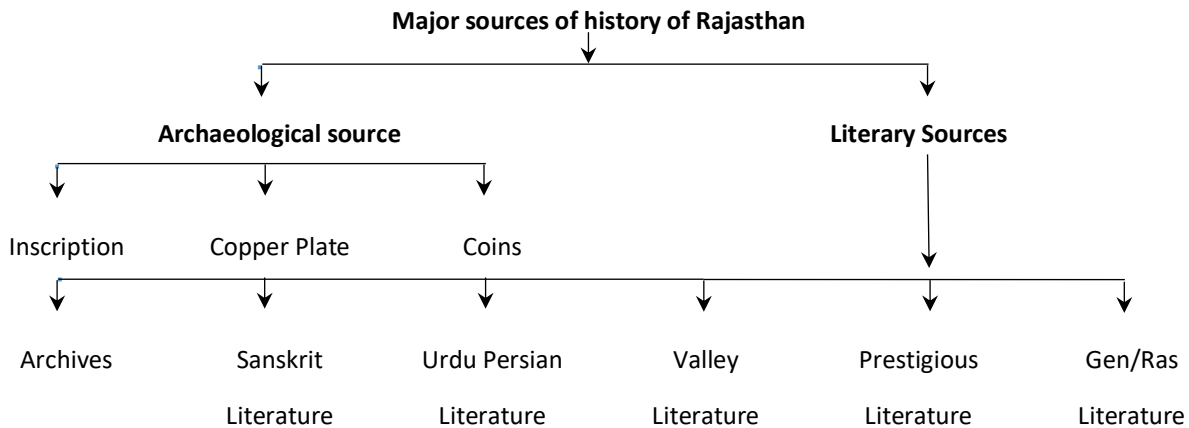


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# 1 Chapter

# Major sources of history of Rajasthan



- Father of History - Herodotus of Greece
  - He composed a book called Historica, 2500 years ago.
  - India was also mentioned in it.
- Father of Indian History - Ved Vyas
  - Composed Mahabharata
  - Ancient name of Mahabharata - Jai Samhita
- Father of Rajasthan History - Colonel James Todd.
  - He was a political agent of Mewar (Udaipur) province between 1818 and 1821.
  - Wrote the history of Rajasthan by roaming on a horse.
    - That is why he is also known as 'Ghode wale Baba'.
  - Annals and Antiquities of Rajasthan/ Central and Western Rajput State of India - Published in 1829 in London.
  - Gauri Shankar Hirachand Ojha (GH Ojha) - First Hindi translation.
  - Other Books - Travel in Western India
    - Published by his wife in 1837 after his death.

## Inscriptions

### Raisingh inscription

- Engraved in 1594 AD in Bikaner.
- By Jain sage Jaita.
- It describes the achievements of the rulers of Bikaner from Rao Bika to Rao Raisingh.
- According to this, the construction of Bikaner fort was completed by Rao Raisingh from 30 January 1589 -1594 by his minister Karamchand.

### Mandore inscription

- It was engraved in Jodhpur in 837 AD.
- This inscription is engraved in the praise of Gurjar King Bouka.
- In this, the genealogy of Gurjara-Pratiharas, worship of Vishnu and Shiva have been mentioned.

### Sachiya Mata inscription / Sacchika Mata Temple inscription

- It dates back to 1179 AD.
- Engraved in the temple of Sachiya Mata, Osian (Jodhpur).
- In this, Kalhana is described as the King and Kirtipal as the overlord of Mandavyapur.

### **Bijolia inscription**

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- In 1170 AD, it was engraved in Sanskrit on a large rock in the Parshvanath temple complex of Bijolia town.
- This inscription was established by Jain Shrivak Lolak and its author was Kayastha Keshav.
- Engraved by - Gunabhadra.
- In this, Sambhar and Ajmer Chauhans are described as Vatsgotriya Brahmins and their genealogy has been described.

### **Basantgarh inscription**

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- This inscription is located in Sirohi and dates back to 625 AD.
- It has been obtained from Kshemkari (Khimel) Mata temple of Basantgarh (Sirohi).
- Presently it is preserved in the Rajputana Museum of Ajmer.
- This inscription describes Rajjila, the feudal lord of Arbuda Desh King Varmalat and Rajjila's father, Vajbhata (Satyashraya).
- The earliest use of the word Rajasthan in this inscription as 'Rajasthaniyaditya'.

### **Chirwa Inscription**

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- It is dated to 1273 AD.
- On this, 51 verses in 36 lines have been written in Devanagari script and Sanskrit language.
- Mention of the achievements of Guhil dynasty ruler Bappa's descendants Padam Singh, Jaitra Singh, Tej Singh and Samar Singh.
- The presiding deity of Eklingji, the pioneer of Pashupat yogis, Shivarashi is also described.
- Composer - Ratnaprabhasuri
- Written by - Parshwachand.
- Shilpi Delhan completed the task of writing this article on the wall.

### **Aparajita Inscription**

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- Engraved on the wall of Kundeshwar temple near Nagde village in Udaipur district in 661 AD.
- Written by Damodar.
- Information about the history of Mewar in the 7th century.

### **Samoli Inscription (Udaipur)**

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- This inscription is dated to 646 AD.
- According to this, the temple of Aranyavasini Devi (Jawar Mata) was built by the chief of Mahajan community, Jentak Mahattar, who came from Vatnagar (Sirohi).
- Jentak Mahattar took fire samadhi at a Siddhasthan named 'Devbuk'.
- This inscription gives information about the mining industry of copper and zinc in Aranyagiri near Jawar.

### **Amer inscription**

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- This was instituted in 1612 AD.
- In this, the Kachwaha dynasty has been described as "Raghuvanshtilak".
- In this the names of Prithviraj and his son Bhagwantdas and his son Maharajadhiraj Mansih are mentioned.

### **Bhabru Inscription**

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- Two inscriptions of Ashoka Maurya have been found here: Bhabu inscription and Bairath inscription.
- It was discovered in 1837 by Captain Burt from "Bijak Hill".
- At present it is kept in the Calcutta Museum, due to which it is called the Calcutta-Bairath Lekh.
- This inscription proves that Ashoka was a follower of Buddhism.
- It was engraved by Maurya Emperor Ashok himself.

### **Ghosundi inscription**

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- Language - Sanskrit, Script - Brahmi |
  - First deciphered by DR Bhandarkar.
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- The oldest inscriptions related to Vaishnava or Bhagavata sect.
- Broken into many boulders.
- A large section is preserved in the Udaipur Museum.
- In this, there is a description of the Gaj dynasty's Sarvatat performing the Ashwamedha Yagya and building the boundary wall of the Vishnu temple.

### **Nagari inscription**

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- Period - 200-150 BC
- It has been engraved in Sanskrit language in Brahmi script.
- Its script is same as the one in Ghosundi's inscription.
- Ghosundi inscription + Nagari inscription = Twin inscriptions of Rajasthan.
- Presently located in Udaipur Museum of Rajasthan

### **Manmori inscription**

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- This inscription is related to the Maurya dynasty & was founded by Colonel James Tod from the banks of Lake Mansarovar near Chittor.
- Its is written by Pushya, the son of Nagabhatta and its engraver is Shivaditya, the grandson of Karun.
- The story of Amrit Manthan has been mentioned.
- It was thrown into the sea by Colonel James Tod on his way to England due to ship imbalance.
- In this, Bhima is described as the king of Avantipur.

### **Raj Prashasti (1676 AD)**

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- Engraved by - Ranchodbhatt Tailang
- It was engraved during the time of Maharana Raj Singh Sasodia.
- This is the world's largest inscription engraved on 25 black stones on 9 chauki ki pal in Rajsamand Lake.
- It contains the genealogy of the Guhils from Bapa Rawal to Rana Jagatsingh II.
- It describes the Mughal Mewar Treaty signed by Maharana Amar Singh.

### **Kumbhalgarh inscription (1460 AD)**

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- Found in Kumbhalgarh around 1460 AD.
- Engraved by - Kavi Mahesh
- It is engraved on 5 rocks located in Kumbhshyam temple located in Kumbhalgarh fort of Rajsamand district of Rajasthan.
- Language – Sanskrit; Script - Nagari.
- It describes the Guhil dynasty and their achievements.
- In this, Bapa Rawal has been described as Vipravanshiya.
- In it, there is a description of Hammir's victory over Chelawat and he has been called Vishmaghati Panchanan.

### **Kirtistambh prashsti**

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- Engraved by - Mahesh Bhatt
- Written by – Atri and Mahesh
- It is engraved is the praise of Rana Kumbha.
- A detailed biography of the Guhil dynasty from Bappa Rawal to Kumbha has been described.
- In this, Kumbha has been described as Maharajadhiraj, Abhinav Bharatacharya, Hindu Suratan, Rairayan, Rano Raso, Chhaguru, Danguru, Rajguru, Shailguru etc.
- It describes the defeat of the combined armies of Malwa and Gujarat by Kumbha.

### **Ranakpur inscription**

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- It was engraved in the Chaumukha temple of Ranakpur in 1439 AD.
  - Engraved by - Depak
  - Information about the dynasty of Mewar and Dharanak Seth.
  - There is a description of the victory of Kumbha.
  - Bappa and Kalbhoj are described as different persons.
  - Guhils are said to be the sons of Bappa Rawal.
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## Jagannatharai Inscription

- Engraved by - Krishnabhata
- Its script is Devanagari and language is Sanskrit.
- Description of Guhilas from Bapa Rawal to Jagatsingh Sisodia.
- It is located in the Jagannath Rai Temple of Udaipur.
- The battle of Haldighati fought during the time of Pratap has been mentioned.
- According to it, Maharana got the Mohan temple built in the pond of Pichola and got the Rupsagar pond constructed.

## Shringi Rishi inscription

- It was engraved in 1428 AD.
- This inscription dates to the time of Mokal.
- The construction of the pond by Mokal and his lineage have been described.
- Composer - Kaviraj Vani Vilara Yogeshwar
- Language - Sanskrit

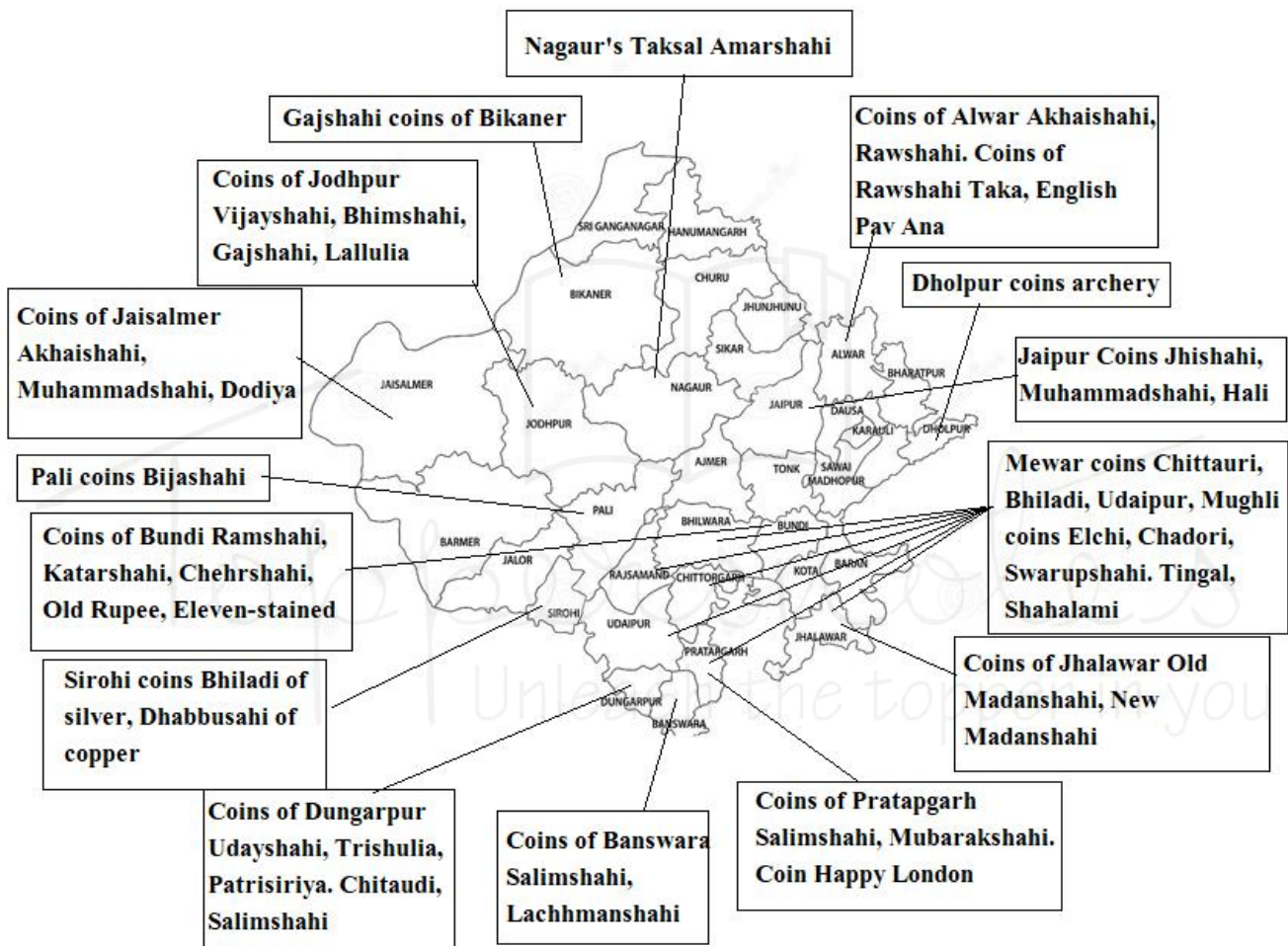
## Other inscriptions

Name	Place	Era	Description
Barli inscription	Ajmer	2nd century BC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The oldest inscription of Rajasthan</li> <li>• Brahmi script</li> </ul>
Nandsa yup pillar inscription	Bhilwara	225 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instituted by som</li> </ul>
Barwa Yup inscription	Kota	238-39 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The language is Sanskrit and the script is Brahmi.</li> <li>• The oldest and first inscription of the Maukhari kings.</li> <li>• Engraved on a yup (pillar).</li> </ul>
Bhramarmata inscription	Chittor	490 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Description of the rulers of Gauravsh and Aulikar dynasty</li> <li>• By - Brahmsom, son of Mitrasom</li> <li>• Writer - Poorva</li> </ul>
Kanswa inscription	Kota	738 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mention of the Maurya dynasty king Dhaval (probably the last Maurya ruler of Rajasthan)</li> </ul>
Pratapgarh inscription	Pratapgarh	946 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Description of the achievements of Gurjar Pratihar King Mahendrapal.</li> </ul>
Achaleshwar inscription	Abu		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Description of origin of man being from the fire altar.</li> <li>• Dhoomraj is described as the 'Mool Purush' of Paramaras.</li> </ul>
Luna Vasahi inscription	Abu - Delwara	1230 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Language - Sanskrit</li> <li>• It describes the dynasty of the Parmar rulers of Abu and Vastupal Tejpal.</li> </ul>
Neminath inscription	Abu	1230 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Composer - Someshvardev (Shubhchandra)</li> <li>• It was excavated by Sutradhar Chandeshwar.</li> </ul>
Rasiya ki chhatri inscription	Chittorgarh	1274 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Author - Ved Sharma, a Brahmin of Nagar caste, son of Priyapattu</li> <li>• Engraved by – Sutradhar Sajjan</li> <li>• In this, Guhil is described as the son of the Bapa.</li> </ul>
Second inscription of Machedi ki Bawli	Alwar	1458 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In this, there is a description of the authority of Bad Gurjar dynasty's Rajpaldev in Alwar.</li> </ul>
Barbath inscription	Bayana	1613-14 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In this, there is a great mention of the construction of a garden and a stepwell in Barbath by the wife of Akbar, Mariam-us-Zamani.</li> </ul>
Barnala yup Pillar Inscription	Jaipur	227 AD	
Chatsu inscription	Jaipur	813 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a description of Guhil dynasty's Bharatrabhatta and his descendants.</li> </ul>



Buchkala inscription	Jodhpur	815 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is mention of Nagabhatta Pratihara, son of Vatsaraj.</li> </ul>
Rajourgarh inscription	Alwar	960 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mathandev Pratihara</li> </ul>
Harsh inscription	Sikar	973 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mention of the lineage of Chauhans.</li> <li>• The mention of the construction of the Harshnath (Sikar) temple by Allat.</li> <li>• Vagad was called Vargat</li> </ul>
Dungarpur inscription	Dungarpur	1404 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engraved in Sanskrit language at Upargaon (Dungarpur).</li> <li>• Description of the history of the Vagad dynasties.</li> </ul>

## Coins



- Study of Coins - Numismatics
- Coin trade in Indian History, Indus Valley Civilization, and Vedic Civilization - Based on Barter system.
- First coin circulation - 2500 years ago
  - The coins were found in a fragmented state during excavation.
  - Special symbols on them- hence they are also called punch mark coins.
  - In square, rectangular, and circular form.
- Kautilya's Arthashastra – Coins known as Pana/Karshapan - Mostly of silver metal.
- First of all, the Chauhan dynasty of Rajasthan issued currencies.
  - Copper coins - Drumm and vishopaka
  - Silver coins - rupak
  - Gold coins - dinar
- Akbar issued the Elchi coins in Rajasthan.
  - Akbar had good relations with amer.
    - Therefore, permission was given to open a first mint there.

### Important facts

- In 1893, William Wilfrid Webb wrote a book titled "The Currency of the Hindu State of Rajputana" on the subject of coins of the princely states of the then Rajputana.
- The excavation of Raidh (Tonk) has yielded 3075 silver punchmark coins which are the oldest coins of India and the largest number of coins found from a single place.
  - These coins were called dharana or pana.
- Kushana period coins have been found from Rang mahal (Hanumangarh).
  - Kushana coins have been called Muranda and the first Kushan Kanishka coin has also been found from here.
- Many coins have also been found from Bairath civilization (Jaipur), out of which 16 coins belong to the famous Greek ruler Menander.
- Indo-Sasani coins have been identified by Indians by the name Gadhiya which is a silver coin and were made of copper of metal.
- The Swaroopshahi of Mewar and the Alamshahi of Marwar were of British influence on which "Aurang Aram Hind and Englishtan Queen Victoria" were written.
- In Rajasthan for the first time in 1900 AD, Kaldar's challan was issued in place of local coins.

- **Kaldar (Silver)** is the most famous of the coins issued during the time of the British.

Princely state	Coins
<b>Bikaner</b>	Gajshahi Coins (Silver)
<b>Jaisalmer</b>	Muhammad Shahi, Akhaishahi, Dodiya (Copper)
<b>Udaipur</b>	Swaroopshahi, Chandodi, Shah Alamshahi, Dhingal, Trishulian, Bhiladi, Karshapan, Bheedriya, Padmashahi
<b>Dungarpur</b>	Udayshahi, Trishuliya, Patrisiriya, Chittaуди, Salimshahi sikka
<b>Banswara</b>	Salimshahi sikka, Lakshmanshahi
<b>Pratapgarh</b>	Salimshahi, Mubarakshahi, Sikka Mubarak, London coin
<b>Shahpura</b>	Sandia, Madheshahi, Chittaуди, Bhiladi Coins
<b>Kota</b>	Gumanshahi, Hali, Madanshahi coins
<b>Jhalawar</b>	Old and New Madanshahi Coins
<b>Karauli</b>	Manakshahi
<b>Dholpur</b>	Tamanchashahi coin
<b>Bharatpur</b>	Shah alma
<b>Alwar</b>	Akhaishi, Rawshahi coind, Rawshahi copper coind, English pav anna coin
<b>Jaipur</b>	Jhadshahi, Muhammad Shahi, Hali
<b>Jodhpur</b>	Vijayshahi, Bhimshahi, Gadiya, Gajshahi, Lallulia Rupya
<b>Sojat</b>	Lallulia (Pali)
<b>Salumber</b>	Padamshahi (Copper currency)
<b>Kishangarh</b>	Shah alami
<b>Bundi</b>	Ramshahi Coin, Gyarah- Sana, Katarshahi, Chereshahi, purana rupya
<b>Nagaur's mint</b>	Amarshahi, Kuchamania coin (Kuchaman's Mint) known as Iktisanda, Bopushahi, Borasi
<b>Pali</b>	Bijaishahi
<b>Sirohi</b>	Silver Bhiladi, Dhabbushahi of Copper
<b>Salumber</b>	Padamshahi

## Copper plates

### Major Copper Plates of Rajasthan

Copper Plates	Era	Description
<b>Dhulev Copper Plates</b>	679 AD	● Maharaj Bheti of Kishkindha (Kalyanpur) ordered his Ministers and informed them that he had donated the village named Ubarak to a Brahmin named Bhattinag.
<b>Broach Gurjar</b>	978 AD	● Description of the campaign of Gurjar dynasty from Sapsaindhav India to Ganga

<b>Copper Plates</b>		<p>Kaveri.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Based on this, Cunningham considered the Rajputs to be of the Yuchi tribe of the Kushanas.</li> </ul>
<b>Mathandev Copper Plate</b>	959 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is mention of the arrangement of land donation for temple.</li> </ul>
<b>Virpur Donation Plates</b>	1185 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In this, there is a mention of giving land by the feudal of Chalukya king Bhimdev of Gujarat, Guhil dynasty king Amritpaldev of Vagad on Suryaparva.</li> </ul>
<b>Ahar Copper Plate</b>	1206 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It belongs to the Solanki king Bhimdev (II) of Gujarat.</li> <li>The geneology of Solanki kings from Mulraj to Bhimdev II of Gujarat has been given.</li> </ul>
<b>Parsoli's Copper Plate</b>	1473 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It belongs to the time of Maharana Raimal.</li> <li>Mention of varieties of land – Pival, Gormo, Mal, Magra.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>These lands were free of all taxes at that time.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Kherada Copper Plate</b>	1437 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It belongs to the time of Maharana Kumbha.</li> <li>There is mention of a donation of 400 taka (currency) to Shambhu.</li> <li>Information about the atonement made by Rana Kumbha, the donation of that time, the religious status in Eklingji has been given.</li> </ul>
<b>Cheekli Copper Plate</b>	1483 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information about miscellaneous 'lag-baag' collected from farmers.</li> <li>Description of farming by Patel, Suthar and Brahmins.</li> </ul>
<b>Dhol Copper Plate</b>	1574 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It dates back to the time of Maharana Pratap when he managed the military post of a village called Dhol and gave a land grant at Dhol to his administrator Joshi Puno.</li> </ul>
<b>Theekra Village Copper Plate</b>	1464 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The word 'Mauja' is used here for the village.</li> </ul>
<b>Pur Copper Plate</b>	1535 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It belongs to the time of Maharana Shri Vikramaditya.</li> <li>Information about the land grant given by Hadi Queen Karmavati while entering Jauhar.</li> <li>Throws light on Jauhar custom - gives the exact time of second Saka of Chittor.</li> </ul>
<b>Koghakhedi (Mewar) Copper Plate</b>	1713 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The mention of the village of Koghakhedi which was given by Maharana Sangram Singh II to Dinkar Bhatt in Hiranyashavadan.</li> </ul>
<b>Copper Plate of Village Pipli (Mewar)</b>	1576 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It belongs to the time of Maharana Pratap Singh.</li> <li>Explains that after the Battle of Haldighati, Maharana started the work of settling people in the region of Central Mewar.</li> </ul>
<b>Copper Plate of Keetkhedi (Pratapgarh)</b>	1650 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Related to giving donations to Bhatt Vishwanath of the village Keetkhedi.</li> <li>Given during the consecration of the temple of Govardhannathji built by Rajmata Chauhan.</li> </ul>
<b>Degrol Village Copper Plate</b>	1648 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It belongs to the time of Maharana Jagat Singh.</li> </ul>
<b>Copper Plate of Rangili Village (Mewar)</b>	1656 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It belongs to the time of Maharana Raj Singh.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>He gave a village named Rangeela to Gandharva Mohan.</li> <li>The cost of Khad, Lakad and Taka in the village was removed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Donation Plate of Bedwas Village</b>	1643 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It belongs to the period of Samar Singh (Banswara).</li> <li>Plough land donation is mentioned.</li> </ul>
<b>Raj Singh Copper Plate</b>	1678 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It belongs to the time of Maharana Raj Singh.</li> </ul>
<b>Paranpur Donation Plate</b>	1676 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It belongs to the time of Maharaja Shri Rawat Pratap Singh.</li> <li>The names of the rulers of that time and the tradition of religious rites are mentioned.</li> <li>Taxes like Taki, Lag and Rakhwali etc. are also described.</li> </ul>
<b>Patanya Village Donation Plate</b>	1677 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mention of Maharawat Pratap Singh (Pratapgarh) donating Patanya village to Mahta Jayadeva.</li> <li>The names of the Guhil kings from Guhil to Bhartribhatta are given in the opening lines.</li> </ul>
<b>Sakhedi Copper Plate</b>	1716 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It belongs to the time of Maharawat Gopal Singh.</li> <li>Mention of a local tax kathakaval &amp; Lagat-Vilagat.</li> </ul>
<b>Bengu Copper Plate</b>	1715 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It belongs to the time of Maharana Sangram Singh.</li> </ul>
<b>Varkhedi Copper Plate</b>	1739 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Belongs to time of Maharawat Gopal Singh.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information about Kanha that he was given the village Varkhedi in Lakh-pasaav</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		and laagat in Lakhna. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 'Lakh Pasav' was a reward and the laagat of Lakhna mattered a lot.</li> </ul>
<b>Pratapgarh Copper Plate</b>	1817 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It belongs to the time of Maharawat Samant Singh.</li> <li>• Mention of removal of 'tanki' tax on Brahmins engaged in the state</li> </ul>
<b>Gadbod Copper Plate</b>	1739 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Belongs to the time of Maharana Shri Sangram Singh.</li> </ul>
<b>Twin Donation Plates of Banswara</b>	1747 and 1750 AD.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Belongs to the time of Maharawal Prithvi Singh.</li> </ul>
<b>Bedvas Copper Plate</b>	1559 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Throws light on the confirmation of the 1616 Samvat of establishing Udaipur.</li> </ul>
<b>Lava Village Copper Plate</b>	1558 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maharana Udai Singh ordered Brahmin Bhola that he would no longer collect mapa tax in the marriage of future girls.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o His right to get the girls of that area married will remain the same.'</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Kul Purohit Donation Plate</b>	1459 AD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It mentions about "neg" on auspicious occasions.</li> </ul>

## Archive/ Epigraphic Sources

The following books are stored in the State Archives, Bikaner.

- Hakikat Bahi - Mention of the daily routine of the king
- Hukumat Bahi - Replication of the orders of the king
- Kamthana Bahi - Information related to buildings and fortification
- Kharita Bahi - Description of Correspondences

## Literary sources

### Important facts

- **Ras** - Composed by Jain poets around 11th century.
- **Raso**-Raso literature was written parallelly to Ras literature, though which the background of the evaluation of the historical, social, religious, cultural conditions of the time was created.
  - o It is the gift of Rajasthan itself.
- **Veli** - In Rajasthani Veli literature, there is a mention of the valor, history, scholarship, generosity, love-feeling, devotion, genealogy etc.
- **Khyat** - Khyat means fame, that is, a book written in praise of a King.
  - o In Khyat there is praise in exaggeration.
  - o In the history of Rajasthan, Khyans attained an important place in the history after 16th century.
  - o It is a detailed form of genealogy and citation writing.
- Renowned literature is written in prose.

## Prithviraj Raso, Chandbardai

- This book was written by the court poet of Prithviraj Chauhan, Chandbardai in Pingal language which was completed by his son Jalhan.
- It mentions the origin of Gurjara-Pratihara, Parmar, Solanki/Chalukya, and Chauhans from the fire pit of Mount Abu of Guru Vashishta, Vishwamitra etc.
- It throws light especially on the history of Prithviraj Chauhan.
  - o It describes the battle of tarain and Sanyogita issue.

The popular saying is "Chaar baans chubees gaj angul asht praman, taa upar sultaan hai mat chuke chauhan"

## Muhnot nainsi ri khyat

- It is written in Marwari and Dingal.
- Nainsi (1610-70) was the court poet and Diwan of Jodhpur Maharaja Jaswant Singh I.
- In this a detailed history of the Rathores of Jodhpur & entire Rajputana has been written.

Nainsi was called "Abul Fazal of Rajputane" by Munshi Devi Prasad.

### Marwar Ra Pargana Ri Vigat / Gawan Ri Khyat

- Written by Muhnot Nainasi.
- Being very large, it is also called "Sarvsangraha".
- It describes the economic and social figures of that time and for this reason it is also called "Gazetteer of Rajasthan".

### Bankidas Ri khyat / Jodhpur Rajya ri khyat

- Writer - Bankidas (court poet of Maharaja Mansingh Rathod of Jodhpur)
- There is a description of the Rathores and other clans.
- Written in Marwari and Dingal languages.

### Dayaldas Ri Khyat

- Writer - Dayaldas Sidhaich (court poet of Maharaj Ratan Singh of Bikaner)
- It is written in Marwari (Dingal) language.
- In this, the history of Bikaner's Rathores from the beginning to Maharaja Sardar Singh has been written (2 parts)

### Mundiya Ri Khyat

- Account of the establishment of the Rathore kingdom in Marwar by Rao Siha to Maharaja Jaswant Singh I.
- It is also written in this khyat that Jodha Bai, the mother of Akbar's son Salim, was the adopted sister of Motaraja Udai Singh, whose mother was Maldev's maid servant.

### Kavi Raja Ri Khyat

- In this khyat, the reign of Maharaja Jaswant Singh I, the king of Jodhpur, has been described in detail.
- Apart from this, the anecdotes of Rao Jodha, Raimal, Soor Singh's minister Bhati Gobinddas are also included.

### Kishangarh Ri khyat

- History of Rathores of Kishangarh

### Bhatiyon Ri Khyat

- History of Bhaties of Jaisalmer

Rajasthani Literature	Written by
Prithviraja Raso	Chandrabardai
Bisaldev Raso	Narpati Nalh
Hammir Raso	Sharangdhar
Sangat Raso	Girdhar Aansia
Veli Krishna Rukmani Ri	Prithviraj Rathod
Achaldas Khichi Ri Vachanika	Shivdas Gadan
Pathal Aur Peethal	Kanhaiya Lal Sethia
Dharti Dhora Ri	Kanhaiya Lal Sethia
Leeltaans	Kanhaiya Lal Sethia
Roothi Rani, <i>Chetawani Ra Changatya</i>	Kesari Singh Barath
Rajasthani Kahavatan	Murlidhar Vyas
Rajasthani Shabdkosh	Sitaram Leelas
Nainsi Ri Khyat	Muhnot Nainsi
Marwad Ra Pargana Ri Vigat	Muhnot Nainsi
Rao Ratan Ri Veli (About Raja Ratan Singh of Bundi)	Kalyan Das
Kanhade Prabandh	Kavi Padmanabha (Description of Alauddin's Jalore Invasion)
Rao Jaitsi Ro Chhand	Bithu Suja

Raj Roopak	Vir Bhan
Suraj Prakash	Karnidan (Court Poet Of Jodhpur Maharaja Abhay Singh)
Vansh Bhaskar	Suryamal Misran

Sanskrit literature	Written by
Prithviraj Vijay	Jayanak (Kashmiri)
Hammir Mahakavya	Nayan Chandra Suri
Hammir Madmardan	Jaisingh Suri
Kuvalayamala	Udyotan Suri
Vansh Bhaskar / Chhand Mayukh	Suryamalla Mishran (Bundi)
Nrityaratnakosh	Rana Kumbha
Bhasha Bhushan	Jaswant Singh
Ekling Mahatamya	Kumbha
Lalit Vigraraj	Kavi Somdev
Rajvallabh	Mandan (Chief Poet Of Maharana Kumbha)
Rajvinod	Bhatt Sadashiv
Karmachandra Vanshotkirtanakam Kavyam	Jaya Som
Amarsar	Pandit Jeevdhar
Rajratnakar	Sadashiv
Ajitodaya	Jagjivan Bhatt (Court Poet Of Jodhpur King Ajit Singh)

Persian literature	Written by
Chachnama	Ali Ahmed
Mimta-Ul-Futuh	Amir Khusro
Khazain-Ul-Futuh	Amir Khusro
Tuzuk -E- Babri (Turkish) , Babarnama	Babar
Humayunama	Gulbadan Begum
Akbarnama / Ain I Akbari	Abul Fazl
Tuzuk -E -Jahangiri	Jahangir
Tarikh-E-Rajasthan	Kaliram Kayastha
Waqia-E- Rajputana	Munshi Jwala Sahai

## Important Historical Battles

Year	War	Fought Between	Result
1191	First Battle Of Tarain	Prithviraj - Mohammad Gauri	Gauri defeated
1192	Second Battle Of Tarain	Prithviraj - Mohammad Gauri	Prithviraj defeated
1301	Battle Of Ranthambore	Hammir Dev - Alauddin Khilji	Hammir defeated
1303	Battle Of Chittor	Rana Ratan Singh - Alauddin Khilji	Rana Ratan Singh defeated
1311	Battle Of Sivana	Saatal Deo Chauhan - Alauddin Khilji	Satal Deo defeated
1527	Battle Of Khanwa	Rana Sanga - Babur	Rana Sanga defeated
1544	Battle Of Sammel (Jaitaran)	Maldeo-Sher Shah Suri	Maldeo defeated
1576	Battle Of Haldighati	Maharana Pratap-Akbar	Maharana Pratap defeated
1582	Battle Of Diver	Maharana Pratap, Amar Singh - Mughal Army	Maharana victorious
1644	Mateere Ki Raad	Amar Singh (Nagaur) - Karn Singh	Amar Singh victorious
1803	Battle Of Laswari	Daulat Rao Scindhia-Lord Lake	Scindhia defeated

## Other Antiquities

- In the Vedas, the Saraswati river is eloquently and widely appreciated.
  - Rigveda - the "lifeline" of ancient Rajasthan.

- Mention of fishermen also.
- Shatapatha Brahmana - People near the banks of Saraswati.
- The brahmana mentions the Saluva people as a janapada with the Matsyas - who developed an extensive kingdom with their capital at Virat (present-day Bairath or Biratnagar in Jaipur district).
  - The Pandavas, with the help of their allies, the Matsyas, spent the period of their exile in Virat.
- Mahabharata - Matsya Janpad rich in cattle; Matsya people were famous for their truthfulness.
  - Malavas - A tribe of great warriors who helped the Kauravas in their fight against the Pandavas.
- Sacred places of Rajasthan in Puranas:
  - Skandapurana - gives a list of Indian states which includes some of the states of Rajasthan - Shakambhara Sapadalaksha; Mewar Sapdalaksha; Tomar Sapadalaksha: Vaguri (beded); Virat (Bairat); and bhadr.
- The Chinese traveler Yuan Chwang - mentioned a place called Po-li-ye-ta-lo which is considered equivalent to Virat or Bairath (Jaipur district).
  - According to him, "the people of this city were brave and courageous and their king, who belonged to the Fei-shi (Vaish) caste was famous for his courage and skill in battle."
- 700-1200 AD - Literary activity high.
  - Light on the political, social, economic and religious conditions of Rajasthan through the creations.



## 2 Chapter

# Major Archaeological Sites of Rajasthan

- Establishment of Archaeological Survey of India – Alexander Kavangham (1861)
- Work started in Rajasthan – ACL. Kalayil (1871) reported the receipt of hard stone and human bones from Sarvayapratham Dausa.
- Reorganized by John Marshall in 1902

### Kalibanga (Hanumangarh)

- In the region of present-day Ghaggar river on the left bank of the ancient Drishadvati and Saraswati River valley.
- First discovery – 1952 AD.
- Discovered by – Amalanand Ghosh.
- Excavator - BK Thapar and B B Lal in 1961-69.
- Location – Hanumangarh, Rajasthan

#### Evidences:

- The world's first plowed field found.
  - It is also called the "multi-prosperous field" in Sanskrit literature.
  - A "grid pattern" was also observed in the field.
- By 2900 BC, there was a developed city here.
- Script - Indus script
- Burial
  - There were 3 methods of this ritual.
    - Complete burial
    - Partial burial
    - Cremation

- Kalibanga is the first archaeological site in independent India which was excavated after independence.

#### Archaeological materials found from Kalibanga

- **Copper tools and sculptures**
  - Provides evidence that humans had entered the Copper Age from the Stone Age.
  - It was called Kalibanga only because of the black copper bangles.
- **Seals**
  - Seals Indus Valley (Harappan) civilization were found
  - Pictures of taurus and other animals
  - Indus script - not been deciphered yet.
  - Written from right to left.
- **Weights and measures**
  - Humans had learned to use weights and measures made of stone.
- **Pottery**
  - Various types of pottery were also found on which paintings were found.
  - "Charu" was used for making utensils.
- **Jewellery**
  - Received jewellery made from glass, oysters, conch shells, snail shells, etc., used by men and women.
  - Example - bracelets, bangles etc.
- **Town Planning**
  - Sun-baked brick houses
  - Doors
  - 5-5.5 metre roads cutting at right angles



- Pre-planned wells, drains etc.
- Unlike Mohenjodaro, the houses were made of mud bricks.
- **Agricultural Residues**
  - Remains of cotton cultivation received
  - Evidence of mixed farming (gram and mustard).
  - The lines marked with the plow were also obtained, which proves that the humans also used to do agricultural work.
  - This is also confirmed by the idols of bulls and other domestic animals.
  - Bones of bull and reindeer were also found.
  - Bullock cart toys were also discovered.
- **Toys**
  - Like Mohenjodaro and Harappa, toys made of wood, metal and clay have been obtained from here.
- **Religious Relics**
  - Unlike Mohenjodaro and Harappa, the idol of Mother Goddess was not found from Kalibanga.
  - Rectangular and oval fire altars and bones of bull, reindeers were found.
  - This gives evidence that humans also used to sacrifice animals in the yajna.
- **Durg (Fort)**
  - Unlike other centers, the remains of a huge fort were also found.
  - There is evidence of protective measures adopted by humans.

- There was no developed domestic or urban drainage system in Kalibanga.
  - Only the remains of a wooden drain have been found
- Pierced door and tiger markings on currency outside Sindh region have been found from only this place.
- Evidence of 6 holes in the skull of a child has been found from Kalibanga.
  - "Earliest example of surgery".
- The earliest evidence of an earthquake, which occurred in 2600 BC, has been found.

### Rangmahal (Hanumangarh)

- Located near Saraswati River / Ghaggar river in Hanumangarh district.
- Stone Age and Metal Age Civilization.
- The excavations were carried out in the year 1952-54 by a Swedish company under the direction of Dr. Hannarid.
- 105 copper coins of Kushana period and earlier were found.
- 2 bronze seals inscribed with names in Brahmi script were found
- Mainly rice cultivation
- The houses were built of bricks.
- Pottery - red and pink
  - Made on potter's wheel, were thin and polished.
- Teacher-disciple earthen idol was found.
- Goods of Kushan period civilization were found.

### Ahar Civilization (Udaipur)

- In ancient inscriptions, Ahar is mentioned as "Tamravati".
- In the 10th and 11th centuries, it was called "Aghatpur/Aghat Durg" or "Dhulkot" or "Tamravati Nagari", & "Tambavali".
- It is situated on the bank of river Bedach.
- Period – Existed from 1900 BC to 1200 BC
- Age - Chalcolithic Age
- First excavation work - in 1953 under the chairmanship of Akshay Kirti Vyas.
- Other Excavators – RC Agarwal (Ratanchandra Agrawal) in 1953-1956 and then HD (Hasmukh Dheerajlal) Sanklia
- Microliths are not found in this culture.

#### Features:

- Major Industries - Copper smelting and equipment manufacturing
  - Copper mines are located nearby.
  - A furnace for smelting copper (metal) was also found.
- Residents used to bury the dead along with their ornaments.

- Weights & measures discovered
  - Evidence of commerce
- Red and black ware were used.
- Banas river was an important part of civilization; hence it is also called Banas culture.

**Goods Discovered**

- Use of stones in the foundations of houses
- Copper smelting furnaces
- Wooden stamps for printing cloth
- Small hand pots of Iranian style
- Knives made of bones
- head scratcher
- Earthen griddle (Tava)
- Amphora (Surahi)
- 7 chulhas in a row in a house
- 2 female torsos made of terracotta

**Gore and Koth**

- Large grain holding vessels found in the Ahar civilization.

**Currencies Discovered In Ahar**

- 6 Greek copper coins and 3 seals
  - There is 1 Trishula on one mudra and on the other side the deity Apollo is inscribed with arrow and quiver in his hand.

**"Banasian Bull"**

- Terracotta Taurus figures found from Ahar

**Dharma Culture**

- A similar dharma culture of Ahar has been received from Gilund in Rajsamand.
- Difference-paved bricks were not used in Ahar, whereas they were used extensively in Gilund.

**Bairath Civilization**

- Bairath is situated in Shahpura subdivision of present Jaipur district on the bank of the Banganga river.
- Iron Age civilization.
- Ancient name- Viratnagar.
  - Capital of Matsya Mahajanapada.
- Discovered by - Captain Burt in 1837.
- Excavators- Dayaram Sahni in 1936-37, Nilratan Banerjee and Kailashnath Dixit in 1962-63.
- The first Bhabru inscription of Ashoka was discovered from Bijak hill in 1837 by Captain Burt.
- Three hills of archaeological importance:
  - Bijak Dungri
  - Bhim Dungri
  - Mahadev Dungri
- 36 coins found - 8 silver punch mark coins, 28 Indo-Greek and Greek
- Polished ware culture
- Remains of round Buddhist temples, stupas and Buddhist monasteries belonging to the Hinayana sect of Buddhism.
- It was a completely rural culture.
- Excessive use of clay bricks for building construction.
- It is believed that it was demolished by the Hun ruler MihirKul.
- Information about the Mahabharata period, Mahajanapada period, Maurya period, Gupta period, Harsh period etc. is available.

**Archaeological importance of Bairath**

Extensive evidences of stone, Chalcolithic, Iron Age, broken inscription of Ashoka, evidence of Shankh script, Buddhist Vihara, the remains of Buddhist Chaitya, Punch mark Coins, Greek coins, detailed evidence of second civilization in India etc. has been discovered.

- Due to the large quantity of rock paintings received from Bairath, it is called the 'Art Gallery' of the ancient era.
- Among the sites representing the culture of North Indian black polished ware culture in Rajasthan, the most important ancient site is Biratnagar.
- A large number of evidences of the mysterious "Shankh script" have been found.

**Ganeshwar (Sikar)**

- It is situated on the banks of river Kantali in Neem-ka-Thana tehsil.
- Developed in 2800 BC.
- Ganeshwar Civilization - "Pushkar of Archeology".
- A rich store of copper age culture discovered.
  - That is why it is called the "mother of copper age civilizations".

- Excavation - in 1977 under the leadership of RC Agarwal.
- Evidence of massive stone dam.
- The houses were built of stones.
  - There is no evidence of the use of bricks.
- A copper arrow and a fishing hook were found.

### **Bagor Civilization**

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- Situated on the banks of Kothari River near Bhilwara.
- Stone age civilization site.
- Excavation – by Dr. Virendranath Mishra, Dr. L S Leshnik in 1967-68
- Major excavation site – Mahasatiyon ka teela
- Considered the "Museum of Primitive Culture"
- Remains of 14 types of agriculture have been found.
- Main work - agriculture, animal husbandry and hunting
  - The earliest evidence of agriculture and animal husbandry was found.
- Five human skeletons were found which were systematically buried.
- Most of the evidences of the Stone Age were found.
  - Main Tools- Blades, Borers, Scrapers, etc
- Away from human-organized social life.
- Stones were used to make the floor and windproof curtains were made of thatch.
- Industry - Manufacture of very small objects and very advanced in terms of geometrical forms.

### **Sunari civilization**

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- Situated on the banks of river Kantali in Khetri Tehsil of Jhunjhunu.
- Excavation- by Rajasthan State Archaeological Department in 1980-81.
- The oldest iron smelting furnaces found.
- Gray ware discovered.
  - Remnants of Mauryan Civilization having a characteristic black polished ware.
- Matravedi idols and paddy store room were also discovered.
- Remains of the Shunga and Kushan periods were also discovered.
- The residents used rice and pulled chariots by horses.
- Iron arrows, spear-heads, iron bowls and black polished ware have also been found.

### **Raidh civilization**

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- Situated on the banks of Dhil river in Niwai tehsil of Tonk district.
- It is called Tatanagar of ancient Rajasthan.
- Excavation - by Dayaram Sahni in 1938-39 and then by Dr. Kedarnath Puri.
- 3075 punch mark coins and 300 coins of Malav district were discovered.
  - A broken coin of the Greek ruler Apollodotus was also found.
- Remains of idols of Matrdevi and Shakti made from pottery chalk were also found.
- Various ornaments - Earrings, necklaces, anklets etc.
- Remains of stately buildings.
- Asia's largest-ever coin deposit discovered.

### **Nagar Civilization - Kheda Civilization**

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- It is located near Uniara town in Tonk district.
  - Other names- Karkot Nagar, Matav Nagar.
  - Excavator - Shri Krishna Dev in 1942-43.
  - Findings-
    - A large number of Malava coins and punch mark coins were found.
    - Most of the remains of pottery are red in color.
    - From the excavation, the idol of Mahishasurmardini, made of gray stone of the post-Gupta period, was found.
-