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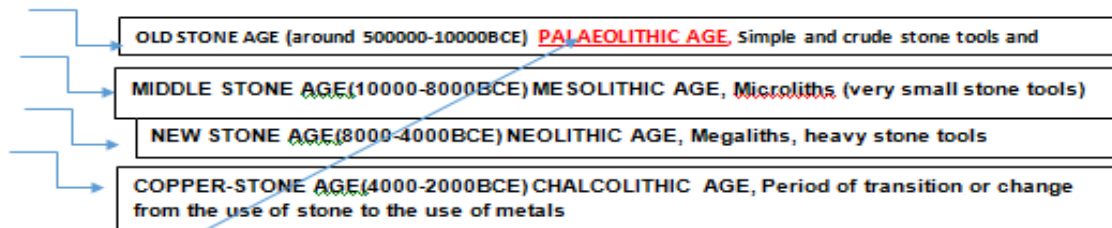
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# RECAPITULATION OF CHAPTER-2

## MEMORY MAP



### PALAEOLITHIC TOOLS AND WEAPONS

Simple and crude stone tools and weapons, Axe-heads, hammers, choppers, stone-flakes, spheroid (stone ball) hand-axes, large flakes



### PALAEOLITHIC SHELTER AND CLOTHING

They lived in caves, trees or natural rock shelters.

They used animal skins, barks of trees and leaves to make their clothing.



**PALAEOLITHIC ART** Cave Painting like Altamira in Spain and Lascaux in France. **Rhimbetka (Bhopal India)**. Cave paintings were focused on the animals that the people hunted. **Life like sculptures of animals and figures of mother.**

### PALAEOLITHIC SPECIAL EVENTS

DISCOVERY OF FIRE, At the end of the Old Stone Age, humans accidentally discovered how to control and use fire.

INVENTION OF THE WHEEL

### PALAEOLITHIC SITES IN INDIA

**Attirampakkam in Tamil Nadu**



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## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

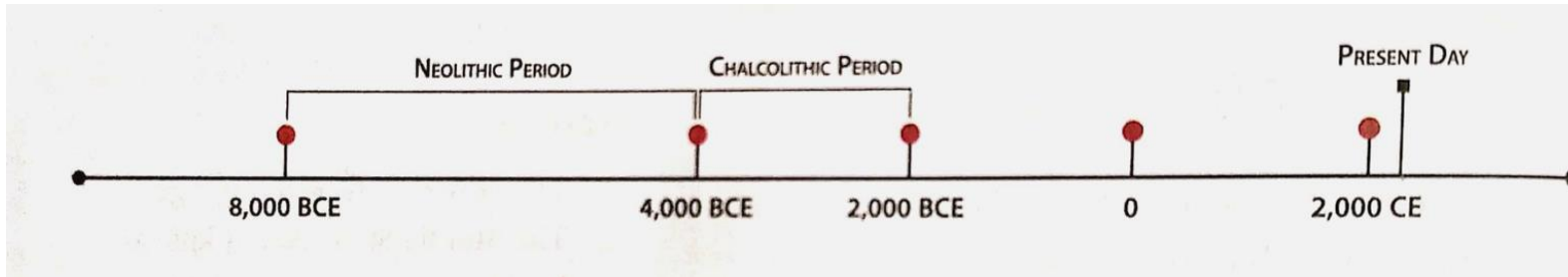
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## NEOLITHIC AGE (8000-4000 BCE)

- Neolithic Age or New Stone Age
- The word neo means new in Greek , lithic means stone,the last period of the stone age
- Important period of the stone age.
- Humans changed from hunters and gatherers to farmers and herders



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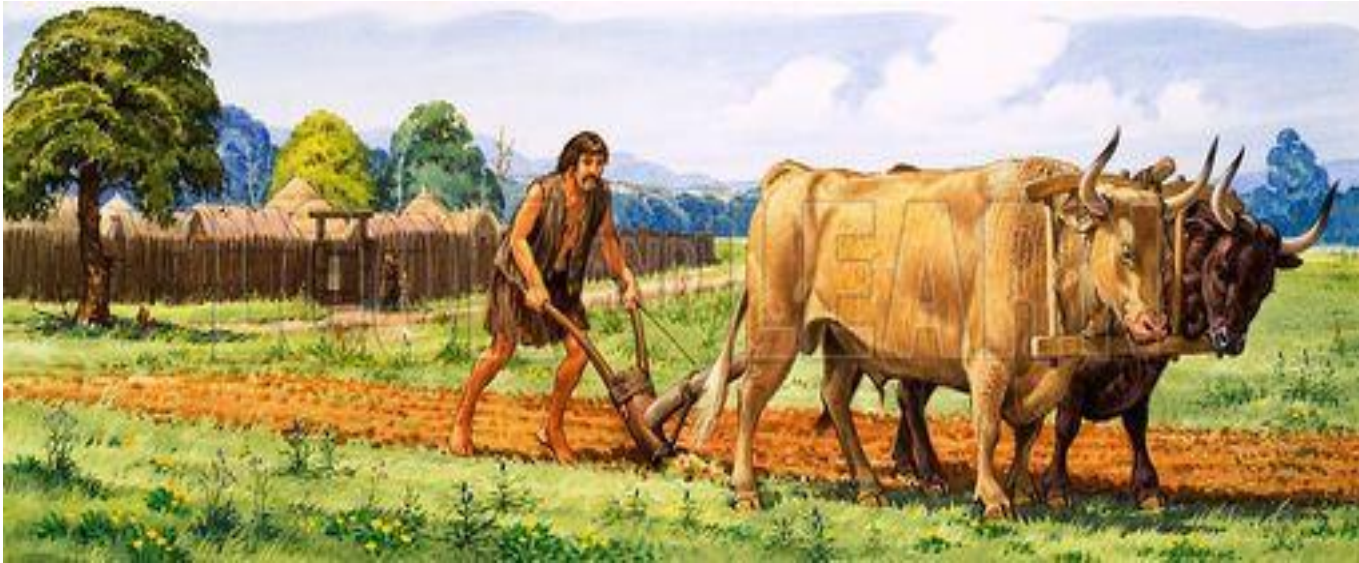
## NEOLITHIC AGE (8000-4000 BCE)

- Towards the end of the Mesolithic Age certain changes had begun in the life of early humans.
- The beginning of Neolithic Age shows a remarkable change in the life of humans.
- This change was not a sudden radical change but a gradual change.
- They began by cultivating wheat, barely and rice at a number of places.
- Neolithic Settlements found in South Asia are, Mehrgarh in Pakistan, Burzahom in Kashmir, Daojali Hading and Sarutaru in Assam, Chirand in Bihar, Kuchai in Odisha etc.

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## AGRICULTURE

- The most important development of this period was cultivation of their own food.
- It took over hundred of years for them to completely understand about agriculture.
- They learnt to select the best quality of seeds and also learnt to plough the lands before planting seeds.
- This agricultural revolution brought many changes and improvements in their way of life.



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## AGRICULTURE



- The improvements in agricultural practices brought changes in the life style of the Neolithic people.
- More food could now be produced than was required for the people.
- This led to the methods of saving for the future.
- With this, dependence on hunting reduced as agriculture provided them with a good supply of food.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WBrkYxf4798>

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## QUESTIONS

1. Name four Neolithic sites found in India.
2. Write a note about agriculture during the Neolithic Age.
3. What type of houses built by the Neolithic people?
4. Why was the Neolithic period important than other stone ages?
5. Name the crops grown by the Neolithic people.



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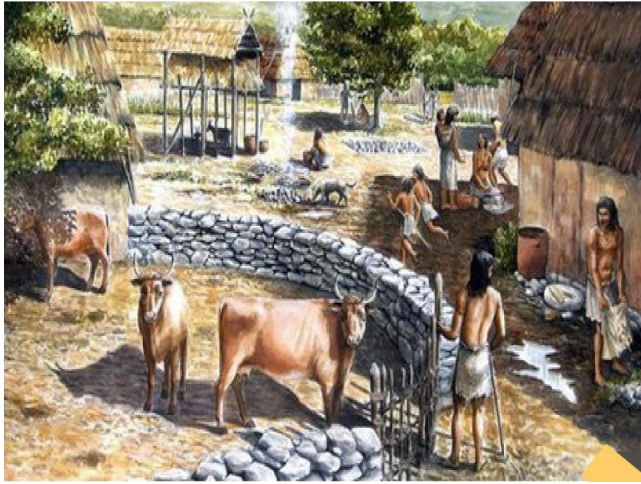
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## DOMESTICATION & HERDING OF ANIMALS



- Humans slowly started the domestication of animals like dog, sheep, goat and cattle.
- Remains of animal bones and shelters found at Neolithic sites.
- With the domestication of animals, there was a regular supply of meat and milk.
- Ox were used for agriculture and transportation.
- Herding is the management of domesticated animals.
- Neolithic Humans became herders, as the animals often needed to be moved from place to place in search of plants or grass.



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## SETTLEMENTS

- Neolithic people started settled community due to the growth of agriculture.
- The period probably saw the beginning of division of labour.
- People engaged in farming, hunting, fishing, pottery making, weaving, dyeing, etc.
- Neolithic people buried their dead with the objects used by them. Burial places have been marked with huge rectangular blocks of stone called as Megaliths.
- People constructed huts of dried grass and mud as shelter.



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## QUESTIONS

1. What animals were domesticated by Neolithic humans?
2. What is meant by division of labour?
3. What is Herding?
4. Name the activities of the Neolithic People in which they were engaged.
5. How did the Neolithic people were benefitted from the domestication of the animals?

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## TOOLS

- Tools of the Neolithic Age were better than the earlier Stone Ages.
- They were given a finer edge and started to get handles.
- Sickles and reaping knives were developed to harvest crops.
- Heavy tools were used for digging and leveling the land.
- Stone was ground and polished into sharper and more refined implements.



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## POTTERY

- The cultivation of food gave rise to the need for pots to store and cook food.
- Earthen pots have been found at several sites and some of them were also decorated with designs.
- Humans also learnt to make vessels of clay and bake them on fire.
- Neolithic pottery was black- grey ware, with a matt finish.



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## INVENTION OF WHEEL

- The invention of the wheel made life easier for the early humans.
- It made it easy for people to move logs from one place to another, and also helped them to create carts.
- The wheel was also used for making pottery of various types



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## INVENTION OF AXLE

- An axle is a shaft on which the wheels rotate. It allowed the wheel to run freely. It had various uses:-
- The potter's wheel used to work clay to make better pots.
- Heavy objects could be transported on wheels.
- It improved transport and quickened the pace of development.
- Possibly, the wheel was used to spin cotton thread which could then be woven into cloth.



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## RELIGION

- The Neolithic man worshipped the God Earth.
- Probably, nature was worshipped in different forms, like sky , rain, wind and sun as god.
- They believed that these forces will not harm them if they are worshipped.
- Early humans were scared of lightning and thunder.
- The cave paintings of Old Stone Age hunters may have had a magical or religious significance.
- Many statues of mother goddess have been found.



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## DRESS AND ORNAMENTS

- Animal skin or bark of the tree was not only covering of the body.
- Spinning and weaving was known by them.
- The dress was made of wool and cotton.
- Bangles and beads made of shells and bones were worn by women.
- Remains of necklaces, bracelets and earrings have been found from Neolithic sites.



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## QUESTIONS

1. What type of tools were used by the Neolithic people?
2. What were the improvements brought about in pottery in the Neolithic Age?
3. Mention the religious belief of the Neolithic people.
4. How did the invention of the wheel made their life easier?
5. Name the ornaments found from the Neolithic sites.



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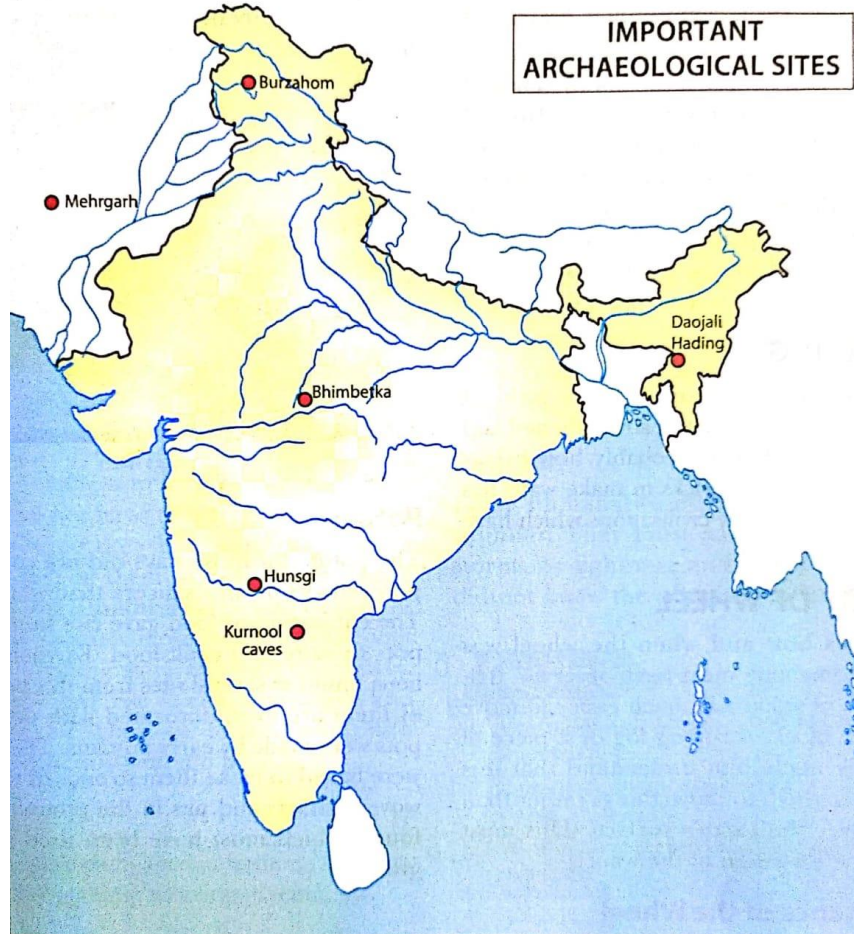
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## NEOLITHIC SITES



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## CASE STUDY- MEHRGARH

- It is one of the important Neolithic site which was discovered in 1974.
- It is located near the Bolan Pass Which lies to the west of river Indus. Presently in Baluchistan which is a part of Pakistan.
- Mud brick houses have been found , Which were divided into a number of compartments.



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## CASE STUDY- MEHRGARH

- Various burials have been found where a number of things like tools, ornaments, beads, bangles etc. recovered.
- Main crop grown was barley, and animals like sheep, goat and cattle were domesticated.
- Copper items and ornaments were found from the site.
- Some pottery artifacts and design with figures of men and women were recovered.



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## CASE STUDY- BURZAHOM

- It is one of the Neolithic sites located in Kashmir.
- Burzahom means 'place of birch' in Kashmiri.
- The lakes and forests around Burzahom indicate there was a good supply of food and water.



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## CASE STUDY- BURZAHOM

- Neolithic Houses found below ground level. Such dwellings are called 'pit dwellings'. The people dug pits into the ground with the help of stone tools, then they are plastered the sides of the pit with mud.
- Different shapes and sizes of pots found, which are grey, red and brown in colour.
- Bone tools found, They are:- harpoons, needles, arrowheads and daggers for hunting





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## QUESTIONS

1. Where is Mehrgarh & Burzahom located?
2. What type of houses found at Burzahom?
3. Where is Daojali Hading located?
4. What is the meaning of 'Burzahom' in Kashmiri?
5. Name the bone tools found in Burzahom.

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## CASE STUDY- NORTH EAST- DAOJALI HADING

- A Neolithic Site of Daojali Hading was found on the hills near the Brahmaputra Valley.
- It is located in the Tejpur district of Assam. A variety of stone tools and articles that were commonly used in a house have been found.
- Stone tools along with cord- impressed pottery have been found.
- Many ground and polished stone axes have also been found at these sites.
- The people also practised shifting cultivation and grew root vegetables.



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## DISCUSSION OF QUESTION & ANSWERS

Q1:- What type of houses built by the Neolithic people?

Ans:- The Neolithic people built huts of dried grass and mud. Huts were huddled together as if in a colony.

Q2:- Write a summary on the religious beliefs of Neolithic people.

Ans:- The earth provided food for them, so Neolithic man worshipped the God Earth as many statues and figurines of mother goddess have been found.

They must have frightened by nature and its mysteries. Probably, nature was worshipped in different forms.

So they began to worship these forces of nature like Sky, Rain, Wind and Sun as god.

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## DISCUSSION OF QUESTION & ANSWERS

Q3:- Describe the life of the Neolithic humans who lived in Mehrgarh.

Ans:- Mehrgarh region is considered to be the oldest region where farming was done mainly wheat and barley.

They were living in mud brick houses and domesticated animals like sheep ,goat and cattle.

Some pottery artifacts and button like seals were found.

The use of metal also began as copper items and ornaments were found.

Q4:- What do you mean by “Pit dwellings”? Explain it.

Ans:- The Pit dwellings are also known as pit houses found at Burzahom (Neolithic site) which are below ground level.

The people dug pits into the ground with the help of stone tools. Then they plastered the sides of the pit with mud.

The pits were usually round or oval, a few were rectangular.

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## DISCUSSION OF QUESTION & ANSWERS

Q1: Write a note about agriculture during the Neolithic Age

Ans:- In the Neolithic age, the humans learnt to cultivate their own food which was the most important development and shows the remarkable change in their life.

- When they learnt to cultivate and to grow crops, they became food producers. They also learnt to select good qualities of seeds and started ploughing the fields for sowing the seeds.
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## DISCUSSION OF QUESTION & ANSWERS

MCQ

1. Neolithic Age lasted between (i) 5,00,000 to 10,000 BCE  
(ii) 10,000 to 8,000 BCE (iii) 8,000 to 4,000 BCE (iv) 4,000 to 2,000
2. Domestication of animals helped humans to get a regular supply of (i) honey & fruit (ii) bread & eggs (iii) milk & meat  
(iv) none of these
3. Early humans used to store grains in (i) pots (ii) pits (iii) baskets (iv) all of these
4. Axe was used (i) to dig the ground (ii) for harvesting  
(iii) For grinding the grains (iv) to clear the land for cultivation
5. In the Neolithic Age humans used to live in (i) caves  
(ii) thatched huts (iv) both (i) & (ii)

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MCQ

6. Early man painted on (i) walls of caves (ii) stones  
(iii) trees (iv) none of these
7. During the Chalcolithic period humans started to use  
(i) Copper (ii) iron (iii) mica (iv) brass
8. Mehrgarh is located (i) to the west of Sutlej river  
(ii) to the west of Indus river (iii) to the east of Chenab river  
(iv) to the east of Jhelum river
9. Daojali Hading is located in (i) Assam (ii) Mizoram  
(iii) Bengal (iv) Kashmir
10. Men became producer in (i) Paleolithic Age  
(ii) Mesolithic Age (iii) Neolithic Age (iv) Chalcolithic Age

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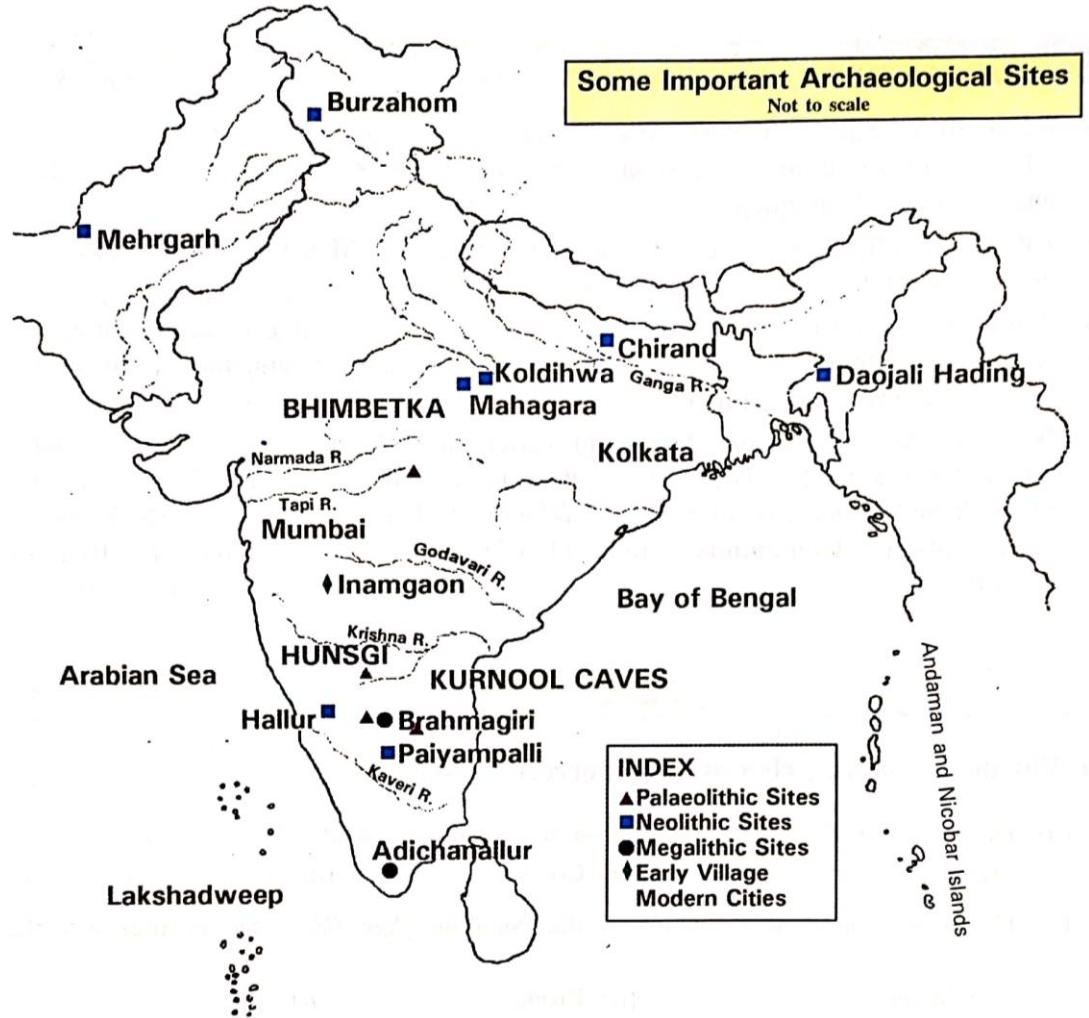
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## MAP SKILL-

## PALEOLITHIC SITES OF INDIA

In an outline map of India locate the Paleolithic sites

1. Attirampakkam in Tamil Nadu
2. Baghor in Madhya Pradesh
3. Kurnool in Andhra Pradesh

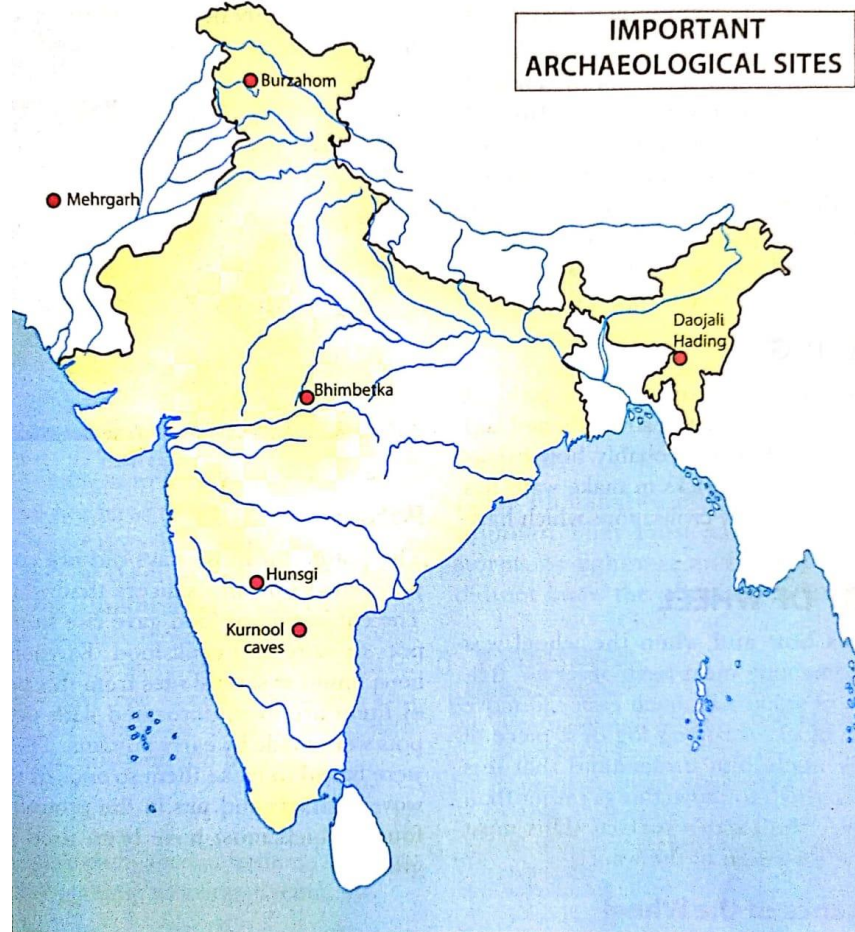


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