

No.T-17011/29/2020-EE  
Government of India  
Archaeological Survey of India  
Exploration & Excavation Section  
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Dharohar Bhawan,  
24 Tilak Marg, New Delhi-110 001  
Dated: 11.1.2020

To

The Head,  
Department of Studies in Ancient History and Archaeology,  
Manasagangotri (University of Mysore),  
Mysuru – 570006.

13 JAN 2021

**Subject: Excavation at Budipadaga, locality on Siddana bore stream (Locality 1), District Chamarajanagara, Karnataka on the plan attached hereto for the field season 2020-21 – regarding.**

Reference: Your proposal dated 17.8.2020 .

Sir,

On the recommendation of the Standing Committee of Central Advisory Board of Archaeology, the approval of the Central Government under Rule 25 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Rules 1959 is hereby accorded for carrying out excavation as mentioned below during the field season of 2020-21.

**NATURE OF WORK : Excavation**

**NAME OF THE SITE : Budipadaga, locality on Siddana bore stream (Locality 1), District Chamarajanagara, Karnataka on the plan attached hereto.**

**NAME OF THE DIRECTOR : Dr. Shobha V.**

The approval is issued under the provisions of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 and Rules of 1959 framed thereto. The excavation shall be conducted under the supervision of the Director named in this approval letter who shall be compulsorily present at the excavation site for at least three-fourths of the period of the operations. **The approval is not transferable.**

The approval is **valid up to 30.9.2021** and the excavation may be taken up under intimation to this office and Superintending Archaeologist, ASI, Bangalore Circle, Bangalore.

**With a request for pursuance of the following:**

- A report for *Indian Archaeology- A Review (IAR)* (an annual publication of ASI) shall be submitted within a month after completion of the work in this season to Director (Publication) under intimation to the undersigned.

- ii. The Annual Report of the work done comprising relevant information of section drawings, stratigraphy, and important findings with illustrations along with data of artifacts documented in the format of documentation prescribed by National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities (NMMA) shall essentially be submitted within three months after completion of the work in this season to this office failing which no further proposals for archaeological investigations will be entertained.
- iii. After completion of the work at the site, a full and comprehensive excavation report of the excavation work shall be submitted mandatorily within six months to this office as per format prescribed by Wheeler Committee Report 1965 – *comprising the accurate facts of the excavation (Introduction, objectives, layout of excavation, methodology adopted, etc), the plan of the site (Detailed site and contour plan, plan showing trenches), its stratigraphy (Periodization, key trench and basis of stratigraphy), relationship of buildings (structural remains) and objects (pottery, artefactual findings under individual chapters, e.g. 'Beads', 'Stone Objects', etc) to the culture or cultures, a brief definition of these cultures.*

Yours faithfully,

(Anil Tiwari)

Director (Exploration & Excavation)

**Copy for information and necessary action to:**

1. Dr. Shobha V., Assistant Professor, Department of Studies in Ancient History and Archaeology, Manasagangotri (University of Mysore), Mysuru-570006 (Email: pratappanickar@gmail.com)
2. Registrar, University of Mysore, Vishwavidyanilaya Karya Soudha, Crawford Hall, Post Box No.406, Mysuru- 570005. (Email: registrar@uni-mysore.ac.in)
3. Under Secretary to Government, Department of Tourism, Karnataka Government Secretariat, Vikasa Soudha, Bengaluru w.r.t. your letter No.TOR/74/TDA/2020 dated 8.9.2020
4. Comisioner, Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage, Govt. of Karnataka, Karnataka Exhibition Authority Premises, Mysuru-570010. (Email: commr\_amh@yahoo.in)
5. The Regional Director, Southern Region, ASI, Bengaluru.
6. The Superintending Archaeologist, Archaeological Survey of India, Bangalore Circle, Bangalore, **with the instruction to visit the site during the course of excavation and submit a detailed report to this office.**
7. Guard File/T-17/12/May/20/3982932/EE

From  
Dr. V. Shobha  
Assistant Professor  
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30-06-2021

To  
Director  
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Dharohar Bhawan ASI  
24, Tilak Marg  
New Delhi 110001

Through  
The Chairman  
DOS in Ancient History and Archaeology  
Manasagangotri  
Mysuru 570 006

Dear Sir,

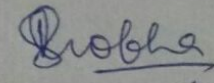
**Subject: Submission of the Report of trial excavations conducted at the site of  
Budipadaga, Chamarajanagar district, Karnataka**

Reference: Your order No. T-17011/29-2020 EE, dated 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021

With reference to the above, I wish to inform you that trial excavations were carried out at the site of Budipadaga in the Chamarajanagar district of Karnataka during the months of March and April 2021. I have enclosed herewith the Report of the trial excavations along with the details of the antiquities found from the excavated site.

Thanking you,

Sincerely,



(V. Shobha)

Dr. V. Shobha, Ph.D.

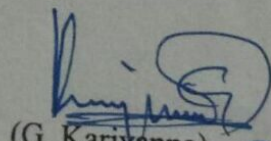
Assistant Professor

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Manasagangotri, Mysuru - 570 006

Forwarded with complements.

AHA/MGM/ 42 /2021-22, dated 30-6-2021



(G. Kariyappa) 30 06 2021

Professor & Chairman  
Department of Studies

in Ancient History & Archaeology  
Manasagangotri, Mysore-570 006

## **Report of Excavation at Budipadaga (Chamarajanagar district, Karnataka)**

**(March-April 2021)**

### **Introduction**


Despite two centuries of archaeological research in southern Karnataka, we have a dim picture of the Neolithic and Iron Age cultures in the upper Kaveri valley in general and the hilly terrain of southeastern Karnataka in particular. Except for the landmark excavations at the sites of T. Narasipur (Seshadri 1971), Jadigenahalli (Seshadri 1960), Hemmige (Hanumantha Rao and Nagaraju 1974) and Banahalli (IAR 1967-68: 37-39; 1972-73: 27; 1983-84: 42-46; 1985-86: 43-44; 1986-87: 42-45; Krishna Murthy 1990: 67-80), carried out at key sites between 1960-1080s, no prolonged or systematic research has been carried out on this phase of prehistory in this region. We are in the dark as far as the socio-economic aspects of these cultures is concerned, including the development of Iron technology, nature of agro-pastoral activities, social organization and trade contacts. Moreover, cultural adaptation in hilly and remote terrains is interesting to explore and understand as opposed to cultural developments in the riverine plains. Absolute dates are another issue, for there are just a few C14 dates available from T. Narasipur for Neolithic occupation. The chronology of megalithic burials in this region has always been a matter of speculation. It is within this broad framework that the excavation at the habitation site of Budipadaga (Locality 1) was envisaged, with the hope to gather data that may throw some light on the above issues.

### **The Site**

Budipadaga (11°57'24.9" N, 77°14'59.6" E) is a hamlet located in the Lokkanahalli hobli of Hanuru taluk, Chamarajanagara district, in southeastern Karnataka, about 16 km north of Karnataka-Tamil Nadu border. It is strategically situated in a short and narrow valley between two major hill ranges of southern Karnataka, namely the Biligiriranganatha (BRT) Hills Group (BRT Tiger Reserve) on the west and the Male Mahadeshwara (MM) Hills group on the east. The two hill ranges converge about 500m south of the village. The valley, which is about a kilometer wide (east-west) and 7 km long (north-south), is an eco-sensitive corridor today and is drained by north-south flowing seasonal stream called Jadatadi halla (Fig 1).

## ANTIQUITIES

### Budipadaga, Hanur Taluk, Chamarajanagar district, Karnataka

1	Name of the Museum/Institution	Department of Studies in Ancient History and Archaeology University of Mysore (Mysuru, Karnataka)
2	Title of Object	Hopscotch/Disc
3	Type of Object	Hopscotch/disc
4	Date/Period	Medieval
5	Dynasty/Style	-
6	Provenance	Site: Budipadaga; Trench A, Dig 2. Depth 30-40 cm
7	Material	Stone (Charnockite/gneiss)
8	Measurement/weight	Diameter: 1.84 cm Thickness: 0.6 cm Weight: 5 g
9	Description	Circular stone disc/hopscotch
10	Identification Marks	-
11	Condition	Good
12	Photograph	
13	Location at the Museum	Preserved in the Department of Ancient History and Archaeology
14	State/UT	Karnataka
15	Accession/Registration No.	BUDP-01
16	Source of Acquisition	From trial excavation
17	National Documentation no.	-
18	Published references	-
19	Remarks	Intact
20	Date of Recording	16.03.2021
21	Recorded by	Dr. V. Shobha

ಮೈಸೂರು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ

ಮೈಸೂರು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ ಕಾರ್ಯಸೌಧ  
ಕ್ರಾಫರ್ಡ್ ಭವನ, ಮೈಸೂರು

ವಿಷಯ: ಇತಿಹಾಸ ಅಧ್ಯಯನ ವಿಭಾಗದ ವತಿಯಿಂದ ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಬುದಿಪಡಗ ಎಂಬಲ್ಲಿ ಉತ್ಖನನ(Excavation) ನಡೆಸಲು ಅನುಮತಿ ನೀಡುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ.

- ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ: 1. ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು, ಪ್ರಾಚೀನ ಇತಿಹಾಸ ಮತ್ತು ಪುರಾತತ್ವ ಅಧ್ಯಯನ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮಾನಸಗಂಗೋತ್ರಿ, ಮೈಸೂರು ಇವರ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಮಾಗಂ/ಪ್ರಾಇಪು/334/2020-21, ದಿನಾಂಕ:26-02-2021.  
2. ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಕುಲಪತಿಗಳ ಆದೇಶ ದಿನಾಂಕ:10-03-2021.

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ಆದೇಶ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಡಿ.ವಿ.9/198/Excavation/2020-21, ದಿನಾಂಕ:12-03-2021

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಕುಲಪತಿಗಳ ಅನುಮೋದನೆ ಮೇರೆಗೆ, ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು, ಪ್ರಾಚೀನ ಇತಿಹಾಸ ಮತ್ತು ಪುರಾತತ್ವ ಅಧ್ಯಯನ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮಾನಸಗಂಗೋತ್ರಿ, ಮೈಸೂರು ಇವರಿಗೆ, ಸದರಿ ವಿಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಡಾ.ವಿ.ಶೋಭಾ, ಸಹಾಯಕ ಪ್ರಾಧ್ಯಾಪಕರು, ಇವರು ವಿಭಾಗದ ವತಿಯಿಂದ ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಬುದಿಪಡಗ ಎಂಬ ಪುರಾತತ್ವ ನೆಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ 2021ರ ಮಾರ್ಚ್-ಮೇ ಮಾಹೆಯಲ್ಲಿ 15 ದಿನಗಳ ಕಾಲ ಕಿರು ಪ್ರಮಾಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಉತ್ಖನನ (Excavation) ನಡೆಸಲು ಅನುಮತಿ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಸಂಬಂಧ ತಗಲುವ ವೆಚ್ಚ ರೂ.1,98,000/- (ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಒಂದು ಲಕ್ಷದ ತೊಂಬತ್ತೆಂಟು ಸಾವಿರಗಳು ಮಾತ್ರ)ಗಳನ್ನು ಕೆಳಕಂಡ\* ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆವಾರು ನಿಯಮಾನುಸಾರ ಬಳಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಆಡಳಿತಾತ್ಮಕ ಮಂಜೂರಾತಿ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

Head of Account/ Expenses	Details		Cost per unit	Total cost/head of account in Rs.
Travel (local)	15 days	Daily Travel from Kollegala to Budipadaga	Rs 2000/day	30,000=00
Labour	15 days	4 labourers daily for 15 days	Rs.750/day/ person	45,000=00
Food	15 days	6 member team	Rs.200/-	18,000=00
Accommodation	15 days	6 member team for 15 days	Rs.2000/day	30,000=00
Stationary and Consumables	Ziplock covers, pottery bags, labels, notepad, drawing materials, thread roll etc.			25,000=00
Minor equipments	For digging and documentation (iron pegs, sieves, small digging tools etc)			30,000=00
Contingency				20,000=00
<b>Estimated budget of the Project Rs.One lakh niney eight thousand only</b>				<b>1,98,000=00</b>

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ಈ ಸಂಬಂಧದ ವೆಚ್ಚವನ್ನು 2020-21ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಮೈಸೂರು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯದ "ಕಿರು ಸಂಶೋಧನಾ ಯೋಜನೆಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಸಹಾಯಧನ-271" ರ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಲಭ್ಯವಿರುವ ಅನುದಾನದಿಂದ ಭರಿಸುವುದು.

ಆದೇಶದ ಮೇರೆಗೆ,

ಕುಲಸಚಿವ 12/3/2021

ಇವರಿಗೆ,

1. ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು, ಪ್ರಾಚೀನ ಇತಿಹಾಸ ಮತ್ತು ಪುರಾತತ್ವ ಅಧ್ಯಯನ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮಾನಸಗಂಗೋತ್ರಿ, ಮೈಸೂರು.
2. ✓ ಡಾ.ವಿ.ಶೋಭಾ, ಸಹಾಯಕ ಪ್ರಾಧ್ಯಾಪಕರು, ಪ್ರಾಚೀನ ಇತಿಹಾಸ ಮತ್ತು ಪುರಾತತ್ವ ಅಧ್ಯಯನ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮಾನಸಗಂಗೋತ್ರಿ, ಮೈಸೂರು-ಸದರಿ ವಿಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾಠ ಪ್ರವಚನಗಳಿಗೆ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗದಂತೆ ಉತ್ಖನನ (Excavation) ನಡೆಸುವಂತೆ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.
3. ಹಣಕಾಸು ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಮೈಸೂರು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ, ಮೈಸೂರು.
4. ಅಪರ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಪರಿಶೋಧನೆ ಮತ್ತು ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಪತ್ರ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಪ್ರಾಂತೀಯ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಮೈಸೂರು ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮೈಸೂರು.
5. ಮಾನ್ಯ ಕುಲಪತಿ/ಕುಲಸಚಿವರ ಆಪ್ತಸಹಾಯಕರು, ಮೈಸೂರು ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾನಿಲಯ, ಮೈಸೂರು.
6. ಕಛೇರಿ ಪ್ರತಿ.