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Between the Neolithic and the Chalcolithic in the Plain of Navkur: results of the Asingeran Excavation Project (2023-2024)

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Abstract

This presentation will provide a detailed report on the findings and key conclusions from the 2023 and 2024 excavation seasons of the Asingeran Excavation Project. The results of archaeological investigations at Kanispan and Asingeran will be presented, highlighting data related to the Ceramic Neolithic at the former site and the early Late Chalcolithic at the latter, both located in the Navkur Plain. Excavations at Kanispan have uncovered evidence of a Neolithic village preliminarily dated to the 7th millennium BCE. Meanwhile, continued work at Asingeran has revealed two superimposed large structures — the "White Building" (WB) and the "Rectangular Mudbrick Building" (RMB) — dated to the early Late Chalcolithic. This presentation will discuss settlement patterns, societal structures, material culture (in particular pottery and lithics), and chronology, offering an initial overview of developmental dynamics in the Navkur Plain during the 7th to 4th millennia BCE.

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