

CENTRE ALLOCATING FUNDS FOR HARAPPAN SITE OF RAKHIGARHI



Context



The Central Government has allocated Rs 500 crore in the Union Budget for the development of Rakhigarhi, a site of the ancient Harappan civilisation.

About



- **Aim:** The initiative is expected to place Rakhigarhi strengthening India's archaeological presence worldwide.

Rakhigarhi:



It is the largest Harappan site in the Indian Subcontinent.

It is situated in the **Hisar district of Haryana** and is located in the **Ghaggar-Hakra river plain**.

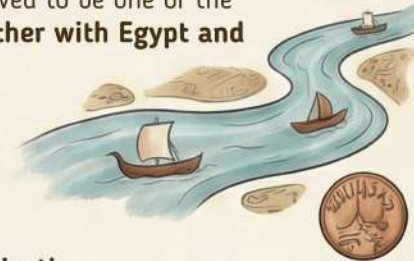
The site was first excavated by Amarendra Nath of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

About Harappan Civilization



The Harappan civilization is believed to be one of the oldest world civilizations together with Egypt and Mesopotamia.

It was developed along the river Indus and for that reason it is also known as the Indus Valley Civilization.



The Harappan civilization is identified as a **Bronze-age civilization** because many objects have been found that are made up of copper based alloys.



Major Harappan Sites

Site	Present Day	Site	Present Day
Harappa	Punjab, Pakistan	Rakhigarhi	Haryana
Mohenjo-Daro	Sindh, Pakistan	Chanhudaro	Sindh, Pakistan
Dholavira	Kutch district of Gujarat,	Ganweriwala	Punjab, Pakistan
Kalibangan	Rajasthan	Sutkagendor	Baluchistan Province, Pakistan
Lothal	Gujarat	Alamgirpur	Uttar Pradesh