

# Excavations at Karsola Kheda, Jind District, Haryana, 2010-11

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## ABSTRACT

Understanding the relationship between the Late Harappan and the Painted Grey Ware (PGW) cultures was one of the important issues in the history of north-west India. The archaeological site of Karsola in Jind district of Haryana was chosen due to the presence of the required cultural sequence there to understand this important problem. The excavations carried out at the site revealed a cultural gap of nearly five centuries between the Late Harappan and the PGW culture. Excavations revealed that even though the Late Harappan culture survived in a decadent form at the site, there was a continuation of some of the craft activities, including pottery manufacture, on a large scale.

The PGW people came to the site around the ninth or eighth centuries BC, as the pottery and other material culture indicates. The PGW people at the site lived in very flimsy structures of mud and wattle-and-daub, but produced beautiful terracotta art. The Early Historic people may have made temporary settlements at the site as the presence of Early Historic stamped pottery would indicate. This paper highlights the results of the excavation and underlines the importance of Karsola in the regional context.

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