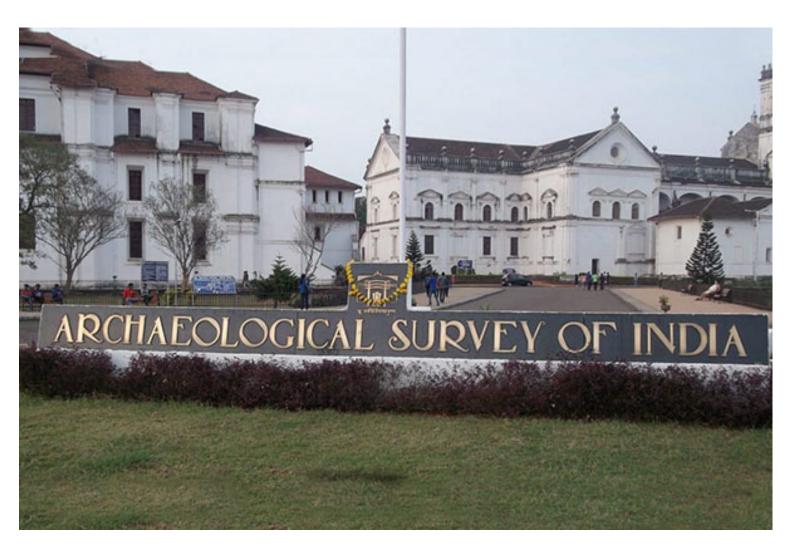


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Recently, the Archaeological Survey of India has received proposals for excavations at the sites of Chalcolithic affiliations at the Sagar district.



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#### Recent Excavation of Chalcolithic sites In India

#### **Excavation at Eran:**

- Eran (ancient Airikina) is situated on the left bank of the Bina (ancient Venva) river and surrounded by it on three sides.
- The recent **excavation** here has unearthed a variety of **antiquities**.
  - It includes a copper coin, an iron arrowhead, terracotta bead, stone beads along with copper coins, stone celt, beads of steatite, and jasper.
  - The site also found a carnelian, terracotta wheel, animal figurines, miniature pots, iron objects, stone querns, pestles, and a red slipped terracotta with inscription in Devnagari.
- The use of iron is evidenced by a few **metallic** objects at the site.
- This excavation at the site also revealed the remains of Chalcolithic culture with four major periods that are:
  - Period I: Chalcolithic (18th -7th BCE)
  - Period II: Early historic (7th 2nd century BCE)
  - Period II B: 2nd century BCE 1st century CE
  - Period III: 1st 6th century CE
  - Period IV: late medieval (16th 18th century CE).

#### **Excavation at Tewar:**

- Tewar (Tripuri) village is located near Jabalpur district on Jabalpur Bhopal highway.
- This site has provided **antiquarian** remains in this excavation includes:
  - Remains of sculptures, hopscotch, terracotta balls, Iron nails, copper coins, terracotta beads, implements of Iron and terracotta figurine, in ceramics redware,
  - Black ware, red slipped ware with shapes of handi, bowl, spouted pot, small pot, big jar, etc., structural remains consist of brick wall and structure of sandstone columns.

### What is Chalcolithic

- Chalcolithic is also known as copper age (1800-800 BC).
- The Copper Age was originally defined as a transition between the Neolithic and the Bronze Age.



- In this Copper was probably the first metal used by humans.
- It was a period in the development of human technology, preceding the **Bronze Age** before it was discovered that adding tin to copper formed the **harder bronze**.
- It was the transition between the Stone Age and the metal age.