



Special Lecture on

Sarazm: The Oldest Archaeological Site of Tajikistan and It's  
Linkages with South Asian Proto Historic Settlements

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In her speech, *Dr. Nandini Bhattacharya* discussed about the Indian subcontinent with its enormous regional variations had given rise to endless variants of material culture ever since the dawn of human civilization. The dimension of cultural exchanges between this region and her neighbouring territories can even be traced back to pre-historic and proto-historic days of third millennium BCE.

She had wonderfully highlighted about one such centre of early proto-urban culture in the southern Central Asia, Sarazm of Tajikistan which contain visible resemblance with contemporary pre-Harappan settlements. Most remarkably, the presence of conch shell bangles and conch shells in their intact shapes unearthed from this archaeological site, completely landlocked, prove the definite communication of these items from Indian sub-continent. The diffusion and inclusiveness of Indic culture, is thus traceable ever since the pre-Harappan days.

An assessment of Sarazm and the material remains discovered from this archaeological site seems extremely significant for understanding the strength both notional and material beyond the territorial delimitation of the Indian sub-continent. As an ancient most centre of exchange, this archaeological site carries vivid evidence of the presence and prevalence of Indic culture in its way of life.

She explained about those items of exchanges between Indian settlements and Sarazm contributing and complementing each other. This can help develop a hypothesis on the inclusiveness of Indic culture way back since the pre- or proto historic era.

Following the presentation, a lively question and answer session ensued, allowing participants to engage directly with Dr. Nandini Bhattacharya to explore various aspects of the topic. Overall, the lecture received positive feedback from the attendees.