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Unearthing the Lost: Archaeology

(Aims to introduce the subject with a combination of the working principles of Archaeology and what has been discovered and achieved within India and the subcontinent at large.)

“The most difficult thing to predict is not the future but the past”

Course Objectives:

1. Politics, Media and Archaeology
 - From Indiana Jones to the Babri Masjid
2. What and why of Archaeology?
 - Inquisitive Curiosity
 - The Foundation stones of Archaeology
 - What can be studied under archaeology?
 - Archaeology helps to understand man and his society.
3. Archaeology vs. History
 - Archaeology as the Mother of History.
4. The Victor writes the History: The White Mans Burden to Nationalism.
5. Searching for the lost past; how to find and identify sites?
 - Searching for sites
 - Types of sites and mounds.
 - How do mounds form?
6. Excavation Life & Techniques (2 Classes)
 - What is it like at an Excavation?
 - How do you excavate?
 - Salvage Archaeology
 - If possible a field trip to a site in Old Pune.
7. Increasing complexities (Evolution of Society)
8. Man: The Technological Species (Origin of Technology).

9. This life or the next (Karma and the cultural differences)
10. Economy, Economics and Archaeology- Ancient India a Global economy.
11. The Epics & Archaeology
12. Underwater Archaeology S. R. Rao's Dwarka
13. Deccan College Museum Field Trip