

PROFILE

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Research Interest: Prehistoric & Protohistoric Archaeology, Early Farming communities in India, Experimental Archaeology, Techno- Typology of Lithic tools, Landscape Archaeology, Ethno-Archaeology, Living Tradition of Tribal's, Traditional Knowledge System.

Education:

- 2019. Ph.D in History (Thesis title “**Archaeological Investigation in the Middle Brahmani River Valley, Odisha: with special reference to the Bonaigarh Subdivision**”. P.G. Department of History, Sambalpur University, Odisha.
- UGC - Junior Research Fellow (Archaeology).
- 2013. Post Graduate Diploma in Geographical Information System and Remote Sensing (PGDRS) from Department of Earth Sciences, Sambalpur University, Odisha.
- 2012. M.Phil in History (Thesis title “**A Study of Microlithic Assemblages In The Bargarh Upland: With Particular Reference To The Girisul River, Orissa**”. P.G. Department of History, Sambalpur University, Odisha.
- 2010. M.A. in History (Archaeology) P.G. Department of History, Sambalpur University, Odisha.

PUBLICATIONS:

Book Edited

S. Hussain and S. Mendaly. 2020. *Recent Developments in Historical and Archaeological Studies in Odisha*, Walnut Publication, BBSR. ISBN: 9789390261826

S.Hussain and S.Mendaly. 2023. Art and Archaeology of Eastern India and adjoining Regions: Recent Perspectives, **Sharda Publishing House, New Delhi. ISBN: 978-93-83221.**

Journals/ Article/Proceedings

1. Mendaly, S. 2014, 'The Microlithic industries in the Girisul River Valley Western Odisha, A preliminary Report', *Puratattva*, (Journal of Indian Archaeological Society), Vol. 44, Pp 79-82.

2. **Mendaly, S.** and **S. Hussain** 2015. Microlithic Industry of Odisha with Particular Reference to Bhalugarh, District- Jharsuguda, Odisha: A Preliminary Report. *Heritage: Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies in Archaeology*, Vol. 3, Pp. 346-369.
3. **Mendaly, S** and **S. Hussain**, 2015. Prehistoric Investigation in the Sapai River with particular Reference to Microlithic Site of Bhalugarh, Dist- Jharsuguda, Odisha: A Preliminary Observation, *Koshal, (Journal of Chhatisgarh State Archaeology)*, Vol. 8: Pp. 94-101.
4. **Hussain. S** and **S. Mendaly**.2015. Asurgarh Sites in Western Odisha: An archaeological study, *History Today*, (Journal of the **History** and Culture Society) Vol. 16, Pp. 67-71.
5. **Mendaly, S.**2015, 'A Study of Living Megalithic Tradition among the Gond Tribes, District-Nuaparha', Odisha. *Ancient Asia, (Journal of the Society of South Asian Archaeology (SOSAA) Ubiquity Press, London* (6). 9, pp 1-6. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.5334/aa.12328>
6. **Mendaly S.**2016. Menhirs and Cultural Diffusion: Megalithic Practices in Central-Eastern India, *Antiquity, Cambridge University Press*, 90: 352. <http://antiquity.ac.uk/projgall/mendaly352>
7. **Deep. S** and **S. Mendaly** 2016, Microlithic settlements in lower Ranj stream, District Bargarh, Western Odisha: A preliminary report, *Heritage: Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies in Archaeology*, Vol. 4, Pp-293-311.
8. **Bandyopadhyaya, S, S. Mendaly, A. Ray, and T. Ruikar.** 2016. Clues to Prehistoric human-plant Interaction, *Heritag: Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies in Archaeology*, Vol., 4, 847-851.
9. **Mendaly S.**2017. Funeral rituals and Megalithic tradition: A study on ethnic communities in Odisha, *Heritage: Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies in Archaeology*, Vol. 5: Pp- 930-943.
10. **Mendaly S.**2017 A Preliminary Observation on Living Megalithic Tradition Found Among the Munda Community, Bonaigarh Subdivision, Dist- Sundergarh, Odisha. *Indian Journal of Archaeology*, Vol-4 (1): 479-489.
11. **Behera, P. K., S. Hussain and S. Mendaly**, 2017. Amudda: An Iron Age Megalithic Habitation Site in the Middle Mahanadi Valley, Odisha. *Heritage: Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies in Archaeology*, Vol. 5:965-991.
12. **Mendaly, S.** 2018. A Preliminary observation on the Late Middle Paleolithic culture in Middle Brahmani valley: with special reference to Bonaigarh Subdivision: Dist- Sundergarh, Odisha. *Proceeding of Indian History Congress, 78th Session*, Pp-954-967. ISSN-2249-1937

13. **Hussain S and S. Mendaly.** 2018. Megalithic Remains in Middle Mahanadi valley Region of Odisha. *Heritage: Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies in Archaeology*, Vol. 6, 625-646. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/26906171>
14. **Mendaly, S and S Hussian.** 2018. Changing tradition and Megalithic Practices in Odisha: Some Observation, *Heritag: Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies in Archaeology*, Vol. 6: Pp. 594-605.
15. **Mendaly, S.** 2019. Megalithic Builders of Odisha: Living Megalithic tradition among the Munda Communities, District-Sundargarh. *Journal of Neolithic Archaeology, University of Kiel, Germany*, Volume- 21(5): Pp. 1-13. <https://doi.org/10.12766/jna.2019S.13>
16. **Mendaly, S.** 2019. Techno-typological study of Lithic Components: Prehistoric hominin settlement in river Rukuda, Bonaigarh, Dist- Sundergarh, Odisha. *Heritage: Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies in Archaeology*, Vol. (7): 426-449.
17. Behera, P. K, D. Behera and **S. Mendaly.** 2020. Fresh Light on the Mass Production of Stone Adzes and Chisels in the Southern Bonaigarh, Odisha, *Ancient Asia, (Journal of the Society of South Asian Archaeology (SOSAA)*. Ubiquity Press, London, 11(5),1-19. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5334/aa.188>
18. **Mendaly, S.** 2021. Late Pleistocene Lithic Utilisation Pattern from the Middle Brtahmani Valley, Odisha, *Man and Environment, (Journal of the Indian Society for Prehistory and Quaternary Studies)*, Vol. XLVI (2) 41-50.
19. **Mendaly S and Sakir Hussain** 2022. A Note on Recently Discovered Early Historic Sites in Bonaigarh Sub-Division, Sundargarh District, Odisha, *Purattatva, (Journal of Indian Archeological Society)*, 52: 165-170 .

Chapter in Edited Book

1. Behera, P.K., N. Thakur, B. Chatterjee and **S. Mendaly** 2017. Recent Observation on the Microlithic Assemblages with Pebble-Cobble Components in Odisha, India, in **Rethinking the Past**, (Edited by S. G. Deo, A. Baptista and J. Joglekar) *Prof. V. N. Mishra Memorial Volume*, 7: 81-95. ISBN: 978-81-908330-6-6
2. Mendaly, S. and D. Biswal. 2020. Prehistoric open-air sites in Tikra river valley, Sambalpur: A Preliminary Observation, in **Recent Developments in Historical and Archaeological Researches in Odisha**, (Edited by S.Hussain and S.Mendaly) **Dr. B. Pradhan, Felicitation Volume**, 11-21 ISBN: 9789390261826
3. S. Hussain and **S. Mendaly** 2022. *Evidence of Megalithism in the Middle Mahanadi Valley, Odisha: A Preliminary Observation* in **ATAVIKA-A Dialogue between Past and Present** (Edited by P.K. Dansena and Gitanjali Rout) In *Felicitation of Dr. Baba Mishra*, Volume-1, Pp- 45-56. B.R. Publication, New Delhi. ISBN: 9789391123185

4. S. Hussain and **S. Mendaly** 2023. *Human-Animal Representations in Rock Art of Odisha: Some Observations based on Recent Perspectives* in **Animals in Archaeology: Intriguing Landscape, Environment and Humans in South Asia**, (Edited By Pankaj Goyal, Abhayan G. S and S.Channarayapatna) in *Festschrift for Prof. P.P. Joglekar, University of Kerala, Pp-291-305. ISBN-978-93-5810-902-3*
5. **S. Mendaly and S. Hussain** 2023. Archaeological Sites in Middle Brahmani River Valley, Sundargarh, Odisha: Some Observation. in **Art & Archaeology of Eastern India and Adjoining Regions: Recent Perspectives** (Edited by S.Hussain and S.Mendaly),Essays in Honour of Prof. Pradeep.K. Behera, **Sharda Publication**, New Delhi. ISBN: 978-93-83221-49-3.

Paper Presentations in Conferences/Seminar/Workshop

1. Presented a paper entitled "*Microlithic Industries in Girisul River, Bargarh Odisha*" at the **UGC Sponsored National Seminar On "Cultural Heritage Of South Kosala**, Siddhartha Degree College Binka , Sonapur, from 30th and 31st March 2013.
2. Presented a paper entitled "*Funeral rituals and megalithic tradition among the Munda tribes, Bonaigarh Sub-division, Sundargarh, Odisha: A preliminary report*" at the **Indian History Congress**, P.G. Department of History, Kerala University, Trivandrum, Kerala. (28th to 30 December, 2016).
3. Presented a paper entitled "*Microlithic Research in Odisha: A Recent study on Sapai river, district- Jharsuguda, Odisha*" in **INQUA-HaBCom** International Workshop on *Paleo-anthropological Perspective on Plant Communities in South Asia. "Prehistory, Plants & People"* 18.1.2016-24.1.2016. Organized by- **Sharma Centre for Heritage Education & French Institute of Pondicherry**.
4. Presented a Paper entitled *Prehistoric Investigation in Middle Bramhani River Valley: A Study on Microlithic Culture in Bonaigarh Subdivision, Sundergarh, Odisha*, at the **38th session of Odisha History Congress**, P.G. Department of History, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.(28th to 29th January 2017).
5. Presented a Paper entitled '*Tribal's Heritage in Odisha: A study on megalithic Structure of Gond Tribe*', in **National seminar on Internal security framework of India: Policies, Issues, and Challenges**, at the P.G. Department of Political science and Public administration (17th-18 March 2017).
6. Presented a Paper entitled "*Megalithic Culture in Odisha: A Recent Study on Living Megalithic Tradition Found among the Munda Tribes in Sundergarh District*", in **National seminar on Anthropological History and Tribal Worlds in India**, at Indian Institute of Advanced Study, (IIAS, Rastrapati Niwas) Shimla, 27-29 March 2017.

9. S. Hussain, S. Deep and **S. Mendaly**. *A Preliminary Survey on Early Medieval Temple ruins of Titlagarh Subdivision, District Bolangir, Odisha*, in ICHR Sponsored National seminar held at Panchayat College Bargarh, 19-20 November, 2017.
10. Presented a Paper entitled “*A study on middle Paleolithic culture in Middle Bramhani Valley: With Special reference to Bonaigarh Subdivision*”, in Section V: Archaeology, at **Indian History Congress**, 78th session, held in Jadavpur University, Kolkata, West-Bengal. 28-30 December 2017.
11. S. Hussain, and **S. Mendaly**. *Jamsaragarh: An early historic hill fort of Sundergarh*, in: Ancient Session, at **Indian History Congress**, 78th session, held in Jadavpur University, Kolkata, West Bengal. 28-30 December 2017.
13. Presented a paper entitled “*Megalithic tradition and Regional Variation: Megalithic tradition found among the Munda tribes, Dist-Sundergarh, Odisha*” in *Building Big? Global Scales of Monumentality—An ethno archaeological perspective*, held at Nagaland University Kohima, Nagaland March 12-16, 2018. Organized by, **Dialogues with the Past**. The Nordic Graduate School in Archaeology, Nagaland University & Graduate School Human Development in Landscape, University Kiel, Germany.
14. **S. Mendaly** and S. Hussain. 2018. Mortuary Practices among the Tribes of western Odisha: A study on Munda and Gond communities, in ICSSR sponsored National Seminar on tribes of Western Odisha: Economy, Society and Culture, 29th-30th December, at Panchayat College, Bargarh, Odisha.

WORKSHOP & TRAINEE:

1. Participated in the International Workshop on “**Hierarchy and Balance: The Role of Monumentality in European and North-East Indian Landscapes**” held at Nagaland March 17-24/03/2018. Organized by, ‘*Dialogues with the Past*’- The Nordic Graduate School in Archaeology, Nagaland University & Graduate School Human Development in Landscape-University Kiel, Germany.
2. Participated in the **UGC-HRDC sponsored One-week Short Term research methodology course**, 11-16/12/2017, Organised by HRDC– Utkal University, Vani-Vihar, BBSR.
3. Participated in the **INQUA-HaBCom International Workshop on *Paleo-anthropological Perspective on Plant Communities in South Asia. “Prehistory, Plants & People”*** 18.-24/1/2016. Organised by Sharma Centre for Heritage Education & French Institute of Pondicherry.

4. Participated in One Week winter school Workshop on “**Quaternary Geo-archaeology and Palaeo-environment**, 8-13/12/2014” Department of Archaeology, Postgraduate Research Institute, Deemed University Pune, Maharashtra.
5. Participated in ICHR Sponsored 7 Days workshop on “**Analytical Strategies an Experimental Approach**, 18-24/03/2013.” Department of Ancient Indian History Culture and Archaeology, Allahabad University, Uttar Pradesh.

Experience in Field Archaeology:

Participation in Excavation:

- 2018. Microlithic site at Burla, District; Sambalpur, Odisha
- Excavation at the Budhigarh (Late Iron Age-Early Historic site) District- Kalahandi, Odisha, under the Supervision of Prof. Baba. Mishra during 4th to 20th May, 2016.
- 2016. Torajunga (Acheulean site) District - Bargarh, Odisha
- 2014. Ammuda (Iron Age/Megalithic site) District- Boudh, Odisha.
- 2013. Achulian Site of Gopalpur, District; Bargarh, Odisha.
- 2012. Achulian Site of Barpadar, District; Bargarh, Odisha.
- 2011. Taraporegarh (Iron Age-Early Historic site) Binka, District- Subarnapur, Odisha.
- 2010. Microlithic site at *Burla*, (Middle Mahanadi valley) District; Sambalpur, Odisha.

Exploration:

- Middle Bramhani Valley as a part of Ph.D. fieldwork. (2014-18).
- Megalithic sites of Nagas, Nagaland and Manipur 2017 (Funded by Dialogue with past-Nordic Graduate school, University of Kiel-Germany and Nagaland University).
- Rock art sites of Tikra river valley, Sambalpur. 2016.
- Acheulean sites in the Bargarh Upland, Odisha (2015. January).
- Megalithic sites of Gond Tribes in Nawapara District, Odisha, (March-April 2014).
- Acheulean sites on the foothills of Barapahar Hill range (2011-2014).
- Mid Tel and its tributary River Valley, district Kalahandi and South-Western Part of Odisha, (March, 2013).
- Prehistoric exploration on Ib River Valley, Jharsuguda, Odisha. (January 2013).
- Prehistoric exploration in and around Lower Tel Valley of Odisha (Kandhamal-Kalahandi) region (April-2012).
- Prehistoric exploration on the foothills of Baraphad hill range (March-2012)
- Jira River Valley, Odisha (January 2012).
- Girisul and Kuliari River Valley, Odisha and Chhatisgarh Boarder area as a part of M.Phil. Dissertation. (March-May 2011).
- Rock art sites of Jharsuguda District, Odisha. (May. 2010).
- Prehistoric exploration of the Middle Mahanadi River Valley Odisha. 2009-10.

Paper Taught:

UG

- Museums and Archives in India
- Historical Tourism

P.G.

- Paleolithic Culture in Indian sub-continent
- Early Farming communities -Mesolithic and Neolithic Culture in India
- Iron Age in India
- Paleography and Epigraphy

Memberships of Academic Organisation:

- International Union for Quaternary Research (INQUA- HaBCom) *The Human and Biosphere Commission.*
- Indian Archaeological Society, New Delhi (IAS)
- Indian History Congress.