

The Work Place of Potters in Kalibangan

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ABSTRACT Development of exquisite pottery in period I in Kalibangan was a necessary consequence of the configuration of the causal powers of cascading slope, proximity to mud and grazing ground for draft animals. The causal powers were realized only when the Kalibangans developed the need of study wares for translocation of milk and water over long distances. Temporary rehabilitation of the settlement at the end of Period I disrupted potters link with their clients. Rehabilitation of the settlement in Period II restored the community but the potters, work place was cramped with the living quarters of the new settlement. Substitute work places were tried in some areas south of the fortified settlement of Period II. The alternative work places were more constraining than enabling causing termination of pottery of Period I in Kalibangan. The Kalibangans continued to be served by new pottery of the Indus valley Culture in period II but there is no geographical way of knowing if the pottery was imported from across the Indus or was made locally.