

Reviews

H. D. Sankalia. — Prehistory and Protohistory in India and Pakistan.

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The book is an elaborated version of Pandit Bhagwanlal Indraji lectures which the learned professor Dr. Sankalia delivered under the auspices of the University of Bombay in December 1960. In this book the versatile professor has sought to incorporate the up-to-date results of the explorations and researches in the fields of prehistory and protohistory of this sub-continent. The book is divided into *introduction* and four chapters. The introduction first discusses the geographical background, defines some terms and finally speaks on “the four ages in India” — palaeolithic (lower), palaeolithic (middle), Mesolithic, and neolithic and chalcolithic cultures - which form the main headings of the four chapters in the book.

The wealth of detail has been gathered from various sources and summarised under different chapters which have been profusely illustrated. They all speak of the high scholarship of the author, but from the point of view of critical evaluation of the materials the book leaves much to be desired. However, it will long remain a ready reference book to the student and research worker. The author deserves commendation for the production of such a voluminous work and placing it before the co-workers in the field.

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