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# Indus Valley Civilization - Dholavira, Balakot, Allahdino, Desalpur and Rojdi

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#### Dholavira

- Kutchch in Gujarat.
- Discovered by J. P. Joshi in 1967 68.
- Excavated by R. S Bisht in 1991.
- It has two parts: Citadel and Lower Town.
- Excellent water management system with huge water reservoirs and check dams.
- Elaborate stone gateways and rounded columns.
- · A scale made of buffalo bone has also been found.
- The city was colorful probably pink and white with walls, roads, floors and roof decorated with colorful clay.
- A public place has been found in the heart of the city which could be a stadium, a coronation ground, a market or an amphitheater.
- Unlike the other 1-Harappan towns, which were divided into two parts the Dholavira was divided into three part Citadel, Middle Town and Lower Town. The first two were strongly protected by rectangular fortifications.

#### **Balakot**

- · Near Las Bela, Somani Gulf in Karachi.
- Pre-Harappan and mature Harappan site.
- Discovered by George F. Dales in 1979.
- · A citadel has been found.
- Store jar has also been found.
- Big houses existed with bathrooms.
- Centre of shell and bead making.

#### Allahdino

Coastal Karachi.

• Discovered by W. A. Fairservis.

## Desalpur

- On the banks of Bhadar river at Gunthali (Bhuj) in Gujarat.
- Discovered by P. P Pandya and MA Dhakey.
- Pre-Harappa, Harappa and Post-Harappa site.
- A massive fort found.

### Rojdi

- Near Rajkot in Saurashtra.
- Pre-Harappa, Harappa and Post-Harappa site.