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After completion of the excavations at Saraswati Uddyan, Pukka Mahal, Varanasi, in August 2016, the findings from the site were cleaned, marked and registered. Fragments of earthen wares, which are found in large quantities at the historical sites, were also retrieved in good amount from this site. Each of the shards was washed, numbered, and classified in to several distinct types. Similarly, cleaning, recoding and analysis of antiquities from the site has also been completed.

The report of the findings of excavations of Shooltankeshwar and Saraswati Uddyan is under preparation, and is proposed to be compiled in one volume.

The report on Mundeshwari, the project completed earlier (2015) was sent to press, and it is being finalized under the title - *Religious Landscape of Mundeshwari: The 'Oldest Living Temple'*.

The report of excavations at Ramnagar entitled - *Varanasi and Ganga: Geomorphological and Archaeological Investigations at Ramnagar* has finally been printed and was released at the occasion of Prof. R.C. Sharma Memorial Lecture on 1st August 2016.



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Beads from Saraswati Uddyan, Varanasi



Terracotta Figurines from Saraswati Uddyan, Varanasi