

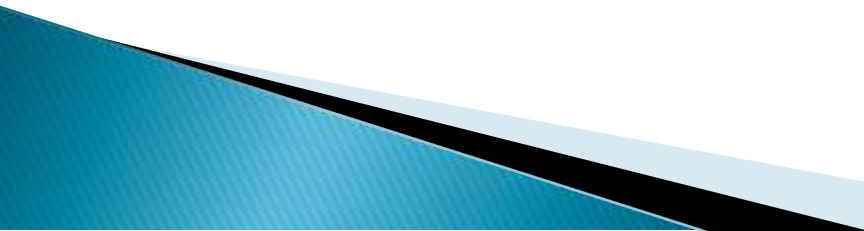
# HIS5B07 KERALA SOCIETY AND CULTURE:ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL

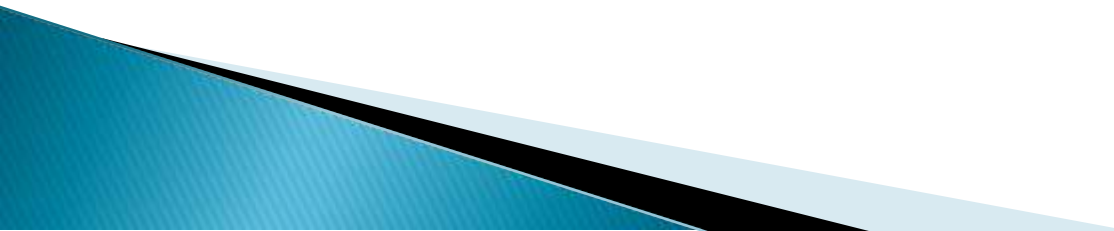
## MODULE-1

### TOPIC-EARLY HUMAN SETTLEMENTS:PALEOLITHIC, NEOLITHIC PERIODS

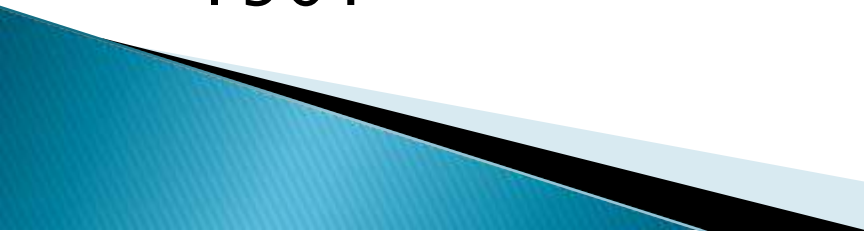
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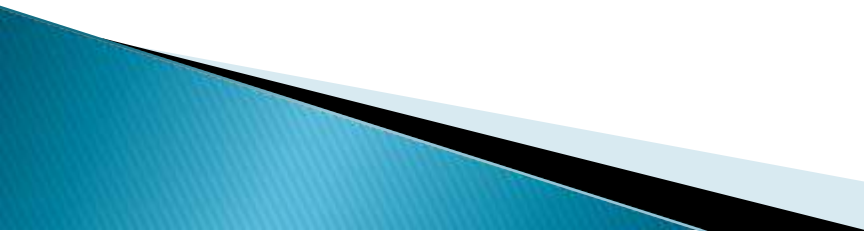
# PALEOLITHIC & MESOLITHIC PERIOD

- ▶ Pre-historic period of Kerala– not reconstructed convincingly due to lack of authentic evidences
  - ▶ No Paleolithic tools discovered in Kerala as compared to other parts of south India
  - ▶ Recently 3 Paleolithic tools – from Thenmala valley in Kollengode, Palakkad – by Geo-Heritage Archaeological Centre
  - ▶ Stone implements – Upper Paleolithic & Mesolithic– Chevayur(Kozhikode), Kizhillam(Ernankulam), Marayur(Idukki), Kanjirapally(Kottayam), Thenmala(Kollam) & eastern parts of Palakkad
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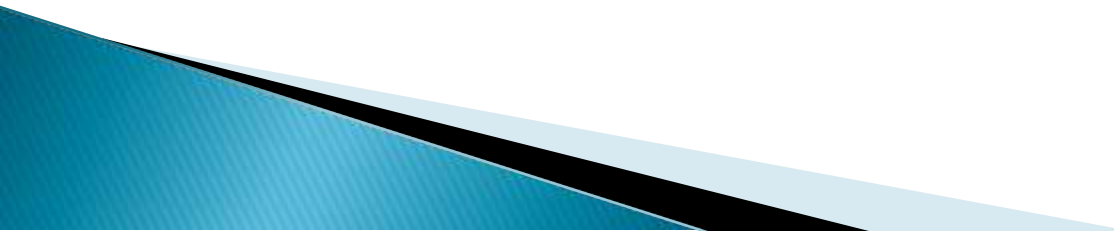
- ▶ Stone axe of Upper Paleolithic – rarely found in Kerala
  - ▶ Stone axe replaced by chopper – more complex & technically superior
  - ▶ Chopper – for hunting animals
  - ▶ Later chopper replaced by microliths (stoneblades)
  - ▶ Microliths – reaping wild grains, hunting of animals, making of apparels from animal skin
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# NEOLITHIC PERIOD:

- ▶ Beginning of agriculture – neolithic period
  - ▶ Some historians – no Neolithic phase in Kerala
  - ▶ But it proved false by recent excavations
  - ▶ Neolithic Period: Agriculture & polished tools
  - ▶ Trap rocks – evidence of human life in Neolithic period
  - ▶ Neolithic tools – Ambukuthy hills(Ambalavayal, Wayanad)– by Faucett in 1901
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- ▶ Faucett discovered stone blades
  - ▶ Recent excavations at Pulpally & Kalpetta – Neolithic tools
  - ▶ Pictures of Edakkal caves – noticed by Faucett– drawn by neolithic tools onl
  - ▶ Rock carvings at Tovari near Sultan Bathery – neolithic period
  - ▶ Tovari – 26 carvngs – depict geometrical figures
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- ▶ THENMALA – Kollengode, Palakkad – 27 microlithic & 26 megalithic sites – 3 Paleolithic sites
- ▶ Discovered – postholes, sockets, rock engravings etc.
- ▶ Style of rock engravings represent paleolithic age
- ▶ kollengode, Muthalamada, Elavancheery, Pallasana – chronological sequence of cultural & archaeological evidences from Paleolithic to later historic period

- ▶ Neolithic people – depend on both agriculture, hunting & domestication of animals
  - ▶ Rock engravings – represent relationship b/w human beings & animals with environment – cultural consciousness of Neolithic people
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**THANK YOU**

