

Archaeological Museum Exhibition

The School of Social Sciences holds the only Archaeological Museum of Mahatma Gandhi University. It has an extensive collection of archaeological remains ranging from Stone Age to early historical and medieval times. A comprehensive collection of stone tools including cleavers, hand-axes, choppers, draggers, cutting tools, chisels and microliths are available. The collection of megalithic pottery from Ambalamedu, Idukki includes various types of masonry, compositions and utilities. The school had conducted an elaborate archaeological excavation at Anakkara, Palakkad during the academic year 2008-09. This excavation conducted jointly by the students and the faculties resulted in the unearthing of different burials including burial urns, megalithic stones, umbrella stones, post holes and fascinating discovery of megalithic quarry. Artefacts collected from these sites forms one category of objects available in the museum. The museum has a separate specimen collection of early historic pottery like NBPW, PGW etc. Significant replicas of Indus relics including Mother Goddess, Dancing Girl, Harappan Man and vital seals like Pashupati, Unicorn and Bull. The in-situ preserved museum also has a detailed collection of early historic age from Pattanam with fragments of beads, wares, tiles, pottery and querns. An innumerable collection of medieval times includes copper-plates, Travancore coins, large collection of unsorted pottery and an enormous cluster of Chinese pottery and ceramics.

As an **extension activity**, School invited students and public to visit our Archaeological Museum. It was conducted as a part of the Social Science Fest, *AEONIAN* 2022, the school opened the Museum to the public on 25th and 26th of August, 2022. The exhibition was the part of **University Open Day** with an active participation of visitors with 314 and 335 persons on each day respectively.