

Narmada River: An Archeological View

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The Kui (DNA H and L) lived on the West Coast 200 miles to the west of Mumbai, 500 feet below the current sea levels, 40,000 years ago. When their homeland was submerged by the glacial melt of 20,000 years ago, the L moved south to the Kerala State, and the H moved to the Narmada River. The H were split into two: (1) Tamil and (2) Teli. At that time, monsoon winds blew from west to east. The area to the west of the Satpura Ridge was fertile land, and the area to the east was wasteland.

At the bottom of the peninsula were the Nilgiri Hills that had perpetual rainwater. They collected moist air from the Indian Ocean. The Tamil moved south 500 miles along the Wainganga River to the Tamil Nadu State. The Teli stayed at the Narmada. They moved south to the Mahanadi River 4,000 years ago when the Narmada became a wasteland due to a shift in the direction of monsoon winds.

