

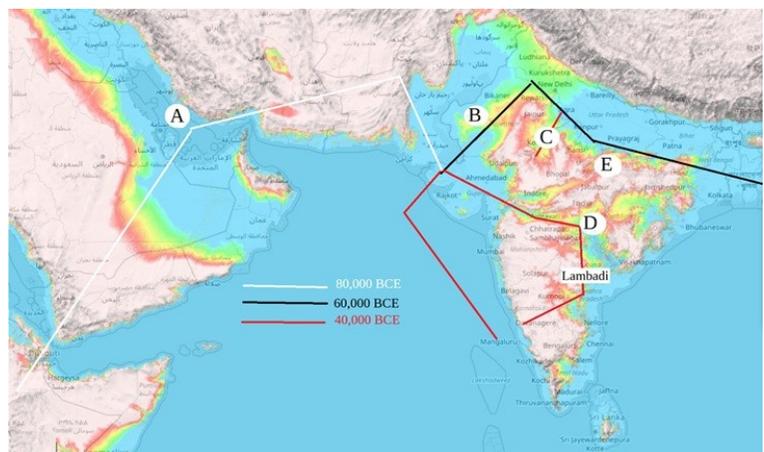
The Lambadi People: An Archeological View

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The 2011 Census of India data on Indian dialects revealed a fascinating story of the Lambadi people. Lambadis (DNA F) lived in South India 40,000 years ago. To understand the history of the Lambadi people, we have to reconstruct the climate and landscape of the time when they moved from Somalia to South India.

DNA F voluntarily moved out of Somalia 100,000 years ago and followed the Indian monsoon winds from the Arabian Sea to the Bay of Bengal. The monsoon winds reversed direction every 20,000 years due to the earth's orbit around the Sun, called the axial tilt. DNA F were lowlanders and lived only along the perennial rainwater rivers of mountain ridges that were perpendicular to the monsoon winds. The ridges were fertile lands on one side and wastelands on the other side depending on the direction of monsoon winds. Every 20,000 years they flipped, and people were forced to relocate from one side to the other to adapt to the climatic change.

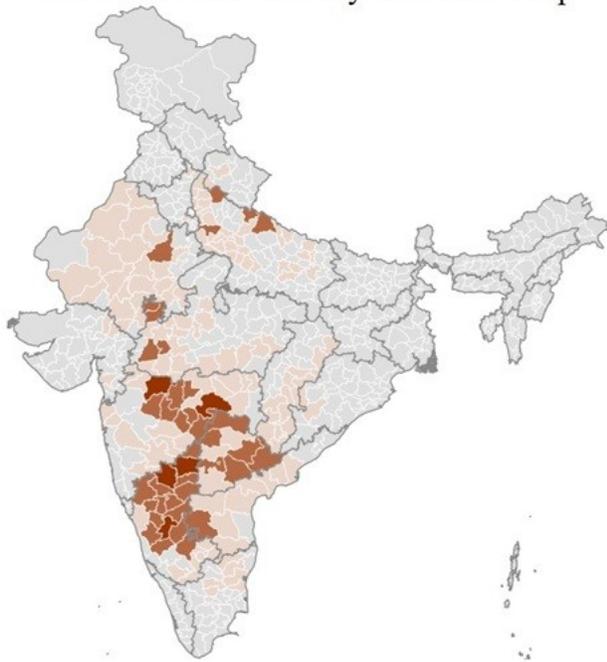
The elevation map is generated to depict the geology at the time of migration. The areas in green and yellow colors are lowlands where the F lived. The area A is between two mountain ridges and has perpetual rainwater. The areas B and C are on either side of the Aravalli Ridge. The areas D and E are on either side of the Satpura Ridge. The B had E had rainwater 60,000 years ago and 20,000 years ago. The C and D had rainwater 40,000 years ago and at present.



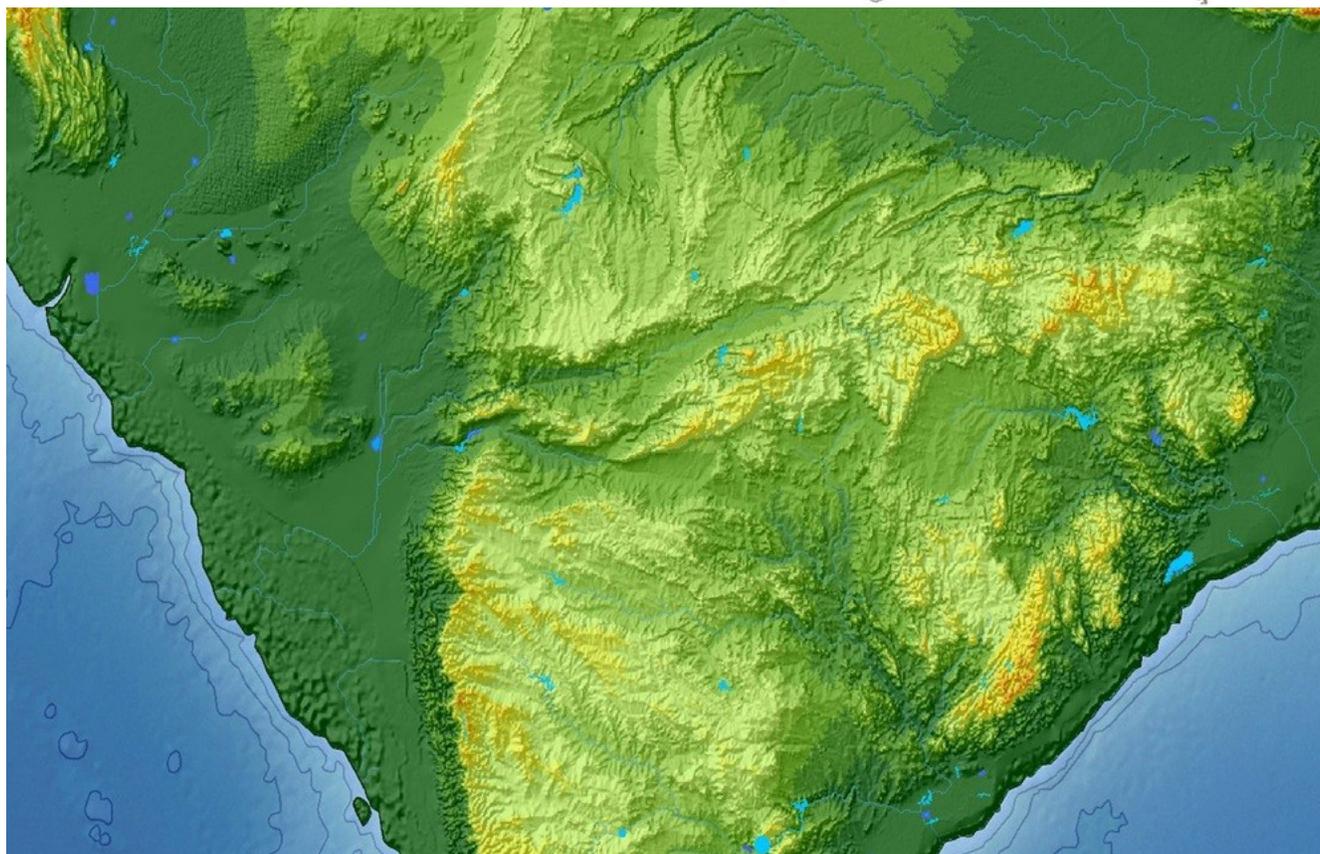
The F was in the A 80,000 years ago. Some of them moved to the B when it turned to fertile land 60,000 years ago. When the winds reversed direction 40,000 years ago, the B turned into wasteland. Some of them moved to the C, some moved to the D, and the rest moved to the now-submerged West Coast. The F that moved to the D 40,000 years ago was the Lambadi. They lived only in the current Maharashtra, Telangana, and Karnataka states. The area turned to wasteland 20,000 years ago when the winds reversed direction. Lambadis were trapped by the geology and adapted to the harsh climatic conditions.

The following density maps are the current distribution of Lambadis as recorded in the 2011 Census. They were the F who lived in the B 60,000 years ago.

DNA F Lambadi density interactive map



DNA F Lambadi Charan density interactive map



The above map was the landscape 40,000 years ago when Lambadi moved to the Tapi.