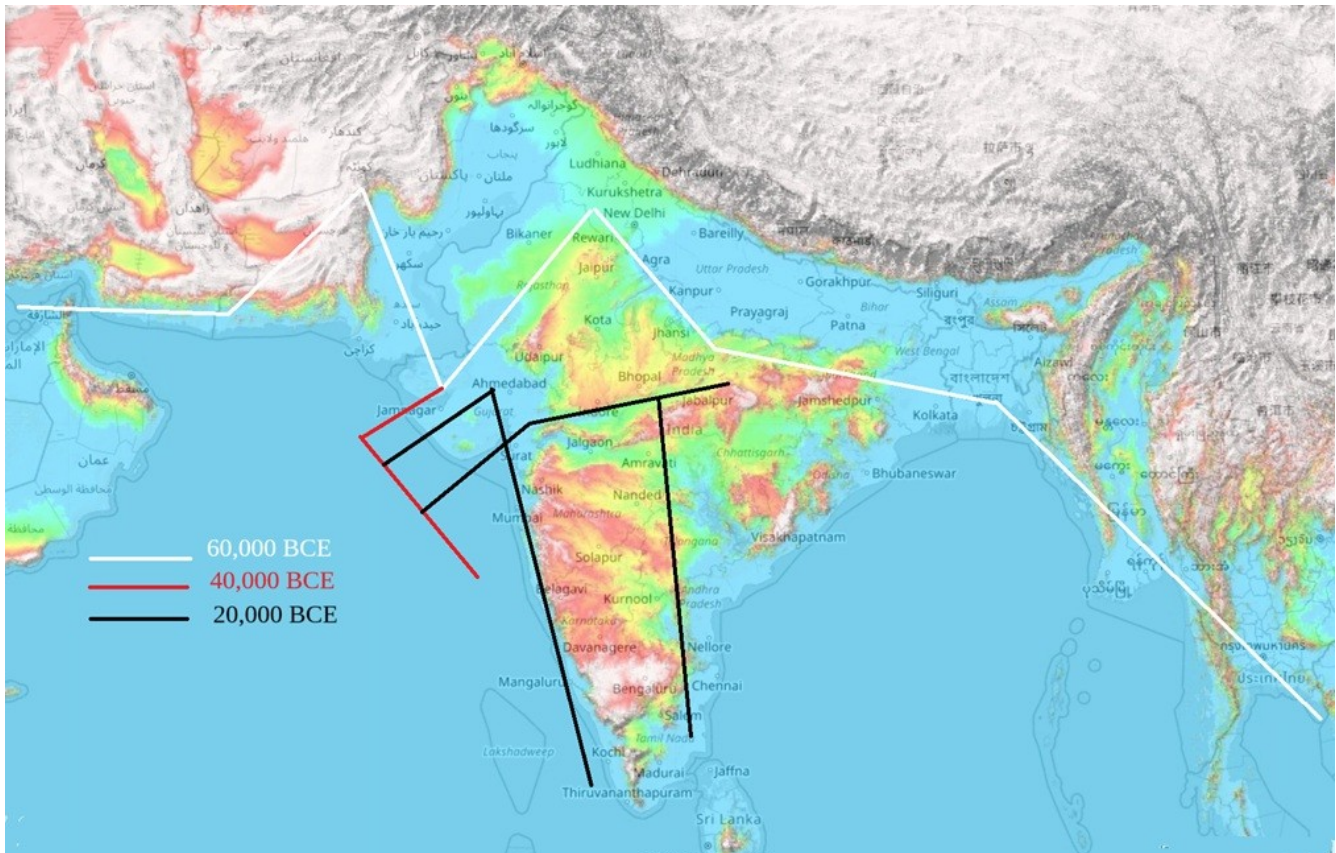


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The Western Ghats are the mountains on the west coast of India. Before the glacial melt, the seawater was far below the current levels. The west coast extended over 200 miles to reach the then Arabian Sea. The now submerged west coast was called the Indus Fan. When the Indus Fan was submerged, the people moved to the mainland.



Around 20,000 years ago, the Indian monsoon winds blew from west to east. The west side of the Satpura Range, called Trikuta, was fertile land, and the east side was wasteland deprived of rainwater. The Kaveri River at the bottom of the peninsula had perpetual rainwater; it was the only place to the east of the Satpura with rainwater. Some people from the Trikuta moved to the current Tamil Nadu State on the east side of the hills.

The west side of the hills was occupied by the people who vacated the Rann of Kutch when it turned into a salt desert 10,000 years ago.

