



**CENTRE FOR DOCUMENTATION
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HERITAGE OF SINDH**



THREE DAYS' WORKSHOP ON

**CLASSIFICATION, IDENTIFICATION
OF STONE TOOLS AND CERAMICS FROM
ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES**

**AT CDC-EFT JAMSHORO
6-8 NOVEMBER 2025**



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Workshop on Classification and Identification of Stone Tools and Ceramics (November 6-8, 2025)

A three-day professional workshop was held at the center for Documentation and conservation of the Heritage of Sindh (CDC-EFT) Jamshoro from 6th to 8th November 2025 on **Classification and Identification of Stone Tools and Ceramics from various Archaeological Sites of Sindh.**



The workshop's main goal was to impart hands on training to the students of the department of Archaeology and Anthropology, University of Sindh and the staff of CDC. Since long the students who came for internship and the field staff of CDC were facing the issue of identification of some specialized stone tools and ceramics found from various sites of Sindh.

Sindh, which has a long chronological sequence dating back to the lower Palaeolithic/Early Stone Age to the recent historic period has furnished evidence of a huge repertoire of stone tools used by the ancient man and rich collection of ceramics which needs an in-depth understanding of its technology, material, designs and periodization.



The cohorts of the University and the staff were thus imparted the required professional skills and know how to **properly identify, record, classify and analyze** the stone tools and pottery found by the CDC-EFT from various surveys carried out in different districts of the province of Sindh.

The workshop commenced on November 6, 2025,

The workshop was formally inaugurated by Dr. Nilofer Shaikh, Chairperson of the CDC-EFT, who emphasized on the significance of **classification and identification techniques** of the cultural repertoire and in preserving and understanding of the Sindh's rich archaeological heritage. The event was hosted by the Center for Documentation and Conservation of the Heritage of Sindh - Endowment Fund Trust (CDC-EFT) in Jamshoro, and its participants included staff of the CDC-EFT along with students and faculty from the Department of Anthropology and Archaeology, University of Sindh, Jamshoro.



The **ambit** of the workshop covered classification, identification, tagging, inventory, cataloguing of cultural material and photographic skills required to capture pictures of both stone tools and ceramics with proper display and lighting techniques.





Day 1: Classification and Identification of Stone Tools

The first day's session focused exclusively on lithic analysis (the study of stone tools), by Dr G.M. Veesar, Rtd professor of Shah Abdul Latif University, Khairpur. Professor Veesar delivered a detailed lecture and carried out practical sessions on the classification and identification of the stone tools, covering the major three periods of the Paleolithic followed by the stone tools and technology adopted in



the Mesolithic, Neolithic and the Indus Civilization period. Furthermore, he provided an in-depth analysis of how to identify and classify various tool types, including hand axes, blades, cores, choppers, scrapers, lunates, trapezes, arrow heads etc., simultaneously offering essential contextual and chronological details of each artifact along with their provenance.



Day 2: Classification and Identification of Ceramics

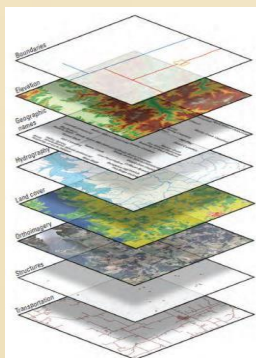


The second day of the program shifted its focus to **ceramic analysis**, specifically covering **typology, Identification, classification and documentation** of pottery from various archaeological sites of Sindh present and stored in the Documentation center (CDC).

The training session was conducted by both the resource persons Professor Mohiuddin Veesar and Mr. Amin Chandio, Lecturer from Aror University, Sukkur who had recently received training from Spain on the typology, classification of ceramics of the Early and the Mature periods of the Indus Valley Civilization. Mr. Chandio provided a comprehensive overview of the **classification and identification of ceramics** from archaeological sites stored in CDC spanning a long time range from 4th millennium BCE to 19th century CE.

The training program continued for the third and final day on the Stone- ceramic technology, Photography and Mapping.

A significant portion of the training was dedicated to the methodology to catalogue, describe and tag the cultural repertoire of the various eras. Session on the professional photographic techniques was also held side by side to train the students in the archaeological photographic documentation and Mapping.



The participants were free to discuss and come up with their own assessment of the **Classification and Identification of Stone Tools and Ceramics**, using the knowledge gained through the previous day's practical training. The stone tools and ceramics were systematically displayed and discussed by the participants, fostering a deep engagement with the resource persons. The reception to this session was highly positive, and the hands-on assignment proved successful, demonstrating that the participants achieved accurate identification skills regarding the specified archaeological artifacts.



Concluding Remarks

The three-day workshop concluded with a closing note at the CDC-EFT Jamshoro office by **Mr. Ishtiaq Ansari**, acknowledging the invaluable contributions of the resource persons, Professor G.M. Veesar and Mr. Amin Chandio. He also expressed appreciation for the active participation and curious engagement of all attendees in a highly conducive learning environment.

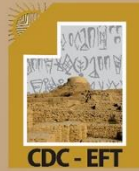


Participants

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Participant	Mr. Wilayat Hussain Khushk	
Participant	Mr. Rizwan Ali Behan	
Participant	Mis. Tania Solangi	

Glimpses of the workshop





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