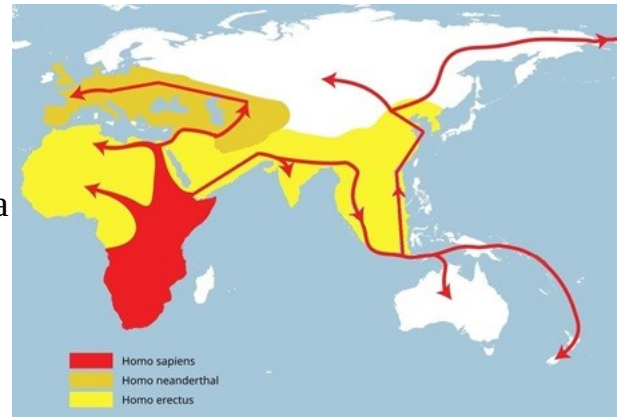


## The Kui People, an Archeological View

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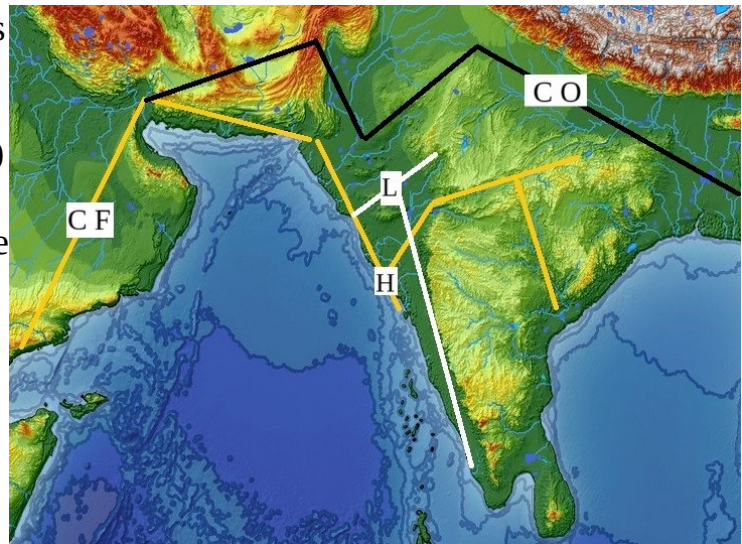
An analysis of DNA samples revealed that genetically people to the south of the Narmada river are mostly the DNA H and L. They spoke the Kui language. The current Malayalam, Tamil, Kannada, Marathi, Gujarati, Andhra, and Telugu are Kui people.

Homo Sapiens, the modern humans, evolved in Africa 200,000 years ago. About 100,000 years ago, they started to spread out of Africa. They were split into four different Clades and moved out independently. The Clade that reached India and China was the Asia clade of DNA C and F. The C moved on to China, and the F stayed in India. The Kui speaking people (H, L) were a subgroup of the F.

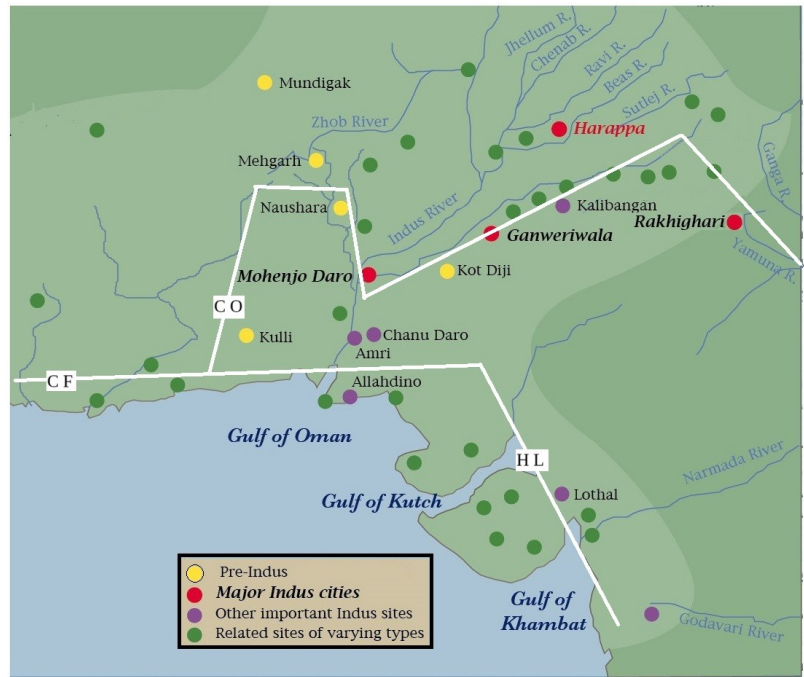


When the Asia Clade voluntarily left Africa, in search of life sustaining dependable perennial rainwater, it was a different climate and landscape. Much of the world was covered with glaciers and the seawater was far below the current levels. The Asia Clade were warm climate people. They lived only in the Tropical Zone, around the equator, warm and toasty. They never heard of glaciers, Ice Age, or Stone Age.

Before the glacial melt of 20,000 years ago, the current Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman were fertile valleys, and the West Coast of India extended over 200 miles to reach the then Arabian Sea. The H, L, and O were subgroups of the F. The C and O followed the black line to reach South East Asia. The H and L moved to the now submerged West Coast of India. The Narmada river originated at the Mt. Trikuta and flowed west to the Arabian Sea. It formed a fertile valley that attracted the H and L. The Indus was not a rainwater river; it was avoided like the plague.



The archeological sites discovered on the West Coast of India belonged to the Asia Clade that lived there 60,000 years ago. The Asia Clade lived only along rainwater rivers like the Narmada and Rann of Kutch. At that time, Rann of Kutch was a fertile valley, not the salt desert of today. The Indus had two rainwater tributaries that are now dried out. The C and O lived only along the rainwater tributaries. They moved east when the tributaries dried out. Notice that in the map all the excavation sites were along the now dried out rainwater tributaries, not along the snowmelt water tributaries.



The H lived on the Narmada delta, that is now submerged under 500 feet of water about 200 miles to the west of Mumbai (Bombay). The L lived in Rann of Kutch, the current salt desert. They happily lived there for 40,000 years before the glaciers started to melt.

The H and L were siblings of the parent F that shared the Kui language and culture. They lived in different locations. They were very advanced cultures. They invented the baked bricks, warehouses, roads, urban planning, and maritime trade. The seals discovered at the excavation sites, with letters and symbols, to identify merchandise, was the Kui language.

Twenty thousand years ago, the glaciers started to melt. The H were forced to follow the Narmada river to its headwaters, the Mt. Trikuta of the Vindhyas. Some of the H moved south along the Wainganga tributary of the Godavari river to reach the East Coast, to the south of the Krishna river. They were the Tamil people. The rest lived along the Hiran tributary of the Narmada river at the Trikuta.

The H did not follow the Godavari or Krishna to the coast. At the coast the two rivers were flood prone, and periodically drowned anyone who lived along the rivers. They avoided the Indus on the West Coast for the same reason. The rivers near the coast were avoided like the plague. People lived along the Krishna and Godavari, on the coast, only after flood control measures (dams) were implemented only recently.

The L at Rann of Kutch were at a higher elevation. Rann of Kutch turned into a salt marsh around 10,000 years ago. It was too late for the L to follow the H to the Trikuta. The pathway used by the H was submerged. They were forced to move south along the coast to the current Kerala State. They were the Gujarati, Marathi, Kannada, and Malayalam people.

Around 2,200 BCE, there was a global drought that lasted for almost 200 years. At that time, to the north of the Narmada river, the H, O, and J2b lived only at the Trikuta. The Trikuta reservoirs dried out. All the people were forced to move to the east to the current Bihar and Odisha states, the only place with rainwater. Over time, they moved south. They lived mostly to the north of the Krishna river.

The J2b dialects were called Grandhika. The O dialects were called Mundari. The H dialects were called Teli.

The Grandhika (J2b) and Teli (H) met on the coast the current Srikakulam District (Andhra Pradesh State). They evolved a common dialect called Telugu to facilitate communications. The Grandhika (J2b) and Kannada (L) met on the coast near Mumbai and evolved a common dialect called Marathi.

The Census 2011 documented areas where dialects of the original Kui (H), Agni (J2b), and Mundari (O) are still spoken. The map below shows distribution of the various dialects.

The Tamil, Malayalam, and Kannada people were there for a long time, and evolved into formal languages for mass communications (books, newspapers). They lost their original dialects. They are represented by white space.

The unique geography of the Western Ghats preserved many dialects of the L.

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