

Our recent field observations as well as remote sensing studies in the southern part of the Kaladgi Basin have brought to light several geological features hitherto unnoticed by earlier workers. The recognition of micro- and macro-alluvial fans in the piedmont zones, an extensive calcrete surface, deep slack water deposits, patches of deep vertisols, etc., has given new leads for a detailed inquiry into the Quaternary history of the basin. A preliminary study of these features facilitates in the reconstruction of Palaeolithic landscape, apparently different from the present-day landscape, as well as bridging the existing gaps in the Quaternary stratigraphy of the Kaladgi Basin.

Despite these new evidences, Pappu and Deo's morphometric analysis of the Ghataprabha valley provides a vital basis for future research on the Quaternary as well as the prehistory of understanding of man-land relationships during the pleistocene. The authors have achieved remarkable success in their painstaking study of the topography and its effect on the early human colonisation of the Kaladgi Basin.

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