

Dry Farming in the Practices of the Kalibangans

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ABSTRACT The pristine Kalibangans gathered berries for food, plough cultivated legumes for fodder, and sickle – gathered barley grass for fuel and other uses prior to arrival of the Harappans. Irrigation had no place in gathering. Gathering of barley grass transformed to dry cultivation of the cereal when dehiscent seeds of the grass transformed to indehiscent seeds of the cereal due to repeated defoliation during urbanization of the place. The habitat was rich enough in soil water to enable growth of the cereal without irrigation.