

**FOSSIL FEMUR OF A GIANT ELEPHANT (cf. *Elephas namadicus*) FROM
MIDDLE PLEISTOCENE, CENTRAL INDIA**

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ABSTRACT

A femur bone assignable to a giant elephant (*Elephas namadicus*) has been excavated from the Surajkund Formation (~ca 0.5-0.7Ma) of the Narmada R. basin. The specimen is the largest femur so far reported from India. It has the greatest length of 1490 mm which suggests that the animal has attained estimated height of at least 4000 mm. *Elephas namadicus*, now extinct, is considered as a species that first appeared in Asia during Cromerian equivalent Pleistocene (~ca 0.5-0.7Ma).