

Holocene Epoch

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A Fossil Bed dating back to the Holocene period has been recently discovered in Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu.

About Holocene Epoch

- It is the **current period of geologic time**.
- The term was introduced by Gervais in 1869 and was accepted as part of valid geological nomenclature by the International Geological Congress in 1885.
- **Another term** that is **sometimes used is the "Anthropocene Epoch"**, because its primary characteristic is the **global changes caused by human activity**.
- The Holocene Epoch **began 12,000 to 11,500 years ago at the end of the last Ice Age (the Pleistocene Epoch)** and **continues to the present**.
- **Continental motions are negligible** over a span of only 10,000 years—less than a kilometer. **However, ice melt caused world sea levels to rise** about 35 meters in the early part of the Holocene.

- It is marked by a **significant warming trend** and **relative climate stability** compared to the previous glacial period.
- The **sediments of the Holocene**, both continental and marine, **cover the largest area of the globe of any epoch** in the geologic record, but the Holocene is unique because it **coincides with the late and post-Stone Age history of humankind**.
- Among interglacial periods, the Holocene is **unique** as the period in which **more complex human civilisations and agriculture developed**.
- It also encompasses within it the **growth and impacts of the human species worldwide**, including **all its written history** and overall significant **transition toward urban living** in the present.
- The Holocene also witnessed significant **technological advancements**. From simple stone tools to complex machinery, the progress in technology has been staggering.

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