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PREFACE

India is a rich country in Tangible and Intangible Heritages since it possess Super Infrastructures in form of physical assets e.g. Forts, Palaces, Monuments, ancient civilized settlements whereas religious, cultural and social stratifications are Inherent Intangible properties, Likewise, the diversity exists on physiographic conditions of terrains, landscape and ecological zones of environment in Indian territories. For defensive and protective infrastructures, the site selection of Forts, Palaces locations of hilly rugged terrains were preferred by the rulers of state or Reign in Ancient and Medieval India. The details about mainland and continental inland based structures are available in many literatures, Archives, Records, Gazetteers, Govt. Reports etc. A little information known about coastal segment, Ecological conditions of Sea Shore, stability and sustainable construction of huge infrastructures. The coastal region is mainly affected by eco-environment of Sea water, waves, and geomorphic processes which is dynamic in nature. The site of coastal margins, Islands, deltaic zones require various protective measures and conservation practices to retain the huge structures stable and intact in long duration of time span. In volume I of ECOLARCH Series, the Eastern Sea Coastal Sea shore from Gangetic Delta to southern tips of India, Kanyakumari distt. Vivekananda Rock Island Monuments has been illustrated in form of Research Article Chapters. (I to VII) The Sea Islands Rameshwaram Pamban and Vivekananda Rock Islands are evolved by different geologic processes. The religious Monuments built on Islands considered Ecological and geomorphic characteristics of the site region. It is described in new trends of Satellite Remote Sensing data interpretation with spatial and temporal analysis. (Chapter I and Chapter II) The Tamralipta was an Indian Ancient Port (IAP) has been studied for Historical Religious Monuments and Rajbari Palace. The ancient trade route (ATR) from copper Mines of

Mosabani to south Asian Countries at present buried underneath the fluvial plains of Gangetic Deltaic zone. The Religious monument Baghambhima Temple (10th Century AD) still survive and represents Traditional Bengal Architecture (Chapter III) The Manora fort lies on Coastal Sea Beach Landscape of Chinnamanai Coast, Bay of Bengal, Thanjavur distt. TN. The eight storied hexagonal Minaret was built by Maratha feudatory Surfoji II (1815 AD) as a Victory Tower. (23 m height) It has been renovated after disaster attack by Tsunami. The Dravidian Architecture style adopted for fort and Hindu religious monuments found in the premises of fort wall precincts (Chapter IV). The Moyanagarh fort and Rajbari built in Medieval period by Dharma King Lau Sen in 10th Century AD. It shows the double concentric water moat in square shape, built for protective measure displays Traditional Orissan and Bengal Architecture of fortification (Chapter V). The Baramati fort and Palace of Cuttack has tremendous Cultural heritage value constructed on deltaic zone of Mahanadi catchment in Orissa. (Chapter VI). The forts and Temple monuments of Vizianagaram city of Andhra Pradesh reflects Traditional Indian style of Architecture. (Chapter VII). All the seven Chapters has been peer reviewed by subject experts in the fields of Architecture, Indian History, Archaeology and Geosciences, it persist the academic values of matters included in this book by the author. The subject matters consulted have been properly acknowledged and cited in the references. I hope that the volume is considered to be of utmost value to Academicians/ Researchers/ Professors engaged in the related fields.

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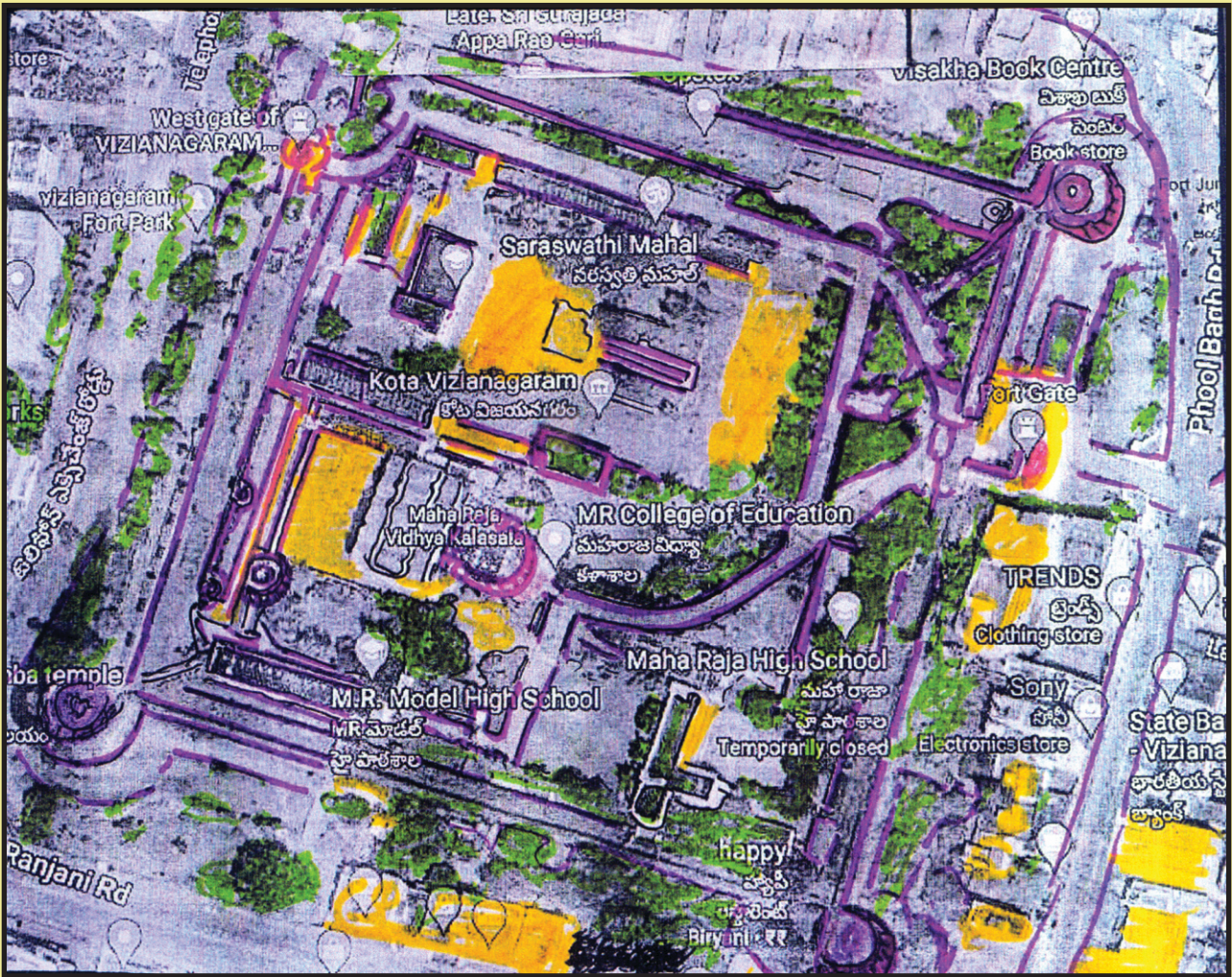
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