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PREFACE

Gujarat state lies in Western part of India, comprises a rich wealth of Cultural Heritages and Trade Practices since ancient periods. The Archaeological evidences established the Indus Valley Civilization (IVC) in Dholavira and other sites. The sea Voyage trade route connected to Eurasia and middle East Cargo vessels. The Ports in coastal regions of Gujarat eg. in Gulf of Kutch, Gulf of Cambay were utilized till 18th Century AD by Dutch, Portuguese, Britishers, French, Chinese etc. and ports were served as international establishments of import-export. In Indian History, the Medieval period faced agitations and turnkey events in states, reigns governed by kings and social religious trends affected severally. Many Rajputana states emerge out in neighboring Rajasthan and Gujarat territories with their sovereignty. Although the southern territories of Gujarat was occupied by Maharastra region rulers which had empowered with Maratha Empire by Great Hindu Warriar King Shivaji in 1667 AD, extended his reign in western coastal plains and Sahayadri Hills, Deccan plateaus etc. Like wise, in Gujarat many forts were built by their state rulers in their territories to protect the state and civilians from invaders attacks. These heritage structures Forts, Palaces, Hindu Temple monuments of Gujarat have found now in dilapidated and ruins conditions mostly as compared to other regions. The conservation and renovation is necessary to save these cultural and religious heritages as these belongs Tangile and Intangile properties inherited in these Forts, Palaces and Monuments which are the National assets. To consider the importance of Heritage Structures, in this volume of Indian Heritage Series (IHS), the scientific elaboration of the structures about site selection, Cultural, Architectural, Archaeological, Geotechnical, Physiographical conditions have been carried out in a logical manner utilizing Satellite Remote Sensing data product Imagery of current years, in form of chapters written by subject experts of Architecture, Geo science, Military Science, History and Archaeology etc, duly peer reviewed by academicians. We hope that

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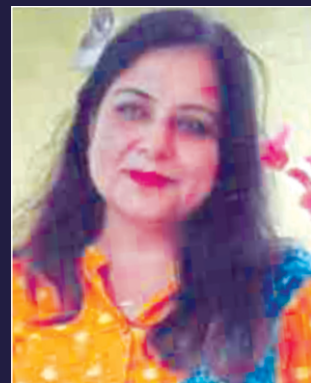


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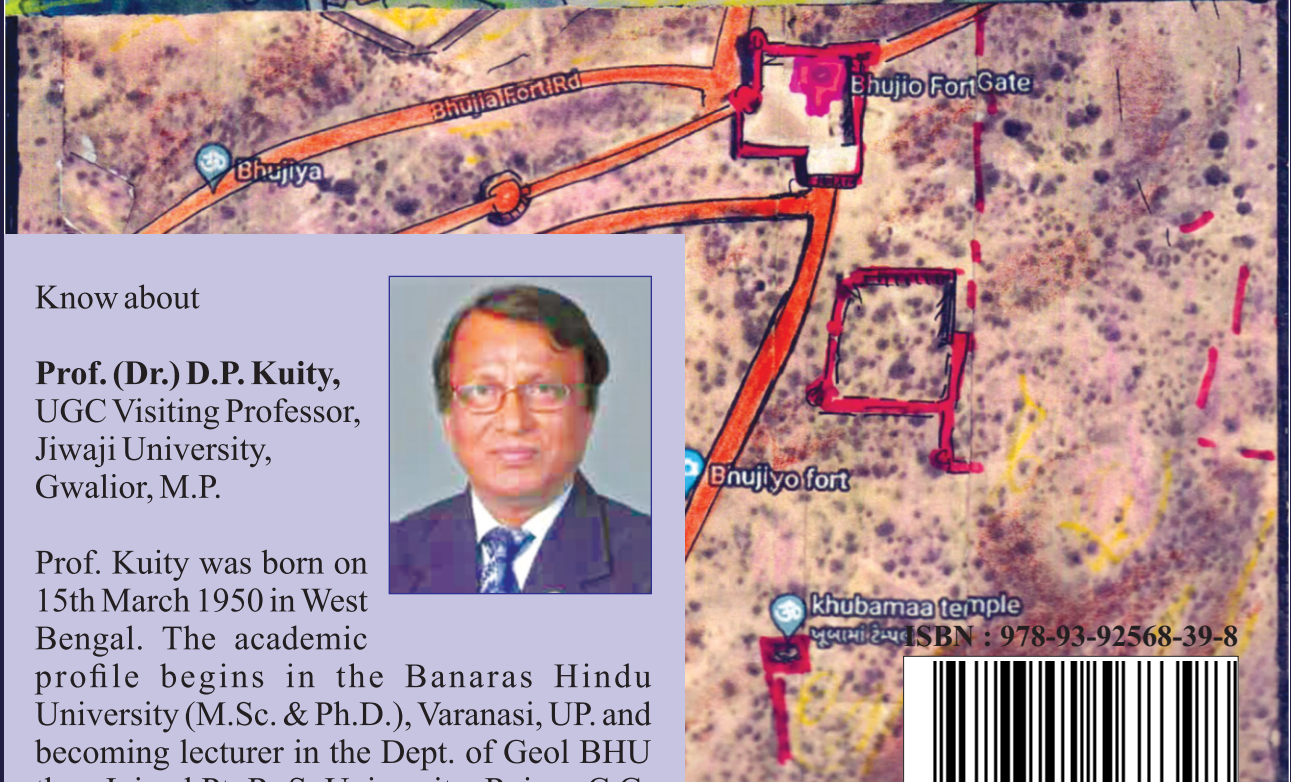
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