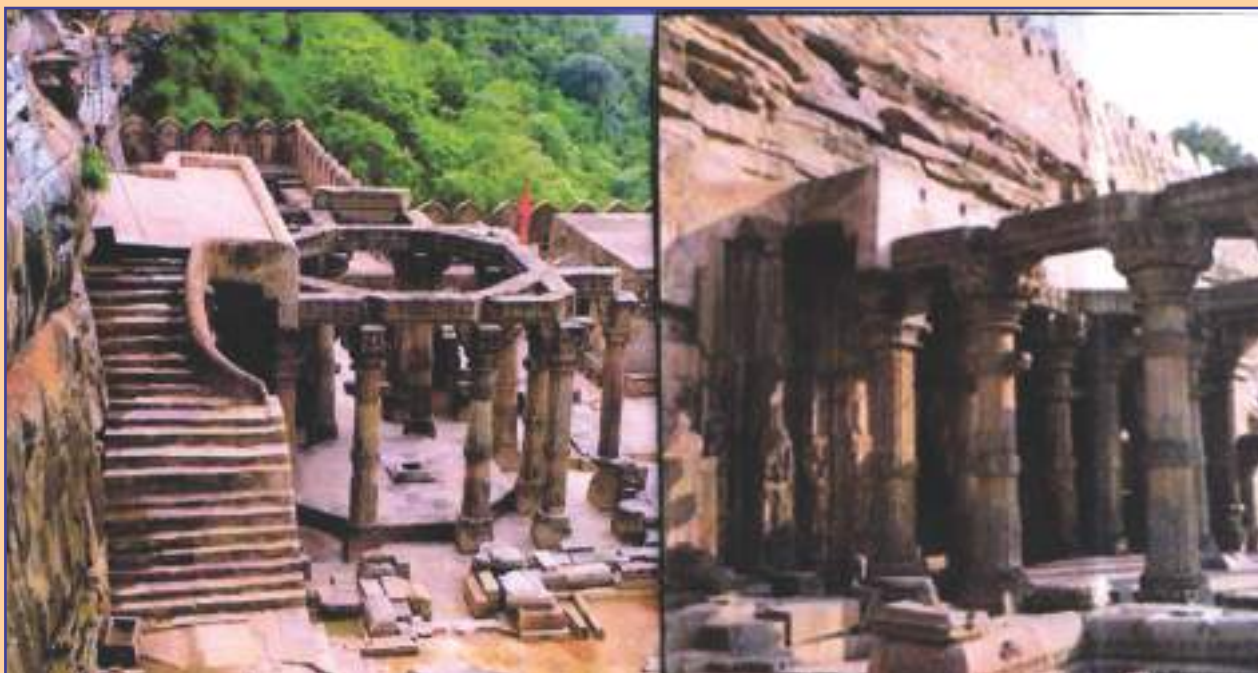


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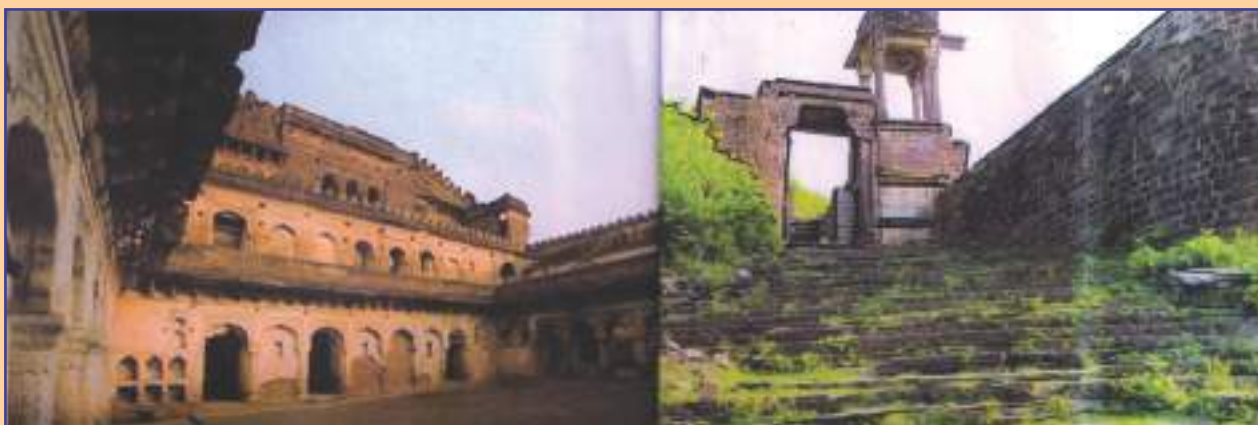


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PREFACE

The earliest existence of human settlement, and kingdoms of Indian History evolved, expanded and grew culturally at nuclei centers, riverine territories and strategically safe locations. The history of Fort constructions dates back in India since 4000 BC. There are numerous Forts, which are testimony of tangible as well intangible Cultural Heritage of India, Architecture and Archaeological Assets. The research in these Hindu Forts of Central India comprises multidisciplinary elaboration and scientific interpretation of facts including Geomorphologic conditions, Landscape characteristics at site locality of Forts, its Architectural characteristic and Archaeological significance covering Chhatris, Temples, Palaces, Water storage System, contemporaneous Defensive system etc. The study of these Forts of National Importance covers settlement pattern, Urban growth, and evolution over period of time. These cultural heritages have been classified and categorized utilizing various literature sources, data, Archives, Reports and Manuals. (Chapter I to IX). The recent Satellite Remote Sensing Imagery data have been used to demarcate physical domain through Standard Interpretation Keys. The Chapters have been peer reviewed by subject experts in the field of Geoscience, History, Archaeology and Architecture to maintain their authenticity. The analytical illustrations and Architectural features covering multidisciplinary domains in the volume is considered to be of utmost value for Students/Researcher/Professors of academics as well others engaged in the 'related fields.

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