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New Light on Hampi
Recent Research at Vijayanagara

Editor : John M Fritz & George Michell

This volume is devoted to the researches, discoveries and interpretations of those Indian and International Scholars from Different disciplines who have been working at the Vijayanagara site over the last 20 years. The volume complements the issue of 'Marg' in the 1980s which provided an overview of Hampi-Vijayanagara. This volume, however focuses on specific topics and problems in an attempt to offer new insights into the Understanding of this increasingly visited UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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Introduction

Architecture and Royal Authority under the Early Sangamas / Phillip B Wagoner
The Temple District of Vitthalpura / Alexandra Mack
Memorial Stones / Anila Verghese
Remains of Palace Structure / Channabasappa S Patil
Relief Carvings on the Great Platform / Anna L Dallapiccola
Plaster Decoration on Sultanate-styled Country Buildings / Helen Philon
Hydraulic Works / Dominic J Davison-Jenkins
The Greater Metropolitan Region / Carla M Sinopoli and Kathleen D Morrison
Cosmic Landscape and Urban Layout / John Mckim Malville
Protection and Responsible Management / Nalini Thakur
Bibliography and Index

Pub : Marg Publications, Mumbai Year : 2001 Bib : 140 + xvipp HB 113
Colour photographs and 17 maps and Drawings
ISBN : 818502653x Price : US\$ 66.00

Khajuraho

With latest discoveries

Author : P.K.Mishra

Khajuraho the name itself is synonymous with architectural excellence and breathtaking craftsmanship. The world heritage temples of Khajuraho can be regarded as one of the wonders of the East, a symbol in stone, representing the comics system of Hindu temples, with a dash of erotica along with other worldly and divine scenes.

Pub : Sundeep Prakashan, New Delhi Year: 2001 ISBN : 8175741015

Bib : 29cm, xxviii+126pp, few figures , 95 plates
Price: US\$ 26.75

Acheulian culture in peninsular India

Author : Raghunath S.Pappu

The book examines the cultural material of the Acheulian Phase in its ecological setting to throw light on the distribution pattern, nature of habitats, Quaternary deposits, mammalian and hominid remains, land use and subsistence, site formation process, genesis and chronology of the acheulian cultural system.

Pub : D.K.Print World , New Delhi Year : 2001 ISBN : 8124601682
Bib : xii, 170p, b/w, figures, Appendices, Bibliographical references and Index.
Price : US\$ 15.25

Further excavations at Mohenjo-Daro

Being an official account of Archaeological excavations at Mohenjo -Daro carried out by the Government of India between the years 1927 and 1931.

Author : E.J.H.Mackay with chapters by A.S.Hammy, B.S.Guha and P.C.Basu

Pub : Director general archaeological of India, New Delhi Year : 2000 REPRINT
Bib : 2 Volumes, ill, 28cm , Includes bibliographical references and index.
Price : US\$ 37.00 (Set)

Ancient Indus civilization

Author : Rafi U.Samad

Pub : Royal Book Company, Karachi Year :2000
Bib :ii, 185pp, ill, (Some col) maps , 25cm, Includes bibliographical references and index
Price : \$.30.00

The Cultural Monuments of Tibet's Outer Provinces. AMDO Volume :1 The Qinghai Part

Author : A. Gruschke

This book presents the fascinating world of northeast Tibet's historical and cultural monuments. The author's original studies reveal that Tibetan culture is thriving. Tibetans have rebuilt their economy and revitalized their traditional way of life. East Tibet has not until now been thoroughly researched although it comprises about two-thirds of the Tibetan Plateau. This book provides comprehensive information on unknown sites in Amdo. The first volume starts with the famous Kumbum Monastery. Next, the major lamaseries of Tsongkha and the Yellow River bend are described with a historical outline of northeast Tibet. Detailed descriptions of the major historic sites will help understand their development, as well as locating sites and understanding what can be seen there. Amdo includes densely populated Tsongkha with Muslim, Han-Chinese and Tibetan communities, the realm of Ngolok's sacred Amnye Machen mountain and the vast empty steppes and deserts of the central highland and Tsaidam basin. The pastoral world of the formerly notorious Ngolok nomads and their religious realm are also described.

Pub: White Lotus Press, Bangkok Year:2001 ISBN:9747534592 (Pb)
Bib : 308pp., 100pp. color illus., 210x290 mm
Price : US\$ 45.00

The Cultural Monuments of Tibet's Outer Provinces. AMDO. Vol:2
The Gansu and Sechuan Parts
Author : Andreas Gruschke

The second volume reveals that Tibetans have rebuilt their economy and revitalized their traditional way of life.

Despite Tibet being an issue, east Tibet has not until now been thoroughly researched, though it comprises about two thirds of the Tibetan Plateau. It is astounding, therefore, that the West knows hardly anything about it. This book makes up this deficit, providing interested readers with comprehensive information about unknown sites in Amdo, which are fascinating and puzzling, as well as their role in history.

This second volume on Amdo first presents unknown Tibetan Buddhist art and hitherto overlooked Sino-Tibetan lamaseries on the silk Road fringes. Labrang Monastery in the Tibeto-chinese borderlands highlights the nexus between Tibet, East and Central Asia. Continuing south in Gansu, the Sichuan part of Amdo contains a wealth of local Tibetan cultural centers. The importance of the Ngawa Gelupa realm and the last Jonangpa communities in Dzamthang have been absolutely underestimated for centuries. This book helps to dispel some of the uninformed views which have been spread in the West.

Detailed descriptions of the major historic sites facilitate understanding of their development, and provides guidance to find the sights and understand what can be seen there. One can prepare a tour to this region in advance by going through this presentation of the extraordinary cultural monuments presented in this volume.

Serta, the world's largest Buddhist academy, virtually unknown, has impressive architectural features such as the Jonang chorten and temple towers seen nowhere else in Tibet. These add to the hidden treasures of Amdo's living and revitalized Buddhist tradition. The region presented in this book is one of diversity in a highland realm that for long was neglected in respect of its historic and cultural importance.

Pub: White Lotus Press, Bangkok Year:2001 ISBN:9747534903 (Pb) Bib : 263pp,
80pp. color illus., 210x290 mm
Price : US\$ 49.50

The Politics of Ruins and the Business of Nostalgia
Author : Maurizio Peleggi

This book investigates the theory and practice of heritage conservation in Thailand, focusing in particular on the period from the mid-1970s to the late 1990s. Although the trend towards historic preservation first appeared in Thailand at the end of the nineteenth century and was further promoted by the nationalist regime of the 1940s and 1950s, it has become a major governmental undertaking since 1977, when the first historical park projects were launched. National pride and international awareness of Thailand's cultural heritage have increased considerably in recent times. This monograph questions the commonplace glorification of historic sites as

tangible signs of the past glory of the Thai nation. The state-sponsored material and discursive practices that have led to the institutionalization of Thailand's national heritage are examined, along with their contestation by elements of civil society, vis-à-vis the process of political and social change. The book also analyzes the commodification and consumption of heritage sites as tourist attractions, as well as the linkage between the promotional narratives of tourism advertising and the official historical narrative of the Thai nation.

Pub: White Lotus Press, Bangkok Year:2001 ISBN:9747534959 (Pb) Bib : 110pp., 150x210 mm Price : US\$ 18.50

ABIA : South and Southeast Asian Art and Archaeology Index, Volume Two
Edited by : Ellen M .Raven and Helga I.Lasschuijt

Book Details :Volume two, containing circa 1500 records selected from the annotated bibliographic database on South and Southeast Asian art and archaeology (formerly Annual Bibliography of Indian Archaeology). Compiled by an international team of specialists brought together in a project of The International Institute for Asian Studies (IIAS) in Leiden. Features all forms of scholarly publications, ranging from survey works to small but important articles in monographs and journals, published world wide between 1997 and 2001. Subjects include pre-and protohistory, historical archaeology, ancient art history, modern art history, material culture, epigraphy and palaeography, numismatics and sigillography (seals). Covered are South Asia and its culturally related regions (Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Tibet) and Southeast Asia (including related regions in South China and the Pacific). The detailed bibliographic descriptions (which faithfully reproduce the original diacritics), controlled keywords and many elucidating annotations make this reference work into an indispensable guide to recent scholarly work on the prehistory and arts of South/Southeast Asia.

Pub : E.J. Brill, Leiden & International Institute of Asian Studies, Leiden Year : 2001
ISBN : 9004124225 Bib : 500pp
Price : US\$ 74.00

Antiquities of Northern Tibet : Pre-Buddhist archaeological discoveries on the high plateau : findings of the Changthang circuit expedition, 1999
Author : John Vincent Bellezza

Pub: Adroit Publishers, New Delhi Year : 2001 ISBN:8187392185
Bib : xxxvi, 436pp, ill., maps (3 folded), 25cm, Includes bib. Ref. and index. Price : US\$ 64.50

Hemakuta : recent researches in archaeology and museology : Shri C.T.M. Kotraiah felicitation volume – 2 Vols.
Edited by : A.V. Narasimha Murthy ... (et.al.)

Pub: Bharatiya Kala Prakashan, Delhi Year : 2001
ISBN:8186050663 (set); ISBN:8186050485 (Vol.1); ISBN:8186050493 (Vol.2)
Bib : xxx, 499pp., (44)p. of plates), ill. (some col.), maps, 29cm, Inc. bib. ref.
Price : US\$ 100.00 (Set)

ANCIENT NORTH-EAST INDIA PRAGIYOTISHA

Author : Ajay Mitra Shastri

Pub : Aryan Books International, New Delhi Year : 2001 ISBN : 8173052190 Bib : xviii, 130pp, Halftone Illus, 44 HB 29cm Price : US\$ 38.50