

## SYNOPSIS OF THE THESIS

Topic - Prehistoric Archaeology of the Sarasvati  
and the Drisadvati Valleys (Haryana).  
(C.2300 B.C. - C.1500 B.C.)

The dissertation aims at investigating the remains of the prehistoric cultures and reconstructing a regional sequence in the Sarasvati and the Drisadvati (modern Chautang) Valleys. The author has surveyed the ancient <sup>courses of</sup> rivers and their tributaries viz. the Yamuna (westerly course), Markanda, Tangri etc. in Haryana. The easterly course of Yamuna (along the Khadar bed) above of Delhi, and the Ghaggar and the Patiala nadis have also been explored partially, being the adjoining regions, for a better understanding of the data obtained in our region. Excavations have been conducted at three of the selected sites viz. Mitathal, Daulatpur and Siswal, to establish a sequence of cultures in the region and the data therefrom has been included in the thesis. A comparative study of the data has been made to interpret it in the broader context of the North Indian archaeology of this period.

Chapter I is introductory. It deals with the geographical features and hydrology of the region, previous work done, aim and scope of the present work, method of work and the summary of the results of the present investigations.

Chapter II deals with 'Explorations' carried out in the region in pursuance of the above topic. The ancient sites and the finds discovered have been briefly described here.

The Third Chapter is on 'Excavations'. It includes brief accounts of the stratigraphy and the sequences of cultures at the above excavated sites.

Chapter IV relates to 'Chronology'. It deals with the relative sequence of prehistoric cultures in the region established on the basis of stratigraphy and typology. The various cultures have been cross dated with the help of c.14 dates, available for the corresponding periods at sites outside our region.

In the fifth Chapter is dealt the 'Pottery' recovered from the excavations as well as explorations in the region. The data from both the categories of sites has been discussed separately. The pottery from each of the excavated sites has also been discussed and described separately for the sake of clarity.

Chapter VI is on 'Antiquities', collected from the excavated and explored sites. The finds from the respective excavated sites have been dealt separately as in the case of pottery.

The last Chapter (VII) deals with the 'Conclusions'. The evidence discussed in the previous chapters has been synthesized and the emerging picture has been dealt in the order of the cultural sequence. The various aspects of the cultures viz. their nature and character, source, extent, relationships and end, have been discussed under the respective periods. A brief summary of the important contributions and the future prospects and plan of work have also been given.

An appendix (I) on the list of sites discovered has also been added at the end of the thesis for ready reference.