PREFACE

In this thesis we attempt to offer a synthesis and evaluation of archaeological as well as literary data on early historical Mathurā. In the process we discuss the patterns and problems of the growth of early historical Mathurā within a general framework of historical change in early India. Our aim in this work is to undertake a study of the settlement pattern of Mathurā district through an analysis of the background, physical features and historical contexts. A certain degree of overlap in the chapters will be noticeable.

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