CHAPTER VI

SUM UP

The thesis attempts to trace and document the curvatures of the fortunes of a medieval Deccanese township in the changing epochs of historical evolution. The Daulatabad township complex consist of Devagiri - Daulatabad, Kagzipura and Khuldabad. The fortified township of Daulatabad and its environs stand in that part of Godavari valley which was known as Paithanpath in ancient times. The valley of Paithanpath stood witness to rise and decline of such world known urban centres of the Deccan as 'Paithan' Devagiri, Daulatabad and Aurangabad.

From ancient times pilgrims, artisans, merchants and warriors had been carrying their activities in the Devagiri valley of Paithanpath. Caravans of merchants, plaquins of pilgrims and flanxes of warriors had been moving in this valley through which an ancient trade route connected Paithan with other great Indian cities, passed. Historical personality of Devagiri, Daulatabad is connected with early historic Paithan and late Aurangabad. While Devagiri represents the last lap of the cycle of urban development that began at Paithan in early historic Deccan. Daulatabad represents the first onrush of the urban creativity, that came in wake of Turkish conquest of the Deccan. Just as
Paithan was the prism from which the early historical urban development of the Deccan flowed its course. So is Daulatabad a prism of urban development in medieval times. Daulatabad thus forms a mid-point in the urban historical trileogue that began at early historic Paithan and late medieval Khirki (Aurangabad).

An Archaeological survey based on field work and Library study has been attempted in this thesis. The curvilinear graph of rise ascendancy, decline and fall as experienced in the life span of an eminent medieval Indian city has been drawn and brought to a close in this chapter. The city of Daulatabad became prism of urban development in the Deccan. The wellknown townships of Burhanpur, Ahmednagar, Gulbarga, Bidar, Golkunda and Bijapur, rose to their heights of urban developments under the long shadow of Daulatabad.