PREFAE

Archaeologically the District of Bhadrak is one of the most fertile regions not only in the State of Odisha but also of India. The rich bio-habitat and the natural resources of the region have attracted human occupation right from the early historic period. The region has served as a transitional zone between the north and south right from the early times. The district witnessed an all round development in the fields of material culture, religion, history and archaeology in the ancient and medieval period. The discovery archaeological findings from the sites Charampa, Bhadrak, Khadipada, Solampur, Kaupur, Gohuratikiri and many other sites of the district have significantly revealed the history, culture, religion and archaeology of the district from the early Christian era to the 16th century A.D.

This present work is an attempt to study the archaeological remains of the district in a holistic manner from the 3rd century A.D. to 16th century A.D. Efforts have been made to trace the geographical distribution, characteristic feature and chronological sequence of the material culture including art, iconography and architecture and vast repository of numismatic and epigraphical treasure of the district during the said period.

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