

FROM THE STATE EDITOR'S DESK

Gazetteers are mostly mistaken for or confused with the Gazettes although both indeed poles apart; Gazetteers are geographical dictionaries with references of lasting value while the Gazettes are merely official newspapers or bulletins.

Since the inception of Haryana State, the Gazetteers Organisation has brought out 12 District Gazetteers and State Gazetteer Volumes I and II. Besides these, the old Gazetteers (Part A and B), and Settlement Reports having immense historical importance pertaining to the area of Haryana State have also been got reprinted.

Creation of Panipat as a separate district in 1992, necessitated the publication of this volume which is the 13th publication in the instant series of Haryana District Gazetteers. The area of Panipat, which was earlier a part of Karnal district, finds detailed descriptions in the Karnal District Gazetteers of 1883-84, 1892 and 1918; the Statistical Tables (Part B) of 1912 and 1935; and the Settlement Reports of 1872-80, 1891 and 1909 that were published during the Pre-independence era by the then Punjab Government, and the Karnal District Gazetteer 1976, published by the Gazetteers Organisation of the Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Haryana.

The present volume portrays an all-round panoramic picture of the historical Panipat district and the life of its people. The local history of the area is sought to be highlighted, with particular reference to the events of historical importance that took place in the territory, and by including many matters of local importance which have contributed to the rich tapestry of local life. The volume traces the evolution of its outstanding features, sums up the past and the present conditions, its achievements, local issues and looks forward to the future by indicating the trends and potentialities of the various parts of the district. Besides presenting a systematic analysis of a wealth of valuable data drawn from innumerable sources and fieldwork, this work also reflects the thoughts, ideals and aspirations of resurgent India.

The officers and officials of Gazetteers Organisation, Haryana under the able guidance of Sh. Ram Kishan Bishnoi, Joint State Editor have left no stone unturned, in accomplishing the mission of making this publication an intellectual literature by maintaining high standards of objectivity, accuracy and reliability.

I appreciate the efforts of the entire team and congratulate them for their brilliant effort.

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