



TWO EARLY MEDIEVAL TEMPLE SITES NOTED IN THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL MAP OF KANPUR

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The plains of Ganga area ($e/; xkaxs \{ks-$) is very rich for its cultural past. Several number of early historic and early medieval sites discovered in this area by the different periodical explorations. In recent time two temple sites namely Shishupur ($80^{\circ}27'30''E$ $26^{\circ}13'0''N$) and Pauhar ($80^{\circ}27'00''E$ $26^{\circ}11'40''N$) came to light in the Sarsaul Tehsil of Kanpur district. The archaeological site of Shishupur lies on the bank of river Pandu under the jurisdiction of Kanpur Nagar. The site is about 35 kms east of Kanpur city and about 25 kms east of Ramadevi Bus Stand.





This site was noticed by the villagers. A new brick temple has been constructed on the old temple. The newly constructed temple lies on the highly elevated surface from the surround area. Numerous numbers of broken stone sculptures scattered all over the temple ground which has come out during ploughing. The sculptures are brahmanical deities. The major images are *Devi*, *Shiva* with *Ganesh* and *Parvati*, broken figure of *Vishnu*, and some broken faces of female icons.



Another archaeological site namely Pauhar on the bank of river Pandu in Sarsaul tehsil of Kanpur district. The brick structures have been exposed during the construction of the road. The size of the brick is 30cm x 16cm x 1.5cm, 28cm x 17cm x 2cm and 29cm x 16cm x 2cm. The sculptural images which have been noticed from this area, are mainly the brahmanical god and goddess. The main images are *Brahma*, *Nritya Ganesh*, *Matrika* and a colossal head of devotee etc.



The area needs extensive survey and an elaborate report be submitted to Archaeological Survey Of India, State Archaeology Department, Government of India and Government of Uttar Pradesh for further action