

ANCIENT SITE KNOWN AS RAJA HARSH-KA-TILA AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL REMAINS (THANESAR)

DISTRICT : Kurukshetra; **TEHSIL :** Kurukshetra

LOCALITY : Thanesar (Dara Khera) (Lat. 29° 58' N; Long. 76° 50' E)

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BRIEF HISTORY : The ancient site, known as Raja Harsh-ka-Tila, is an extensive mound approx. 1km long x 750 m wide. The height of the mound is about 15 to 18 m from the surrounding area. Excavations here, have revealed a sequence of cultures which ranges from the Kushana to the late Mughal period. A few Painted Grey Ware sherds were found in the pre-Kushana levels. The site was fortified from the Kushana to the Mughal period. The significant discovery of post- Gupta period is represented by brick structures associated with Red Polished Ware. Structural remains along with antiquities of the Indo-Islamic period were also exposed including a Mughal period garden complex on the Charbagh pattern.

TOPOGRAPHICAL FEATURES

: Plain terrain

OWNERSHIP

: Central Government

IS IT UNDER RELIGIOUS USE ?

: No

ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL

: Archaeological Survey of India, Chandigarh Circle, Chandigarh

PUBLISHED REFERENCES, IF ANY 1989-90.

: *Indian Archaeology-A Review* for the years 1987-88 to

