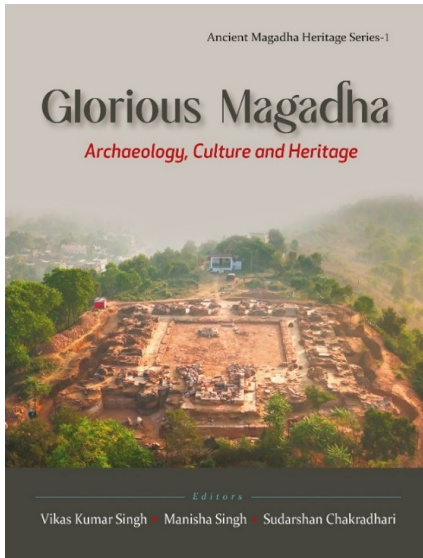


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About the Book

Glorious Magadha: Archaeology, Culture and Heritage is a significant scholarly endeavor that seeks to foreground the rich cultural and historical legacy of Bihar for researchers and students alike. The volume offers an in-depth exploration of ancient Magadha, with particular emphasis on its archaeological record and cultural traditions. It presents preliminary findings from several newly excavated sites, revisits and updates of earlier excavations and explorations, and sheds light on Buddhist monastic complexes as well as aspects of science and technology evidenced at select sites across Bihar.

By synthesizing diverse strands of archaeological data and cultural analysis, the book serves as a valuable resource for understanding the material and intellectual heritage of ancient Magadha. Notably, the volume is a collaborative effort, bringing together contributions from nearly forty scholars from across the country engaged in Bihar studies. Their collective endeavor has resulted in a work that is both academically rigorous and engaging, successfully portraying the archaeology, culture, and heritage of the illustrious region of Magadha.

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