



Evolution and Spatial Organization of Clan Settlements: A Case Study of Middle Ganga Valley (Foreword by Prof. M.S.A. Rao)

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Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd., 1986. Hardcover. Book Condition: New. The Middle Ganga Valley is one of the most exciting areas of rural settlement geography. Ethnographers from Wilton Oldham (1870) to Richard Fox (1971) have found the region of abiding academic interest. The author, who belongs to the area, has rightly chosen the Middle Ganga Valley to study and analyse the evolution and spatial organization of the clan settlements. The pre-Aryan colonization patterns on spatial organizations have determined the transformation of different human groups and their social structures. The author has tried to identify the process of acculturation of aboriginal cultures and the supreme position of the clan systems to which the existing administrative units appear to have been oriented. For micro level analysis of histogenetic approach in spatio-temporal frame, samples were taken and settlement diffusion systems have been highlighted which provide the synthesis of four-phased sequential models developed and tested by several scholars and field workers. The reflection on social structures have been shown through maps outlining the sociospatial plans. Ultimately such an analysis has led to the formulation of plans of transformation of rural habitat. This study will help us understand the socio-economic realities of the area and provide...

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