

P R E F A C E

While working on 'An Archaeological Survey of North Gujarat', the region around Shamalaji and Devanimori was explored by the present writer in the summer of 1956-57 at the suggestion of Dr. U.P.Shah, because this area was already known among scholars for its wealth of green-schist sculptures. Subsequently, four seasonal excavations on and around the mound known as Bhojarajano Tekro revealed the beautifully & embellished Stupa and two Viharas, study of which is incorporated in the present thesis.

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