

BUDDHIST STUPA, CHANETI, YAMUNA NAGAR

Brick Stupa (Buddhist Stupa) circa 3rd century BC

Monument

During the reign of the Mauryan king Ashoka, the ancient city of Shrughna (modern Sugh) became an important center of Buddhism.

This Stupa at Chaneti is 3 km north-west of Sugh must have been one of those tens of topes referred by Chinese pilgrim, Yuan Chwang. To construct this baked brick stupa, concentric layers were put one over the other, each time leaving some space on the underlying layer, so that the whole structure should give a hemispherical look. Thus, this stupa corresponds to the *Shahpur* and *Dharmarajika* stupas at Taxila. No traces of stone railing surrounding this stupa were found. Probably, there might have been wooden railings. At the top of the stupa, square space about 1.5 mt. was found filled with earth. This was the place for *harmika* which bore the *chhatravali* (umbrella).



Architectural element



General view



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