

ANCIENT MOUND OF SUGH, YAMUNA NAGAR

Ancient Mound Sugh

circa 5th century BC to 12th century AD

Site

The extensive mound (about 5 km in circumference) lies on the west bank along with the flood-plains of river Yamuna. The site of ancient Sugh presently lies in the jurisdiction of village Amadalpur. The mound was excavated by Dr. Suraj Bhan of Punjab University and further excavated by Shri D.S. Malik and Shri M. Acharya of the Department of Archaeology & Museums, Government of Haryana.

Three periods of occupation was traced during excavations.

Period -I Painted Grey Ware in the lowest level. Second phase of this Period is represented by the occurrence of moulded and handmade terracotta figurines in Mauryan style, Punch-marked coins, inscribed and un-inscribed cast coins. A lead cast-coin with legend *Kadasa* in Mauryan Brahmi character.

Period -II Human figurines of Shunga-Kushana style. Red Polished Ware pottery with iron, copper, terracotta and stone objects which are comparable with cotemporary cultures of North India.

Period -III The evidence of occupation at Sugh after seventh century AD was also traced with the antiquities of their respective eras. Two terracotta sealing, one of 6th century name *Vyaghraraja* and other *Sugha*, the name of the city, in the script of 12th century AD were important discoveries.

