

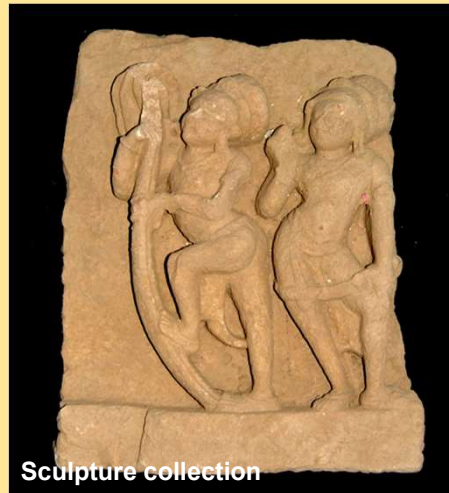
VISHWAMITRA KA TILA, PEHOWA, KURUKSHETRA

Vishwamitra Ka Tila, Pehowa circa 8-9th century AD

Site

The name of town Pehowa is derived from its Pauranic name *Prithudaka*, and the legend goes that King *Prithu* was the founder of this town. Two inscriptions of Gurjar-Pratihara period have been found at Pehowa. One inscription from this place records the erection of three Vishnu temples. Another inscription, still in the Garibnath Muth at Pehowa, of Raja Bhojdeva of 882 AD, records regarding collection of voluntary tax from each trader for the purpose of maintenance of these Vishnu temples.

The site of Vishwamitra ka Tila contained the remains of one of the Vishnu temples. The site was scientifically cleared under the direction of Shri D. S. Malik of the Department of Archaeology & Museums, Haryana. Scientific clearance of site yielded beautiful stone sculptures depicting Ramayana and Mahabharata scenes which are the first discoveries of this kind in Haryana. The remains of an ancient temple plinth made of baked bricks was also found. This is the only known brick temple remains of Pratihara period in the region.



Sculpture collection



General view