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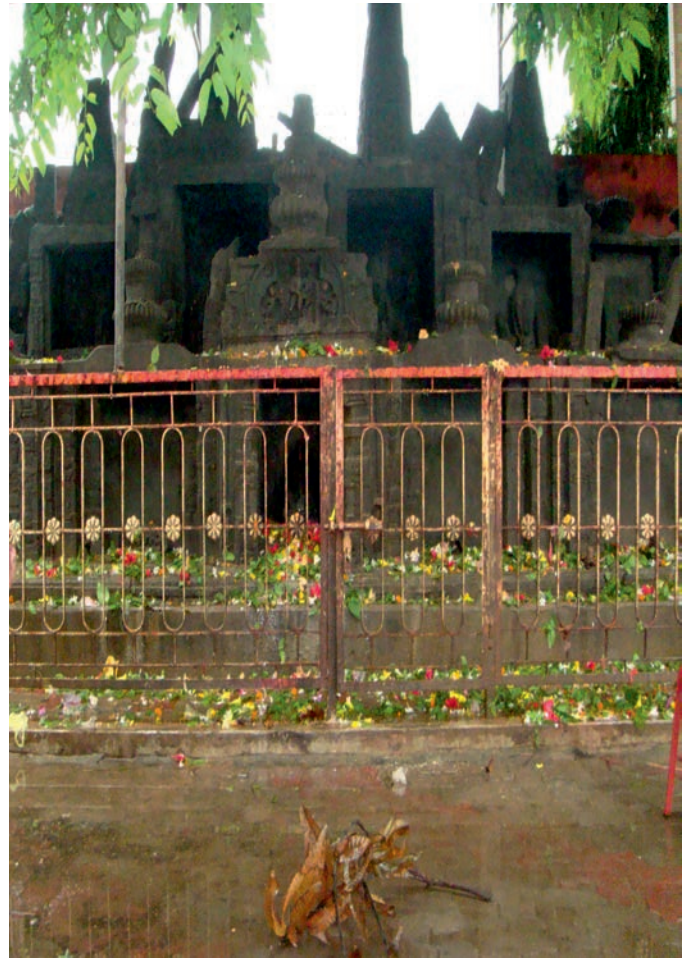
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The content in this atlas has been divided under three heads – 'Union-protected', 'State-protected' and 'Other' sites. A series of maps run through these, detailing the time periods and the factors that led to their evolution and development. It attempts to underline the march of civilization and cultural traits over different phases/periods of history since the prehistoric period up to the protected monuments of the relatively modern times.

Being an integral part of showcasing heritage, archaeo-tourism in the state has witnessed a phenomenal growth in recent years. This edition will be of immense significance in identifying the archaeological sites as tourist destinations in the state.

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