



Development and Structure of An Urban System

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Mittal Publications, New Delhi, 1994. N.A. Book Condition: New. X+208pp Teaching the forces operative behind evolution and character of a regional urban system, the present study tries to weight the historical forces and related fortuitous factors vis-.-vis geographical factors as these have shaped it in the Malwa region of Madhya Pradesh. With this approach, the study delves rather deeply into the historical events and processes particularly operative in the region, and tries to relate specific attributes of the regional urban system to them. In the geographical milieu of an rather mild and hospitable topography and climate, a midland and en route location of Malwa with respect to important historical routes, and the fissiparous historical processes resulting in a jumble of numerous princely states and other territorial units, there has emerged an urban system on the cardinal structure of such a territorial organisation. The very ubiquitous nature of urban resource base and a relatively better-off disposition of the region have presented a congenial backdrop for the development of settlements with administrative, commercial and social central services as their functional ?raison d?eter?, and an urban system essentially as a central place system. Other aspects of the urban system analysed and synthesised with...

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