

## CHAPTER 22

### HISTORY

#### Doctoral Theses

264. GAUR (Parul Lau)  
**Temple and Town in Medieval Tamilakam : A Case Study of Rameshwaram : Tenth to Seventeenth Centuries A.D.**  
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#### *Abstract*

Explores the various dimensions of temple town from tenth to seventeenth century, it's legendary association, it's sacred geography, endowments to Rameshwaram temple, the various urban processes at work and economic activity in and around rameshwaram. The work has extensively relied on two compilations of copper plate grants namely Setupati Cheppedugal and Setupati mannar Cheppedegal. Translations of few copper plate grants are given in volume four of Archaeological survey of Southern India. The other epigraphical sources used here are South India Inscriptions, Tirumalai Tirupati Devasthanatham Epigraphical Series, Epigraphia Zeylancia, Epigraphia Indica, Epigraphia Carnatica, Indian Antiquary and topographical list of Inscriptions of the Madras Presidency and Catalogue of Copper plate Grants preserved in Madras museum.

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