

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF VEDIC *IRINA* IN SOUTHERN RAJASTHAN

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The authors describe that the small town Erinpura appears to retain memories of the Vedic *Irina*. As a matter of fact, the town Erinpura does not have any relationship with Vedic time. British officer Major Downing established the Erinpura Cantonment (erstwhile Sirohi state) in 1837 on the banks of Jawai River. The name Erinpura was given to Cantonment by Major Downing in memory of his birthplace Erina island (Ojha, 1912 History of Sirohi State (Hindi reprint, 1997), Rajasthan Granthagar, Jodhpur, 428p). The British government named the nearby railway station as Erinpura road. The earlier Erinpura region is now represented by Sheoganj (Sirohi district), Sumerpur-

Jawai Bandh (Pali district) town on the banks of River Jawai

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The main object of our paper was to describe the physiographic aspects of the terrain referred to in the Rig Veda as *Irina*. Since the town Erinpura was located within the Vedic *Irina*, we thought it probable that the memory of the Vedic *Irina* was retained in the naming of the township of Erinpura in the same way as Mt. Abu has survived from its original Vedic name *Arbuda*. Sharma and Purohit have given an entirely different derivation which we have no means of verifying. It is far more reasonable to trace the root of the word to Indian mythology rather than seek its origin from unverifiable fictitious romantic name in Irish mythology.

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