

UTTAR PRADESH DISTRICT GAZETTEERS

FAIZABAD BY

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PREFACE

This is the second in the series of the revised gazetteers of the districts of Uttar Pradesh (the first being that of the district of Lucknow). The first gazetteer of Faizabad was compiled by H.R. Nevill and was published in 1905.

Prior to 1905, information about this district was available, as a booklet, *A Historical Sketch of Tahsil Fyzabad, Zillah Fyzabad*, was written by the then deputy commissioner of the district (P. Carnegie) and published in 1870. The Reports of the first and second Settlements of the district contained much useful information and the district also found a place in the *Ouch Gazetteer* which was published in 1877.

The spelling of the name of the district (which is the same as that of the headquarters town) was changed from 'Fyzabad' to 'Faizabad' on November 4, 1947, by a Government order.

The spellings of Indian words in the text, such as dewan, vizir, sirkar, kutchra, etc., are the same as those used in standard English dictionaries and such words have not been italicised or included in the glossary.

Generally the figures pertaining to population are those of the census of 1951 (unless otherwise stated).

The more common and accepted diacritical marks have been used but only in the ancient history section of chapter II and in the portion relating to ancient culture in chapter xv. A glossary of Indian words and terms and a bibliography of the more important works used or referred to in the preparation of the gazetteer will be found at the end of the book.

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