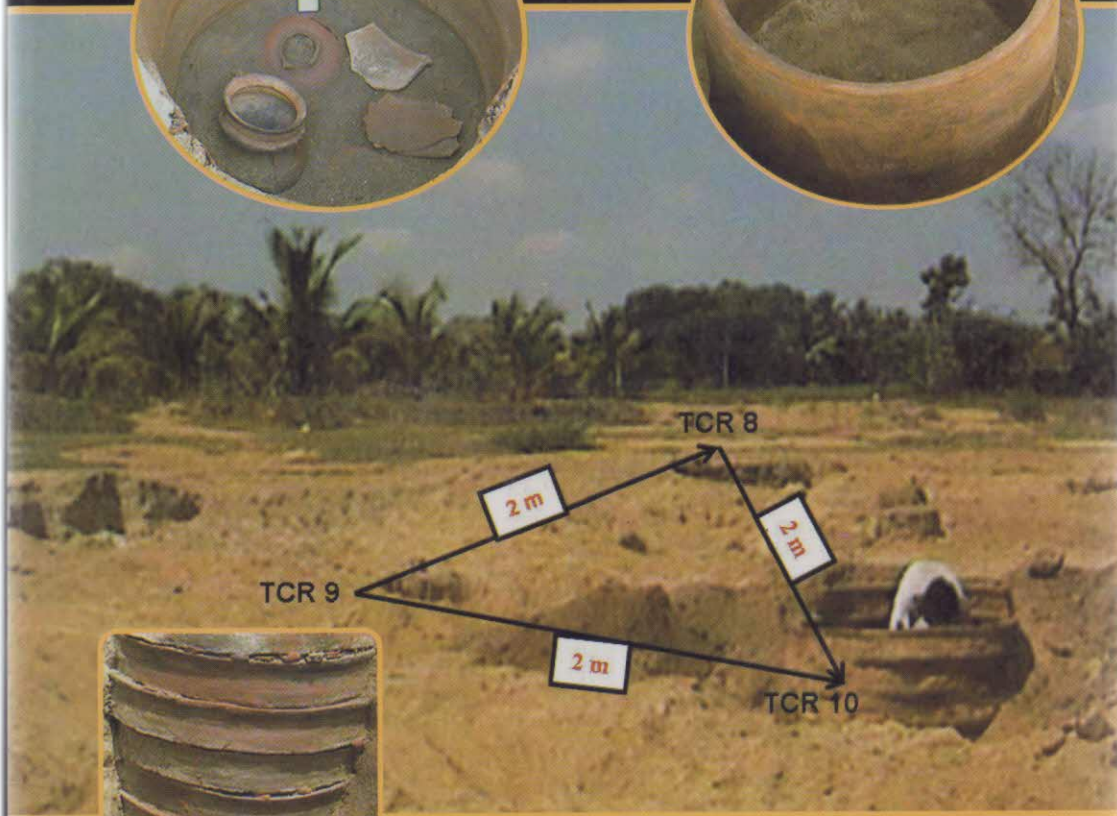


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PREFACE

Kanchipuram is one of the important cities in the southern part of India from the very beginning. The region where it is situated was generally known as Tondainadu or Tondainandulam, at present in Tamil Nadu state, near Chennai. The temple city has many other names. Some of them are – Pralaya Sindhu, Brahmapuram, Sivapuram, Vishnupuram, Satyavratashetra, Mukdishetram, Kamakkottam, Adipeetham, and so on. Like all ancient cities, Kanchipuram is also situated on the banks of river, Palar and Vegavati. These are rain fed subterranean rivers and now with rare visible flow of water. The present city is situated a little bit away from the existed dried channels, on the northern bank of the river Vegavati.

The history of Kanchipuram can be traced back to several centuries before the present era. The earliest reference to this place is in the *Mahabhasya* of Patanjali [II, 298].

It is the only place that has given quarters to all the religions which took roots in this country. **Jaina, Buddha, Shiva,**

