



NETWORK FOR INDIAN CITIES OF LIVING HERITAGE

Draft CHARTER

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Sawai Man Singh Convention Centre, Jaipur, India

Preamble

Recognizing that India's unique and diverse living cultural heritage lies in its cities, towns and settlements,

Keeping in mind that the culture and character of our cities is based on and closely interlinked with the natural environment within and around them,

Acknowledging that the Indian culture flourishes through the urban fabric of cities, continuously undergoing a process of change, interacting with new elements, assimilating new ideas, thoughts, as well as the aspirations and creativity of its people,

Accepting that rapid urbanization and more recently globalization have accelerated the pace of change in all aspects of life exposing our cities and towns to strong extraneous, fast growing agents which have disturbed the delicate balance of their physical, social, cultural and ecological environment,

We, the undersigned, gathered in Jaipur for a three day constituting conference, have agreed to be founding members of the NETWORK for INDIAN CITIES OF LIVING HERITAGE. We express our thorough commitment to the aims of the Network and thus declare to

Jointly work towards strengthening the Indian cities and towns to cope, with the rapid changes faced on the basis of their cultural and natural resources.

Contribute, each in the remit of their roles and competencies, to the valorization, awareness, knowledge and respect of the living heritage of Indian Cities & Towns;

Advance the close link between the development of the Indian Cities & Towns and the safeguarding of their cultural and natural heritage;

Raise awareness of the uniqueness and diversity of heritage in Indian cities, its tangible and intangible aspects, and of the benefits and potentials of heritage conservation;

Use the resource that is the cultural and natural heritage of the Indian Cities & Towns for the social, economic and ecological development and benefit of the people;

Encourage local community participation and help to create partnerships between the people, technical experts, and administration in the process of heritage based development and conservation;

Foster sustainable development of Indian Cities & Towns, based on the strength of their traditions, cultural identity and social networks for meeting the contemporary needs of the citizens and raise awareness about their potential to develop into vibrant 21st century centers with adequate amenities, transport systems and economies without losing their character and historic assets;

Work towards the alleviation of inner city poverty through employment generation, financial and social empowerment of its local inhabitants and neighborhoods, while respecting the roots of the people, their culture, traditions and social networks;

Work towards adapting the existing state and municipal planning, legal and regulatory framework to incorporate the protection of living cultural heritage, and make vital issues like conservation and heritage based sustainable urban development a concrete part of the state and city's overall planning process;

Facilitate the setting up of an administrative unit dealing with heritage related issues, which is closely linked to the other relevant parts of administration;

Build the capacity of Indian Cities & Towns, their administration, civil society and inhabitants to protect and conserve their cultural and natural heritage;

Encourage city-to-city cooperation and networking among local governments and urban stakeholders of national and international member cities for sharing experience and knowledge;

Therefore it be resolved that by signing this CHARTER of the NETWORK FOR INDIAN CITIES OF LIVING HERITAGE on 27 September 2006, We, Mayors, Representatives and Stakeholders of Indian cities, commit ourselves to placing top priority to conservation and heritage based development. By implementing the Action Agenda of the Network we aim to realize the right to a culturally rich and vibrant living environment.

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AGENDA FOR ACTION:

- ❖ **Awareness**
- ❖ **Local Community Participation**
- ❖ **Sustainable Urban Development**
- ❖ **Community Empowerment & Employment Generation**
- ❖ **Protection of heritage**
- ❖ **Conservation of built heritage**
- ❖ **Capacity building**
- ❖ **Networking and cooperation**

Awareness

Action 1 Setting up of a 'Cultural Knowledge Databank for member Cities' a repository of its unique and diverse cultural heritage assets.

Action 2 Organizing seminars, workshops, exhibitions, field trips, awareness drives.

Action 3 Publication of newsletters, information brochures, papers as a support to the workshops and the other activities as part of outreach, diffusion and dissemination.

Local Community Participation

Action 4 Evolve institutional frameworks for enabling community information, consultation and participation in heritage conservation activities such as neighborhood heritage committees

Action 5 Formulate incentive frameworks to mobilize community action for conservation

Sustainable Urban Development

Action 6 Sharing technical expertise to member cities in developing strategies for heritage based sustainable and balanced urban development, assistance in presenting their issues and project formulation.

Action 7 Assisting the network with its member cities to tie up project funds from Indian as well as International aid agencies, banks and other donor agencies and funding programs.

Community Empowerment & Employment generation

Action 8 Focus on promoting the creation of sustainable livelihoods through heritage based development.

Protection of heritage

Action 9 Formulate heritage regulations and guidelines for protection and management of heritage assets and allocate resources for conservation and management of heritage assets.

Conservation of built heritage

Action 10 Promote traditional arts and crafts in all sectors and best practices in conservation while encouraging the use of vernacular techniques and traditional building materials.

Capacity building

Action 12 Participating and facilitating training programs for members of the network on best practices in heritage based sustainable and balanced urban development.

Action13 Organizing a series of workshops and conferences with the participation of experts from both India and abroad working in the area of heritage based sustainable and balanced urban development.

Networking and cooperation

Action14 Enable the establishment of an electronic communications network through a web portal linking member cities through the internet facilitating partnerships and knowledge exchange with other cities both in India and abroad.