

WHV – Let's Heritage

Rani-ki-Vav (the Queen's Stepwell) at Patan, Gujarat, India

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Rani-ki-Vav is an exceptional example of a distinctive form of subterranean water architecture of the Indian subcontinent, the stepwell, which is located on the banks of the Saraswati River in Patan. Initially built as a memorial in the 11th century CE, the stepwell was constructed as a religious as well as functional structure and designed as an inverted temple highlighting the sanctity of water. Rani-ki-Vav is a single-component, water management system divided into seven levels of stairs and sculptural panels of high artistic and aesthetic quality.

Project objectives:

The project, implemented for the first year, aims at promoting heritage preservation among youth and local communities, documenting and spreading examples of active participation, stimulating a sense of responsibility and connecting international and local people with the site management and conservation authorities.

Project activities:

The volunteers will organize and take part in different awareness raising actions, from a heritage walk to classes, quizzes, treasure hunts and art performances with local youth, school students and community representatives. They will also organize a photo context and prepare a documentary about the camp's activities to promote the site and youth involvement in heritage protection across different social media.

Partners:

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