

WHV - Hampi

Group of Monuments at Hampi, India

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Hampi was the last capital of the last great Hindu Kingdom of Vijayanagar. Hampi's spectacular setting is dominated by river Tungabhadra, craggy hill ranges and open plains, with widespread physical remains. The sophistication of the varied urban, royal and sacred systems is evident from the more than 1600 surviving remains that include forts, riverside features, royal and sacred complexes, temples, shrines, pillared halls, Mandapas, memorial structures, gateways, defence check posts, stables, water structures.

Project objectives:

The project, in its seventh year, targets the long-term commitment and participation from the local community and volunteers, with a great emphasis on supporting the local "Young Guardian clubs" clubs. The improvement of the environmental conditions and biodiversity at the site, as well as the implementation of a Heritage conservation awareness raising campaign toward visitors and the local population, are additional objectives of the program.

Project activities:

The volunteers will be supporting the local youth in establishing the annual planning of activities of the "Young Guardians" club, and will run capacity building workshops. Volunteers will also continue planting indigenous trees, as well as cleaning up the areas surrounding the site. Street plays based on the Forum Theatre approach and an Awareness Walk will contribute to sensitise the local community.

Partners:

Indian National Trust for Art, Culture and Heritage (INTACH), Friends of Hampi NGO.

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