

1. Introduction

1.1 - State Party

India

1.2 - Date of ratification of the World Heritage Convention

14/11/1977

1.3 - Entities involved in the preparation of Section I of the Periodic Reporting

Governmental institutions responsible for cultural and natural heritage
World Heritage property managers/coordinators
Non Governmental Organizations
External experts

1.4 - Primary government authorities responsible for the implementation of the Convention

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Wildlife
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- Janhwi Sharma
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Director (Conservation and World Heritage)

Comment

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1.5 - Other key institutions responsible

- Mr. Manu Goel
Executive Director Heritage
Ministry of Railways
Domain: Cultural
- Mr. AK Srivastava
Inspector General of Forest
Ministry of Environment and Forest
Domain: Natural

1.6 - Comments

Nil

2. Inventories / lists / registers for cultural and natural heritage

2.1 - Cultural Heritage (Level and Status)

National	Process well-advanced
Regional / provincial / state	Process commenced
Local	Process commenced
Other (please provide details in 2.7)	Not applicable

2.2 - Natural Heritage (Level and Status)

National	Process commenced
Regional / provincial / state	Process commenced

Local	Process commenced
Other (please provide details in 2.7)	Not applicable

2.3 - Are inventories/lists/registers adequate to capture the diversity of cultural and natural heritage in the State Party?

Inventories/lists/registers capture some of the diversity of cultural and natural heritage.

2.4 - Are inventories / lists / registers used to protect the identified cultural heritage?

Inventories / lists / registers are sometimes used for the protection of cultural heritage.

2.5 - Are inventories / lists / registers used to protect the identified natural heritage?

Inventories / lists / registers are sometimes used for the protection of natural heritage.

2.6 - Are inventories / lists / registers used for the identification of properties for the Tentative List?

Inventories / lists / registers are sometimes used for the identification of potential World Heritage Properties.

2.7 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to inventories / lists / registers of cultural and natural heritage (questions 2.1 to 2.6)

Centrally and State protected monuments are properly registered and listed in the inventories. India has a large repository of natural and cultural heritage where some of the cultural and natural diversity are still undified and are also unprotected. Identification registration and documentation of such unprotected heritage have already been commenced in the Central and the regional level.

3. Tentative List

3.1 - Potential future nominations (Property name / anticipated year of nomination)

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3.2 - Tools used for a preliminary assessment of the potential Outstanding Universal Value

ICOMOS thematic studies
IUCN thematic studies
Meetings to harmonize Tentative Lists within your region
UNESCO's Global Strategy for a representative, balanced and credible World Heritage List

3.3 - Level of involvement in the preparation of the Tentative List

National government institution(s)	Good
Regional / provincial / state / government(s)	Fair
Local government(s)	Fair
Other government departments	Poor
UNESCO National Commission	Fair
Local authorities within or adjacent to the property	Not applicable
Local communities / residents	Good
Indigenous peoples	Good
Landowners	Fair

Local industries	No involvement
Non Governmental Organization(s)	Fair
Consultants / experts	Fair
Site manager / coordinator(s)	Fair

3.4 - Was the authority(ies) listed in question 1.4 responsible for the approval and submission of the Tentative List?

Yes

3.5 - If not, what authority(ies) is responsible for the approval and submission of the Tentative List?

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3.6 - Do you intend to update your Tentative List within the next six years?

Yes

3.7 - Comments

India is in the process of upgrading and reviewing its Tentative List. This will be finalised shortly after an interministerial meeting. The information provided in Section 3.1 is, therefore, tentative and is subject to review and subsequent changes.

4. Nominations

4.1 - Property

Name	Date of submission	Status
Red Fort	2004-12-28	deferred
Red Fort Complex	2006-01-31	inscribed
Humayun's Tomb, Delhi	1992-10-26	inscribed
Qutb Minar and its Monuments, Delhi	1992-10-26	inscribed
Churches and Convents of Goa	1982-10-15	inscribed
Excavated remains at Lothal Suvarat	1982-10-15	
Martand Temple (Jammu and Kashmir)	1982-10-15	
Gol Gumpaz at Bijapur, Karnataka	1982-10-15	
Monuments at Ayhole Karnataka	1982-10-15	
Monuments at Pattadakal	1982-10-15	
Group of Monuments at Pattadakal	1987-05-15	inscribed
Khajuraho Group of Monuments	1982-10-15	inscribed
Group of Monuments at Hampi	1982-10-15	inscribed
Ajanta Caves	1982-10-15	inscribed
Ellora Caves	1982-10-15	inscribed
Elephanta Caves	1982-10-15	
Elephanta Caves	1987-05-15	inscribed
Caves of Karla, Mahashtra	1982-10-15	
Sun Temple, Konârak	1982-10-15	inscribed
Chittorgarth Fort and Monuments, Rajastan	1982-10-15	
Excavated remains at Kalibagen, Rajastan	1982-10-15	
Group of Monuments at Mahabalipuram	1982-10-15	inscribed
Brihadisvara Temple, Thanjavur	1982-10-15	
Great Living Chola Temples Great Living Chola Temples	1987-05-15	inscribed
Great Living Chola Temples	2003-01-29	inscribed

Name	Date of submission	Status
Agra Fort	1982-10-15	inscribed
Taj Mahal	1982-10-15	inscribed
Akbar's Tomb, Sikandra, Agra	1982-10-15	
Itimud-ud Daula Tomb, Agra	1982-10-15	
Fatehpur Sikri	1982-10-15	inscribed
Nanda Devi National Park	1987-05-15	inscribed
Nanda Devi and Valley of Flowers National Parks	2004-01-28	inscribed
xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	1984-04-18	
Kaziranga National Park	1984-04-18	inscribed
Manas Wildlife Sanctuary	1984-04-18	inscribed
Gir National Park	1984-04-18	
Keoladeo National Park	1984-04-18	inscribed
Kahna National Park	1984-04-18	
Ranthombhore National Park	1984-04-18	
Wild Ass Sanctuary in the Little Runn of Kutch	1984-04-18	
Buddhist Monuments at Sanchi	1989-01-24	inscribed
Silent Valley National Park, Kerala	1990-09-12	deferred
Gir National Park	1991-08-19	
Wild Ass Sanctuary	1992-06-03	
Temples at Bishnupur	1998-06-30	
Buddhist Monastery Complex Alchi, Leh known as Alchi Chos-kor	1998-06-30	
Golkonda Fort, comprising citadel, fortifications, Naya Qila, Qutub Shahi Mahal (royal palaces) together with remains lying between inner citadel and outer fortification	1998-06-30	
Dholavira, A Harappan City	1998-06-30	
Rani-ki-vav (The Queen's Stepwell) at Patan	1998-06-30	
Mattanchery Palace	1998-06-30	
Tomb of Sher Shah Suri, Sasaram, Distt. Rohtas	1998-06-30	
Rock Shelters of Bhimbetka	2002-01-29	inscribed
Group of Monuments at Mandu	1998-06-30	
Ancient Buddhist Site, Sarnath	1998-06-30	
Darjeeling Himalayan Railway (DHR)	1998-07-03	inscribed
Mountain Railways of India	2004-01-29	inscribed
Mountain Railways of India	2005-01-27	
Mountain Railways of India	2007-01-25	inscribed
Matheran Light Railway	2009-01-28	withdrawn
Victoria Terminus (Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus)	1998-07-03	deferred
Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (formerly Victoria Terminus)	2003-01-30	inscribed
Mahabodhi Temple Complex	2000-07-07	deferred
Mahabodhi Temple Complex at Bodh Gaya	2002-03-13	inscribed
Champaner-Pavagadh Archaeological Park	2002-01-29	inscribed
Sri Harimandir Sahib	2004-01-06	withdrawn
River Island of Majuli in midstream of Brahmaputra River in Assam	2004-02-19	referred
River Island of Majuli in midstream of Brahmaputra River in Assam	2008-01-08	deferred
The Jantar Mantar, Jaipur	2009-01-28	inscribed
Seven Sub-clusters of Western Ghats in the States of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Maharashtra	2009-01-28	Incomplete
Western Ghats	2010-01-28	
Santiniketan	2010-01-29	
Sundarbans National Park	1986-12-31	inscribed

4.2 - Involvement in recent nominations

National government institution(s)	Good
Regional / provincial / state government(s)	Good
Local government(s)	Good
Other government departments	Good
UNESCO National Commission	Good

Local authorities within or adjacent to the property	Good
Local communities / residents	Good
Indigenous peoples	Good
Landowners	Good
Local industries	Fair
Non Governmental Organization(s)	Good
Consultants / experts	Good
Site manager / coordinator	Good

4.3 - Perceived benefits of inscribing properties on the World Heritage List



Strengthened protection of sites (legislative, regulatory, institutional and / or traditional)	High benefit
Enhanced conservation practices	High benefit
Catalyst for wider community appreciation of heritage	Some benefit
Improved presentation of sites	High benefit
Enhanced honour / prestige	High benefit
Increased funding	High benefit
Additional tool for lobbying / political influence	Some benefit
Stimulus for enhanced partnerships	High benefit
Increased recognition for tourism and public use	High benefit
Stimulus for economic development in surrounding communities	High benefit
Others (please provide details in 4.4)	Not applicable

4.4 - Comments

Nil

5. General Policy Development

5.1 - Legislation

Title	Year	Link to source
Antiquities and Art Treasures Act, 1972	1972	
Antiquities and Art Treasures Rules, 1973	1973	

Comment

Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Rules, 1959 Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act (Amendment and Validation), 2010 Antiquities and Art Treasures Act, 1972 Antiquities and Art Treasures Rules, 1973

5.2 - Legislation not listed in 5.1

Indian Forest Act / 1927 / National / Natural / http://envfor.nic.in/legis/forest/forest4.html
Wildlife Protection Act / 1972 / National / Natural / http://envfor.nic.in/legis/wildlife/wildlife1.html
Environment Protection Act / 1986 / National / Natural / http://envfor.nic.in/legis/env/env1.html
Forest Conservation Act / 1980 / National / Natural / http://envfor.nic.in/legis/forest/forest2.html
National Biodiversity Act / 2002 / National / Natural / http://envfor.nic.in/divisions/biodiv/act/bio_div_act.htm
Forests Rights Act / 2006 / National / Natural / http://tribal.gov.in/index1.asp?linkid=360&langid=1

5.3 - Comment

Several State Governments have also enacted State Acts related to archaeological sites and monuments and their protection, conservation and maintenance, as well as for the conservation and protection of natural sites, and have formulated 'Rules' under the provisions of the Central Act to

strengthen the conservation and management of cultural and natural properties.

5.4 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulations) adequate for the identification, conservation and protection of the State Party's cultural and natural heritage?

The legal framework is adequate for the identification, conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage.

5.5 - Can the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulations) for the identification, conservation and protection of the State Party's cultural and natural heritage be enforced?

Existing capacity/resources to enforce the legal framework could be strengthened.

5.6 - Other International Conventions adhered

5.7 - Implementation of International Conventions into national policies

There is adequate coordination and integration.

5.8 - States Party's policies to give heritage a function in the life of communities

There are policies but there are some deficiencies in their implementation.

5.9 - Integration of heritage into comprehensive / larger scale planning programmes

There are policies but there are some deficiencies in their implementation.

5.10 - Comments

No further comments

6. Status of Services for Protection, Conservation and Presentation

6.1 - To what degree do the principal agencies / institutions responsible for cultural and natural heritage cooperate in the identification, conservation, protection and presentation of this heritage?

There is effective cooperation between principal agencies / institutions for the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage.

6.2 - To what degree do other government agencies cooperate in the identification, conservation, protection and presentation of natural and cultural heritage?

In general, cooperation exists between other government agencies and the principal agencies / institutions for the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage but there are still deficiencies.

6.3 - To what degree do different levels of government cooperate in the identification,

conservation, protection and presentation of cultural and natural heritage?

In general, cooperation exists between different levels of government for the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage but there are still deficiencies.

6.4 - Are the services provided by the agencies / institutions adequate for the conservation, protection and presentation of World Heritage properties in your country?

There is adequate capacity within services to conserve, protect and present World Heritage properties.

6.5 - Comments

Nil

7. Scientific and Technical Studies and Research

7.1 - Is there a research programme or project specifically for the benefit of World Heritage properties?

There is some research specifically addressing World Heritage.

7.2 - Research projects

- Integrated Management Plan, Hampi / 2010
Regional
Cultural
www.asi.nic.in
Nil
- Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan, Red Fort / 2009
Regional
Cultural
www.asi.nic.in
nil
- Ajanta and Ellora caves Site Management plan / 2009
Regional
Cultural
www.asi.nic.in
nil
- Building partnerships to support UNESCO's World Heritage Programme: India / Ongoing
National
Natural
http://www.knpwhs.org/; http://www.ndwhs.org/
The project is operational in 4 out of 5 Natural World Heritage Properties in India

7.3 - Comments

Wildlife Institute of India is operating research/collaborative projects in all 5 Natural Heritage Sites in India.

8. Financial Status and Human Resources

8.1 - Sources of funding

National government funds	Major source of sustained funding
Other levels of government (provincial, state, local)	Minor source of sustained funding

International assistance from the World Heritage Fund	Minor source of fixed term funding
International multilateral funding (e.g. World Bank, IDB, European Union)	Minor source of fixed term funding
International bilateral funding (e.g. AFD, GTZ, DGCS, GEF, etc.)	Minor source of fixed term funding
NGOs (international and / or national)	Minor source of fixed term funding
Private sector funds	Minor source of sustained funding
Other (Please specify in 8.6)	Not applicable

8.2 - Involvement of State Party in the establishment of foundations or associations for raising funds and donation for the protection of World Heritage

Yes

8.3 - National policies for the allocation of site revenues for conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage

Yes

8.4 - Is the current budget sufficient to conserve, protect and present cultural and natural heritage effectively at the national level?

The available budget is sufficient but further funding would enable more effective conservation, protection and presentation to meet international best practice standards.

8.5 - Are available human resources adequate to conserve, protect and present cultural and natural heritage effectively at the national level?

Human resources are adequate but additional staffing would enable more effective conservation, protection and presentation to meet international best practice standards.

8.6 - Comments

Nil..

9. Training

9.1 - Formal training / educational institutions / programs

- Institute of Archaeology / National / Cultural
nil
- Wildlife Institute of India / National / Natural
nil
- School of Planning and Architecture (SPA) / National / Cultural
nil

9.2 - Training needs

Conservation	High priority
Education	High priority
Promotion	High priority
Interpretation	High priority
Administration	High priority
Visitor management	High priority

Community outreach	High priority
Risk preparedness	High priority
Enforcement (custodians, police)	High priority
Other	Not applicable

9.3 - Does the State Party have a national training/ educational strategy to strengthen capacity development in the field of heritage conservation, protection and presentation?

There is a national strategy for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation, protection and presentation but there are some deficiencies in implementation.

9.4 - Comments

India is conscious of providing adequate training, from time to time, to site managers, professionals, government officials, etc., from time to time, in an effort to boost capacity in conservation and management of the world heritage properties (cultural and natural).

10. International Cooperation

10.1 - Cooperation with other States Parties

Bi-lateral and multi-lateral agreements
Financial support
Sharing expertise for capacity building
Hosting and / or attending international training courses/seminars

10.2 - Twinned World Heritage properties with others

No

10.3 - Comments

Nil..

11. Education, Information and Awareness Building

11.1. Media used for World Heritage sites promotion

11.1.1 - Publications

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
National
Regional
Local

11.1.2 - Films / TV

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
International
National
Regional
Local

11.1.3 - Media campaigns

Information
Awareness Raising
National
Regional
Local

11.1.4 - Internet

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
International
National
Regional
Local

11.1.5 - Postage stamps, medals

Awareness Raising
National
Regional

11.1.6 - World Heritage Day

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
National
Regional
Local

11.1.7 - Translation and diffusion of publications made available by the World Heritage Centre

Awareness Raising
National
Regional

11.1.8 - Other (please specify in 11.1.8)

Information
Awareness Raising
Education
National
Regional
Local

11.1.9 - Comments

Nil..

11.2. Education, Information and Awareness Building

11.2.1 - Strategy to raise awareness among different stakeholders

There are strategies to raise awareness about conservation, protection and presentation of World Heritage but there are some deficiencies in implementation.

11.2.2 - Level of general awareness

Private Sector	Fair
Youth	Fair
Communities living in/around heritage sites	Good

Tourism industry	Good
Decision makers and public officials	Good
Indigenous peoples	Not Applicable
General public	Fair

11.2.3 - Does the State Party participate in UNESCO's *World Heritage in Young Hands programme*?

The State Party does not participate in UNESCO's *World Heritage in Young Hands programme* but intends to do so.

11.2.4 - Level of frequency of activities

Courses for teachers for the use of the <i>World Heritage in Young Hands Kit</i>	Never
Courses/activities for students within the school programmes	Often
Youth Forums	Occasionally
Skills-training courses for students	Occasionally
Organized school visits to World Heritage properties/cultural and natural sites	Regularly
Activities linked to heritage within the framework of UNESCO Clubs/Associations	Never
Other (comment below)	Never

11.2.5 - Comments

As part of CBD Conference of Parties (CoP) meeting in India in October, 2011 India will be hosting the International Youth Forum in partnership with UNESCO, IUCN, SCBD and Others.

12. Conclusions and Recommended Actions

12.1. State Party's implementation of the *World Heritage Convention*

12.1.1 - Identification of heritage

Identification of heritage
Inventories capture some of the diversity of cultural and natural heritage.
Inventories / lists / registers are sometimes used for the identification of potential World Heritage Properties.

12.1.2 - National Inventories

National Inventories
National : Process well-advanced
Regional / provincial / state : Process commenced
National : Process commenced
Regional / provincial / state : Process commenced

12.1.3 - Tentative List

Tentative List
Yes

12.1.4 - Legal framework

Legal framework
Existing capacity/resources to enforce the legal framework could be strengthened.

12.1.5 - Implementation of international conventions within national policies

Implementation of international conventions within national policies

12.1.6 - Communities

Communities
Local communities / residents: Good
Level of involvement / consultation of local landowners: Good
Level of involvement / consultation of local industries: Fair
Local communities / residents: Good
Indigenous peoples: Good
Landowners: Good

12.1.7 - Larger-scale planning

Larger-scale planning
There are policies but there are some deficiencies in their implementation.

12.1.8 - Status of Services for Protection, Conservation and Presentation

Status of Services for Protection, Conservation and Presentation
In general, cooperation exists between different levels of government for the conservation and protection of cultural and natural heritage but there are still deficiencies.

12.1.9 - Scientific and Technical Studies and Research

Scientific and Technical Studies and Research
There is some research specifically addressing World Heritage.

12.1.10 - Financial status

Financial status
The available budget is sufficient but further funding would enable more effective conservation, protection and presentation to meet international best practice standards.

12.1.11 - Human resources

Human resources
Human resources are adequate but additional staffing would enable more effective conservation, protection and presentation to meet international best practice standards.

12.1.12 - Training

Training
There is a national strategy for capacity development in the field of heritage conservation, protection and presentation but there are some deficiencies in implementation.

12.1.13 - International cooperation

International cooperation
Bi-lateral and multi-lateral agreements
Financial support
Sharing expertise for capacity building
Hosting and / or attending international training courses/seminars

12.1.14 - Education, Information and awareness building

Education, Information and awareness building
Private Sector : Fair
Youth : Fair

Education, Information and awareness building
Communities living in/around heritage sites : Good

12.2. Actions for the implementation of the *World Heritage Convention* (identified from table 12.1).

12.2.1 - Please select the top issues (up to six)

Please refer to question 5.2

12.3. Priority Actions Assessment

12.3.2 - Priority actions assessment

2 Inventories / lists / registers for cultural and natural heritage						
	Action	Short description	Authority(ies) responsible	Timeframe	May this action require International Assistance from the World Heritage Fund?	
2.3	Inventories capture some of the diversity of cultural and natural heritage.	Government of India is attempting to prepare comprehensive inventories of unprotected built heritage.	Government of India has established National Mission of Monuments and Antiquities to prepare a list of unprotected heritage and also to undertake comprehensive documentation.	Archaeological Survey of India	five years	NO

12.3.3 - Additional actions for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention

Nil

13. Assessment of the Periodic Reporting Exercise

13.1 - Was the questionnaire easy to use and clear to understand?

Yes

13.2 - Please provide suggestions for improvement:

Nil

13.3 - Please rate the level of support from the following entities for completing the Periodic Report questionnaire

World Heritage Centre	Fair
UNESCO (other sectors)	No support
UNESCO National Commission	Poor
ICOMOS International	Not applicable
IUCN International	Not applicable
ICCROM	Not applicable
ICOMOS national / regional	Not applicable
IUCN national / regional	Not applicable

13.4 - How accessible was the information required to complete the Periodic Report?

All required information was accessible

13.5 - Please rate the follow-up to conclusions and recommendations from the previous Periodic Reporting exercise by the following entities

UNESCO	Fair
Advisory Bodies	Fair
State Party	Good
Site Managers	Good

13.6 - Comments

The current Periodic Reporting Exercise is a very significant improvement over the earlier such exercises. The UNESCO and its advisory bodies have done an excellent job.

14. Thank you