

WHV – Let's Heritage

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

Cultural property inscribed on the
World Heritage List in 2014

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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. Initially built as a memorial in the eleventh century CE, it was constructed as a religious as well as functional structure and designed as an inverted temple, highlighting the sanctity of water.

Project objectives:

The project is the pioneer of a nationwide, four site campaign extending the outreach of the first 'Let's Heritage' project run at Rani-ki-Vav in 2017. It aims to promote 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 participate 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 painting and photo contests, and promote the site and youth involvement in heritage protection across different social media channels.

Partners:

Government of Gujarat, Archaeological Survey of India, Gujarat Tourism, infoAnalytica, Hemchandracharya North Gujarat University, Shri and Smt PK Kotawala Arts College Patan, Global Shapers Community, Asian Granito India Ltd, The Learning Studio.