

WHV – Let's Heritage

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

Cultural property inscribed on the
World Heritage List since 2014

18/06/2022 – 27/06/2022



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 11th 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, successfully implemented for the first time in 2017 and part of a four-sites national campaign, 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 cleaning, painting and photo contexts and promote the site and youth involvement in heritage protection across different social media.

Partners:

UNESCO New Delhi Cluster Office, Indian National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO, Archaeological Survey of India, Government of Gujarat, Gujarat Tourism, Hemchandracharya North Gujarat University, infoAnalytica, Shri & Smt PK Kotawala Arts College, Collectorate of Patan, Shri & Smt P K Kotawala Arts College, infoAnalytica, HeyHi Foundation, Kala Pratishthan, Meri Sanskriti Cultural Center.

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