

WHV – Exploring discourses of heritage at Champaner

Champaner-Pavagadh Archaeological Park, India

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (2004)

PROJECT DATES

20 - 29 September 2024

THE SITE - A concentration of largely unexcavated archaeological, historic and living cultural heritage properties cradled in an impressive landscape which includes prehistoric (chalcolithic) sites, a hill fortress of an early Hindu capital, and remains of the 16th-century capital of the state of Gujarat. The site also includes, among other vestiges, fortifications, palaces, religious buildings, residential precincts, agricultural structures and water installations, from the 8th to 14th centuries. The Kalikamata Temple on top of Pavagadh Hill is considered to be an important shrine, attracting large numbers of pilgrims throughout the year. The site is the only complete and unchanged Islamic pre-Mughal city.

OBJECTIVES - Implemented for the first time, the project aims at raising the awareness of the Outstanding Universal Values of the World Heritage site of Champaner-Pavagadh Archaeological Park, initiating a dialogue between local experts, community and volunteers and giving a platform to local artist and artisans to present their knowledge and skills transmitted through generations.

ACTIVITIES - Volunteer activities will focus on engaging the community and visitors at the less known spaces of the archeological park, running workshops on the history of the site and getting hands-on learning of conservation processes.

PARTNERS - Archaeological survey of India; Halol municipal corporation; M.S.University Vadodara; Khushtar heritage collective.

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