

WHV – Let's Heritage

Historic City of Ahmadabad, India

Cultural property inscribed on the World Heritage List (2017)

PROJECT DATES

12 July - 21 July 2025

THE SITE - The walled city of Ahmadabad, founded by Sultan Ahmad Shah in the 15th century, on the eastern bank of the Sabarmati river, presents a rich architectural heritage from the sultanate period, notably the Bhadra citadel, the walls and gates of the Fort city and numerous mosques and tombs as well as important Hindu and Jain temples of later periods. The urban fabric is made up of densely-packed traditional houses (*pol*s) in gated traditional streets (*pur*as) with characteristic features such as bird feeders, public wells and religious institutions. The city continued to flourish as the capital of the State of Gujarat for six centuries, up to the present.

OBJECTIVES - The project is part of a nationwide campaign extending the outreach of the first 'Let's Heritage' program, implemented in 2017 by the Elixir Foundation at Rani-ki-Vav. Running for the seventh year in Ahmadabad, it aims at promoting heritage preservation among youth and local communities, hands on conservation activities, documenting and spreading examples of active participation, stimulating a sense of responsibility and connecting international and local people with the management and conservation authorities.

ACTIVITIES - The volunteers will organize and take part in multiple hands on and awareness raising actions, conservation activities with the site managers, community engagement programs, curated experiential study visits, technical documentations, expert panel discussions with universities, presentations and cultural performances with local community, youth consultations and media advocacy. The participants will also organize cleanup, painting and photo contests to promote heritage site and youth involvement. The project will have focused efforts to leverage social media platforms for promotion.

PARTNERS - UNESCO New Delhi, Indian National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO, Archaeological Survey of India, Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation, Gujarat Tourism, Kala Pratishthan, Meri Sanskriti Cultural Center, Ahmedabad University, GLS University.

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