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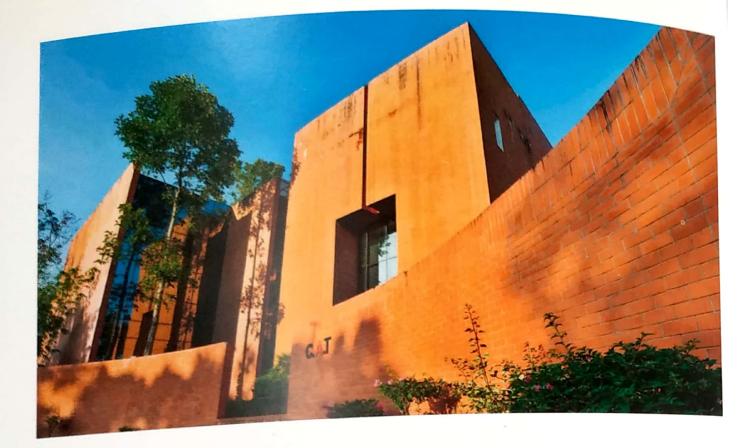
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# **Community Participation in** Heritage Management at Chandori

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ABSTRACT: Chandori is a small village along the banks of the river Godavari, about 25 km away from Nashik in Maharashtra. Due to severe drought in Maharashtra several Hindu temples and the built ghats (i.e. the steps leading down to the river) had resurfaced from the river bed in April 2016. The temples and ghats submerged when the course of the river was changed due to the construction of a dam during the British era. The last time these Hindu temples were seen was in 1982 when Nashik had witnessed a drought of similar proportions. The symbiotic relation between the ghats and temples found elsewhere in India is found reflected here on a small scale. The ghats and temples which resurfaced are of the Hemadpanthi style and date back to the Peshwa era. The villagers have taken the initiative to get these temples documented. The community is actively forming a management plan which will benefit the economy of the village and increase the livelihood of the villagers. The paper aims to examine the management plan of the villagers which intends to keep the lost heritage of the submerged temples alive, the focus being the temples. Parallel case studies will be investigated to check the validity of the management plan. This research will help the heritage plan to adhere to the principles of sustainability and embrace the principles of ecotourism by limiting the visitor movement and safeguarding the ecology of the area and the river ecosystem.

KEYWORDS: Community participation, lost heritage, sustainability, management plan.

# 1. INTRODUCTION

Defined in the UNESCO 2001 Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage, 'underwater cultural heritage' encompasses all traces of human existence that lie or once lay under water for at least 100 years and have a cultural or historical character. This includes ancient shipwrecks, submerged temples and cities, sunken heritage in Cenotes, wells and lakes as well as fish traps and others sites.

Underwater cultural heritage holds vast potential for scientific research and education. Submerged prehistoric sites are of crucial importance for understanding the development of human civilisation. In addition to its scientific significance, underwater cultural heritage also opens up numerous opportunities for recreation, cultural enrichment and sustainable development. It is an interesting and attractive form of heritage, highly appreciated by the public due to the stories it symbolises and due to the air of mystery which surrounds its underwater location.

## 2. METHODOLOGY

This paper seeks to understand the importance of underwater heritage and ensure ways of keeping it alive in the minds of people in a sustainable manner. This objective is met by understanding the area through primary field studies and observation. Ethnographic approach reveals the links between the lost heritage and the community. It discusses in detail the management plan drawn up by the residents of Chandori. The management plan proposes to develop infrastructure and create economic opportunities for the residents while focussing on the green initiatives. Secondary data collection is done through research papers and comparison of management plan with Haithabu case study which helps to analyse the strengths and weaknesses of the Chandori heritage management plan. SWOT analysis will help make amendments to the plan if any and draw appropriate conclusions.

# 3. CASE UNDER STUDY

The temples of Chandori are a very good example of underwater cultural heritage. Chandori is a small village along the banks of the river Godavari, about 25 km away from Nashik in Maharashtra. The river Godavari makes a moon crescent like shape as it winds its way towards Nandurmadhmeshwar, hence the village is named Chandori. (see Figureure. 1) Due to severe drought in Maharashtra several Hindu temples and the built ghats (i.e. the steps leading down to the river) had resurfaced from the river bed in Chandori on April 2016. The temples and ghats got submerged (see Figure. 3) when the course of the river was changed due to the construction of a dam during the British era (1906). These shrines used to be

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