

CONSERVATION OF MONUMENTS BY PRIVATE SECTOR - ADOPT A HERITAGE (AAH) 2.0

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Adopt A Heritage (AAH) 2.0 program has been launched, exclusively for protected monuments of national importance, to create a framework for engagement with private/public sector companies and NGOs/ Trusts/ Societies, etc., to develop/ provide a group of amenities at protected monuments to enhance visitors' experience and make them visitor-friendly, wherein the role of stakeholders or partnered entities is limited to the engagement in the non-conservational aspects viz., cleaning of monument premises, besides providing and maintaining basic tourist amenities like washrooms, drinking water, child care room, benches, pathways, garbage bins, signage, Sound and Light shows, illumination, etc. under the guidance and due consultation with ASI.

However, the work related to archaeological conservation and the preservation of protected monuments/sites is executed/supervised by ASI experts.

A donor/sponsor while making contributions to the NCF can indicate a project to be taken up for conservation or developing amenities around any monument. The conservation of protected monuments is executed/supervised by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

In addition, the details of 30 MoUs signed under Adopt A Heritage (AAH) 2.0 program is given at Annexure I.

The details of centrally protected monuments and sites delisted or newly notified during the last three years are given at Annexure-II.

Archaeological Survey of India, (ASI), through its field offices, organizes community-driven and people-centric events, such as walkthroughs, talks, drawing and painting competitions for school and college students, photo exhibitions for visitors, and consultative meetings with locals and community stakeholders. These events are held on various occasions, including World Heritage Day, World Tourism Day, World Heritage Week, International Day of Yoga, among others, and at the time of various other national celebrations as and when entrusted with to raise awareness about the need for sensitization toward the protection of the country's age-old heritage.

Annexure-I

MoUs signed under AAH 2.0

A total of 30 MoUs have been materialized, the details of which are as below:

S.No.	Name of Monument	Entity	State
1.	Agra Fort, Agra (UP)	Ease My Trip Foundation	Uttar Pradesh

2.	Mehrauli Archaeological Park, Delhi	Sabhyata Foundation	Delhi
3.	Safdarjung Tomb, Delhi	Sabhyata Foundation	Delhi
4.	Western Group of Temples, Khajuraho	Ease My Trip Foundation	Madhya Pradesh
5.	Kailasanatha temple, Kanchipuram (TN)	Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited (CIFCL)	Tamil Nadu
6.	Sun temple, Konark, Puri (Odisha)	Ease My Trip Foundation	Odisha
7.	Elephanta Caves, Raigarh (Maharashtra)	Mahesh Enterprises and Infra India Private Limited	Maharashtra
8.	Upper Fort Aguada, Goa	Drishti Lifesaving Pvt Ltd	Goa
9.	PuranaQila, Delhi	Sabhyata Foundation	Delhi
10.	QutubMinar, Delhi	Ease My Trip Foundation	Delhi
11.	Humanyun's Tomb, Delhi	Sabhyata Foundation	Delhi
12.	JantarMantar	Powerlinks Transmission Ltd	Delhi
13.	Group of Monuments, HauzKhas	Tata Power Trading Pvt Ltd	Delhi
14.	UgrasenkiBaoli	Zee Aakash	Delhi
15.	Delhi Gate	Redtape Ltd	Delhi
16.	Kashmere Gate and Mori Gate	Redtape Ltd	Delhi
17.	Rock Shelters of Bhimbetka	HEG Ltd	Madhya Pradesh
18.	Ajmeri Gate	Redtape Ltd	Delhi
19.	Madrasa Mahmud Gawan	Shaheen Group of Institutions	Karnataka
20.	Kamalapur Museum	JSW Foundation	Karnataka

21.	Tomb of Khan-i-Khana	Inter Globe Aviation Pvt Ltd (Indigo)	Delhi
22.	Tomb of Najaf Khan	Sawasdee Projects Pvt Ltd	Delhi
23.	Padma and Rani Talabs at Ranthambore Fort	Bisleri International Pvt Ltd	Rajasthan
24.	BaoriAbaneri	Bisleri International Pvt Ltd	Rajasthan
25.	BaoriNeemrana	Bisleri International Pvt Ltd	Rajasthan
26.	BudhaBudhi pond at Kalinjar Fort	Bisleri International Pvt Ltd	Uttar Pradesh
27.	Development of audio guides	Resbird Technologies	Multiple sites
28.	Red Fort	Dalmia Bharat Limited	Delhi
29.	Aga Khan Palace	DCB Bank	Maharashtra
30.	Airavateswara Temple, Darasuram	Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited (CIFCL)	Tamil Nadu

Annexure-II

DETAILS OF ANCIENT MONUMENTS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES & REMAINS CEASED TO BE OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS.

Sl. No.	Name of Monument	Locality	State/UT	Notification date
1.	Nicholson Statue and its platform, and the surrounding gardens, paths and enclosure wall	Outside the Kashmiri Gate, Delhi	Delhi NCT of Delhi	02.12.2024
2.	Bara Khamba Cemetery	Imperial City	Delhi NCT of Delhi	01.07.2025
3.	Inchla Wali Gumti	Mubarakpur Kotla	Delhi, NCT of Delhi	01.07.2025
4.	Kos Minar No.13	Village Mujessar	Haryana	01.07.2025

5.	Kos Minar	Shahabad	Haryana	01.07.2025
6.	Inscription in the fort of Bachhaun	Bachhaun	Madhya Pradesh	01.07.2025
7.	Temple (12th Century)	Baran	Rajasthan	01.07.2025
8.	Inscription in Fort	Nagar	Rajasthan	01.07.2025
9.	A banyan grove of great antiquity containing traces of ancient buildings	Bharanli Ganga tir	Uttar Pradesh	01.07.2025
10.	Closed Cemetery, Katra Naka	South-west of Banda City	Uttar Pradesh	01.07.2025
11.	Gunner Burkill's Tomb at Rangoon	Rangoon	Uttar Pradesh	01.07.2025
12.	Cemetery	Gaughat	Uttar Pradesh	01.07.2025
13.	Cemeteries	At mile 6 and 8, Jahraila Road	Uttar Pradesh	01.07.2025
14.	Tombs	In miles 3, 4 and 5, Lucknow-Fyzabad Road	Uttar Pradesh	01.07.2025
15.	Remains of 3 small Linga temples to the north of the village Circa 1000 A.D.	Ahugi	Uttar Pradesh	01.07.2025
16.	Telia Nala Buddhist ruins, forms part of deserted village	Varanasi	Uttar Pradesh	01.07.2025
17.	Tablet on the Treasury Building	Varanasi	Uttar Pradesh	01.07.2025
18.	Kutumbari area 1316 nalis	Dwarahat	Uttarakhand	01.07.2025

This information was given by Union Minister for Culture and Tourism Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat in a written reply in Rajya Sabha today.

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