

INDIA

Humayun's Tomb, Delhi



II.1 Introduction

Year of Inscription 1993

Organisation Responsible for the Report

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II.2 Statement of Significance

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Statement of Significance

- Proposed as follows (new):
"This tomb, built in 1570, is of special architectural significance as it is the first substantial example of Mughal architecture with double dome and charbagh (square garden) pattern of garden. It inspired several major architectural innovations, culminating in the construction of Taj-Mahal."

Status of Site Boundaries

- The demarcation line and buffer zone are adequate.
- The site boundaries should be revised, in view of an extension to the nominated site.

II.3 Statement of Authenticity/Integrity

Status of Authenticity/Integrity

- Values and authenticity/integrity well preserved.
- No changes to the authenticity/integrity, not foreseen in the future.

II.4 Management

Administrative and Management Arrangements

- Overall management made at the regional and national levels. The above arrangements are considered sufficient.
- Management plan under preparation.

- To preserve the values in the future, containment of construction and development activities in the buffer zone, encroachments problems.

Present State of Conservation

- Successive repairs prior to 1945.
- Changes since inscription: the property is in a good state of conservation. No interventions occurred in the integrity and values. Conservation works respecting the general character of the monument.

Staffing and Training Needs

- 122 staff is sufficient to monitor the site.
- The staff need training in latest technologies and applications, security techniques and handling of visitors.

Financial Situation

- Sources of funds from the Central Government.
- Funding is considered sufficient.
- International Assistance; only from Agha Khan Trust for Culture, in May 1999.

Access to IT

- 1 set of computers, no email or Internet access.
- No use of GIS.

Visitor Management

- 2001-2002, 167,782 visitors.
- Various facilities: admission, sales, publications, drinking water, toilets, WH plaques, sandstone benches, Waste bins, interpretation centre.
- Needed facilities: Site interpretation and museum, signage, cafeteria, visitor's route plans, upgrade of existing facilities, etc.
- Plan for public use: no existing plan, it is under preparation.
- Communication of WH values through: WH plaque, cultural programmes, free brochures, celebrations, awareness programs, lectures, guided visits.
- Educational programmes: contact programmes with schools, college students and inhabitants, tours for schools, information and lectures.
- Role of the inscription to the List of World Heritage: curiosity and increased popularity of the monument.

II.5 Factors Affecting the Property

Threats and Risks

- Commercialisation & urbanisation in the buffer zone. Actions since 1992 have yielded positive results.
- Vehicle pollution harms stones, but levels have decreased since 2002.
- Lightening protection carried out.
- No threat from floods or fire.
- Some encroachments but now under control. Actions to relocate inhabitants.

Counteractive Plans

- No emergency plan.
- No sign of great potential danger. The site is watched and this is considered enough to cope with any possible threat to the safety of the

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Encroachments within the Border zone of Humayun's Tomb World Heritage property

property.

- Improvements needed: risk preparedness, better co-ordination to control development activities.
- Impacts of factors are under control.
- Measures adopted or planned: same as improvements above.

II.6 Monitoring

Monitoring Arrangements

- No details on the monitoring system in place.
- Planned arrangements to index geographical information, changes in environment, in climate, in the buildings, in forests and vegetation, and in stone-carvings and bronze-casts.
- Partners: science laboratories and organisations.

Monitoring Indicators

- Existing arrangements are adequate, but a proper archival record is needed.

II.7 Conclusions and Recommended Actions

Conclusions and Proposed Actions

- Values: the value of the basis on which the property was inscribed is intact.
- Management and factors affecting property: well managed, protected and preserved.
- Future actions: under preparation, perspective plan for conservation works and management plan, conservation plan, integrated development plan and visitors movement plan.
- Timetable for the implementation of the Plans: March 2004.

* No State of Conservation Reports