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Hope for 39 Gandhian heritage sites across India

Ahmedabad: Heritage sites associated with the Father of the Nation across the country are all set to be restored to their former glory, as select architects from India come together for a workshop and technical meet in the city from October 2. The workshop will be conducted by renowned architects Vikas Dilawari, Prof Rabindra Vasavda, Nilkanth Chhaya and Riyaz Tayyibji. It will train 13 architects, who will then work on the project of restoring and conserving 39 sites associated with Gandhiji in India. *DNA, October 02, 2014*

http://epaper.dnaindia.com/story.aspx?id=54839&boxid=381204&ed_date=2014-10-02&ed_code=1310005&ed_page=1

Beetle fossil as old as 52 million years discovered in Surat

In a discovery akin to the one in the Hollywood movie Jurassic Park, scientists have chanced upon a 52-million-year-old amber encased fossil of a beetle, which thrived in ant colonies from Gujarat providing oldest known example of social parasitism among insects, scientists here claimed on Thursday. *Indian Express, October 02, 2014*

<http://epaper.indianexpress.com/349521/Ahmedabad/03-October-2014#page/4/2>

List steps taken to save heritage, HC tells VMC, Vadodara

The Gujarat high court while hearing a public interest litigation (PIL) filed over the demolition of the Nazarbaug Palace has asked the state government and the Vadodara Municipal Corporation (VMC) to file a reply regarding steps taken for identification of heritage properties and the fact that why no Heritage Conservation Committees (HCC) had been set up so far. *Times of India, October 01, 2014*

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/vadodara/List-steps-taken-to-save-heritage-HC-tells-VMC/articleshow/43955612.cms>

Police club at Gaekwad Haveli to be restored, Ahmedabad

The solitary vote of the city police club in Gujarat Cricket Association's (GCA) election has at last found its historic face. The city crime branch will now restore this historic police monument, established by the British Government in 1905 at Gaekwad Haveli campus at Raikhad area, which is now lying in ruins. *Times of India, September 29, 2014*

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/ahmedabad/Police-club-at-Gaekwad-Haveli-to-be-restored/articleshow/43754039.cms>

Restoration of Gaikwad palace, Vadodara

Gaikwad palace established in 1738 will now be restored. Crime branch will undertake the restoration work under a project named 'Operation Parshuram'. *Divya Bhaskar, 29 September 2014*

<http://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/news/MGUJ-AHM-MAT-latest-ahmedabad-news-023503-627526-NOR.html>

Vav ustad uncovers stepwell secrets

AHMEDABAD: Rani-ki-Vav was declared a UNESCO world heritage site in June this year. But there are a very few scholars who have been able to interpret the monument — archaeologist Kirit Mankodi is one among them. *Times of India*, September 27, 2014
<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/ahmedabad/Vav-ustad-uncovers-stepwell-secrets/articleshow/43577815.cms>

DNA, September 27, 2014

http://epaper.dnaindia.com/story.aspx?id=54663&boxid=637600&ed_date=2014-09-27&ed_code=1310005&ed_page=2

Navgujarat Samay, 27 September 2014

<http://epaper.navgujaratsamay.com/details/2401-6140-1.html>

100 year old sub-jail in dilapidated condition, Radhanpur

The 100 year old sub-jail located in Radhanpur is getting ruined. *Divya Bhaskar*, 27 September 2014

<http://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/news/UGUJ-PAT-sub-jail-will-be-memorial-of-radhanpur-4757989-PHO.html>

Evidence of maritime trade found in carvings of old buildings, Surat

Surat city's history, beauty and sea trade is decades old. Its glory is personified on paper. Carvings of buildings constructed in that period also have its evidence. *Divya Bhaskar*, 27 September 2014

<http://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/news/DGUJ-SUR-MAT-latest-surat-news-021003-615959-NOR.html>

ASI protected monuments stall Ahmedabad Metro: Report

The displacement of nearly 2500 people of Thaltej and the Archaeological Society of India (ASI) protected monuments littered across the old city seem to have emerged as one of the hurdles for the implementation of the MEGA project. *Indian Express*, September 25, 2014

<http://epaper.indianexpress.com/345320/Ahmedabad/26-September-2014#page/5/2>

HC lifts stay on demolition of Nazarbaug Palace

Indian Express, September 25, 2014

<http://epaper.indianexpress.com/345320/Ahmedabad/26-September-2014#page/5/2>

New bridge in place of ancient HOPE bridge, Surat

After the ancient Hope bridge was brought down, the municipal corporation is planning to construct a new bridge in its place. *Divya Bhaskar*, 25 September 2014

<http://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/news/DGUJ-SUR-MAT-latest-surat-news-064503-609103-NOR.html>

Ancient step-well located in Karkhadi village closed down, Padra

Gujarat Samachar, September 25, 2014

http://www.gujaratsamachar.com/index.php/articles/display_article/baroda-gujarat-vadodara-district-in-the-village-of-ancient-vanajharaoni-vav-karkhadi

Sandesh, September 25, 2014

<http://www.sandesh.com/article.aspx?newsid=2990739>

Renovation of Bhadra court, Ahmedabad

The Bhadra court building is an ancient building which will be renovated. *Divya Bhaskar*, 24 September 2014

<http://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/news/MGUJ-AHM-MAT-latest-ahmedabad-news-063503-603679-NOR.html>

Photo story of Morbi's Wagh palace

Divya Bhaskar, 23 September 2014

<http://www.divyabhaskar.co.in/news/SAU-RJK-c-120-345495-NOR.html>

Seminar on conservation of cultural property and heritage building, Baroda

MS University of Baroda has organized a two day seminar on 'conservation of cultural property and heritage building'. *Gujarat Samachar*, September 22, 2014

http://www.gujaratsamachar.com/index.php/articles/display_article/baroda-gujarat-anjata-ilora

Can Moti Shahi Mahal be in protected list?, Ahmedabad

The high court on Friday asked the Centre and the state government to check whether the 400-year-old Moti Shahi Mahal, constructed by Mughal emperor Shah Jahan, can be included in the list of protected monuments. Acting on a public interest litigation (PIL) filed by Umang Hutheesing, the bench of justice Akil Kureshi and justice JB Pardiwala said although the structure is not notified by the state, or the Centre, it would be unfortunate if it loses its characteristics and is converted into an ordinary structure. *Times of India*, September 20, 2014

http://epaper.dnaindia.com/story.aspx?id=54404&boxid=571516&ed_date=2014-09-20&ed_code=1310005&ed_page=3

Gujarat HC wants Shahibaug palace relisted as ASI monument, Ahmedabad

Suggesting that the 400-year-old Shah Jahan-built palace in Shahibaug be relisted as an Archaeological Survey of India-protected monument, the Gujarat high court on Friday directed the state government and the Centre to inform it about the process of re-notifying the monument. The palace has been converted into a Sardar Patel memorial and subjected to renovation with scant regard for heritage preservation. *Times of India*, September 20, 2014

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Gujarat-HC-wants-Shahibaug-palace-relisted-as-ASI-monument/articleshow/42959073.cms>

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