

Action Plan for Conservation of Heritage Precinct in Uran, Mumbai

Project Name: Preparation of Action Plan for Conservation of Heritage Precinct/Deulwadi Precincts (Detailed Condition Assessment)
Client Name: Mumbai Metropolitan Region
Country: India
Length of assignment: July 2010 - Ongoing

Project Brief

The Deulwadi precinct of Uran was delineated by the Mumbai Metropolitan Region – Heritage Conservation Society (MMR-HCS) to formulate an action plan to conserve the tangible and non-tangible heritage of Uran. UMC was roped in by MMR-HCS to prepare an action plan for management of the heritage precinct. Uran is part of the Navi Mumbai city township in Raigarh district near Panvel and Karjat, Maharashtra. Situated to the east of Mumbai, Uran has developed over time and due to proximity to Mumbai – this closeness has also led to increasing urbanization pressures which is tearing apart the versatility and culture of the area. The new developments do not have any connection with the existing heritage creating the need for urgent steps for preservation and conservation. The Deulwadi precinct is a core and oldest area of Uran town located near Bhimala talao.

The objective of the study assigned to UMC was to

- ✓ Evaluate current status and condition of precinct through detailed documentation and analysis of key issues
- ✓ Identify schematic projects, programmes for conservation of precincts through participation of local communities and stakeholders
- ✓ Formulate financial, institutional and regulatory strategies for project implantation, phasing, operation and maintenance
- ✓ Prepare draft guidelines for conservation of heritage process

Detailed Description of the Actual Services Provided by UMC

UMC's approach towards condition assessment comprises documentation of buildings and its



evaluation which varies from macro level information assessment to micro level detail design that includes its craftsmanship, embodies knowledge of structure and materials. The scope of work involves:

1. To evaluate current status and condition of the precinct through detailed and analysis of documentation key issues.
2. To identify schematic projects programmes for conservation of projects of precincts through participation for project implementation, phasing, operation and maintenance.
3. To prepare draft guidelines for conservation of the heritage precincts.
4. To evaluate the ground reality by survey and other documentation tools.
5. To understand the various components of planning and urban design for further identification of segment designing projects.
6. To identify the importance of regional architectural elements and its design for further establish regulatory mechanism for area.

