Dear readers,

The Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) was founded in 1984 in New Delhi with the vision to spearhead heritage awareness and conservation in India. In the past 31 years INTACH has pioneered the conservation and preservation of both natural and built heritage and intangible heritage as well. In the digital world, we thank Chairman sir, Maj. Gen. (Retd) L.K. Gupta for his emphasis on e-newsletter. This is thus a modest beginning. INTACH Kota Chapter shall make all the endeavors to fulfill the different goals. The beginning of this newsletter is one such step in bringing the community of INTACH together for which we thank Rajasthan state Co-Convener, Thakur Hari Singh Ji Palkiya. Hoping this shall be a successful step with the support, encouragement and guidance of all its members and readers.
The stories that got shaped

Documentation of Chambal River

The main agenda behind the project was to make a report on the Cultural and Natural Heritage around River Chambal (Rajasthan part) from the point where it enters into Rajasthan at Gandhi Sagar Dam in M.P. and upto the boundaries of Dholpur and Morena. The project remains important as the river is one of the most pristine rivers in India today. With a length of approximately 502 kms in Rajasthan, the river crosses three big cities namely, Rawatbhata, Kota and Dholpur and has nearly 55 villages situated around itself. The report shall attempt to cover several aspects like the Natural Heritage (flora-fauna, riverine ecosystem, and agricultural practices), Tangible Heritage (built heritage around the river) and Intangible Heritage (fairs and festivals, cultural practices of the people settles here).

Conservation of Natural Heritage at JDB College

For newer construction in its campus area, the baradari and baori (stepwell) belonging to the erstwhile Kota state period had to be demolished. This would have been a major setback in terms of heritage conservation. The Intach team found ways for expanding the college further without destroying this old architectural construction and the old wilderness surrounding the campus.

Maintenance and Conservation of Bagha Burj

More than 150 years old, Bagha Burj is a cultural and historical heritage for the city of Kota. However, the Burj had suffered neglect for past some time. The initial under INTACH convenership was to repaint the burj in its original colours and paintings. The foundation, Surendra Kumar Sethi Foundation, has been strongly helping in the upkeep of the Burj which has become a major tourist spot popularised as the ‘Sunrise point’.

Manas gaon

22 kms. from Kota at the scenic sangam point of Chambal and Chandraloi rivers is home to 10th century Shiva temples that are in shackles. The team has worked to ensure a clean place and ensuring a clean place and preservation of temple relics.
World Wetlands Day

2 February 2019, was celebrated with much fervour at the bird paradise ‘Bardha Dam’. Migratory birds provided a respite from the daily city life for all. These included Grey Leg Goose, Gaidwell, Bar Headed Goose, varieties of Pilium, flamingos, amongst others. The significance of wetlands was discussed intensively.

World Heritage Day

April 18 2019 with great zeal and enthusiasm. Heritage Quiz Competition was conducted at Central Academy School that aimed at making the students aware of the local heritage of the city. Cleaning and conservation of Heritage Baoris (stepwells) at village Girdharpura, Mukundra Tiger Reserve took place.

International Museum Day

May 18 2019 was celebrated wherein free entry to the visitors of Government Museum. A new programme of Talk series’ named- ‘When Culture Talks, Sanskriti se Guftagu’ aimed to organise a series of talks around cultural heritage was launched.

Rudraksh Sampling & Kalpvriksh Plantation

Plantation was done at several places namely the RAC ground, MBBS Hospital, Brij Raj Bhavan Palace. Distribution of ‘Tarumitr Certificate’ to the prominent contributors and participants was done in collaboration with other organisations. Plantation activity was extended to Ram Talaiya grounds. The historical site of Baga Burj was another chosen site for tree plantation.

Ram Baan cannon

Attempts were being made to transfer this canon to Jhalanwar. However, with the chapter efforts the attempt failed. The cannon now remains in Kota city like always. His Highness MahaRao Brij Raj Singh ji Saheb of Kotah also applauded this effort of the entire team.

Membership Drive

Around 10 new Life members were inducted with an aim to expand the base of the chapter. Some members converted their membership from associated to Life Members.
General Body Meetings

AT JAG MANDIR

A General Body Meeting was held at the iconic Jag Mandir of Kota on 11 March 2019. The site chosen for the meeting is special. Located in the middle of Kishore Sagar Lake, the beautiful red stone monument served as a place of leisure for the erstwhile kings. The temple is a major tourist attraction and has become an identity marker for Kota over the years. The meeting was attended by approx. 54 members of Intach. This includes the young Intach members also. Renowned people came together to share their knowledge and expertise. The idea of ‘Smart City’ with ‘Smart Heritage’ was reiterated. The points discussed included, removal of Jag Mandir signboard from its current location and find a better placement for the same, listing and Conservation of the Dus avataar Sculpture (God Vishnu) at Kanha Kadhai in Kota city among others.

AT UMED CLUB

The historical building of Kota built in 1898. Approximately 27 members attended this meet The convener discussed the progress of the Chapter by listing its part work and future agenda. The focus area of the meeting was regarding work of Chambal Riverfront by UIT, Kota. Suggestions that can be placed to UIT were discussed and laid out. A detailed and extensive dialogue took place. Consequentially, the chapter shall act as a pressure group in order to maintain the heritage of the city along development lines. Young Intach team also fully participated. The marvels of the heritage building, Shree Ummed Club were appreciated and old architecture was pondered upon by the young team.
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From us to you

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020

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