

Heritage Conservation- Dewalkhanda Temple, Mazbat.

Heritage Conservation is one of the measures that connects the facts from the past to present. The Dewalkhanda Temple site is an important archaeological site. The people opine that the temple site reflects its ancient history. The relics of the temple are similar to those of the Gupteswar Temple of Shingri, Mahabhairab of Tezpur and Haleswar Temple near Balipara. The temple premise covers nine bighas of land. There is a pond in the temple premises. Dewalkhanda Shiva Temple is located some 3 km east of Mazbat in Udalguri. The temple houses some fine pieces of relics such as pillar base, lintels, stones and Shivalinga.

The objectives:

1. To safeguard, restore and enhance heritage site of Dewalkhanda Temple as this represents the beautiful History of Assam.
2. To educate, conserve, and inspire best practices in the field of heritage conservation.



Evidence:

Respecting the authenticity of the Dewalkhanda Temple site, a genuine effort has been made to keep the relics well preserved, without any external transformations or any alterations through series of restoration works. Various brain storming sessions were conducted with villagers, civic leaders, social workers and strategies have been formulated to

restore this place.

Measures like excavations had been done with local community in the vicinity of the temple premises. Some of the relics were discovered after the excavation. Department of History of Mazbat College has been engaged in preserving the relics. Sheds are constructed to restore the relics as found. College community had conducted several awareness programmes, meetings with Government Officials, public representatives to make the campus



beautiful. The initiatives of the college has increased the participation of Local People in conservation initiatives. Department of Archaeology, Assam have been approached to further excavate the site.

College community has been trying to educate temple



management committee on various conservation measures. Moreover plantation in the premises, cleaning the campus have become regular activity. Recently construction of meeting hall had been completed, guest house construction is under process to make the place tourist friendly.

The practice:

College community has been constantly monitor the proper conservation of the relics as found in the temple premises. College is focusing on protection and care of tangible artefact as kept in the temple site. Plantation

drive by students is also a regular activity in the premises. The college is also helping Temple Management Committee on mobilising public for fund generation etc.

However the challenges to be addressed are:



- The temple preservation and restoration requires appointing specialized conservation architects, which is a challenging task.
- Another major constraint is availability of funds.



Activities conducted by college



The measures are depiction of continuing commitment of the College in heritage conservation as one of the Best Practices.



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মাজবাটৰ দেৱাল খণ্ড শিৱ মন্দিৰৰ প্ৰচাৰ পত্ৰিকা উন্মোচন

দৈনন্দিন বাতীৰ দেৱা, মাজবাট, ৩ মাৰ্চ ৪-এদালভাৰি জিলা মাজবাটৰ ইতিহাসিক দেৱালখণ্ড শিৱ মন্দিৰ জাৰণৰ সময়ত ২ মাৰ্চৰ পুৱা ১০-লক্ষ্যত মন্দিৰ পৰিচালনা সমিতিৰ সভাপতি উমাকান্ত উপাধ্যায়ৰ সভাপতিত্বত এখন মাজবাটৰ সভা অনুষ্ঠিত হয়। উক্ত সভাত মাজবাট মহাবিদ্যালয়ৰ ইতিহাস বিভাগৰ অধ্যাপিকা প্ৰীতি শৰ্মা কামিকা বোজা-পুৰীকী বিভাগৰ সহকাৰী অধ্যাপক যোগেশ দাস্তাৰ উদ্যোগত বাক মন্দিৰ পৰিচালনা সমিতিৰ সহযোগত অৰ্জু আৰু চাৰিগৰা বন্ধৰ পুৰণি ঐতিহাসিক প্ৰাচীৰ শিৱ মন্দিৰটোৰ বিভিন্ন দিশত পৰ্যবেক্ষণ কৰি এদালভাৰি জিলাৰ জনসাধাৰণৰ ভিতৰত অসমৰ পুৰাতন বিভাগৰো শিৱ মন্দিৰৰ বিষয়ে

দৃষ্টি আকৰ্ষণ কৰিবলৈ এই অচল পত্ৰিকাখন যুত্বত কৰি ৰাইজৰ অৱগত উন্মোচন কৰে। পত্ৰিকাখন উন্মোচন কৰে মন্দিৰ পৰিচালনা সমিতিৰ সভাপতি উমাকান্ত উপাধ্যায়। পত্ৰিকাখন উন্মোচন কৰিলে ৰাইজৰ হাতে হাতে বিলোমলয় মেৰা যায়। আজিৰ অচল পত্ৰিকা উন্মোচনী সভাপনক উপস্থিত থাকে ক্ৰমে এদালভাৰি জিলা সাংবাদিক সমাজৰ সম্পাদক দীপক শৰ্মা, সমাজ সেৱক ৰমণীয়া দিবি, ৰমণীয়া সন্ন্যাসী, গম্ভীৰ দৈমাৰী, শিৱ মন্দিৰৰ বুজাৰী জীমা পংকজ শৰ্মা, জুজা দৈমাৰী, মণিৰ শাৰদাৰা সামন্তিক উন্মোচন পাঠে, বিদ্যুৎ চিং পৌত্ৰ, সুভাষ শান্তৰ, শিৱ শূভা পৰিচালনা সমিতিৰ কাৰ্যকৰী সভাপতি ৰত্ন দেৱাৰী আদি উপস্থিত আছিল।

Best Practice-II

Green Campus Initiatives

- To implement practices to ensure pollution free environment
- To shift towards renewable energy, like solar plant
- To conserve water and energy in the campus

The Practices:

Mazbat College encourage students and teaching staff to contribute to a green future. The college focuses on promotion of recycling and reusing practices and sustainable environmental management that entails the



principle of the 3 "R": "Reduce, Reuse and Recycle". The college performs an energy study on the types of contracting, power required, most advantageous tariff and lighting mechanisms, taking into account the electrical needs of the campus. Also the college takes advantage of natural lighting and study light needs in the different areas of the classrooms and work

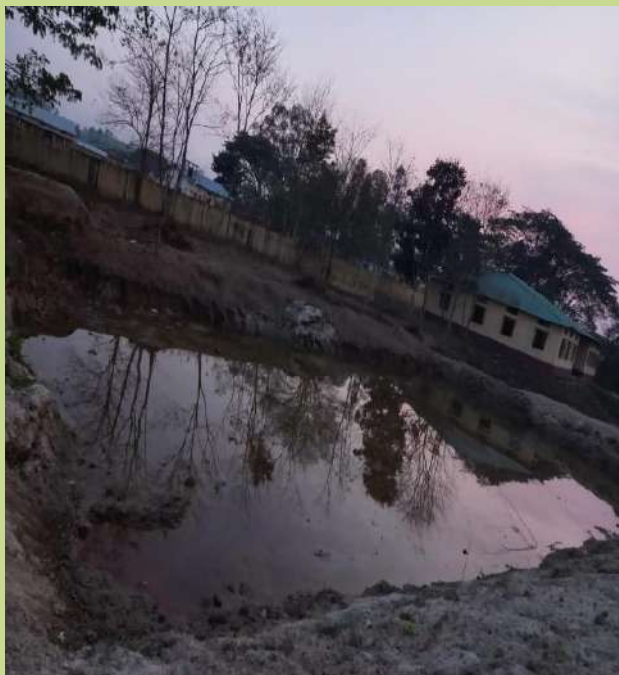
places. We encourage our students and staff to turn off lighting in unoccupied spaces, whether in meeting rooms or in vacant offices or in offices outside working hours and unused electronic equipment, avoiding the "standby" mode. Our efforts are more in the direction to improve the environmental impact and to support mother-nature. Some details of which are as follows:



- The college has developed beautiful campus with Garden.
- Ponds are constructed in the college's campus and the rainwater harvesting facility.
- The college has installed renewable energy plants like solar energy panels.
- The college has preserved Flora and Fauna on the campus.
- Signboards/posters are displayed in the college campus for encouraging ideas of plastic-free campus, noise pollution, and environmental awareness.

- The college organizes seminars/workshops, quiz etc. on environment-related issues.
- LED bulbs are installed in the college buildings to save electricity.

- For Safety and Security Measurements, the colleges have fire extinguishers and CCTV system in campus.



- Protected Water Supply measures taken are: In-house water treatment plant and RO drinking water machines.



Evidence of Success:

This best practice has proven to be successful through the following activities:



- Through periodical tree plantations, Flora and Fauna on the campus has enriched, which has turned into eco-friendly campus.

- Out of total required, electrical power consumption will be met through the use of Solar Energy once plant becomes functional.



- Awareness campaign for the plastic-free campus through signboards/display boards made campus plastic free.
- Green audit and Energy audit of the campus is done recently.
- For quality management system in water quality, the following are the evidential proofs:
 - Certification for Water quality.

Thus, initiative entitled "IMPLEMENTATION OF GREEN INITIATIVES" is practiced in the college in very efficient manner.



Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

While carrying out this practice, following problems are encountered by the college.



- Green Campus initiatives are challenging, so it requires determination and a long-term assurance from all the stakeholders.
- Green Campus initiative is rather expensive practice. It needs an expert advice and investment of resources.
- Sufficient manpower to



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maintain them.

- Less awareness of students and community towards environmental issues.