

Cultural Heritage Management Assignment 10

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1. Define the following terms:

Stakeholder:

A stakeholder is any individual, group, or organization that has an interest in or is affected by a heritage site. This can include local communities, government bodies, tourists, and researchers. Stakeholders play an important role in decision-making and management.

Rights Holder:

A rights holder is a person or group that has legal, cultural, or traditional rights over a heritage site. Indigenous communities are often rights holders because of their historical connection to the place.

People-centered heritage management:

This approach focuses on involving local communities in protecting and managing heritage. It values their knowledge, traditions, and needs rather than depending only on experts.

Capacity Building:

Capacity building means improving the skills, knowledge, and resources of people and organizations so they can better manage and protect cultural heritage in the future.

2. Analysis of a Heritage Site Visited:

I visited the Red Fort in Delhi, India. It is one of the most important historical monuments and is recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The site is managed by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

The management approach of the Red Fort appears to be mostly expert-centered because trained professionals and government authorities are responsible for conservation, restoration, and maintenance. Most decisions are taken by experts in history, architecture, and archaeology.

However, there are also some values-based elements because the site is preserved for its historical, cultural, and national importance. Tourists and local people appreciate its value as a symbol of India's heritage.

It is less people-centered because local communities have limited participation in management decisions. Their role is mostly as visitors or workers rather than decision-makers.

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