

CULTURE HERITAGE MANAGEMENT

Assignment 3

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Heritage Management Plan for the Golden Temple (Sri harmandirSahib) Amritsar

Question 1. Prepare a Vision Statement for the Heritage Management Plan of the Golden Temple and explain its importance.

Answer:

The proposed vision statement is:

“ To protect and conserve the cultural, religious, historical and architectural significance of the Golden Temple while ensuring that it remains a living place of worship, community service, learning and cultural identity for present and future generations.”

The Golden Temple officially known as Shri harmandirSahib , is one of the most important religious and cultural heritage sites in India. Located in Amritsar, Punjab it has exceptional religious , historical, architectural , social and cultural significance.

The vision recognises that the Golden Temple is not simply a historic monument but a living heritage site. Its importance comes from its physical features, including the shrine, Amritsarovar, Akal Takht and surrounding historic structures, as well as its continuing religious and social practices. The vision also aims to balance conservation with continued use. Completely restricting access could protect physical structures but would conflict with the religious purpose of the site. At the same time, uncontrolled tourism and development could damage its heritage values .

Therefore, the vision supports sustainable access while giving priority to conservation.

Question 2. What are the main objectives of the Heritage management plan for the Golden Temple ?

Answer: The main objective of The Heritage Management Plan are as follows:

Objective 1: Conserve the Physical Heritage

The first objective is to protect the Golden Temple, Amrit Sarovar , Akal Takht and other significant historic structures from deterioration and inappropriate development

Actions:

- Carry out regular condition Surveys and maintenance.
- Use appropriate conservation methods and traditional materials where necessary.
- Monitor structural conditions and environmental risks.
- Control construction and development around important heritage areas

Objective 2: protect religious and Intangible Heritage

The Management plan should insure the continuation for important religious practices such as prayers , Kirtan , pilgrimage and Langar.

Actions:

- Protect SS required for religious activities.
- Avoid tourism measures that interfere with worship.
- Respect religious customers and community practices.
- Document and support important intangible traditions.

Objective 3: Manage Tourism Sustainably

The Golden Temple attracts large numbers of pilgrims and visitors . Tourism provides social and economic benefits but may also create overcrowding, waste , noise and pressure on heritage resources.

Action:

- Improve visitor flow and pedestrian management.
- Provide clean information and appropriate visitor facilities.
- Promote responsible visitor behavior.
- Use digital interpretation where to reduce physical pressure.

Objective 4: Increases community participation

Local communities and religious stakeholders should have an important role in heritage management.

Action :

- Consult relevant community groups before major decisions.
- Encourage volunteer participation.
- Include local knowledge in conservation planning.
- Provide heritage education and awareness programmes.

Objective 5: protect the surrounding setting.

The Heritage significance of the Golden Temple is concerned with its surroundings urban environments and important views.

Action:

- Assess the importance of new buildings and infrastructure .
- Protect important visual relationships and viewpoints.
- Control inappropriate advertising and development.
- Reduce pollution, traffic and environment pressure around the site.

Question 3 . Prepare a Value Statement for the Golden Temple and explain its significance.

Answer: The proposed value statement