

5 OBJECTIVES

With the aim of achieving a sustainable future for the cultural resource of the Fort complex (Red Fort and Salimgarh), the CCMP proposes a set of strategic objectives to guide decision making and action. These objectives have emerged from an understanding of the potentialities and constraints currently existing at the site.

5.1: Gain a holistic understanding of the Fort complex

5.1.1: Undertake comprehensive research to understand its cultural, social, political and economic history of the site.

5.1.2: Undertake research to identify the stakeholders and understand their role and expectations of the site.

5.1.3: Undertake detailed studies of the tangible components of the site including its buildings, landscapes and archaeology (using state-of-the-art techniques) so as to develop appropriate conservation methods and strategies.

5.1.4: Formulate a statement of significance of the site based on the research parameters listed above.

5.2 Objectives for development of the setting of the Fort complex

5.2.1: Reintegrate the site and its environs in terms of its *critical* physical, visual and historic linkages to the walled city of Shahjahanabad.

5.2.2: Achieve a high quality environment for the Fort complex by promoting the highest possible standards of design for new development, which are compatible with its unique status, dignity and character.

5.2.3: Endeavor that the wider setting of the Fort complex is adequately protected from development which in any way undermines or is at variance with its unique status, dignity and character.

5.2.4: Seek an enhanced recognition of the significance of the Fort complex and its need for a special, integrated approach by all the government departments, agencies and other statutory bodies

with the responsibility for making policies and undertaking development activities that may impact the Fort complex and its setting.

5.2.5: Formal adoption of the CCMP by all planning and development agencies for guidance in planning and development in the walled city and its edges.

5.2.6: Urge local authorities to ensure that the Fort complex as the key built determinant informs all development activities and is strongly reflected in the planning policies for the walled city and its edges.

5.3 Conservation of the historic fabric

5.3.1: Ensure conservation of the historic built fabric and historic open spaces in accordance with best practices and time tested standards of conservation

5.3.2: Ensure preservation of the archaeological remains of the site and comprehensive documentation of these remains through non-invasive techniques.

5.3.3: Ensure protection of the historic fabric and risk preparedness.

5.3.4: Maintain the historic built fabric and historic open spaces to the best standards.

5.3.5: Ensure minimal impact on the historic fabric of essential new and existing services.

5.3.5: Ensure strict adherence to the CCMP while developing detailed plans for conservation of the individual components of the site.

5.4 Site interpretation and educational outreach

5.4.1: To promote an understanding of the site and educate the public about its history and its need for conservation

5.4.2: Prepare and adopt an interpretation plan for the site and its environs based on the agreed statement of significance for the site.

5.4.3: To ensure inclusiveness in the interpretation of the site by fostering the productive involvement of all stakeholders and associated communities in

the development and implementation of interpretive programs

5.4.4: Implement the interpretation plan using a variety of interpretative techniques (including signage, guided/audio tours, printed maps and materials, sound and light show/s, website, etc.)

5.4.5: To develop educational outreach programs and materials targeting children, teachers, schools & universities to encourage them to visit the site and to facilitate their understanding of the site and its significance

5.4.6: Work in partnership with the museum(s) and conservation and research facilities to develop public programming that educates visitors about the significance of the Fort complex and the conservation work being undertaken.

5.4.7: Educate and train staff and security personnel on the significance and the narrative of the site so that more accurate information is conveyed to the visitor

5.4.8: Evaluate visitor experience periodically to ensure that the interpretation strategy and techniques effective and responsive to the diverse visitor needs.

5.5 Visitor management

5.5.1: Enhance urban design quality and pedestrian experience of the immediate setting of the Fort complex including the transport nodes.

5.5.2: Minimize congestion for visitors in the environs of the Fort complex by enlarging and enhancing circulation space where appropriate, especially in areas such as ticketing, parking, security checks, etc.

5.5.3: Monitor visitor flow within the Fort complex and develop plans to ameliorate congestion when required.

5.5.4: Open new areas of the fort and upgrade facilities to enhance visitor experience.

5.5.5: Accommodate future growth and encourage dispersal of visitors, ensuring at the same time protection of the built fabric and historic open spaces.

5.5.6: Improve infrastructure such as toilets, seating, catering, waste management, retailing and other services.

5.5.7: Provide signage indicating location and direction to key visitor amenities in multiple languages and use culturally sensitive symbols.

5.6 Risk Management

5.6.1: Identify various natural and human-induced hazards and their potential impact on the value of the site and its setting.

5.6.2: Develop a framework for undertaking cultural heritage risk assessment for the historic buildings and open spaces of the Fort complex.

5.6.3: Formulate broad strategies for preventing/mitigating risks to heritage components of the site from various hazards and incorporate them as part of the maintenance and monitoring system for the site.

5.6.4: Develop the outline for emergency preparedness plan and response procedures for protecting people, property and heritage components in the Fort complex

5.6.5: Formulate general risk management guidelines for existing/proposed museums within the site.

5.7 Sustainable tourism for economic development of Shahjahanabad

5.7.1: Seek the development of heritage routes and zones linking the Fort complex with the walled city, especially the Chandni Chowk and Jama Masjid area.

5.7.2: Endeavor to encourage local, state and union government organizations (for eg. Delhi Tourism and the Union Ministry of Tourism) to provide information at the site that will motivate visitors to explore not only the Fort complex but the entire city of Delhi.

5.7.3: Impress upon the tour operators and tour companies the significance of the site and the need to facilitate visitors to visit the site.