



Strategies and Options for Promoting Conservation of Built Heritage in the Indian Urban Context

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Abstract

The built environment has been an integral part of human living and definers of growth and development since the inception of mankind. For the needs of human survival, different typologies of buildings have been created catering to their physical, social and economic needs besides improving their quality of life. These heritage needs to be critically studied and analyzed for understanding the traditional wisdom. In this paper, a number of critical measures and steps are discussed for preserving the heritage, which includes putting in place an innovative, people-oriented and heritage-focused policy. The paper discusses, the current issues related to heritage conservation, emphasizes the need for redefining the concept of heritage in architecture and planning. Introduction of new policies, development regulations and community-driven heritage conservation are described.

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