ADOPT-A-MONUMENT SCHEME

Rajasthan - the royal land of Incredible India remarkably symbolizes vibrant attires, charming people, enriched culture and magnificent heritage. Intricately crafted forts, palaces, temples and buildings are an inseparable part of the state's historical heritage. The breath-taking beauty of historical edifices leaves spectators spellbound and encourages them to visit the state again and again. These monuments bear a testimony to the glorious past of Rajasthan and epitomize its gallant tradition. Rajasthan's historical structures have been enduring the intense heat of the sun, occasional rains and cold of winter with every change in season. With the passage of time, some monuments stand today in a fragile condition. The government of Rajasthan has been continuously making efforts to preserve this valuable legacy of the past. Over the years, a lot of conservation works has been undertaken by the state government to protect and maintain the ancient monuments. But the task has been colossal. To preserve the rich heritage, Government of Rajasthan has recently called upon Non-Governmental Individuals and corporate houses to sponsor the conservation work of fragile monuments. "Adopt-a-Monument" scheme of Rajasthan government has been launched as an instrument of public-private participation for preserving this rich heritage. The scheme envisions adoption of a monument by any person with a view to restoring and thereafter maintaining it for a period of 10 years in accordance with a conservation plan drawn by the Dept. for Art and Culture.

Under the scheme, state government is creating a Heritage Fund to finance the different conservation projects. Individuals and business houses can make contributions to this fund to support the endeavours of the state. Rajasthan government offers an exceptional publicity mileage to the donors through the plaques advertising their contribution on the site. Corporate houses too can project their identities in their advertisements. On a hand, a high level steering committee of government ensures the regular supervision of the sponsored conservation projects, while on the other, weekly audit reports guarantee the rightful use of the donated fund. Reaching out to people, the government has initiated the process of seeking public co-operation for heritage conservation. Undoubtedly, adoption of monuments by private entities would strengthen Rajasthan Government's resolve to preserve our historical treasures of heritage monuments for the future generations.