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To  
The Director General  
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New Delhi – 110 011

**KIND ATTENTION:** Shri. Chander Shekhar, Director (Planning)

**Subject:** Submission of ANNUAL REPORT for the year 2008-09 – regd.

**Reference:** F. No. 1 – 15/2008 – Plg dated 24<sup>th</sup> March 2009

Sir,

With reference to the above – cited subject, I have the honour to submit herewith the Annual Report for the year **2008 - 09** till March 2009 in respect of Dharwad Circle, Dharwad along with the soft copy in CD format for your kind perusal and necessary action.

Yours faithfully

Superintending Archaeologist

Encl: CD (Text and Photographs)

# **MATTER FOR INCLUSION IN THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE**

## **IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR: 2008 - 09 IN RESPECT OF DHARWAD CIRCLE, DHARWAD**

### **I - EXCAVATION**

A Preliminary draft on Chandor excavation has been submitted to the Directorate, Archaeological Survey of India, New Delhi. The final report writing work is in final stage of completion.

### **II - CONSERVATION OF MONUMENTS**

#### **II – A DEVELOPMENT OF ENVIRONS**

- 1. PICNIC SPOT AT GOL GUMBAZ COMPLEX, BIJAPUR, DISTRICT BIJAPUR:** The compound wall has been constructed with M.S. grills. Concrete bed has been laid around toilet block. The base has been provided for septic tank along with plumbing water pipeline, electrification to toilet etc.

#### **II – B CONSERVATION**

##### **AIHOLE**

- 1. FORTIFICATION WALL AROUND DURGA TEMPLE, AIHOLE, DISTRICT BAGALKOT:** Restoration of dislodged portion of undulated, damaged and sunken portion of the fortification wall including consolidation of the foundation.
- 2. ISHWARLINGA TEMPLE, AIHOLE, DISTRICT BAGALKOT:** The sunken stone apron around the monument removed and relayed over firm concrete bed (Plate No. 1 and 2).

3. **TARABASAPPA TEMPLE, AIHOLE, DISTRICT BAGALKOT:** Restoration of compound wall with plinth protection all over the monument.
4. **JYOTIRLING TEMPLE, AIHOLE, DISTRICT BAGALKOT:** Earth work excavation, removing the dislodged and out of plumb wall of ancient tank and desilting.
5. **BASAVANNA OR ARALI BASAPPA TEMPLE, AIHOLE, DISTRICT, BAGALKOT:** Removing the dislodged and out of plumb portion of the structures i.e. roof slabs, lintel, capitals and pillars doorjamb and resetting.
6. **VENIYAR GUDI, AIHOLE, DISTRICT BAGALKOT:** Providing & fixing M.S. Iron grills on compound wall and earth work excavation & leveling the area for providing garden.

### **BADAMI**

7. **FORTIFICATION WALL NEAR AGASTYA-TEERTHA TANK, BADAMI, DISTRICT BAGALKOT:** Reconstruction of dismantled fort wall in between the two bastions near Jaina and Vaisnava caves.
8. **MALAGITTI SHIVALAYA FORTIFICATION WALL, BADAMI, DISTRICT BAGALKOT:** Restoration of the dilapidated portion of fortification wall as per the original.
9. **FORTIFICATION WALL IN FRONT OF CAVE NO-3 AT BADAMI, DISTRICT BAGALKOT:** Dismantling and restoration of out of plumb portion of the fortification.

### **BIDAR**

10. **TARKASH MAHAL, BIDAR, DISTRICT BIDAR:** Providing stone flooring and M.S. grills to the monument and lime plaster to the interior surface of the wall (Plate No. 3 and 4).
11. **GAGAN MAHAL, BIDAR, DISTRICT BIDAR:** Removal of dead plaster and applying afresh lime mortar to the interior surface of the wall as per the original.

- 12. TAKHAT MAHAL, BIDAR, DISTRICT BIDAR:** Providing & laying PCC bed and fixing M.S, grills and mesh to grills.

### **BIJAPUR**

- 13. AINUL MULK TOMB AT AINAPUR DISTRICT BIJAPUR:** Construction and coping of the compound wall with UCR trap stone with iron grills for safety and security of the monument.
- 14. JAHAN BEGAM'S TOMB AT AINAPUR, DISTRICT BIJAPUR:** Reconstruction of fallen portion of the compound wall by using UCR trap stones and fixing M. S. grill for security measures (Plate No. 5 and 6).
- 15. GOL-GUMBAZ, BIJAPUR, DISTRICT BIJAPUR:** Fixing M.S. grill over the existing compound wall along with M.S. grill gate to dalan for closing the open arch.
- 16. IBRAHIM ROZA, BIJAPUR, DISTRICT BIJAPUR:** Construction of compound wall and fixing M.S. grill around the monument for safety and security (Plate No. 7).
- 17. JOD GUMBAZ, BIJAPUR, DISTRICT BIJAPUR:** Providing and fixing repaired window and cattle trap with side wall around the monument.
- 18. GATE WALL OF CITY AND CITADEL, BIJAPUR, DISTRICT BIJAPUR:** Fallen portion of the fortification wall on the eastern side of the monument restored to its original shape.

### **GADAG**

- 19. SUB-SHRINE, AROUND MAHADEVA TEMPLE, AT ITTAGI, DISTRICT KOPPAL:** Reconstruction of the dismantled portion of the mandapa area and strengthening the sikhara with dressed stone blocks.
- 20. TANK, MAHADEVA TEMPLE AT ITTAGI, DISTRICT KOPPAL:** Providing granite dressed stone block steps to the ancient tank on the eastern side as per the originality.
- 21. ANCIENT WELL AT ITTAGI, DISTRICT KOPPAL:** Fixing dressed granite stone blocks for missing portion of the ancient well (Plate No. 8 and 9).

**22. GROUP OF MONUMENTS AT LAKKUNDI, DISTRICT GADAG:**

Construction of compound wall in granite stone masonry including veneering and iron grills fixing over the wall.

**23. DODDA-BASAPPA TEMPLE, DAMBAL, DISTRICT GADAG:**

Dismantling and restoration of Nandi mantapa with architectural members as per original.

**DHARWAD**

**24. BASAVANNA TEMPLE AT TAMBUR, DISTRICT DHARWAD:**

Construction of the veneering compound wall and leveling the undulated portion and fixing iron grills for safety and security (Plate No. 10).

**25. BANASHANKARI-DEVI TEMPLE AT AMARGOL, DISTRICT**

**DHARWAD:** Sunken, dislodged and out of plumb portion of the temple has been attended as per the original (Plate No. 11 and 12).

**GULBARGA**

**26. GREAT MOSQUE, GULBARGA, DISTRICT GULBARGA:**

Deplastering of dead lime mortar from the external wall surface and below the central dome and re-plastering the same with lime mortar (Plate No. 13 and 14).

**27. EXCAVATED SITE, KANAGANAHALLI, DISTRICT GULBARGA:**

Clearing rank vegetation all around the area and leveling the western side of the stupa for preventing the rain water towards stupa site. Mending the Asokan inscription carefully and fixing over pedestals.

**HAVERI**

**28. GALGESHWARA TEMPLE, AT GALAGANATHA, DISTRICT**

**HAVERI:** Earth work excavation for leveling the undulated area and dismantling the dislodged wall of the sub-shrine of Honneshwara and reconstructing of the same.

**29. SOMESWARA TEMPLE HARLAHALLI, DISTRICT HAVERI:**

Reconstruction of dismantled portion of shrine. Construction of foundation wall and basement of sub-shrine in stone masonry along with flooring and pathway in front of sub – shrine.

**30. KALMESHWARA TEMPLE AT BALAMBEEDU:** Providing dressed granite stone slabs all around the monument.

**31. TARKESWARA TEMPLE AT HANGAL, DISTRICT HAVERI:**

Removing the damaged portion of roof of the mandapa and resetting as per the originality is in progress.

**32. SIDDESHWARA TEMPLE, HAVERI, DISTRICT HAVERI:** Providing and fixing of schist-stone slabs veneering to retaining wall and coping is in progress.

**33. MUKTESHWAR TEMPLE, CHAUDADANAPUR, DISTRICT HAVERI:** Leveling the undulated portion towards eastern side of the monument.

**UTTARA KANNADA**

**34. MADHUKESHWAR TEMPLE, BANAVASI, DISTRICT UTTARA-KANNADA:** Construction of compound wall with laterite blocks towards north side of the monuments.

**35. FORT AT MIRJAN, DISTRICT UTTARA-KANNADA:** Reconstruction of the terrestrial platform and missing portion of the inner and outer fortification with dressed laterite blocks. And restoring the open courtyard at the entrance of the fort.

**36. ANCIENT SITE AT GUDNAPUR, DISTRICT UTTARA-KANNADA:** Earth work excavation for construction of the compound wall work is in progress.

### **III ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUMS AT AIHOLE, BADAMI AND BIJAPUR**

**ARCHEOLOGICAL MUSEUM, AIHOLE:** Stone pathways were provided to the remaining half portion of open air gallery. Sand stone veneered pedestal in the galleries and the exterior wall surface of the museum building were painted. Solar street lights were provided in gaps among the existing solar lighting system and new solar home lights were provided in the open air museum galleries.

**ARCHEOLOGICAL MUSEUM, BADAMI:** Color wash was provided to the museum building, galleries and stone veneered pedestals. Solar street lights were provided in the gaps of the existing solar lighting system.

**ARCHEOLOGICAL MUSEUM, BIJAPUR:** The damaged worn-out cloth cover provided to the manuscripts has been replaced after the dusting and cleaning. More solar lights were provided in the corners and around the museum building.

#### **OTHER IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES:**

A Photo Exhibition was arranged in the department of Tourism Management of Karnataka College District - Dharwad on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2008 as a part of National Seminar on Chalukyan Art. The exhibition organized highlighted the monuments of Karnataka and World Heritage Monuments of India.

On the occasion of World Museum's Day, an exhibition was arranged in the premises of Archaeological Museum, Bijapur. On this occasion a brochure covering Arabic and Persian splendors of Bijapur in Kannada language was released by Dr. Abdul Gani. A. Imaratwale, of Anjuman Degree College, Bijapur.

World Heritage Week has been celebrated in the premises of Sri Madhukeshwar temple; Banavasi District Uttar Kannada, on this occasion Photo – Exhibition on Monumental Heritage of India, cultural programmes, various competitions like Rangoli, Drawing and Essay for students has been arranged. All the participants were awarded with certificates and winners with prizes. Three brochures on Monumental Heritage of Aihole, Badami and Banavasi were also released on the occasion by the chief guest Dr. A. K. Shastri, Renowned Historian

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