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The purpose of this publication is to provide guidelines for the preparation of a Heritage Management Plan (HMP). The process starts with identifying the need for an HMP, suggested structure of an HMP and assessing significance of a heritage property. Subsequently the document lays emphasis on defining the vision, developing objectives, formulating policy quidelines, and from these how to create a programme of action.

A checklist has been provided to plan implementation, the tendering process, contracts and work organisation. Project managers are also advised to develop strategies for key areas such as security and safety, risk monitoring, disaster management and stakeholder participation. The final chapter deals with the need for evaluation throughout the planning and implementation stage of all heritage conservation projects to ensure its success. However this checklist is not exhaustive. It aims at inspiring professionals in the field to supplement these guidelines with other aspects of Heritage Management so as to establish standards for others working in the field of conservation in India.

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