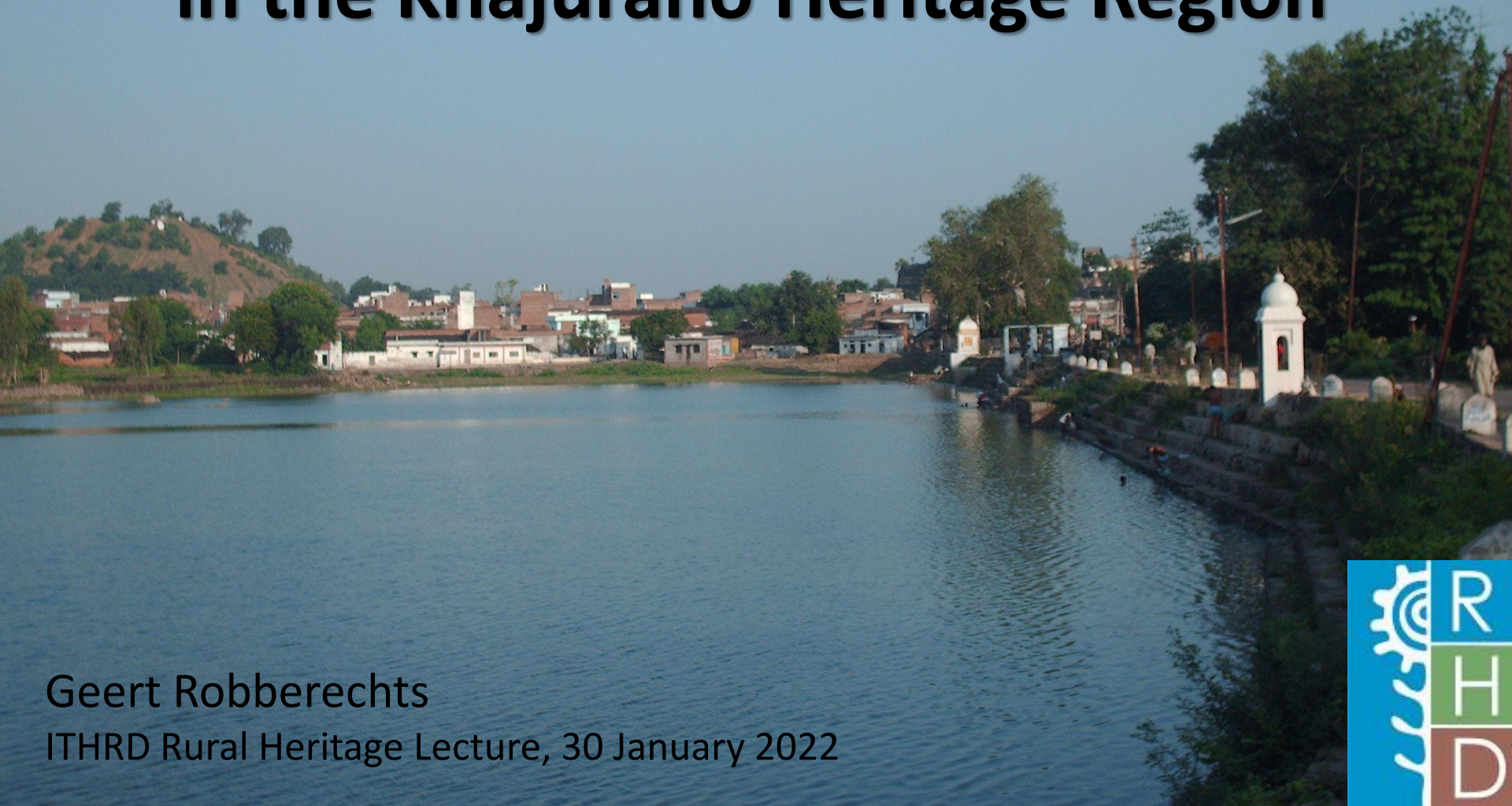


# **Towards a Comprehensive Strategy for the Development of Sustainable Tourism in the Khajuraho Heritage Region**



Geert Robberechts

ITHRD Rural Heritage Lecture, 30 January 2022







# Some Dates

- 1975 International Dance Festival
- 1978 Airport – 5\* Hotels
- 1984 UNESCO World Heritage Site
- 1998 Report “*Conservation and Sustainable Development Strategy for the KHR*”
- 1999 Celebration 1000 Year Khajuraho
- 2003 “Lost Gardens of Khajuraho”-project
- 2008 Rlwy Station Khajuraho
- 2016 Opening new Airport
- 2017 LGK => **The Royal Gardens of Rajnagar**

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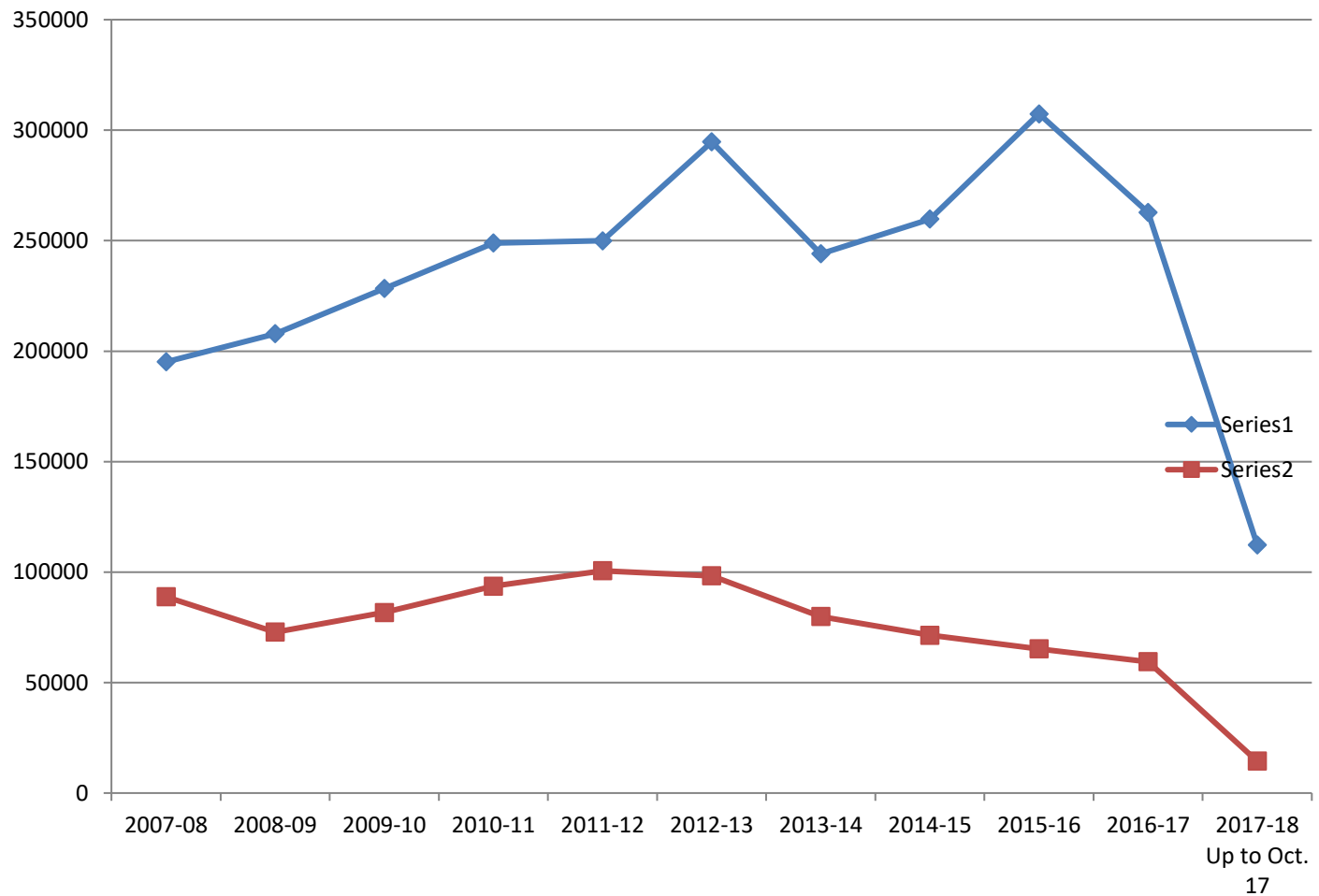
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**Khajuraho Tourist Data 2007 to Oct.2017**



Series 1 – Indian Tourist  
Series 2 – Foreign Tourist





## Royal gardens of Rajnagar







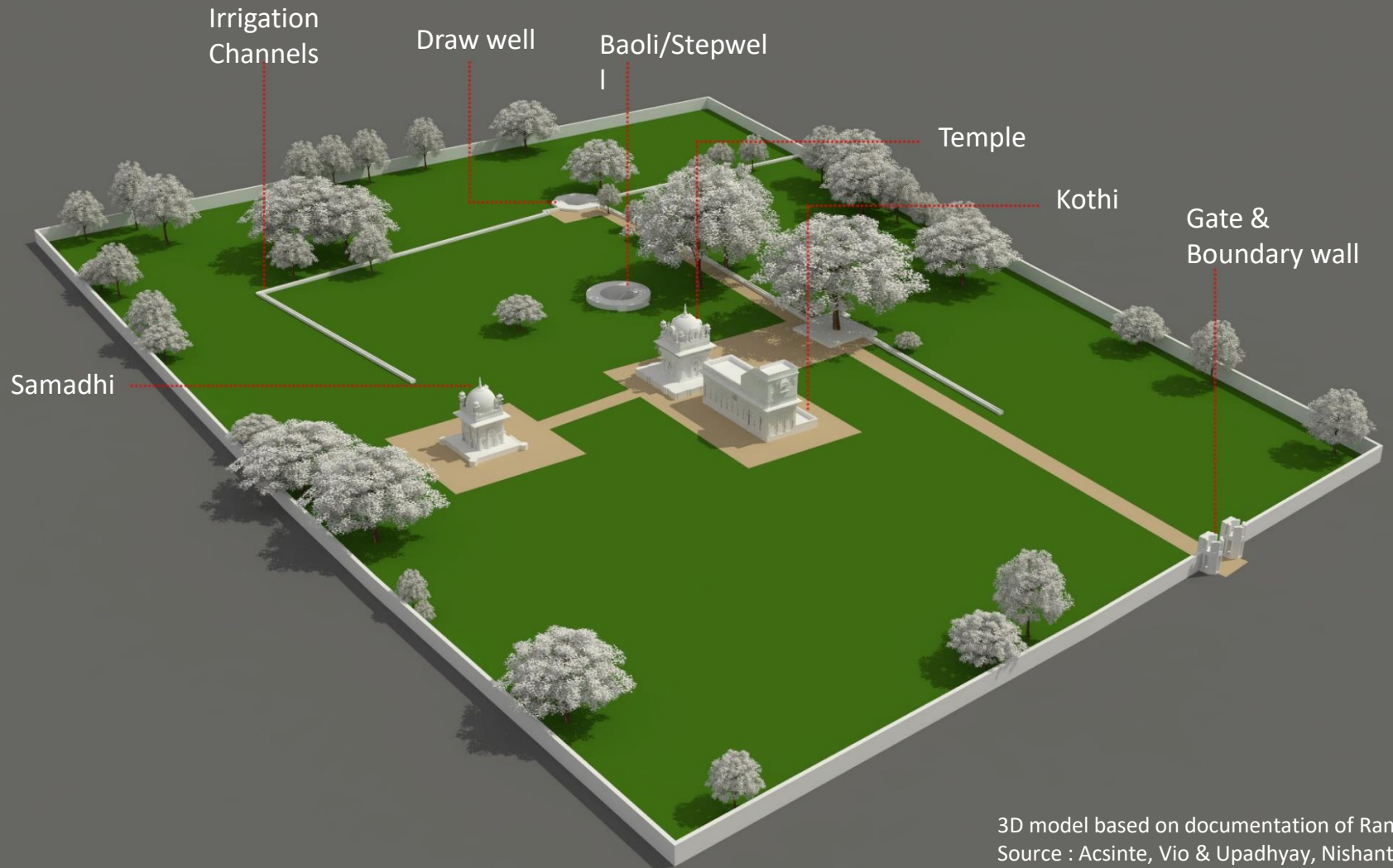












3D model based on documentation of Ranibagh,  
Source : Acsinte, Vio & Upadhyay, Nishant



























# PROPOSED PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF WESTERN GROUP OF TEMPLES

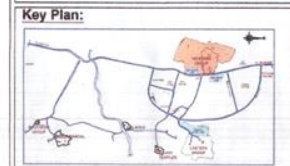


PROPOSED TOURIST INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT OF KHAJURAHO, MADHYA PRADESH.

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- General Notes :**
1. All dimensions are in meters and are dimensions unless otherwise specified.
  2. All levels are in meters and are finished unless otherwise specified. All levels are indicated thus: L.V.L.
  3. Do not scale drawings. Only written dimensions shall be followed, any discrepancies noted shall be brought to the notice of the Architect prior to the execution.
  4. Any addition or alteration to this drawing should not be made without the written consent of the architects.
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  6. These drawings shall be correlated and read in conjunction with relevant consultant's approved drawings for services, electrical, plumbing, drainage and irrigation.
  7. For details such as pathways, fencing, landscape drawings, railing, grills, lighting fixtures, toilets, channel, chader, sump, flowerbed, street sections etc. refer relevant architectural drawings.



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## Four Pillar Approach



“UP STREAM” PERSPECTIVE ON CULTURAL HERITAGE IMPACT

Cultural Heritage Counts for Europe (CHCfE) Consortium, Europa Nostra, 2015



# Stakeholders / Partners

- MP Tourism Board / MP Tourism Development Corporation Ltd
- ASI Bhopal Circle
- Local Commissioner - Collector
- Nagar Panchayat Rajnagar – Khajuraho
- Hotels Association Khajuraho
- Guides Association Khajuraho
- Local Tour Operators
- INTACH Khajuraho Chapter
- Gandhi Ashram Chhatarpur
- Owners of the gardens
- Local Farmers





Points to build upon...

**Temple &  
Pond**

*Garhi*(fort)

**Well**

**Bundeli  
language**

**Tree  
plantation  
+follow up**

**New Ponds  
to be made**

**Non arable  
land**

**Wider  
roads**

**Livelihood**

**Bundeli  
culture**

**Migration**

**Organic  
farming**

**Bundeli  
music**



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# From the 1998 Report

## Action Plan

### ***INCLUDING KHAJURAHO – 1 day trip***

- **Route 1** : Western Group / Ganghuan / Rangan Lake
- **Route 2** : Eastern Group – Jain Temples / Duladeo Temple / Chaturbhuja Temple / Ranoh Falls

### ***OUTSIDE KHAJURAHO – 1 day trip***

- **Route 3** (60 km) : Nature Trail / Gharlai Sanctuary / Ken Tree House & River Lodge / Pandav Falls / Panna National Park
- **Route 4** (100 km) : Panna Diamond Mines / Panna Temples & Museum / Panna National Park / Ken Tree House & River Lodge

### ***OUTSIDE KHAJURAHO – 1 to 3 days trip***

- **Route 5** (300 km) : Ajaygarh / Kalinjar (overnight stay) / Nachhna
- **Route 6** (130 km) : Mahoba
- **Route 7** (220 km) : Bandhavgarh National Park





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# Rajendra Singh, wood carver near Ghantai Temple, Khajuraho





# Mihi Lal, wooden temples

## Jain Temple Road, Khajuraho



# Udit Soni, henna artist Jain Temple Road, Khajuraho





# Pawan Singh, bundeli painter Khajuraho



# Rajkumar Jatoliya, wildlife painter

## Jain Temple Road, Khajuraho





# Jagat Prakash Soni, nakasi artist Khajuraho



# Soni, bronze statue artist Khajuraho





# Krishna Singh, rajasthani miniature art Opp. Archaeological Museum



# Rajjan Soni, brass art Khare market, Khajuraho





# Stone carving



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# From the Royal Garden Project

*½ or 1 DAY TRIP TO :*

- Pateriya ka Bagh / Khan ka Bagh
- Tiwari ka Bagh / Bashir ka Bagh
- Rajnagar Fort / RadhaMadheo Temple
- Rani Bagh

With Bundeli lunch or dinner in  
Pateriya ka Bagh or Rani Bagh

Concert with Bundeli music/dance









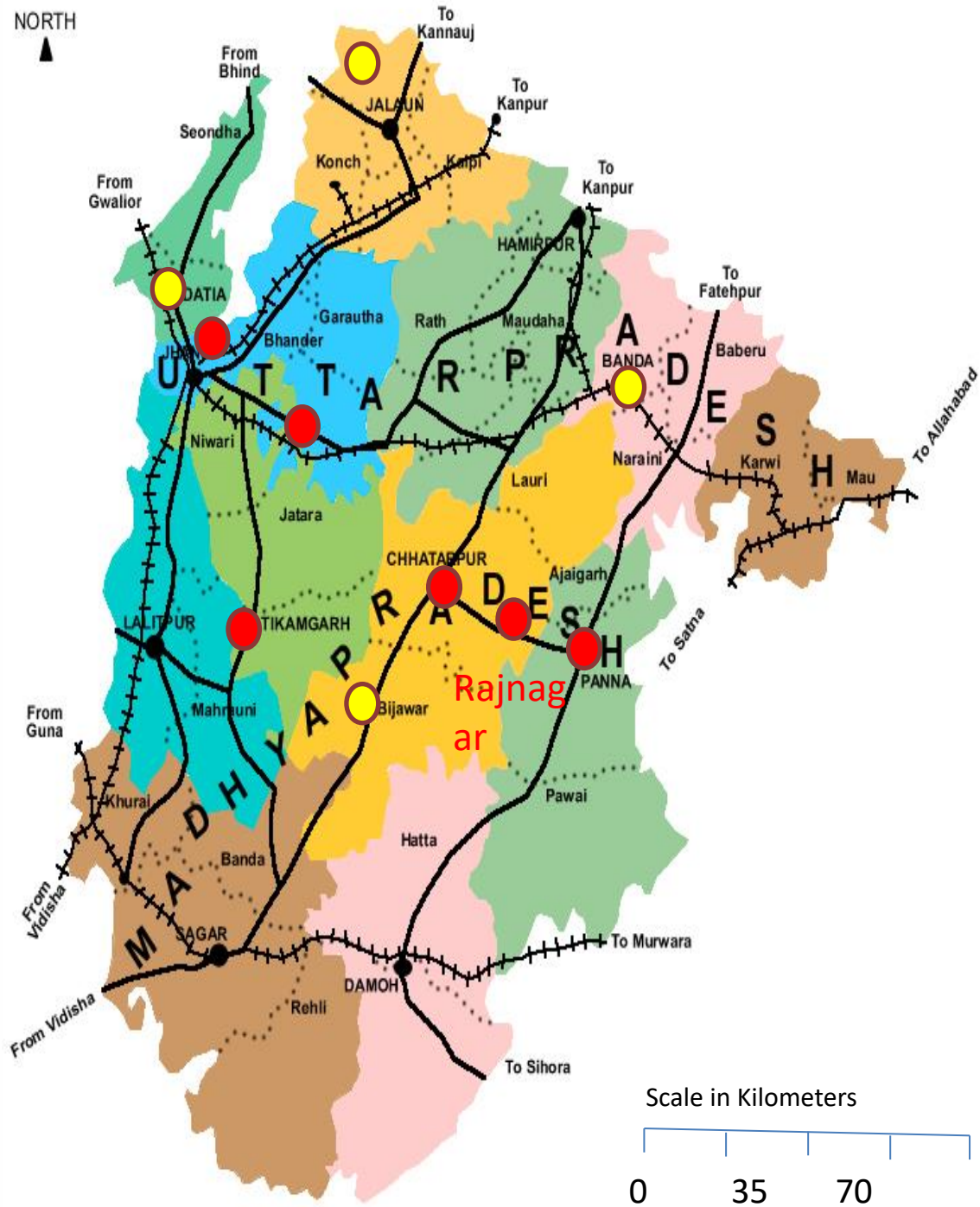
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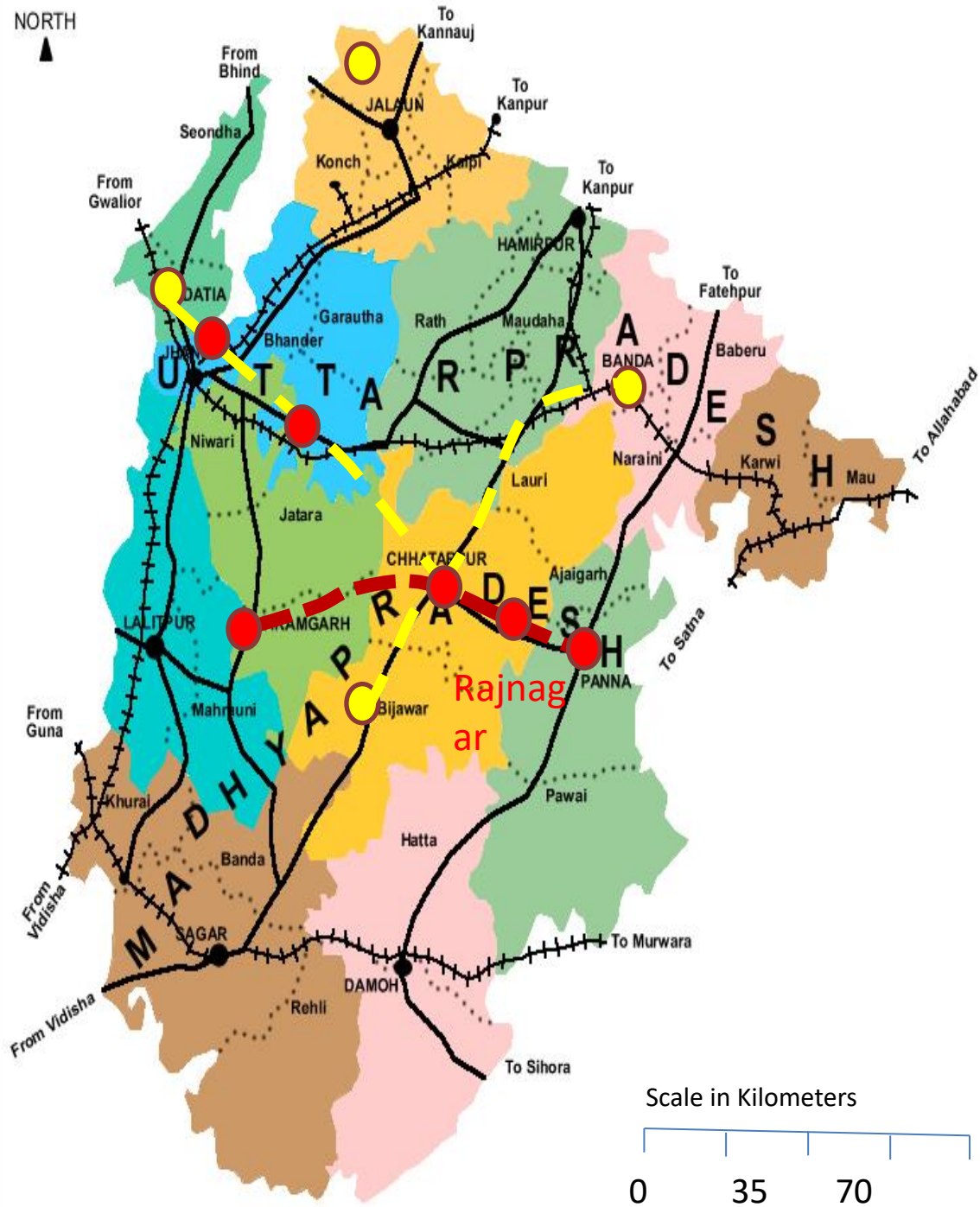
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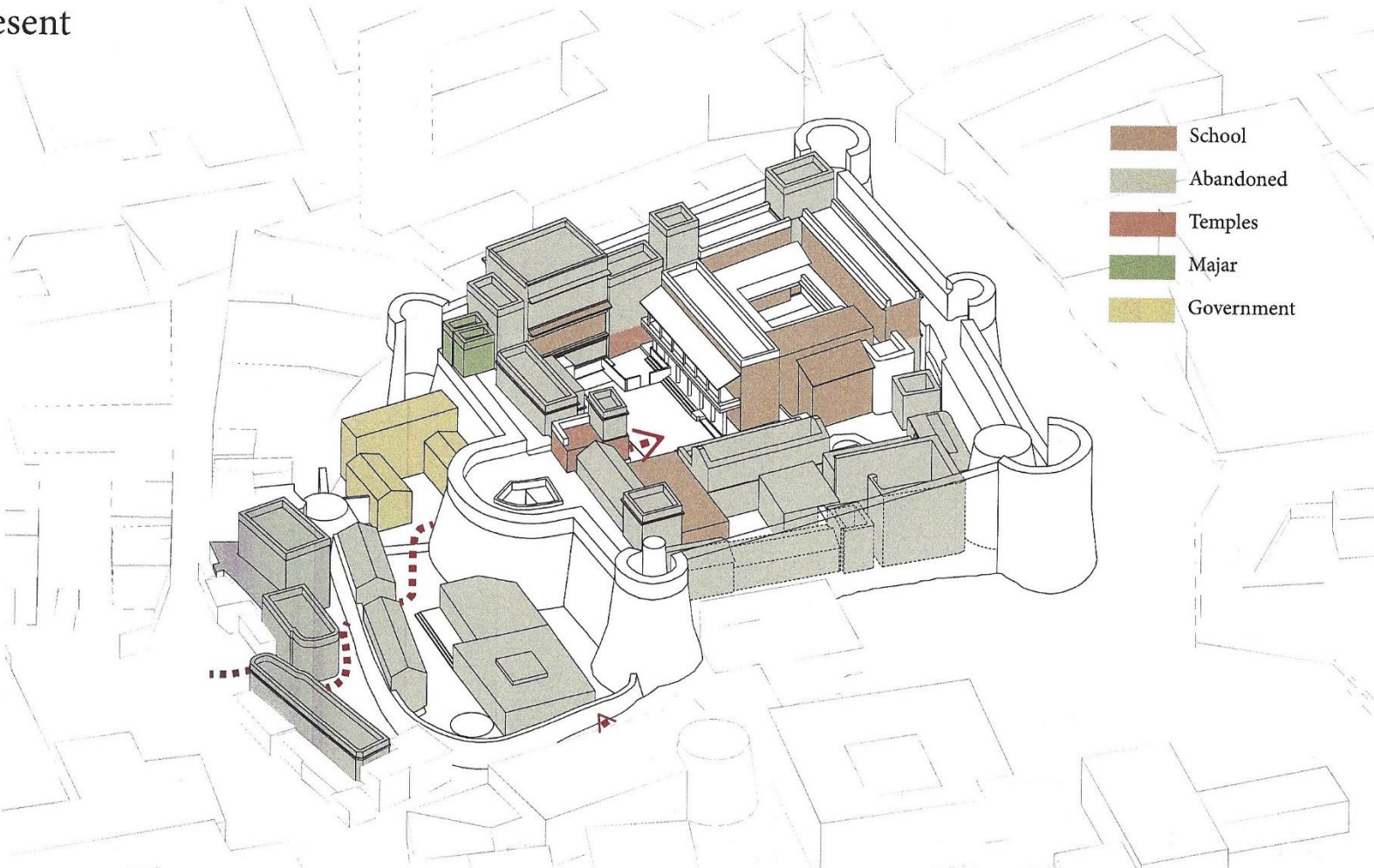








Uses - Present







## 6. New Visitor's Center

- Center of all Rajnagar activities / training sessions
- Official opening April 2022
- Information point for tourists
- Permanent exhibition + brochures
- Community Seed bank
- Small dhaba with local food
- Situated in one of the gardens (Pateriya ka Bagh)
- Contemporary use of traditional materials and techniques





# And also :

## 8 Strategic Actions in relation to the SDGs

- **Education (SDG4)** : a complete curriculum from grade 1 to 12 with 2 sessions/year in the gardens to familiarize the youth with the local history, crafts, festivals, culture, cuisine, and gradually opening up to global vision
- **Education (SDG4)** : workshops for the local teachers around the insights of **Krishnamurti** and **Tagore** on education
- **Community Seedbank (SDG 15)**
- **Afforestation (SDG 13)** : agroforestry, and food forest model
- **Training sessions** for local farmers on sustainable agriculture (**SDG2**)
- Enhancing **price setting** of local produce, incl. processing models (**SDG1**)
- **Clean Water and Sanitation (SDG6)** : addressing health hazards
- **Circular Waste Management (SDG 6)**: awareness programs, introduction new management models





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