Study of Conservation Process Adopted for Mughal Garden and Monuments in Hasan Abdal, Pakistan

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Abstract — It is an established fact that the conservation, preservation and restoration of historic monuments and areas is considered to promote regional assets at international level. Through historic literature review it was found that Pakistan has many such attractions which need appropriate attention by the authorities regarding their conservation. Hasan Abdal is a historic town, in Northern Punjab, Pakistan and was once, a desired place for many Mughal emperors for their stopovers. They constructed many monumental structures such as Makbara-e-Hakeeman, Lalazar Garden and Shahjehani Sarai here. These monuments are now under the supervision of Department of Archeology and Museums, Pakistan. Some of these monuments exists and others have deteriorated with the passage of time. This paper aims to study the conservation process of Mughal Monuments situated in Hasan Abdal Town to highlight their existing condition and to save them from further decay. The international conservation practices have been studied and the selected Mughal monuments are analyzed. Surveys, interviews with official and previous conservation work analysis enabled the study to conclude the aspects effecting the conservation of these monuments. The research would be helpful for the authorities to re-evaluate the conservation practice and to implement these in more appropriate way.

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