BASAVARAJ BOMMAI

CHIEF MINISTER



VIDHANA SOUDHA BENGALURU - 560 001

Date 2/11 2022

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Inviting Businesses and Organisations to Participate in Adopt a Monument Scheme

Karnataka offers a multitude of tourism opportunities, living up to the promise of its brand **"One State, Many Worlds"**. Heritage is a core tourism theme of Karnataka and has created a strong positioning for the State on the global tourism map as a land with rich cultural heritage and memorable stories of great kingdoms and leaders. The State is also proud to host 3 UNESCO World Heritage Sites and 4 other sites are on the tentative list of World Heritage Sites. Karnataka is also home to an estimated 20,000 heritage monuments with over 800 of these protected by the State Government and more than 600 protected by Archaeological Survey of India.

While Karnataka's heritage sites have been attracting a sizeable number of tourists over the years, it is important that these sites have adequate infrastructure to provide a better visitor experience. There is a need to develop a robust mechanism for the provision of basic amenities and facilities at the heritage monuments across Karnataka and create a platform to make Karnataka's heritage monuments a must-see tourism experience.

In this regard, the Government of Karnataka has launched the **Adopt a Monument Scheme** to develop amenities and facilities at the heritage monuments of Karnataka while sustaining our efforts to conserve, preserve and protect the monuments. The Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage (DAMH), Government of Karnataka has been appointed as the nodal department for the scheme. More details on the scheme may be found in the official website of DAMH (<u>https://archaeology.karnataka.gov.in/</u>).

In this light, I request your consideration and support for the **Adopt a Monument Scheme** in utilising CSR funds to preserve and promote the glorious cultural heritage of Karnataka. The development of these sites through your enthusiastic participation will ensure significant improvement in the overall tourism experience at these sites, help position Karnataka as a most preferred tourism destination for domestic and international tourists, and will create meaningful socio-economic opportunities for the people of Karnataka.

Thanking you and looking forward to your support.

With regards,

Yours Sincerely,

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Chief Minister of Karnataka

To,

Companies, Limited Liability Partnerships, Partnerships Firms and any concerned Stakeholders.