

AIMS OF THE ORGANIZATION

Friends of Orchha aims to:

- ◆ promote sustainable development through community participation and good governance;
- ◆ alleviate poverty by creating employment and livelihoods for disadvantaged groups and combating exploitative working conditions;
- ◆ empower women, protect their rights, discourage early marriage and demands for dowry, and enhance their participation in local government;
- ◆ contribute to personality development, social and environmental consciousness of youth and support their initiatives for a cleaner and greener India;
- ◆ preserve and propagate local cultural expression and support artists and artisans;
- ◆ safeguard historical monuments and promote cultural exchange and responsible tourism in India's heritage sites;
- ◆ work towards enhancing the quality of education in schools, non-formal education centres and vocational training institutions;
- ◆ improve natural resource management and the protection of wild life;
- ◆ promote appropriate technology, ecological construction, renewable energy and organic agriculture so as to reduce emission of green house gases;
- ◆ safeguard public health through improvements in basic services – water, sanitation, waste management and access to affordable and efficient health care; and
- ◆ create a just, peaceful, honest and non-violent society in which the human rights of all citizens are respected.