

# The E-Heritage Project

## The e-Heritage Project: Digitally Enhancing India's Heritage

INDIA. The eponym represents an ornate realm, psychedelically hued due to the enormous medley of masses that are living or have prevailed on this land. It is a montage of beliefs, faiths, customs and languages that amalgamate magnificently to forge a majestic kaleidoscope. Abounding in evocative spots and spaces representing the rich heritage, India also has a responsibility to cherish, care and preserve this priceless treasure in every guise and form.

With the aim to give these rich spaces a digital presence, in 2013, Digital Empowerment Foundation, in partnership with UNESCO and IHCN, launched the e-Heritage programme – Digitally Enhancing India's Heritage. A capacity building programme to empower cities to create digital presence of their heritage, to encourage and build the capacity of the municipal authorities and local communities in documenting and presenting heritage through a digital media (website). Currently the programme has been launched in four cities across India viz. Old Delhi (Shahjahanabad), Chandernagore, Pune, and Shekhawati.

### Shahjahanabad Chapter

#### <<<Orientation>>>

The orientation of the e-Heritage fellowship was held at UNESCO on the 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2014. This was an introductory module for the fellows which consisted of a briefing on all the modules to be covered over the course of next six months. The team from Digital Empowerment Foundation spoke about importance of giving digital presence to Heritage along with a quick introductory session on the four modules i.e Intel Easy step, website building, mobile integration and photograph. The team from UNESCO introduced the module on Heritage content gathering.

#### Workshop 1

The first workshop was held at DEF office on 14<sup>th</sup> of June, 2014. The workshop, coordinated by Navdeep Saklani, was focused on the 'Intel Easy Steps' module as the fellows were introduced to the basics and some important features of MS-Excel, MS-Word, MS-Powerpoint, Gmail and Google Drives. The third workshop, coordinated by Mr. Amit and Mr. Sanjiv, was held at DEF office on 23<sup>rd</sup> of June, 2014. It was focused on website construction and editing. The fellows were initiated to work on Wordpress and develop a basic understanding of the elementary features of website-making. With the necessary skills at place, the fourth workshop was held on 28<sup>th</sup> of June, 2014, again in The UNESCO office. The 3-hour long workshop was mostly focused on imparting the requisite skills needed for data collection and compilation regarding the e-Heritage website and related causes to the fellows. The formats for data collection were explained and both tangible and intangible subjects were dealt.

With an official facebook page and a dedicated website, [www.olddelhiheritage.com](http://www.olddelhiheritage.com), in place, and the performance of fellows being up to the mark, the extensive tours of the various places in Shahjahanabad for elementary data collection, which is the next step of the project, is set to start.

