A Study Of Bhandarej’s Stepwell

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ABSTRACT: In the present research paper, the artistic and historical events of Bhandarej's stepwell have been discussed. Situated in Bhandarej village of Dausa district of Rajasthan Bhandarej's stepwell is of great importance from the point of view of tourism and it is a center of tourist attraction. In this research paper, an attempt has been made to highlight the unexplored aspects related to Bhandarej's stepwell and an attempt has been made to bring it in the field of research so that students and researcher class can be benefited. Society could also understand the untouched aspects of Bhandarej's stepwell. Keeping all these things in mind, all these things have been highlighted in the research paper so that in future the researcher can understand in detail about Bhootiya Bawdi of Bhandarej and can expand his research work.

KEYWORDS: stepwell, artistry, historical events, tourism

INTRODUCTION:
According to historical sources, Bhandarej's stepwell was built by Kachwah ruler Deep Singh in 1732 AD. This stepwell is three storeyed and is made in rectangular shape. There are rooms on each of its floors. These rooms are probably meant for changing clothes and praying. They were used in ancient times. In this stepwell there is a gallery to go from one side to the other. These galleries further enhance the beauty of the stepwell.

According to popular legends and traditions, it is said about this stepwell that it was built by ghosts in one night along with Chandbaori.

Bhandarej ki Baori is located in Bhandarej village, 10 km from Dausa city of Rajasthan. Being situated in the village of Bhandarej, it is known as the stepwell of Bhandarej. There are steps in this stepwell to reach the water level

OBJECTIVES
1 Displaying the importance of Bhandaraj ki Baori from the point of view of tourism
2 Uncovering the untold aspects of Bhandarej's stepwell

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY
- In the present research survey method is used by the researcher.

FIGURE- 01

ARTISTRY OF THE STEPWELL
The artistic beauty of the stepwell is made on sight. As soon as you enter this stepwell, there is an umbrella door and arch above the main door.
And a similar arch is built in the palace at the end of this stepwell. There are umbrellas around the stepwell which further enhances the beauty of this stepwell.
A wonderful adventure is experienced by reaching this stepwell.
THER NAME OF BAWDI: -
is known by different names in different provinces. It is known by the names of Step-well, Baori, Baoli, Bawri etc. Bawdi is called Barav in Marathi and Vav in Gujarati. In Kannada it is known as Kalyani. Most of the Bawri is mentioned in Rajasthan and Gujarat.

INTERESTING FACTS OF BAWDI: -
TUNNEL – A mysterious tunnel is located in this stepwell which is said to have been constructed by ghosts. There is a legend about this tunnel that once a bride's procession came to the village of Bhandarej and she stayed in this stepwell, but when the procession went to this tunnel, she never came back. That's why the tunnel of this stepwell is also called ghost tunnel. This tunnel goes from this stepwell to the Chand Baori of Abhaneri. A part of this tunnel leads to the Bhadravati palace located near the stepwell. According to popular belief, Aluda's Kubania, Bhandarej's stepwell and Abhaneri's Chand Baori, located in Dausa district, are said to have been built in a single night.

CAVE :- There is also a cave in this stepwell whose length is 17 km. It is said about this cave that this cave was used by the king and his soldiers during the war.

BHADRAVATI PALACE (COURT) - Bhadravati palace is situated near the stepwell in the village of Bhandarej, which is known by the local people as Kachari. In this palace, meetings of kings and maharajas used to take place in ancient times. The artistic beauty of Bhadravati Palace is made on sight. There are many rooms in it and an auditorium is made. In these rooms the kings and emperors used to rest.

Figure - 02

Figure - 03

Figure - 04
At present this Bhadravati palace is booked by the people for marriage. A bathroom is also built on the back side of this palace.

**HISTORY OF BHADRAVATI PALACE** - In the Kachwah dynasty, there was a ruler named Junsi in the 11th generation. The descendants of Junsi were called Kumbhani and the famous Kumbhani ruler was Deep Singh Kumbhani, who was the feudatory and general of Sawai Jai Singh. He had built this Bhadravati palace here. Later, due to mutual disputes between the rulers, this palace remained under the protection of Dulhrao.

**IMPORTANCE OF STEPWELL FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF WATER MANAGEMENT** :-
The stepwells are actually ancient traditions of water management. Bhandarej's stepwell used to be a big source of water in ancient times. The stepwell has been built in such a way that along with the water resource, the architecture also has its own importance. These stepwells used to be the main place of community harmony. There is a well on the back side of the stepwell.
In ancient times, there was a caste of water supply in the surrounding areas from the water of this stepwell. Earlier the people around the stepwell used to use the water of the stepwell for bathing and washing and feeding the animals. This stepwell is the main source of water conservation.

**Figure – 05**

**TIMES TO SEE THE STEPWELL** :- You can see this stepwell anytime.
Preferable timing are 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

**Figure - 06**
NTRANCE FEE OF STEPWELL : - There is no ticket fee for visiting this stepwell yet. it's free.

IMPLICATIONS
• Providing variety of experiences about tourism
• Emphasis on development of tourism
• Emphasis on facilities for tourists
• Emphasis on enhancing safety of tourists

SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER RESEARCH
• Do your background research
• Understand the objectives
• Choose the most suitable research methods
• Expect the unexpected
• Maintain a child-like enthusiasm
• Be empathic but maintain objectivity
• Analyse the results with a colleague

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