

JOHAD WATER HARVESTING AND CONSERVATION SYSTEM OF SHEKHAWATI REGION IN INDIA: A HISTORICAL-CULTURAL STUDY

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ABSTRACT

Johad is a wonderful historical system of rainwater harvesting and conservation of Shekhawati region of Rajasthan state located in north-west of India. The people of the Rao-Raja's, Seth-Sahukara's, Samantas, landlords and general cast people hereby formed the people of this region, keeping in mind the scarcity of water in the area for their need and public welfare. This work was completed during the famed famine 'Chhapnia' of India.

Johad is a unique symbol of architecture that is recorded in every town and villages of the region. Its shape is square or rectangular. Artistic umbrellas built at the entrances and corners. Within it, there is a resounding form of Yagyavedi, which is called 'Part'. Its deepest place is called 'Beech ki Chalabi'.

With the flow of changing times due to administration and people's indifference, this water heritage is being destroyed. Which used to be the lifeline of people at any time? The unique paradigm of fair culture with the social harmony of the area, which is associated with the region. If this is not preserved, and then it will be destroyed as soon as it is destroyed, an important system of rainwater harvesting and social-cultural related to it. Presently, the lack of water has become a challenge for the whole world. I believe that if this heritage is preserved in a scientific way, then a large source of water can be recovered from the historical heritage and the culture associated with it can be preserved.

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