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on  
**Dacoits, Illegal Mining and Conservation  
of  
Temples in Chambal Valley**

by  
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Muhammed K.K., retired as Regional Director from the Archaeological Survey of India, is presently working as a Consultant with the Ministry of Culture. To his credit, he has a number of important archaeological works including the unearthing of Kesariya Stupa in Bihar, Ibadat Khana and Mughal Bazaar at Fatehpur Sikri and a burial site Afonso in Goa. He has done a lot of conservation work at various archaeological monuments as part of his official responsibility and has received a number of prestigious awards and honours. Conservation work done by him at Bateshwar temples is a highly acclaimed achievement.

Bateshwar, located in Chambal valley had more than two hundred temples in a highly ruinous condition. Conservation was risky as it was infested with dacoits. After prolonged negotiations with them forty temples were pieced together from the scattered fragments of stones like a jigsaw puzzle.

Once the dacoits were eliminated by the police, more dangerous mining mafia entered the scene. Their rampant mining, blasting and consequent vibration started effecting the conserved temples.

As all the letters written by the ASI to the state Administration fell on deaf ears, it was forced to resort to an extraordinary step which may not be there in the rule book of Government Servants.

The unfolding scenario is interesting, informative and instructive. The problem involved in the Conservation was equally challenging.



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