

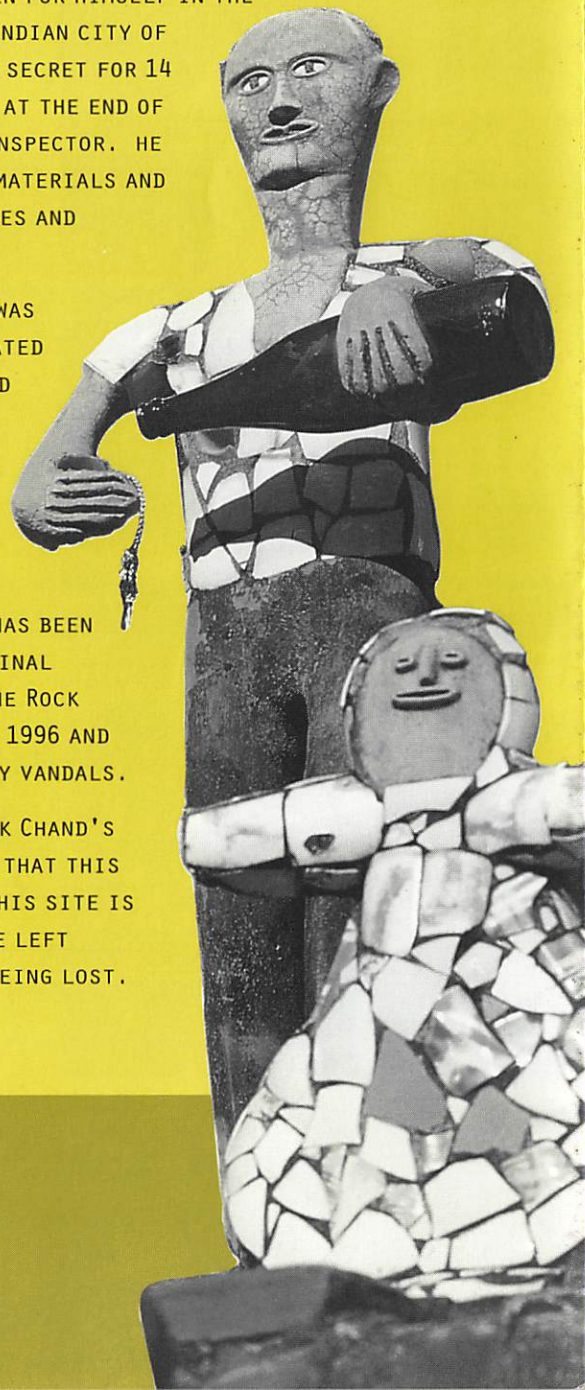


ONE DAY, NEARLY 40 YEARS AGO, NEK CHAND BEGAN TO CREATE A SECRET GARDEN FOR HIMSELF IN THE FOREST OUTSIDE THE NEW INDIAN CITY OF CHANDIGARH. HE WORKED IN SECRET FOR 14 YEARS, GOING TO THE FOREST AT THE END OF HIS WORKING DAY AS A ROADS INSPECTOR. HE GATHERED WASTE AND NATURAL MATERIALS AND TRANSFORMED THEM INTO STATUES AND BUILDINGS.

AFTER THIS EXTRAORDINARY CREATION WAS DISCOVERED IN 1973, IT WAS INAUGURATED AS THE ROCK GARDEN OF CHANDIGARH AND NEK CHAND WAS ABLE TO CONCENTRATE FULL-TIME ON DEVELOPING AND EXPANDING HIS VISIONARY KINGDOM.

IN RECENT YEARS, FUNDING FROM THE CITY OF CHANDIGARH HAS DWINDLED TO NOTHING AND NEK CHAND'S WORKFORCE HAS BEEN DRASTICALLY REDUCED. MUCH OF THE FINAL THIRD PHASE REMAINS HALF-BUILT. THE ROCK GARDEN ITSELF CAME UNDER ATTACK IN 1996 AND HUNDREDS OF STATUES WERE DAMAGED BY VANDALS.

THE ROCK GARDEN OF CHANDIGARH IS NEK CHAND'S GIFT AND IT IS UP TO US TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS WONDERFUL ENVIRONMENT SURVIVES. THIS SITE IS FAR TOO IMPORTANT TO THE WORLD TO BE LEFT UNCOMPLETED OR FACE THE THREAT OF BEING LOST.



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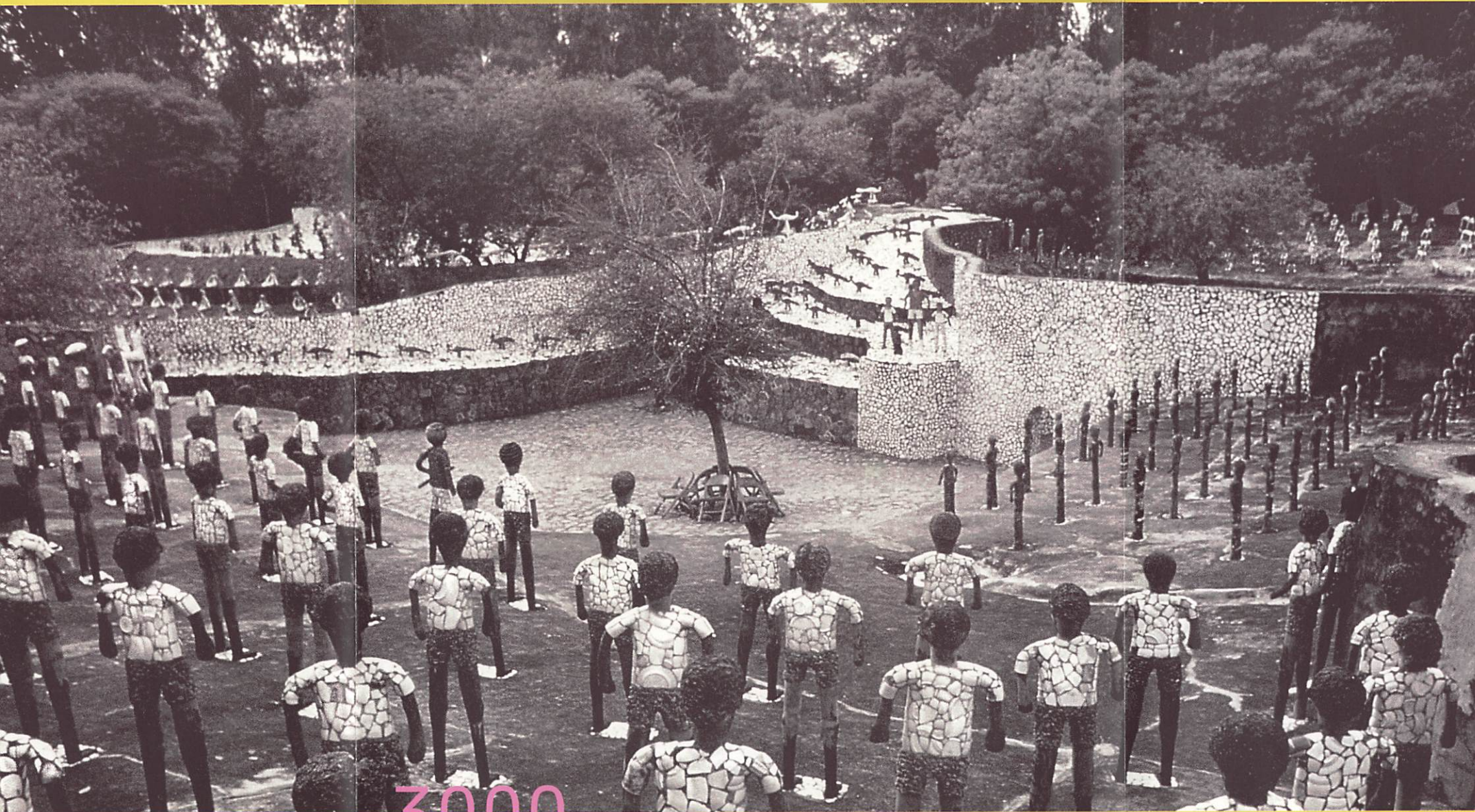


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SAVE THE 8TH WONDER OF THE WORLD



OUR SISTER CHARITY, THE FRIENDS OF THE ROCK GARDEN, IS UNDER FORMATION IN INDIA. THIS WILL ADMINISTER FUNDS IN CHANDIGARH AND ORGANISE LOCAL PROJECTS TO HELP THE ROCK GARDEN.

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VISITORS A DAY VISIT THE ROCK GARDEN, IN INDIA, ONLY THE TAJ MAHAL SEES MORE. NEK CHAND HAS BEEN TERMED "THE UNTAUGHT GENIUS WHO BUILT A PARADISE."

THE NEK CHAND FOUNDATION AIMS TO RAISE FUNDS FROM EUROPE AND AMERICA IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT KEY PROJECTS FOR THE ROCK GARDEN OF CHANDIGARH. WE ARE A NON-PROFIT ORGANISATION OPERATING ON LOW OVERHEADS AND THE FUNDS WE RAISE WILL GO DIRECTLY TO HELPING THE ROCK GARDEN.

OUR MAIN OBJECTIVES ARE TO ENSURE THAT NEK CHAND'S VISION IS COMPLETED IN HIS LIFETIME AND TO ENSURE THE ONGOING PRESERVATION AND CONSERVATION OF THE ROCK GARDEN. OUR EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES ARE TO BUILD AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SITE AMONG SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS AS WELL AS THE WORLD AT LARGE. NEK CHAND'S MESSAGE OF TURNING UNWANTED WASTE INTO GREAT BEAUTY IS AN IMPORTANT ONE TO BOTH YOUNG AND OLD OF ALL NATIONS.

THE NEK CHAND FOUNDATION WILL ALSO BE ARRANGING GROUP TRIPS TO CHANDIGARH TO VISIT THE ROCK GARDEN AND WORKING VISITS FOR STUDENTS AND ARTISTS TO HELP WITH CONSERVATION WORK.

