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Save the Rock Garden of Chandigarh

Rock Garden Under Attack - Outrage in Chandigarh

After returning from a two month trip to Britain and the USA, Nek Chand creator of the Rock Garden of Chandigarh was shocked to find that the Chandigarh Administration, who are responsible for the upkeep and security of the famous Rock Garden of Chandigarh, had removed the skilled labour force and left the site completely unguarded the very day after he left for his tour of the USA.

Furthermore, the Rock Garden had been attacked and many sculptures and part of the environment were smashed up. Some are now in the process of repair, others are destroyed forever. "The sculptures are being repaired but their originality is gone for ever as they will be like a man whose leg or arm has been bandaged after injury.

The sculptures are damaged all over the area and the fury of the vandalism can be gazed from the fact that even a large wall painstakingly made of thousands of pebbles has been terribly damaged.

They will not even allow Nek Chand to use the entrance money for the maintenance of the Garden and now there are no funds at all to finish the final phase of construction.

The Rock Garden is in real danger. Not only has a masterpiece of environmental art been attacked but over the last few years Nek Chand has been starved of funds, even though he reckons that with proper resources his work on the Rock garden could be completed in about six months.

While in the USA Nek Chand gave presentations at the Asia Society in New York and at the Kohler Foundation in Wisconsin, where a special Nek Chand Rock Garden is planned. He also gave presentations in Chicago and Los Angeles and visited Washington, Boston and Baltimore. He received honours in both New York and Los Angeles.

Please send a short letter of support for the garden to Mr. HD Deve Gowda, Prime Minister of India. If you have an institutional letterhead, are connected with a museum or university, all the better. Please write as soon as possible. We need your help. — **Please do not date the letter** —. Do tell your friends to send us letters.

• Mr HD Deve Gowda, Prime Minister of India, South Block, New Delhi 110011

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