AIMS OF THE ORGANIZATION

*Friends of Orchha* aims to:

◆ promote sustainable development through community participation and good governance;

◆ alleviate poverty by creating employment and livelihoods for disadvantaged groups and combating exploitative working conditions;

◆ empower women, protect their rights, discourage early marriage and demands for dowry, and enhance their participation in local government;

◆ contribute to personality development, social and environmental consciousness of youth and support their initiatives for a cleaner and greener India;

◆ preserve and propagate local cultural expression and support artists and artisans;

◆ safeguard historical monuments and promote cultural exchange and responsible tourism in India's heritage sites;

◆ work towards enhancing the quality of education in schools, non-formal education centres and vocational training institutions;

◆ improve natural resource management and the protection of wild life;

◆ promote appropriate technology, ecological construction, renewable energy and organic agriculture so as to reduce emission of green house gases;

◆ safeguard public health through improvements in basic services – water, sanitation, waste management and access to affordable and efficient health care; and

◆ create a just, peaceful, honest and non-violent society in which the human rights of all citizens are respected.