



A Conclave for Policy Advocacy and Networking

TRAINING ■ RESEARCH ■ KNOWLEDGE REPOSITORY

Maharaja Gaj Singh

*Jal Sansthan*





# About the *Foundation*

*HRH Prince of Wales and HH Maharaja Gaj Singhji at the Water Resource Centre*

Jal Bhagirathi Foundation is driven by a vision of water security sustained by responsive governance and inclusive growth leading to sustainable development.

The partnership between Jal Bhagirathi Foundation, the Italian Development Cooperation and UNDP has initiated a long term strategy for vulnerability reduction of marginalised communities which has made a very significant impact on availability of water in the most densely populated arid zone in the world - the Marwar Region of Rajasthan.



The Water Resource Centre will establish partnerships with National and International Resource Centres to explore collaborative work



*Social Mobilisation*

The Foundation supports and mobilizes water-distressed rural communities of the Thar Desert in Western India, to promote their rich tradition of water management by rejuvenating water-harvesting structures. These water structures are prime examples of inexpensive simple traditional technology that is remarkable in terms of addressing drinking water needs.

Facilitating an enabling environment for community action is the most critical aspect of the Foundation's philosophy, which has created a broad-based and inclusive social capital to manage community water resources. These interventions have resulted in improving availability, access and quality of water in schools, villages and empowering women by reducing their drudgery in the effort of collecting water by bringing it closer to home.

Jal Bhagirathi Foundation with the support of Italian Development Cooperation and UNDP has restored the historic Bijolai Palace and recreated the traditional ambience of this heritage property into an Institution with two facilities: "Water Resource Centre" and "Water Habitat Retreat".



*Public Awareness Campaign*

This Institution is a conclave to exchange experiences and strengthen existing civil society networks, to promote partnerships between the community, government, private business and research centres. The Institution disseminates 'best practice' in community management and control of natural resources and acts as a knowledge repository providing an opportunity for a more proactive engagement with the government to mainstream programs, so that communities are able to voice their views to influence policy.



# Water *Resource Centre*



*Discussion Room*

*HRH Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden,  
camped at the Water Resource Centre*



The Foundation is developing the Water Resource Centre as a Resource Bank to provide the latest research on water, health, sanitation and climate change.

The Centre focuses on innovation in natural resource development and social engineering. It acts as a knowledge hub for appropriate solutions and dissemination in India and abroad.



The Water Resource Centre would foster partnerships with national and international resource centres, technical agencies, experts and knowledge networks and through participation in major water related events for experiencing, sharing and to serve as a channel for flow of knowledge and experience.

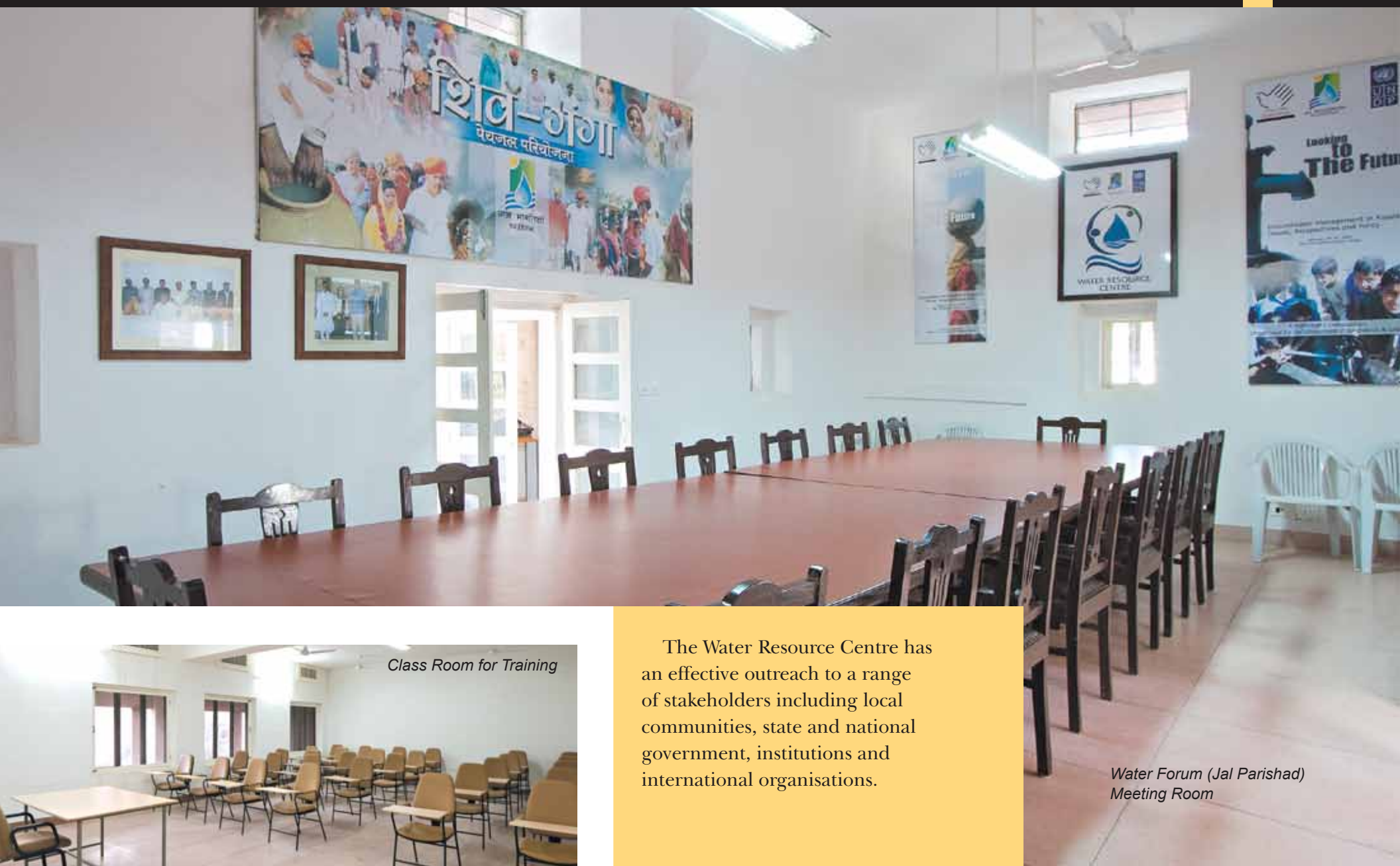


Board Room

Lounge



# Water *Resource Centre*



*Class Room for Training*

The Water Resource Centre has an effective outreach to a range of stakeholders including local communities, state and national government, institutions and international organisations.

*Water Forum (Jal Parishad)  
Meeting Room*

The Centre is a venue for national and international conferences, which provides a platform to voice pro-poor concerns and make an impact on policy reforms by ensuring that the voice of the people is heard before policies are framed.

Conference Hall



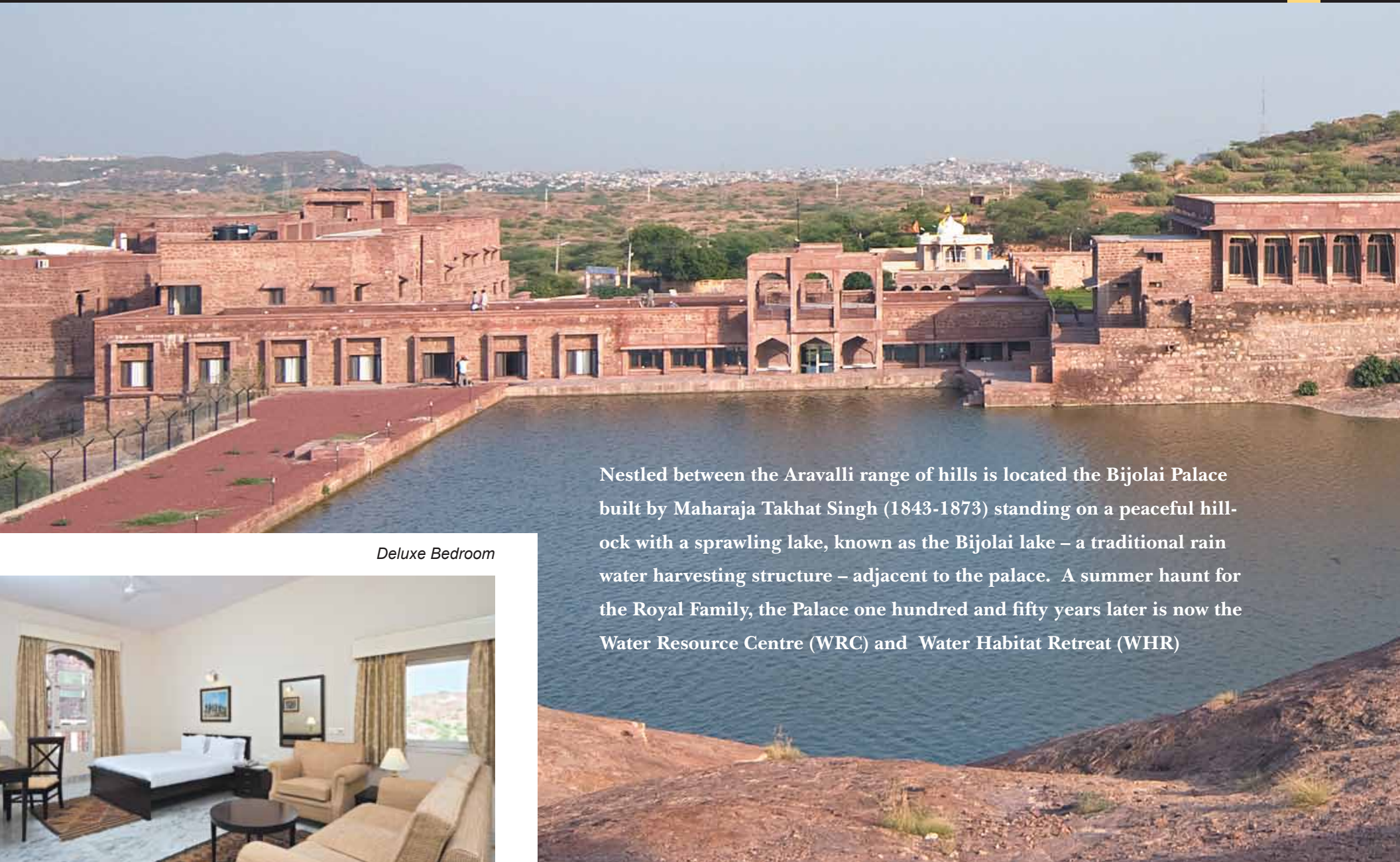
*"The Right to a drink for Life", a Consultation on A Safe Drinking Water Act*



The Resource Centre has conference facilities with a seating capacity of 400 persons; it also has class rooms for training, meeting rooms, discussion rooms and a database centre.



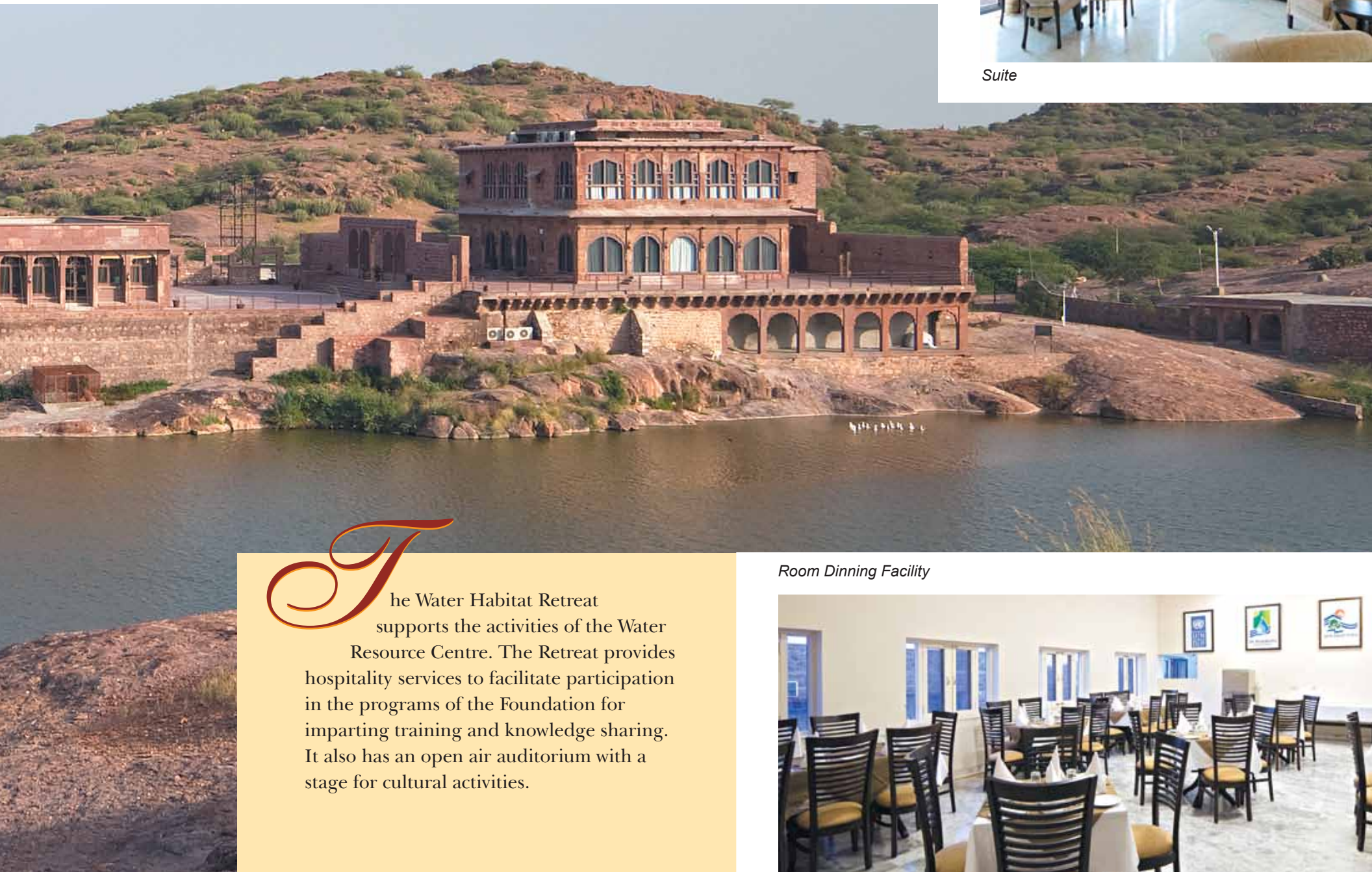
# Water *Habitat Retreat*



Nestled between the Aravalli range of hills is located the Bijolai Palace built by Maharaja Takhat Singh (1843-1873) standing on a peaceful hill-ock with a sprawling lake, known as the Bijolai lake – a traditional rain water harvesting structure – adjacent to the palace. A summer haunt for the Royal Family, the Palace one hundred and fifty years later is now the Water Resource Centre (WRC) and Water Habitat Retreat (WHR)

*Deluxe Bedroom*





*Suite*

*The* Water Habitat Retreat supports the activities of the Water Resource Centre. The Retreat provides hospitality services to facilitate participation in the programs of the Foundation for imparting training and knowledge sharing. It also has an open air auditorium with a stage for cultural activities.

*Room Dinning Facility*





# Water *Habitat Retreat*



*Twin Bedroom*



*HRH Prince of Wales' on a visit to JBF*



*An Area for Conference Dining*



The Retreat has 30 well appointed rooms, three gents and one lady dormitories, two dining facilities catering to 300 conference delegates and 60 residential guests.

*Water Campaign - Advocacy of Rights Issues*



*Suite*





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