

# Identifying Heritage Icons & Beyond



Victoria & Albert Museum



Empress Market



Mohatta Palace



Max Denso Hall



Khaliqdina Hall



Saint Andrew's Church



K.M.C Building

# KARACHI HISTORIC BUILDINGS RE-SURVEY PROJECT



Image Courtesy: Department Of Antiquities, GoS

Zaib-un-Nisa Street Profile

The 'Karachi Historic Buildings Re-survey Project' is a self initiated effort started in 2006 by Heritage Cell Department of Architecture & Planning NED University Karachi. In 2006 research based undertaking was initiated to provide a sound technical base, to guide inventory documentation process, assist in developing effective ways and means to encourage conservation and guide the management and monitoring process for historic areas and cultural properties in Karachi.

## SCOPE OF WORK

- Develop a well defined criteria for Listing.
- Update the existing Listing according to ground realities.
- Expand the Listing Process to Historic Areas and Quarters that were Not Covered in previous listings.

## OUTCOMES OF PROJECT FOR IMPLEMENTATION

- Enlistment of newly identified properties, through official notification as protected heritage. (approved but pending)
- Publication of research documents (in process).
- Dissemination of information to raise awareness among general public, and invite participation of community to act as heritage monitors and protectors.

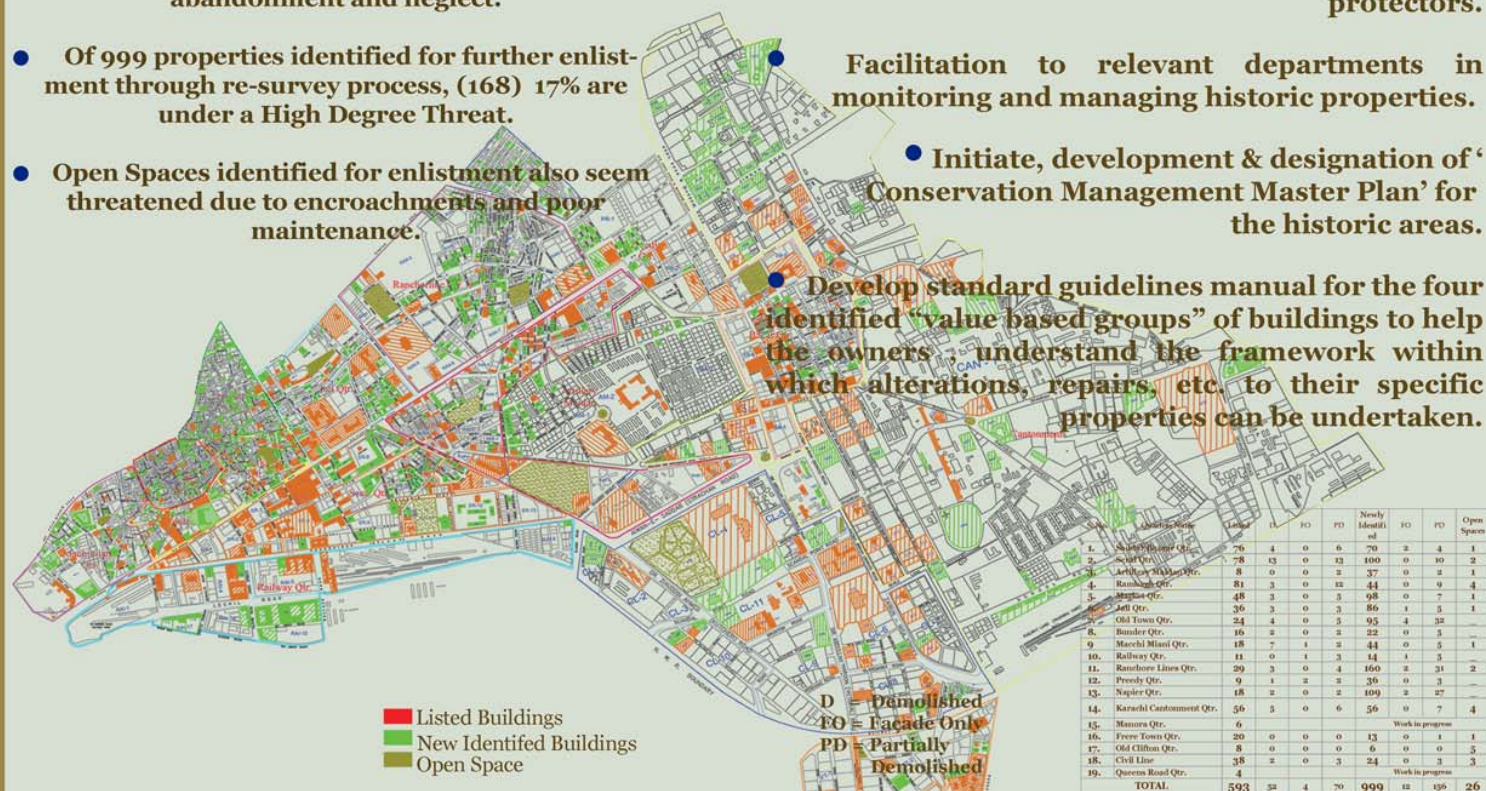
## UPDATED DATABASE INDICATES

- (52) 9% listed buildings are already demolished;
- (47) 13% are under a High Degree Threat due to abandonment and neglect.
- Of 999 properties identified for further enlistment through re-survey process, (168) 17% are under a High Degree Threat.
- Open Spaces identified for enlistment also seem threatened due to encroachments and poor maintenance.

Facilitation to relevant departments in monitoring and managing historic properties.

- Initiate, development & designation of 'Conservation Management Master Plan' for the historic areas.

- Develop standard guidelines manual for the four identified "value based groups" of buildings to help the owners understand the framework within which alterations, repairs, etc. to their specific properties can be undertaken.



Surveyed and un-surveyed historic quarters in all comprise of only 4.73% of Karachi's present built-up areas.



NED University being an educational institution believes in extending research based technical and professional support to relevant government departments. Having in-house expertise in the area of heritage conservation, the university took a self initiated step towards a collaborative co-operation providing technical support to the Department of Culture, GoS and to individual owners who are directed by government departments to HC-DAP-NED for seeking technical support.