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Jharkhand Engages with Historic England to Advance Global Recognition of Its Megalithic Heritage

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As part of the “**Jharkhand @25**” international outreach in the United Kingdom, the official delegation led by Hon’ble Chief Minister Shri Hemant Soren met Historic England, the UK’s public body for heritage protection, to explore collaboration on conservation, research, and global recognition of Jharkhand’s ancient megalithic and monolithic traditions.

The engagement focused on sharing best practices in the preservation of prehistoric landscapes and learning from the United Kingdom’s globally recognised conservation models. Jharkhand is among the few regions in the world where megalithic traditions remain living cultural practices, continuing to play an active role in the social and spiritual life of tribal communities.



The visit aligns with the UK–India Heritage Conservation Agreement 2025, under which Jharkhand has emerged as a key state and among the first in India to actively leverage this bilateral framework to strengthen the documentation, preservation, and global positioning of its ancient heritage.

As part of the exchange, the delegation received a special invitation to visit Stonehenge and Avebury on Saturday, 24 January 2026, to understand first-hand the scientific conservation and interpretation of prehistoric monuments and apply similar learnings back home.

On the occasion, the delegation presented the coffee table book “Sentinels of Time”, showcasing Jharkhand’s megaliths, monoliths, and fossil landscapes, and introducing international audiences to the State’s rich and continuing civilisational legacy.

The meeting was attended by Claudia Kenyatta, Co-Chief Executive, Historic England, along with representatives from the Indian High Commission, the British Deputy High Commission (Kolkata), the English Heritage Trust, the National Trust, and Natural England, reflecting a shared commitment to heritage cooperation.

Marking 25 years of statehood, Jharkhand continues to position its development journey in harmony with nature, culture, and community knowledge systems, taking its ancient legacy to the global stage while shaping a forward-looking future.

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