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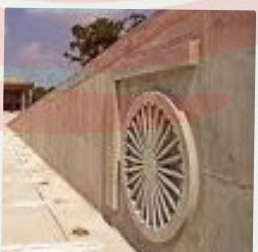
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Visit to
Capitol complex
Chandigarh

A journey through
Le Corbusier's
monumental
dreamscape—
now etched in
UNESCO's book of
world heritage.





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WHEN CONCRETE SPEAKS

Le Corbusier's grand stage of governance, justice, and democracy. Concrete becomes verse, light becomes language, as his philosophy breathes through monumental form. Now inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, it stands as a timeless symbol of modernist vision, where architecture converses endlessly with society, nature, and the spirit of humanity.

LED BY ARCHITECT KAPIL SETIA

Former Chief Architect of Chandigarh, he played a pivotal role in carrying forward the city's unique architectural legacy. With vision and sensitivity, he balanced Le Corbusier's modernist ideals with contemporary urban needs, ensuring Chandigarh remained a model of planned growth, cultural identity, and architectural excellence.

WHAT YOU WILL EXPERIENCE

- The raw poetry of concrete, brutal yet beautiful, austere yet alive.
- The palimpsest of ideas, democracy, justice, governance, and peace, layered in monumental forms.
- The philosophy of Le Corbusier, "Architecture is the learned game, correct and magnificent, of forms assembled in light."
- The living heritage of humanity, as the Capitol Complex proudly stands as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

ALIGNED WITH UN SDGS

- SDG 4: Quality Education
- SDG 11: Sustainable Cities & Communities
- SDG 16: Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions
- SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

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THE SECRETARIAT

A concrete mountain of governance, where rhythm meets repetition. Experience the poetry of proportion, the grandeur of civic order, and the pulse of administrative power carved in béton brut.



THE HIGH COURT

A temple of justice, shaded by a soaring parasol roof. Here, light and shadow argue their own cases, while the architecture whispers of fairness, dignity, and balance.

THE ASSEMBLY

A sculptural symphony of curves and planes. Step into the sanctum where democracy breathes, and feel the resonance of voices amplified by geometry itself.



THE OPEN HAND MONUMENT

Le Corbusier's eternal gesture, "to give and to receive." A kinetic sculpture of peace and reconciliation, rising as Chandigarh's soul in steel and symbolism.



THE TOWER OF SHADOWS

A paradox in concrete: a structure that teaches light by casting darkness. Walk through its play of sun and shade, and discover Corbusier's mastery of cosmic dialogue.





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EVENT DETAILS

Date & Time:
26 February 2026
09:00 AM – 01:00 PM

Register on or
before 10th
February 2026

Transport: Transportation will be provided from Chitkara University to the capitol complex (to and fro).

SCHEDULE OF VISIT

- 08:15 AM-** Departure of bus from Chitkara University
- 09:30 AM-** Arrival at Capitol Complex, Chandigarh
- 09:50 AM-** Start of Walk Led By Ar. Kapil Setia
- 11:20 AM-** The High Court, The Open Hand Monument, The Tower of Shadows, The Assembly, The Secretariat
- 11:30 AM-** Departure of buses from the Capitol Complex
- 12:45 AM-** Arrival at Chitkara University
- 01:00 PM-** Lunch at University

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT

- **Indian Nationals:** Upload Aadhar Card
- **Foreign Nationals:** Upload Passport (original copy to be carried for verification)

***Please note**

- *A maximum of 30 participants will be permitted for this activity, and selection will be on a first-come, first-served basis.*
- *Registration for the conference is mandatory to participate in any Pre-Conference Activity.*
- *There is no separate fee for Pre-Conference Activities.*

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