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*PS 5.1 The Future-
Changing people*

“Making the Urban Forest ‘speak’ to citizens”

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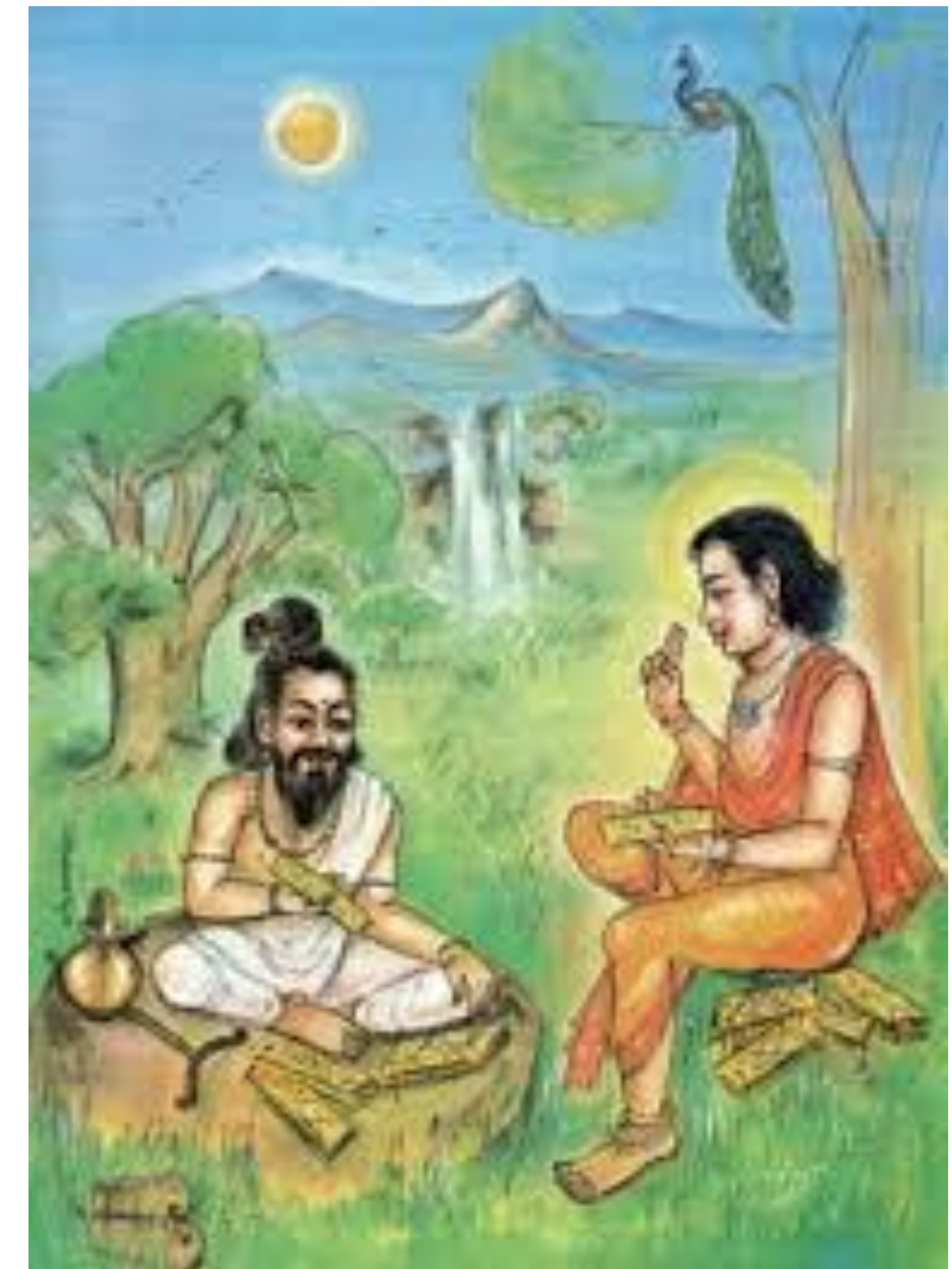


NOTION OF FOREST TILL MEDIEVAL TIMES IN INDIA

The forest in the mind of the medieval inhabitants of the subcontinent was the abode of sages

It was customary to give up a worldly life after a certain stage of life and retire to spiritual pursuits in the forest

Tagore India's Poet Laureate, writes: "Indian civilization has been distinctive in locating its source of regeneration, material and intellectual, in the forest, not the city"



Source: <http://murugan.org/bhaktas/agastyar.htm>



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BUILDING RESILIENCE IN THE URBAN FOREST : A CURRENT NEED

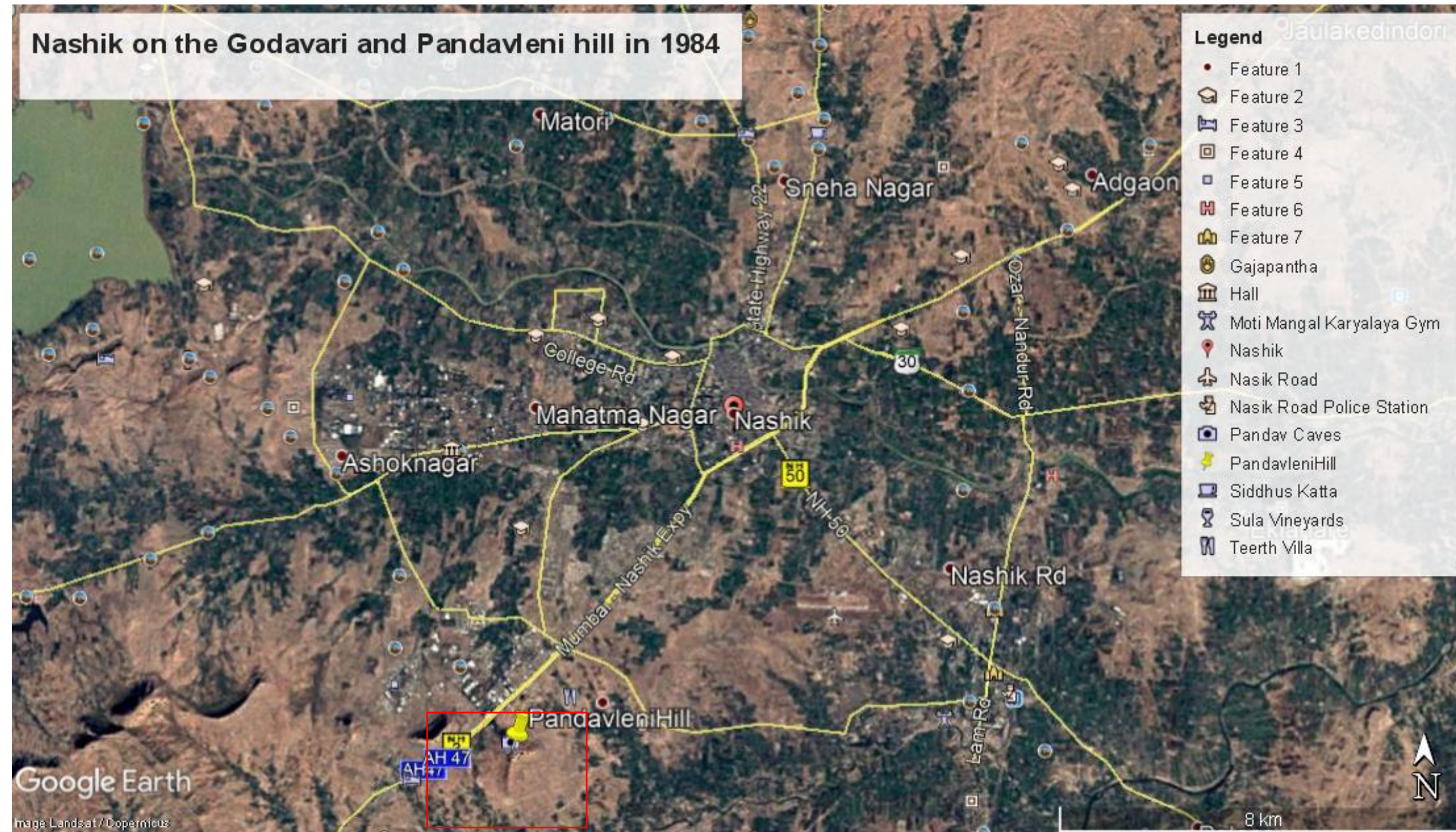
Collaboration vs. mere Interaction is key to building resilience and facing uncertainty so common in our times

Urban Nature or forests are often not seen as inviting or even safe. Forests are seen as unsafe even potentially dangerous





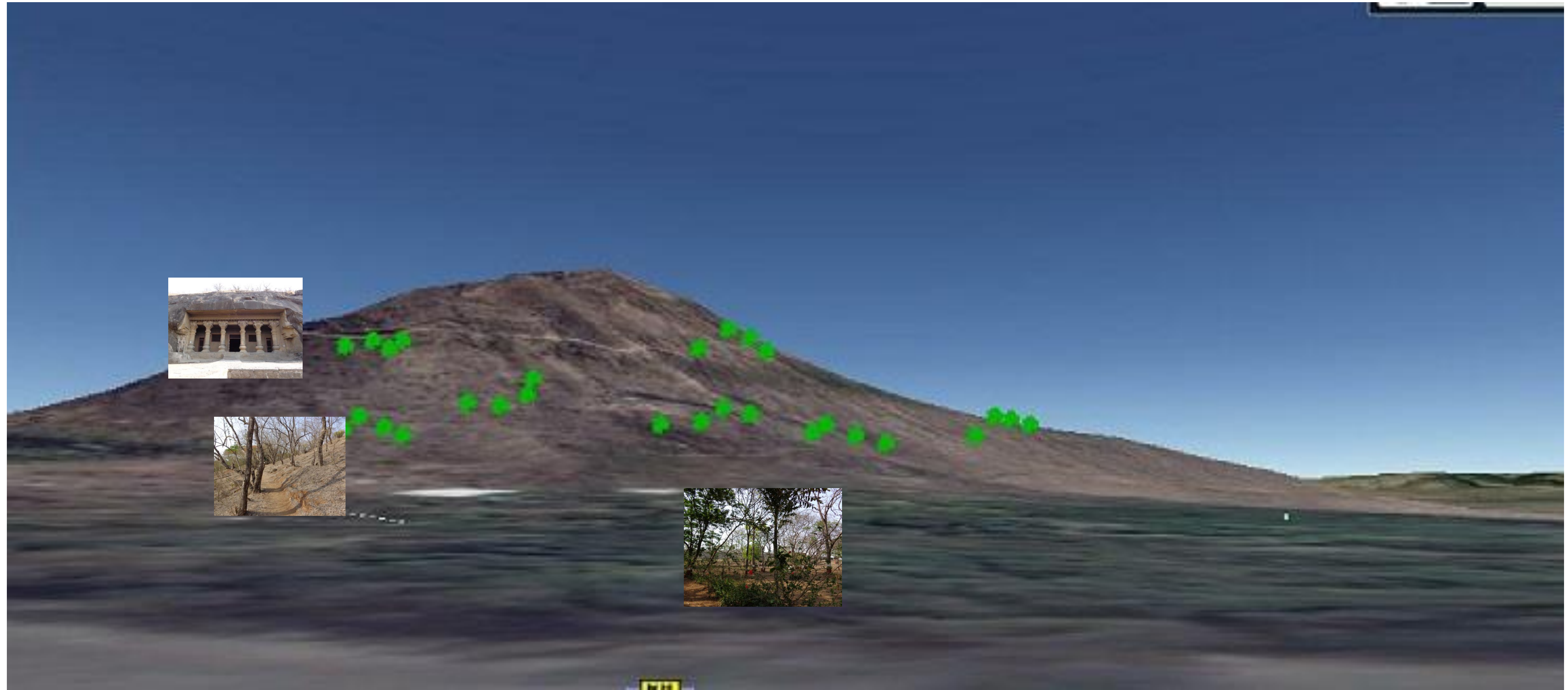
COMING TO OUR PROJECT'S CONTEXT





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PANDAVLENI HILL-ROCK CUT CAVES-FOREST-PARK





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BURGEONING CITIES-SHRINKING FORESTS





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EXPERIENCING THE SITE.....





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EXPERIENCING THE SITE...AND ADDING TO IT





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.....ADDING TO IT-INVITING LANDSCAPES



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ADDING TO IT-EXPERIENTIAL INSTALLATIONS

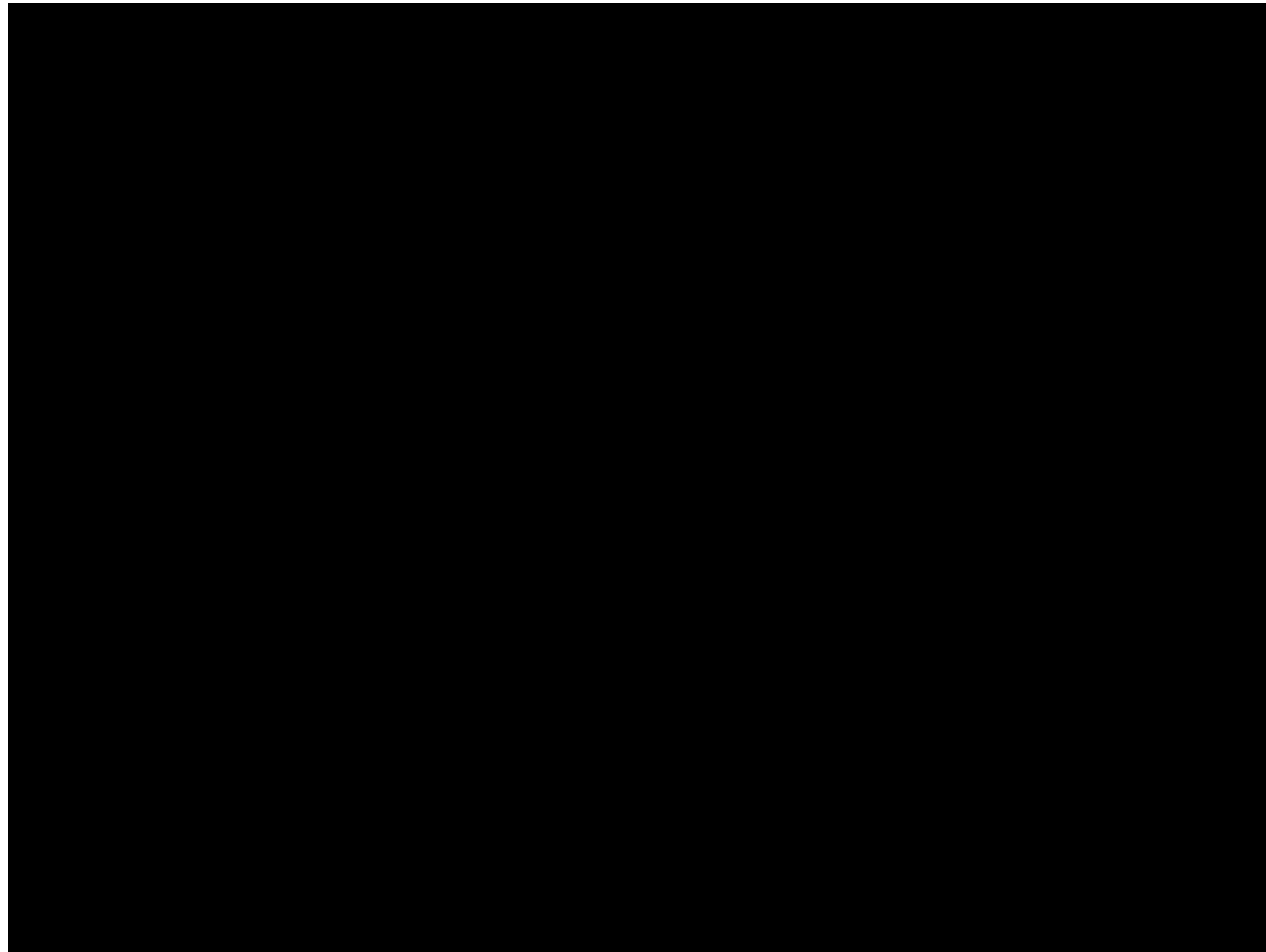


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MAKING LANDSCAPES THAT SPEAK-THE POWER OF A STORY



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MAKING THE URBAN FOREST 'SPEAK' TO CITIZENS

IT'S JUST A BEGINNING!

THANK YOU!