

Passage

Skater Girl's set, which is now a public park in Khempur, is a training village for children to skate for free. This Desert Dolphin Skate Park is located in Khempur, which is about 40 km from Udaipur.

Film sets usually die soon after a movie has been wrapped up. The set of the Netflix original movie, Skater Girl (released on 11th June, 2021), has lived on and is producing sports stars. The movie revolves around a 16-year-old girl from a Rajasthan village who is introduced to skating through a chance encounter with a British-Indian woman in Khempur, a village about 40 km from Udaipur. The sport changes her life in the movie, and the park is changing the lives of many other children in the village.

Since the movie wrapped in 2019, the Desert Dolphin Skate Park has been the ground for training hundreds of village children to skate for free. Four kids from Khempur have gone on to represent Rajasthan in the National Skateboarding Championship in Chandigarh.

A boy who was earlier considered 'slow' took part in the competition and topped his district in Sanskrit. "He's an expressive and creative child who just needed a catalyst to unleash his real talent and build his confidence. These kids who had never stepped on a skateboard before the skate park was made, are now in state jerseys travelling for the first time outside their villages to take part in a national level championship," says Manjari Makijany, the maker of Skater Girl and also the daughter of Mac Mohan, who played Sambha in the movie Sholay.

This Park sprawls across 14,500 sq. ft. and is open to all and has become a personal endeavour for Makijany and her producing partners. The family has set up a trust called 'The Living Grace Foundation' to support the project. The

organisation has been providing skateboards, safety equipment and training for free to the children.

Zeroing on the location was no easy task. The filmmaker travelled thousands of kilometres through scorching summers to find the right location. While the vibrancy and picturesque backdrop of Rajasthan was one of the reasons they chose the state, they also wanted to pick a place where people would take to skating. "We had three prerequisites to lock a place: it had to have a rustic backdrop have concrete roads so kids could skate, and there had to be over a thousand kids in and around the village so the skate park could be beneficial to the local community after the film," says Makijany. Khempur checked all three boxes for them. "The children of Khempur were some of the most creative ones we met-they had made makeshift skateboards out of wood and scrap material. We feel incredibly proud of these kids and how they've excelled overall at school and in skating.

1. What distinguishes the set of Skater Girl from most other film sets after shooting ends?

- A)** It was converted into a cinema hall.
- B)** It was dismantled after filming ended.
- C)** It was turned into a public park and skate training ground.
- D)** It was used for shooting another movie.

2. The Desert Dolphin Skate Park is located approximately —

- A)** 20 km from Udaipur.

- B) 40 km from Udaipur.**
- C) 80 km from Udaipur.**
- D) 60 km from Udaipur.**

3.Which factor was not one of the filmmaker’s prerequisites for choosing a location?

- A) A rustic backdrop.**
- B) Availability of over a thousand children nearby.**
- C) Access to a film studio.**
- D) Concrete roads suitable for skating.**

4. What was the main motivation behind setting up The Living Grace Foundation?

- A) To raise money for film promotions.**
- B) To provide free skating equipment and training for children.**
- C) To build more theatres in Rajasthan.**
- D) To run a skating competition for adults.**

5. What change did the skate park bring about in the life of the ‘slow’ boy mentioned?

- A) He became a movie actor.**
- B) He topped his district in Sanskrit and gained confidence.**

- C) He started teaching skating to adults.
- D) He left school to become a full-time skater.

6. Which statement best summarises the filmmaker's feelings towards the Khempur children?

- A) She feels disappointed by their performance.
- B) She is proud of their creativity and achievements.
- C) She is surprised that they dislike skating.
- D) She regrets choosing Khempur as the location.

7. Why did the filmmakers find it challenging to zero in on a location?

- A) Because they couldn't get government permission.
- B) Because they travelled long distances through heat to find a perfect match.
- C) Because no village had enough open land.
- D) Because all locations were too expensive.

8. What real-life impact does the Desert Dolphin Skate Park have today?

- A) It serves as a filming location for upcoming Netflix shows.
- B) It trains hundreds of local children in skating for free.
- C) It has become a private sports club for tourists.
- D) It is closed to the public after the competition.

9. Find the synonym of “picturesque” as used in the passage.

- A) Boring**
- B) Unattractive**
- C) Scenic**
- D) Ordinary**

10. Choose the antonym of “creative” from the passage context.

- A) Imaginative**
- B) Unoriginal**
- C) Artistic**
- D) Talented**