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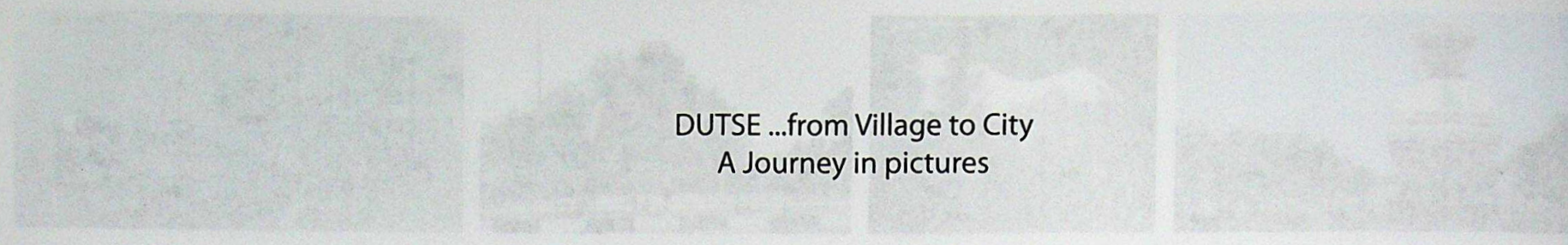


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FOREWORD

The showpiece of 'The New World'

Jigawa State and its capital, Dutse, are grossly underreported in the Nigerian media. This publication attempts to address this neglect.

Today, the state capital, which was once derided as a "glorified local government headquarters", has been turned into a sprawling city of beauty and comfort, so much so that Dutse now truly deserves its place as the capital of "The New World."

In May 2007 when the incumbent, Governor Sule Lamido took charge of the state, Jigawa was more or less a rural state and Dutse its capital not better than a local government headquarters. There were few, if any infrastructure and developments required for a fully functional state capital and seat of government.

Six years on, the story has changed. Urban and rural roads, electricity and water supply projects, educational and health institutions as well as decent housing have all turned Dutse village into Dutse city.

Infrastructural development instituted through positive and responsible governance has changed the status of the state. Good leadership as provided by Governor Sule Lamido in Jigawa State has become the singsong of ordinary folks who quietly ask: After Lamido, who next? What next?

Hon. Babandi Ibrahim

Commissioner of Information, Youth, Sports and Culture

INTRODUCTION

Urbanisation is the physical transformation of rural areas into cities; it is the most concrete attestation to man's mastery of his environment. Although there are varied reasons why rural and semi-urban areas are so transformed, the case of Dutse, the capital city of Jigawa State, is straight forward enough: it was named capital while it was still, to all intents and purposes, a village.

As could be imagined, there was a cocktail of problems confronting the new capital at inception. Today, several (military and civilian) administrations after, it can be said without any fear of equivocation that Dutse proudly numbers among the beautiful cities of Nigeria and is worthy of the appellation, "state capital". Thanks to the dogged determination and progressive policies of the Sule Lamido administration in the state, urban infrastructure in the areas of power generation, housing, potable water, communication, education and health have been built while agriculture which is the primary occupation of the people continues to be encouraged with modern inputs, machinery and implements. Dutse is now a magnet attracting settlers from both within and outside the state – people who are attracted by the opportunities and potential that abound. The city is ripe for industrialists and other investors to take advantage of its many pluses, not least of which are its hardworking people.

Like several such jewels in many parts of the world, Dutse is yet to

attract the kind of national and international attention it deserves as a tourist haven, an adventurer's delight, a showpiece of the wonders of nature and, indeed, a city of friendly folk ever ready to receive and welcome visitors. Many first-time visitors often marvel at the richness of the people's culture and the vastness of Jigawa State's mineral deposits and other resources waiting to be tapped.

The pearl at the brow of the desert has stayed hidden for long enough. It is about time it is unveiled to the world. Dutse beckons on the tourist as much as the investor, on everyone who appreciates the value of serenity and the partnership of a friendly people whose amiable disposition is traceable to the legendary time-tested African fellow-feeling and hospitality. This then is the pictorial story of how Governor Sule Lamido has lifted Dutse from relative anonymity and positioned it as a beautiful city worthy of its status.

Jigawa State is known as The New World. It is fitting that its capital city is the New City of Dutse.

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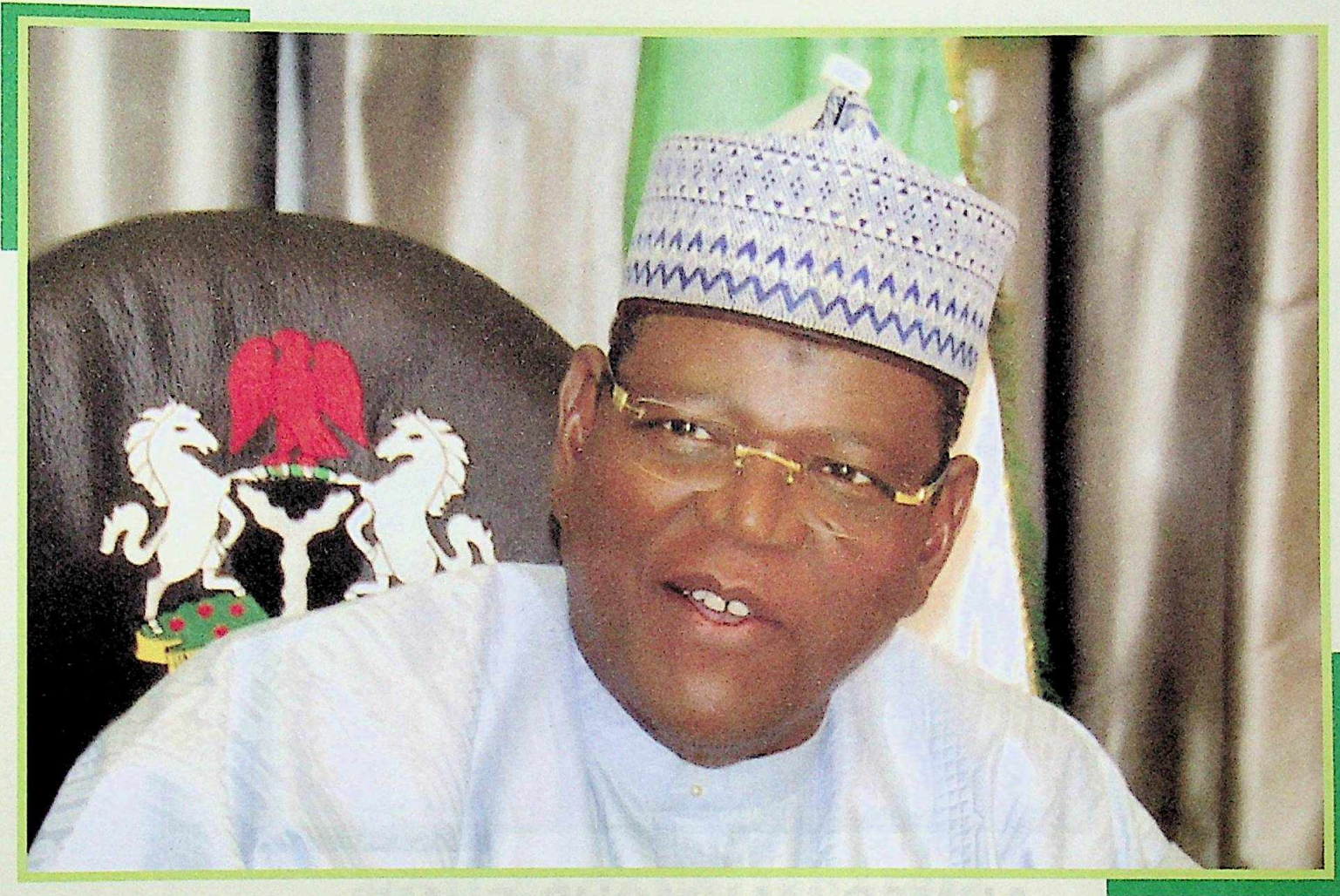
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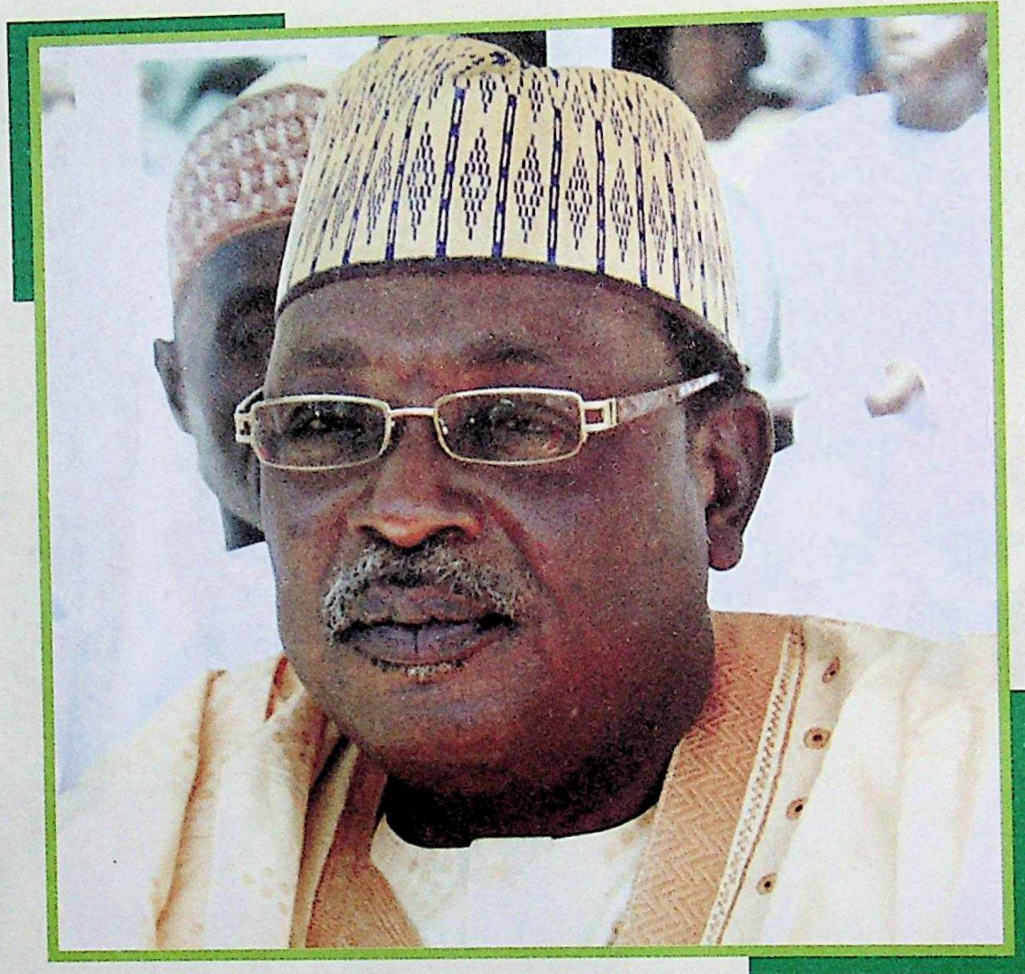
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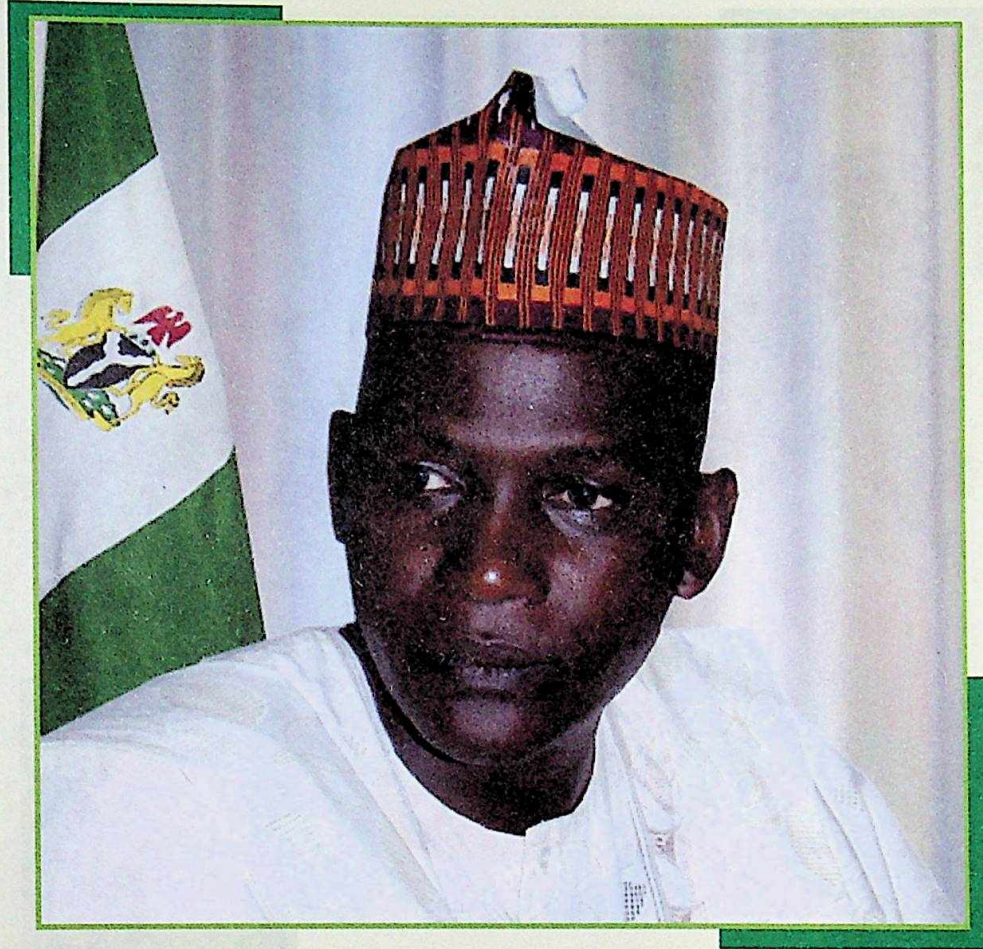
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EMIR OF DUTSE

CHAPTER 1

Dutse: A Historical Background

Dutse, the capital of Jigawa State in the northwest of Nigeria, is one of the five emirates in the state – the other four being Sokoto, Hadejia, Gumel and Ringim.

The history of the emirate dates back to the 13th century. Legend has it that Duna-Magu, a Kanuri hunter first discovered Dutse as a rich hunting ground for gazelles, called Gada in Hausa.

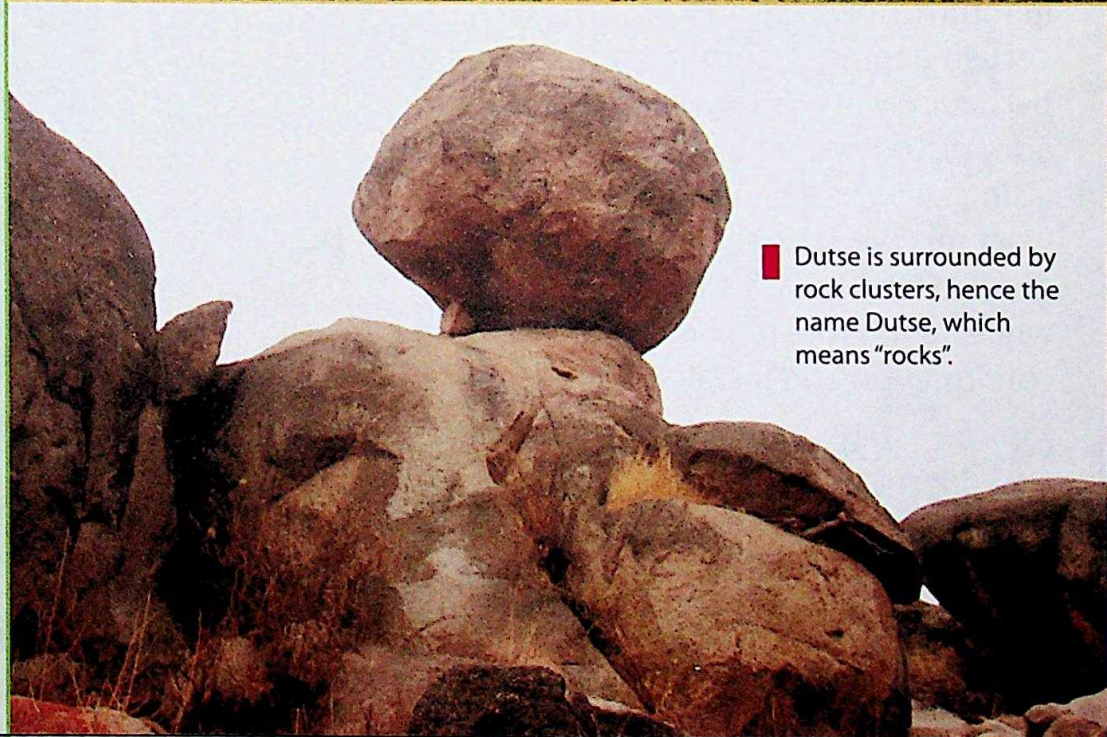
The earliest written reference to Dutse is contained in the famous Kano Chronicle which mentioned its defeat by Sarkin Kano Abdullahi Burja (1438 to 1452), who was said to have followed up the defeat with the marriage of a daughter of the Sarkin Dutse alongside the daughters of his Galadima.

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The Kano Chronicle accounts indicate that early in the 18th century, Dutse had grown into a very big town comprising of about seventy (70) wards within its walled vicinity. The wall, which was built around the rock clusters had twelve (12) city gates named after the nearest wards:

- Kofar Maranjuwa
- Kofar Burtilan
- Kofar Yina
- Kofar Kukiya
- Kofar Bukka
- Kofar Galamawa
- Kofar Ma'ai
- Kofar Tago
- Kofar Kachi
- Kofar Gadadin
- Kofar Galadimawa, and
- Kofar Rariya

Although the Dutse wall may have been blown away by time and other natural and manmade factors, remnants of it are still visible in some areas.



Dutse is surrounded by rock clusters, hence the name Dutse, which means "rocks".

DUTSE: A HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Dutse lost its independence and became a vassal state under Kano following the ascendancy of the Fulani in 1807. The decision of the clan *Yalligawa* to accept the Fulani as their ruler was a turning point in the history of the emirate.

In return, however, Kano conceded a certain degree of autonomy to Dutse particularly in the sphere of local administration. For instance the two ruling clans of *Jalligawa* and *Yalligawa* were granted the exclusive right of crowning successive Dutse rulers, while Kano's role remained limited to confirmation and installation of

LARGE WATER BODIES ABOUND FOR AGRICULTURE

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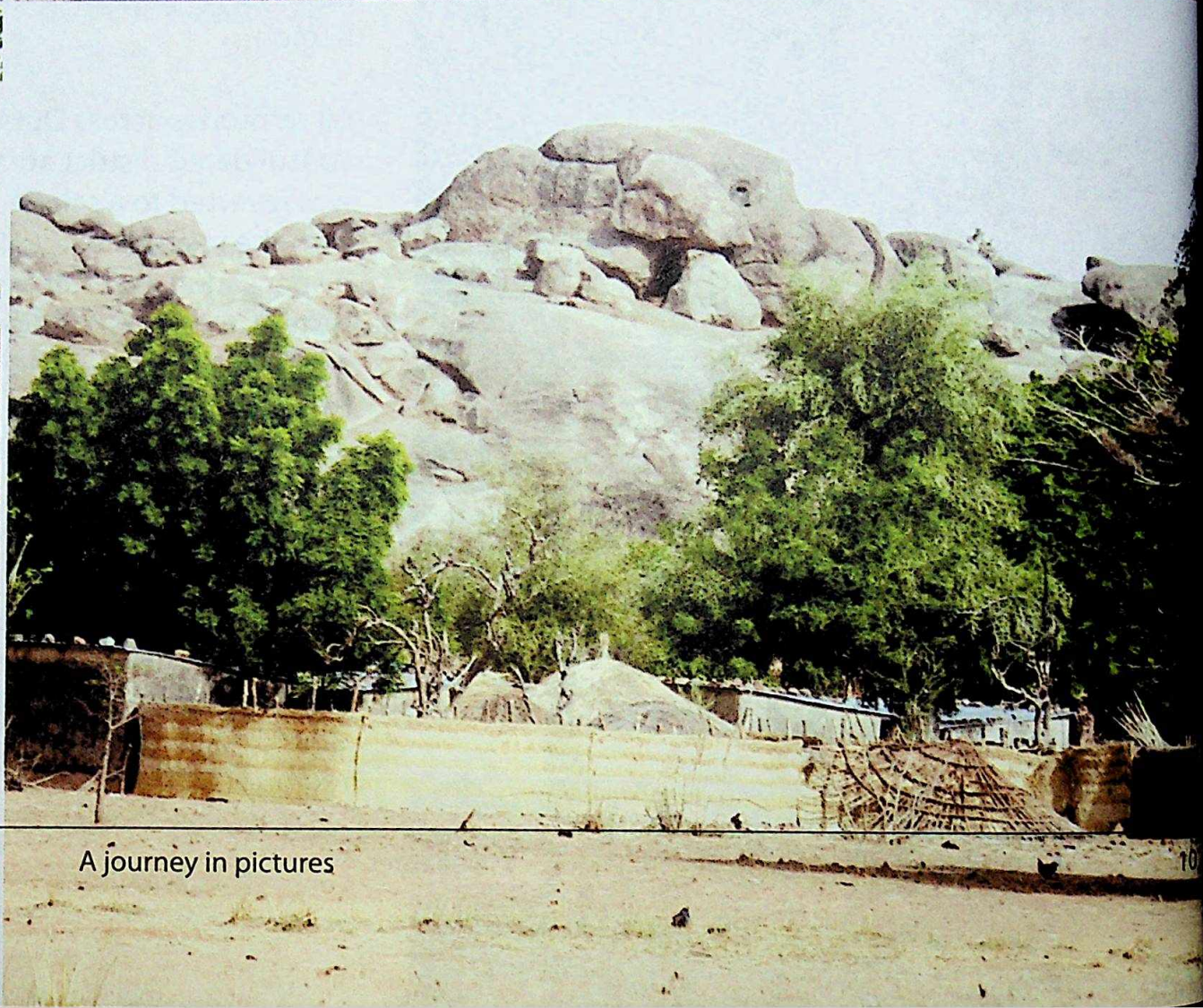
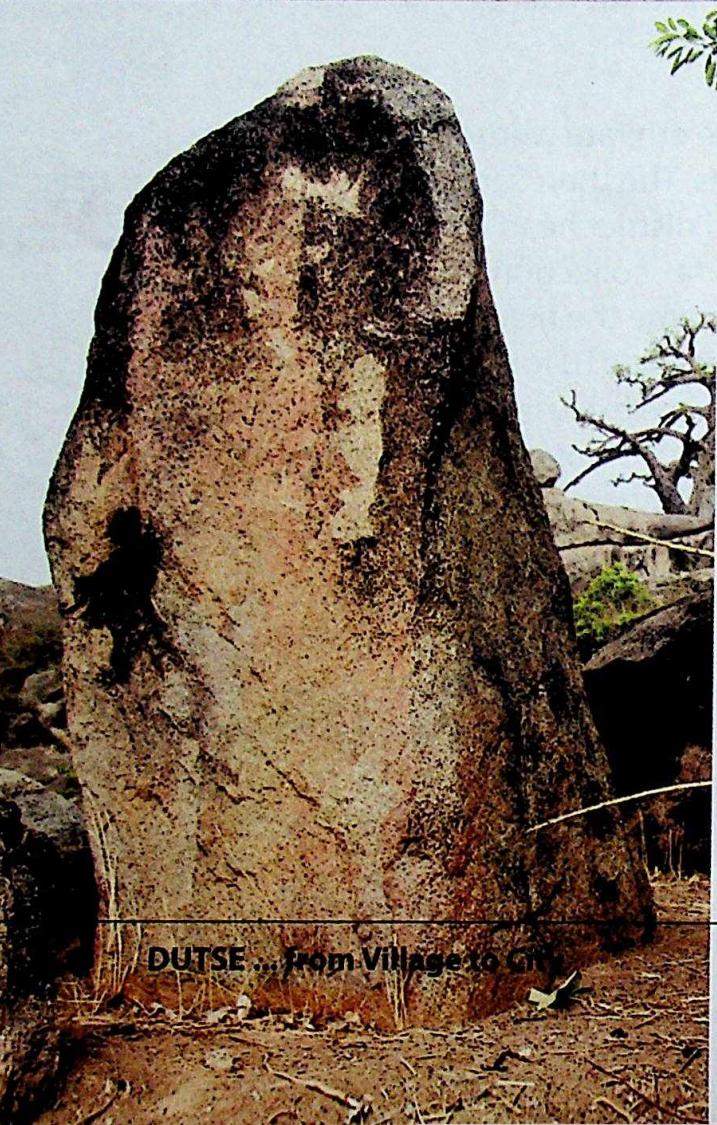
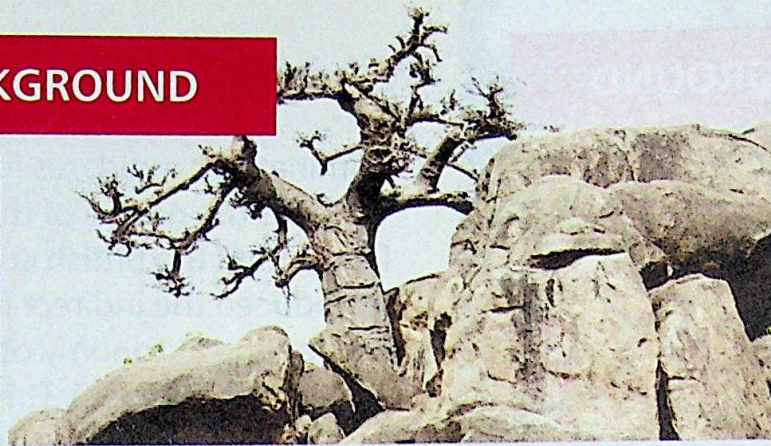
nominated candidates for the emir's stool.

This was the nature of the relationship between Kano and Dutse until the British conquest of Kano in 1903. The British introduced the indirect rule system which fundamentally eroded the autonomy of Dutse and placed it under the district head system. This administrative reform was the new system of local administration all over the Northern Region.

All territories across Dutse emirate were re-grouped into consolidated district areas. The then Sarkin Dutse (Haladu) was reverted to a salaried district head charged primarily with the responsibility of tax collection under the new dispensation. He later became the first victim of the new system as he was removed in 1910 for failing to collect adequate taxes. However, the exclusive hereditary right of the two ruling houses in Dutse was preserved after some attempts to change the arrangement.

However, the status of Dutse as a full blown Emirate was restored following the creation of Jigawa State in 1991 by the military administration of General Ibrahim Babangida. Its present Emir, Alhaji Nuhu Muhammadu Sanusi (PhD), has been on the throne since 1995. He is the 19th Emir of Dutse since 1807 when the Fulani gained ascendancy in the region.

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CHAPTER 2

Challenges at inception

“Here was a state capital without basic support facilities...”



CHALLENGES AT INCEPTION



“
...so we started
building from scratch.
”

Initial challenges for the new capital were overwhelming. Here was a state capital without basic support facilities such as housing, water and electricity, to cater for a new crop of civil servants who were returning with zeal and excitement to serve their new found state from their previous bases in Kano and other places.

And here was the new capital staring blankly at them without offering any solace by way of shelter or other social comforts. Little wonder that most of the returnees and pioneer workers became “nomadic” – shuttling between Dutse and other nearby towns.

However, Dutse, the village turned state capital, was not to remain in its rustic and rudimentary state for too long.

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Successive governments began to invest little by little in building the village into a town befitting of the status of the seat of government.

All efforts however remained peripheral until the government set up the **Dutse Capital Development Authority (DCDA)**, in 1999. The agency came into being following the enactment of law No. 7 by the state legislature and began operations on the 12th of October, 1999 after it was signed by the then governor of the state, Alhaji Saminu Turaki.

The **Dutse Capital Development Authority** has the following departments:

- Works department
- Environmental department
- Town Planning department
- Development and control department

Among the objectives of the DCDA include:

- To develop and beautify Dutse metropolis and its environs.
- To provide sites and services to the existing and

We inherited
dilapidated buildings



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proposed estates.

- To prepare physical plans of land use activities for institutional, residential, commercial, industrial or recreational purposes, etc.
- To plan, supervise and control public convenience for houses, corner shops, etc.
- To acquire all lands for developmental activities within the state capital.
- To carry out development control activities.
- To prepare and produce survey plans for signature by the Surveyor General.
- To coordinate all survey works with relevant agencies.

The DCDA has been responsible for, among others, undertaking and executing infrastructural development in the state capital and advising government on all matters relating to the development of Dutse; the implementation, designing, construction and supervision of the development projects in the capital; ensuring the implementation of the Dutse Master plan; general undertaking and maintenance of government infrastructure in the capital and such other functions as may be assigned by the governor.

CHALLENGES AT INCEPTION

Slowly but steadily, the DCDA has been picking its steps in turning the state capital into a modern city comparable to other state capitals across Nigeria.

The tempo of activities, however, rose at the inception of the administration of Alhaji Sule Lamido as the governor of Jigawa State. To start with, various departments in the authority have stepped up their operations in line with budgetary provisions.

There are, however, more challenges before the current administrators in their aspiration to turn Dutse into a 21st century capital, a self sustaining city where everything works with clocklike regularity for the benefit of all residents and visitors.



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CHAPTER 3

The Land

“The Land is Green”





THE LAND

With its double status as the seat of the Emirate and capital city of Jigawa State, Dutse's population is projected to be 246,143 people (2006 population). The emirate covers an area of about 7,382 square kilometers. Dutse lies between latitude 10° 25' N 12° 07' N and longitude 9° 05' E and 10° 25' E.



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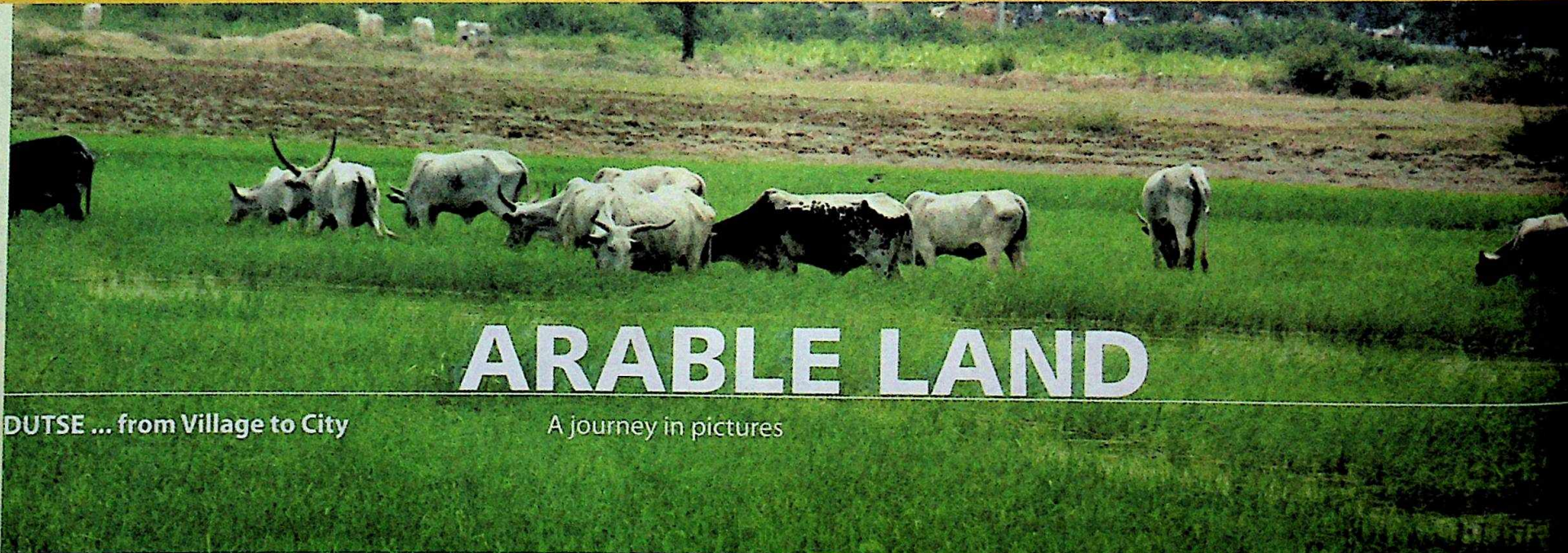
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The Emirate also covers seven local government areas, namely: Gwaram, Dutse, Kiyawa, Jahun, Miga, Buji and Birnin Kudu. Is bordered to the south and south-east by emirates of Ningi, Katagum and Misau in Bauchi State; to the West by Kano, Hadejia and Ringim Emirates; to the north and north-west by the Republic of Niger and Katsina State respectively.

THE LAND

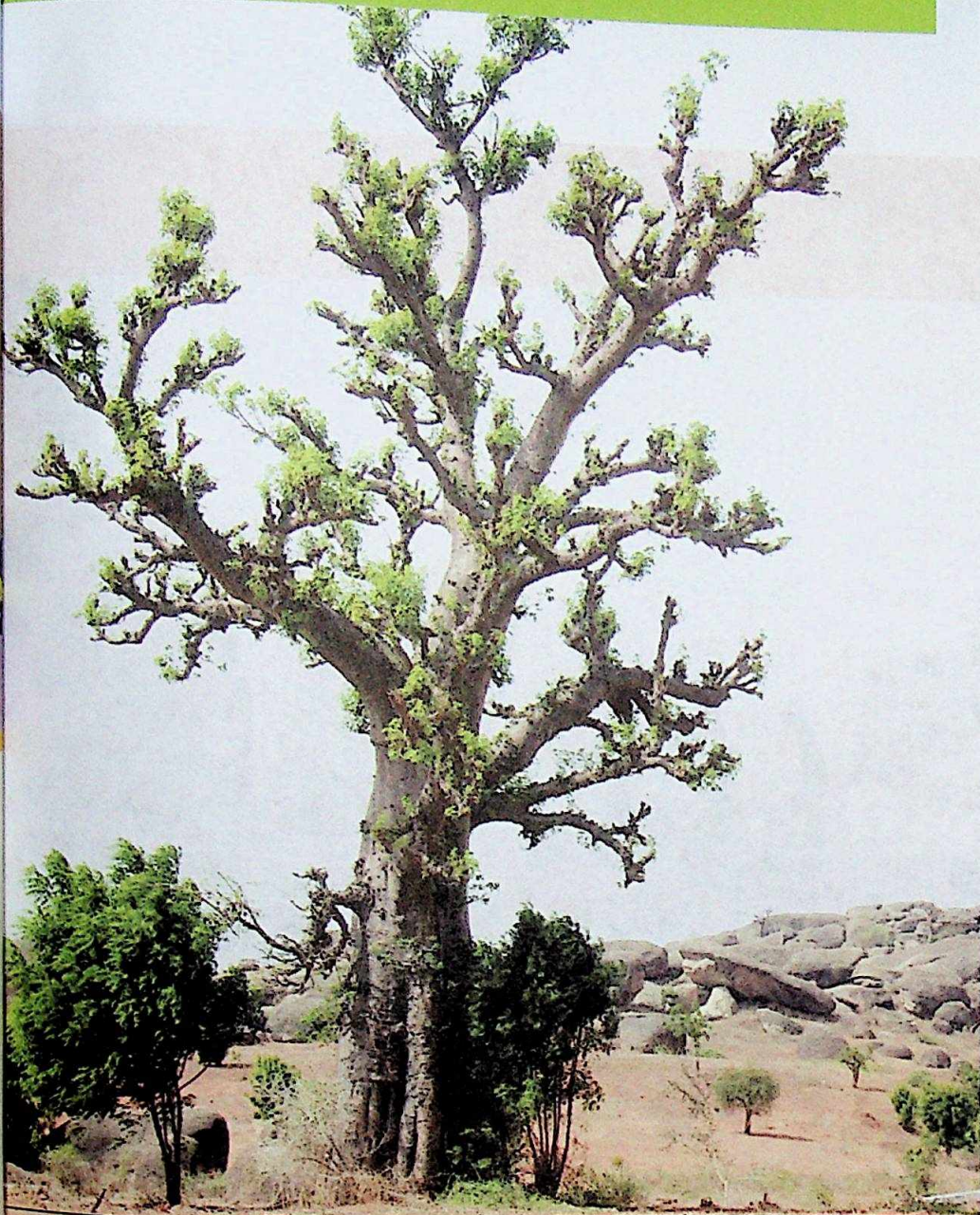
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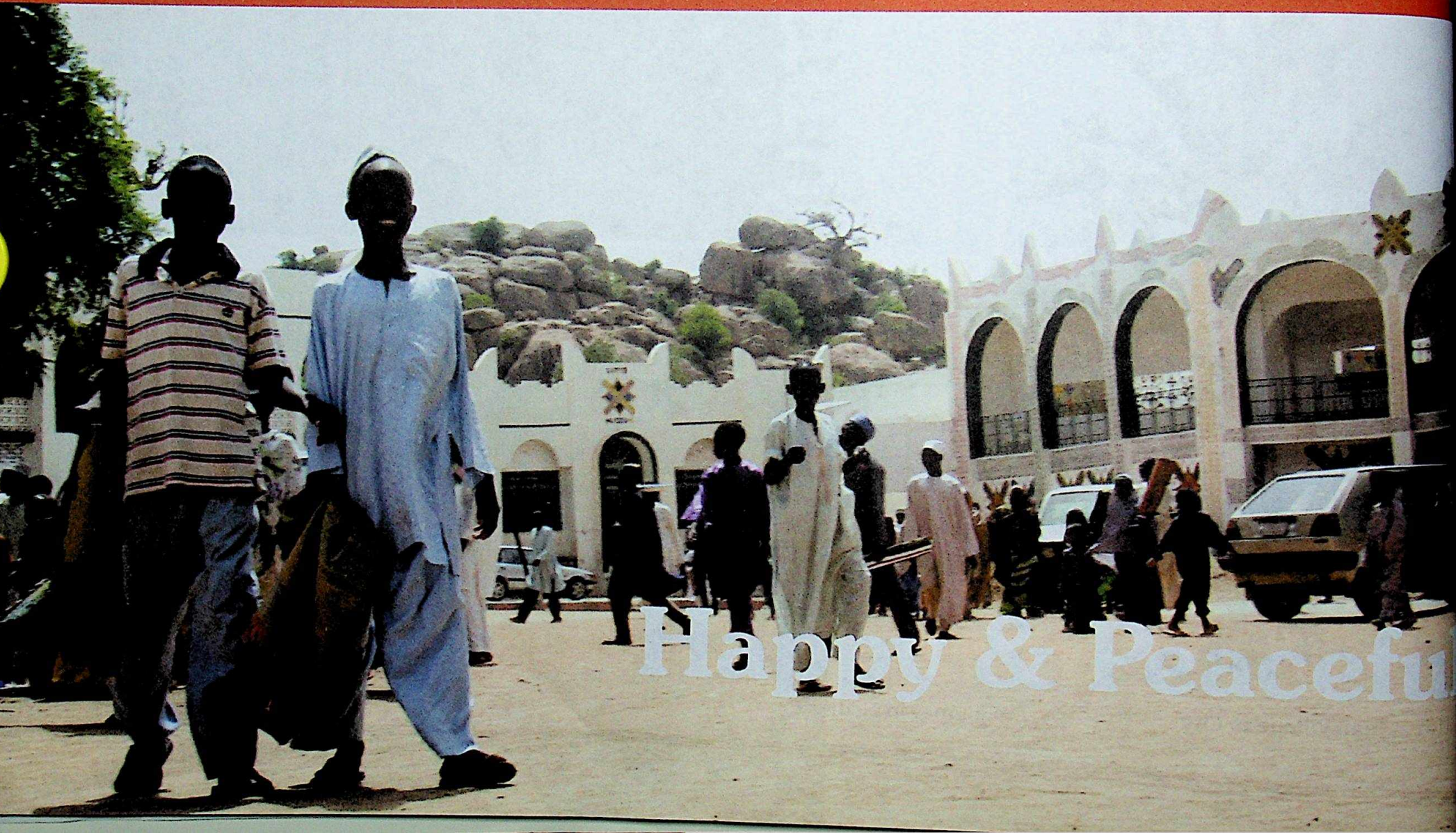
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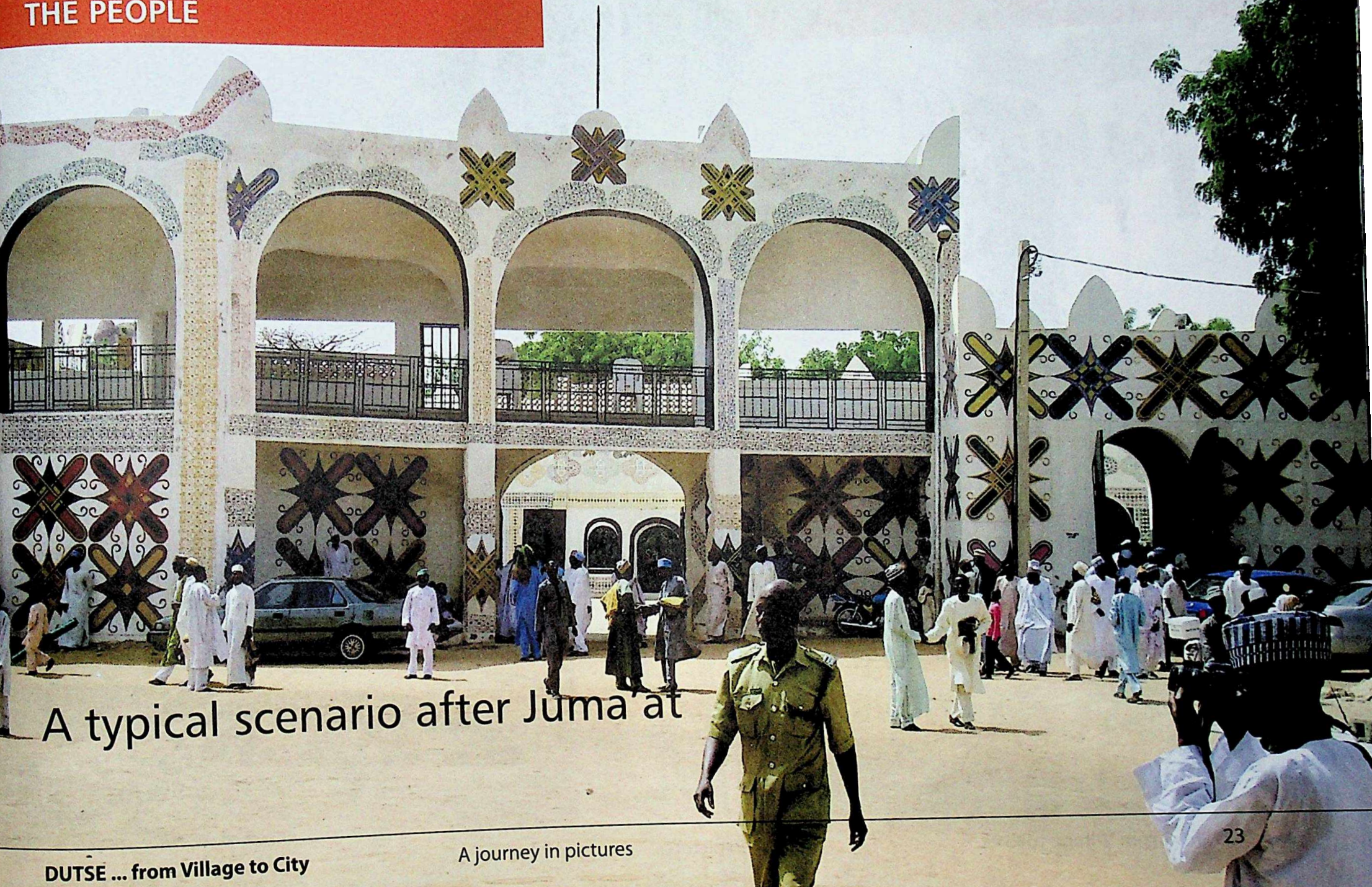
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The People

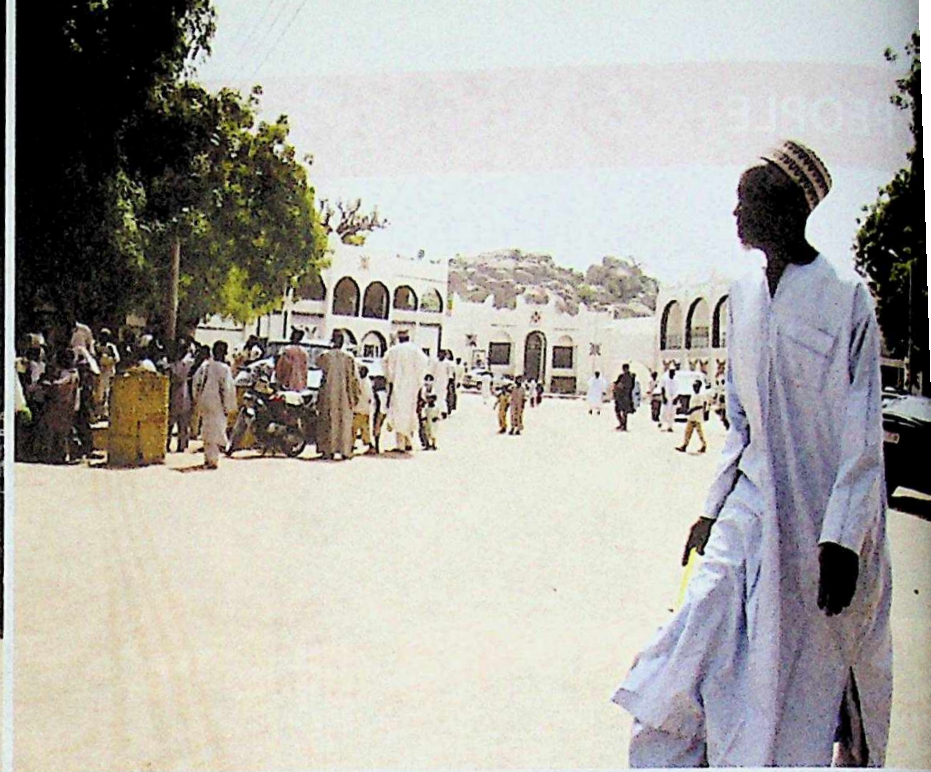
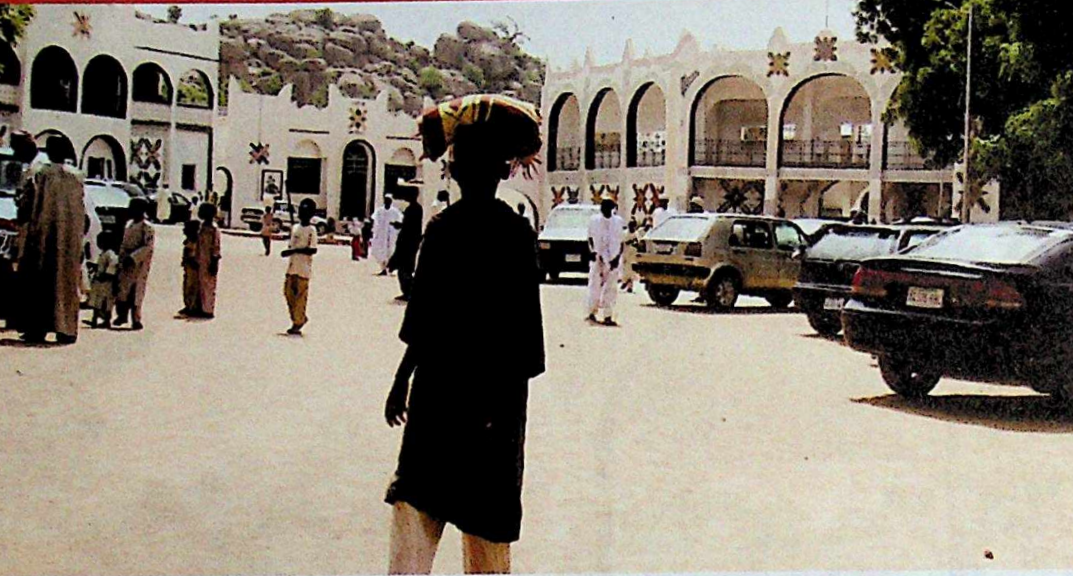


Happy & Peaceful

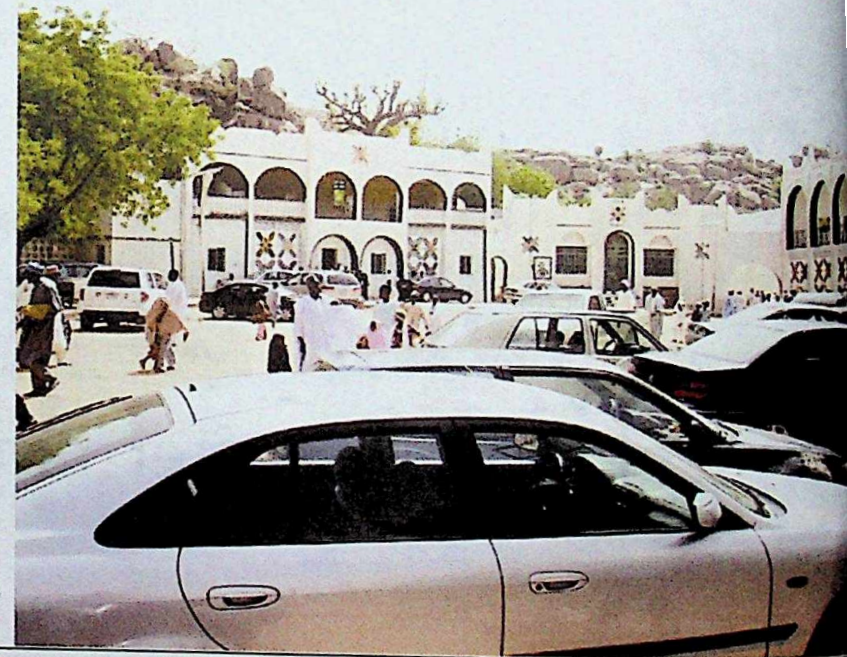


A typical scenario after Juma at

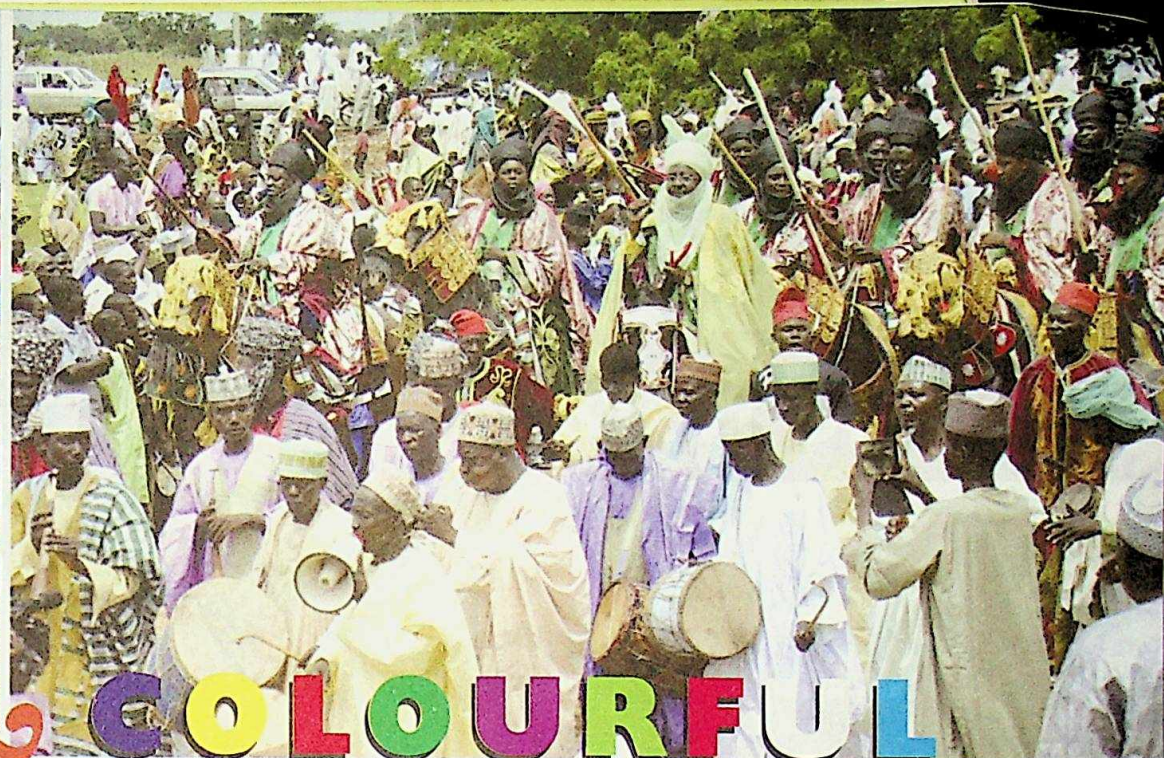
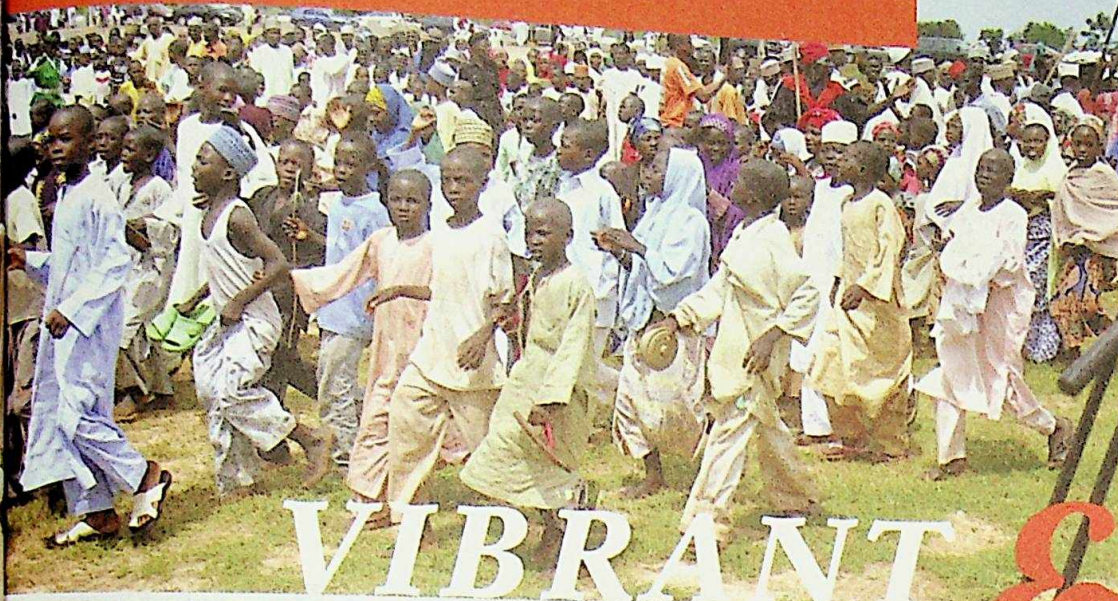
THE PEOPLE



Most of the residents of Dutse in particular and Jigawa State in general are either Hausa, Fulani or Kanuri. Hausa is the predominant language followed by Fulfulde, Kanuri, and Warji. Islam is the main religion in the emirate.



THE PEOPLE



VIBRANT & COLOURFUL



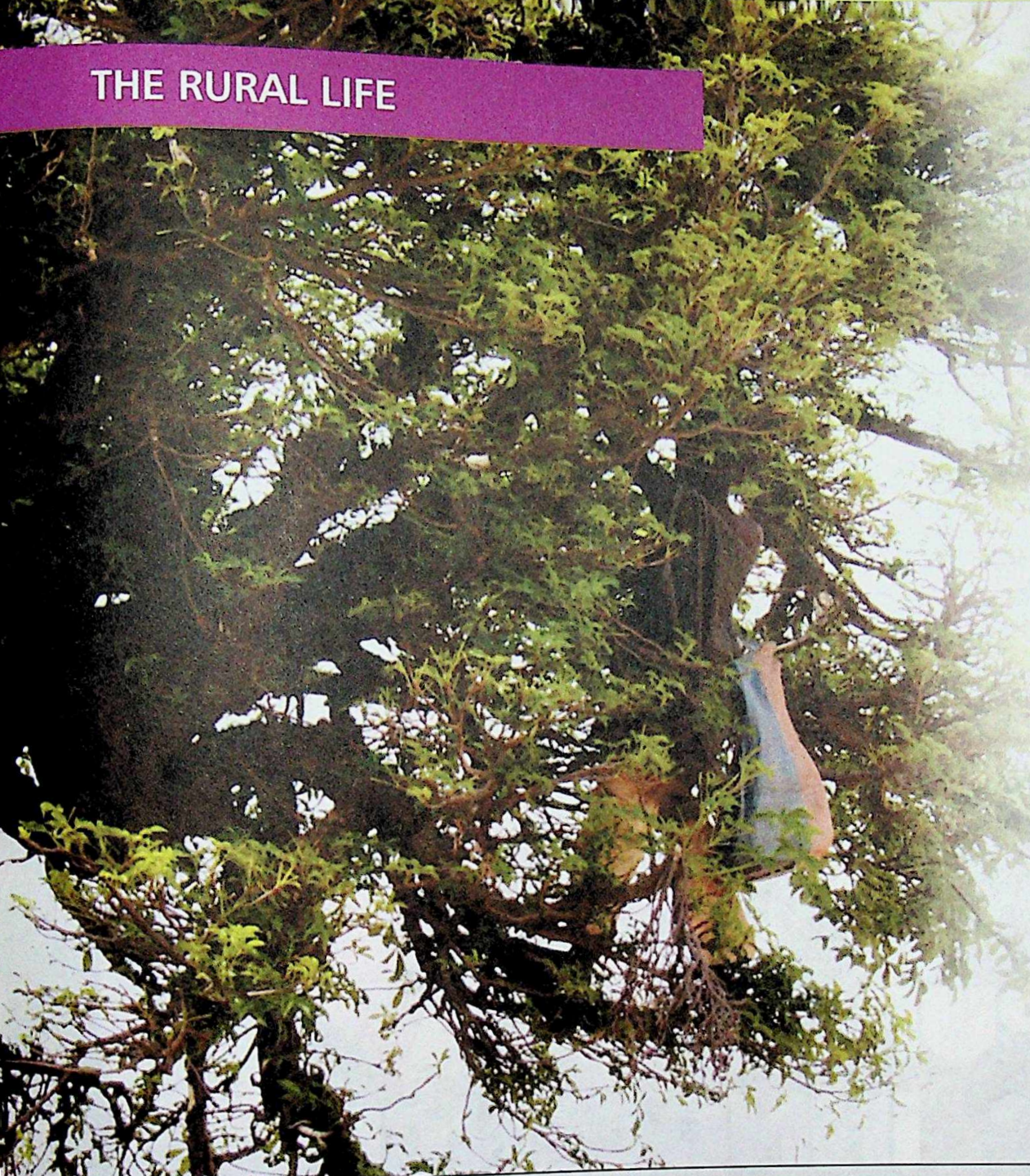
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The Rural Life



Nature at its best

THE RURAL LIFE



Pre-1991 and indeed for most part of the last two decades, Dutse, as a district under the old Kano Emirate, was no better than any other rural settlement in contemporary northern Nigeria.

It was a mostly agrarian community with the ordinary folks thriving in the cultivation of millet and sorghum as well as in animal husbandry. To this day, most natives in and around Dutse engage in vibrant agricultural activities, including the cultivation of tomatoes, onions, carrots, lettuce, peppers, garden eggs and sugar cane on fertile flood plains popularly known as fadama.

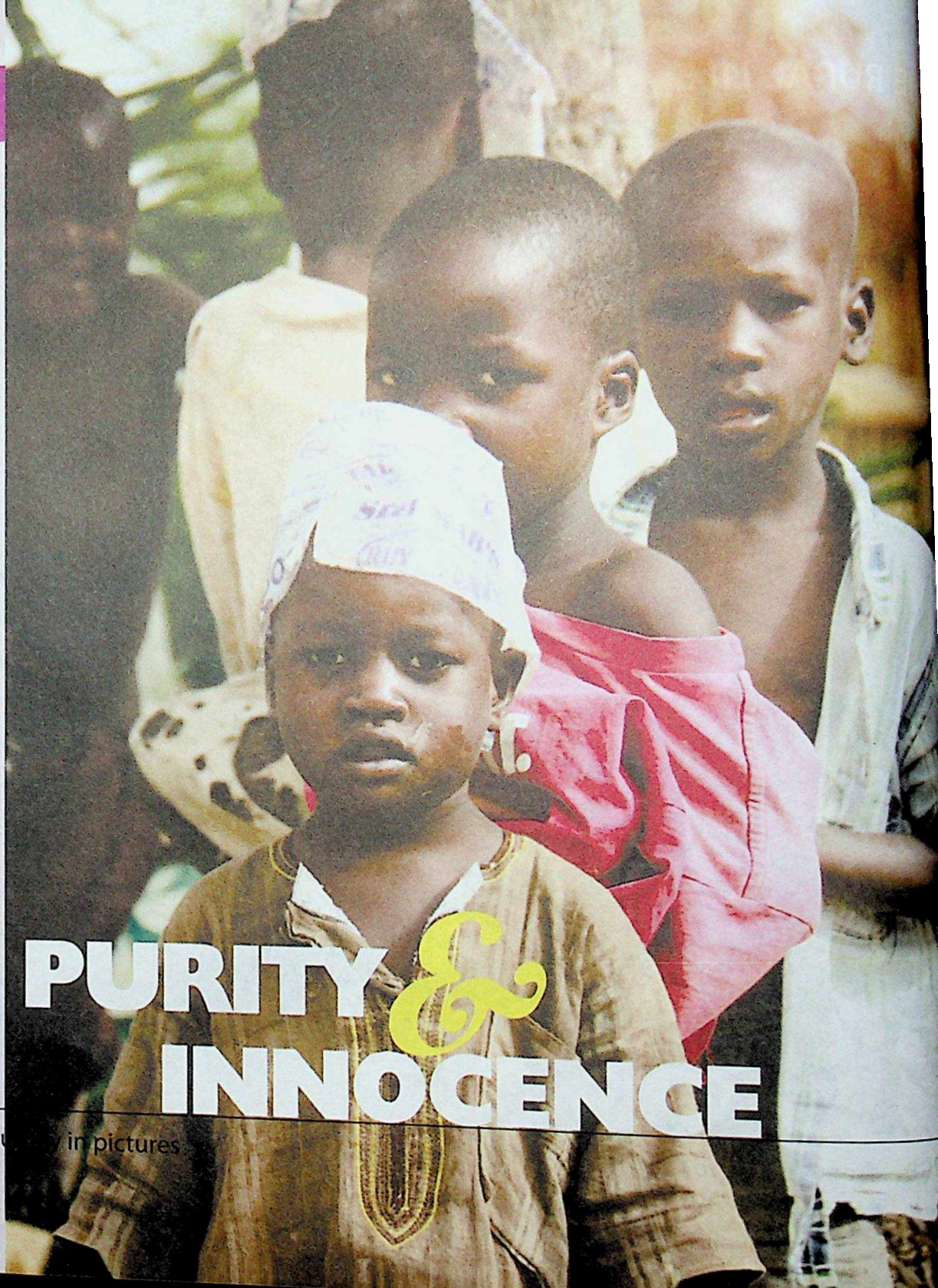
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Economic trees grown include dates, mangoes, cashew, oranges pawpaw, water melon bananas and guava. Ox-drawn ploughs and carts are still common sights to this day. With the absence of electricity and pipe borne water, Dutse was ages behind cities like Kano or Kaduna, and could not compete with nearby towns like Hadejia and Gumel in terms of the trappings of modernity.

The people formed closely knit family units and lived in the quiet contentment of basically pursuing their day to day aspirations. Then change came knocking.

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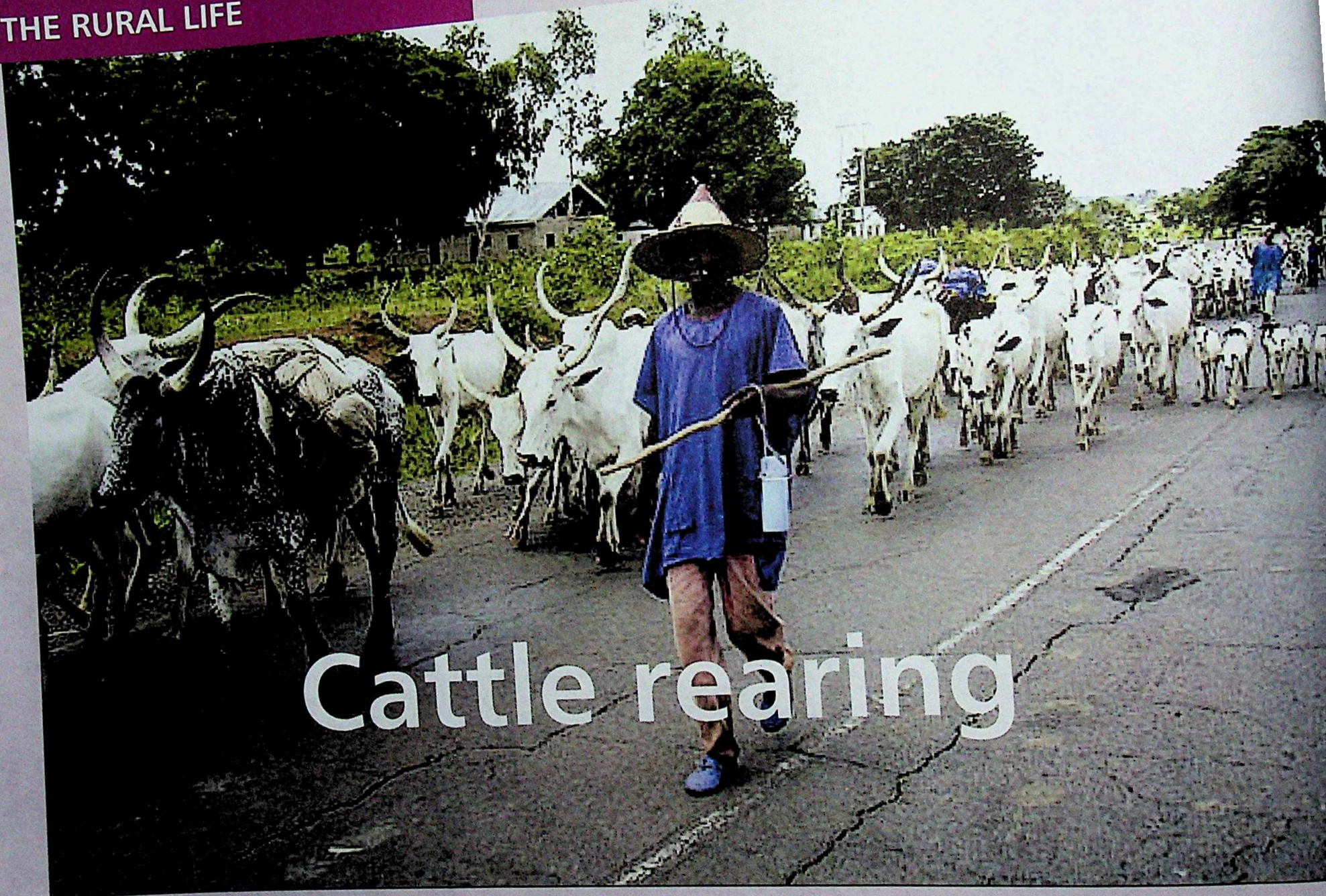
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Cattle rearing

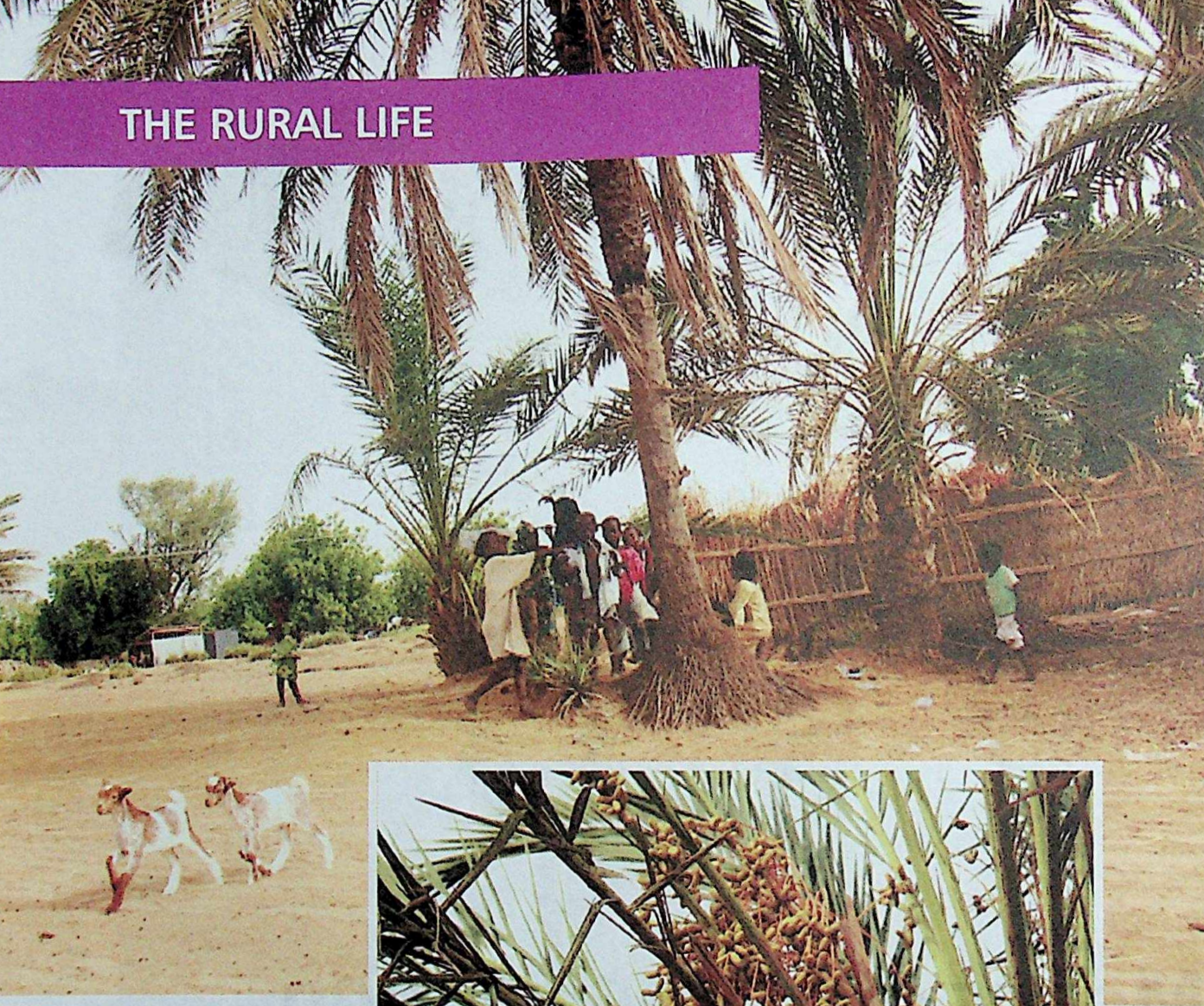
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**Means of transportation
■ by the rural populace**

THE RURAL LIFE



**Date palm (*dabino*)
symbolic of Dutse's
hospitality**

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Dabino

Dabino fruits, or dates, are relished by everyone in Nigeria's northern states. Sweet, fleshy and energy-giving, they are consumed by both humans and livestock. During the holy month of Ramadan they are used to break the fast in the evenings. Dates have fibre which helps digestion. They also contain seven vitamins, eleven minerals and other supplements. Recent culinary innovations have seen dates transformed as chocolate-covered dates, date juice and other mouth-watering confections. The date palm which produces the fruits is indeed a godsend as leaves from the tree are used in making of roofing thatch, mats, baskets, local hand fans, brooms and hats.



Baobab

Common Name: Baobab

Genus: Adansonia

Species: digitata

Parts Used: all parts of the tree are used

The baobab is found in the savannas of African and India, mostly around the equator. It can grow up to 25 meters tall and can live for several thousand years. The baobab is leafless for nine months of the year.

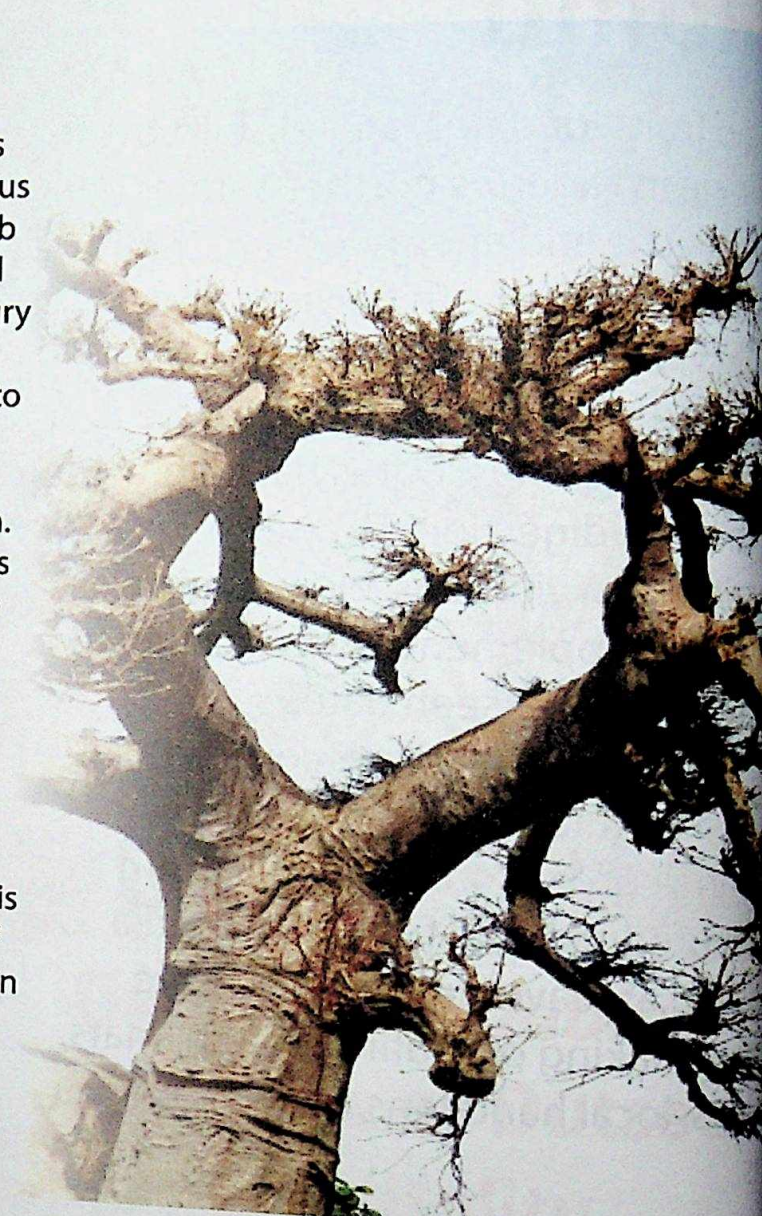
The Arabian legend of the baobab is that "the devil plucked up the baobab, thrust its branches into the earth and left its roots in the air". Another legend describes what happens if you are never satisfied with what you already have;

"The baobab was among the first trees to appear on the land. Next came the slender, graceful palm tree. When the baobab saw the palm tree, it cried out that it wanted to be taller. Then the

beautiful flame tree appeared with its red flower and the baobab was envious for flower blossoms. When the baobab saw the magnificent fig tree, it prayed for fruit as well. The gods became angry with the tree and pulled it up by its roots, then replanted it upside down to keep it quiet."

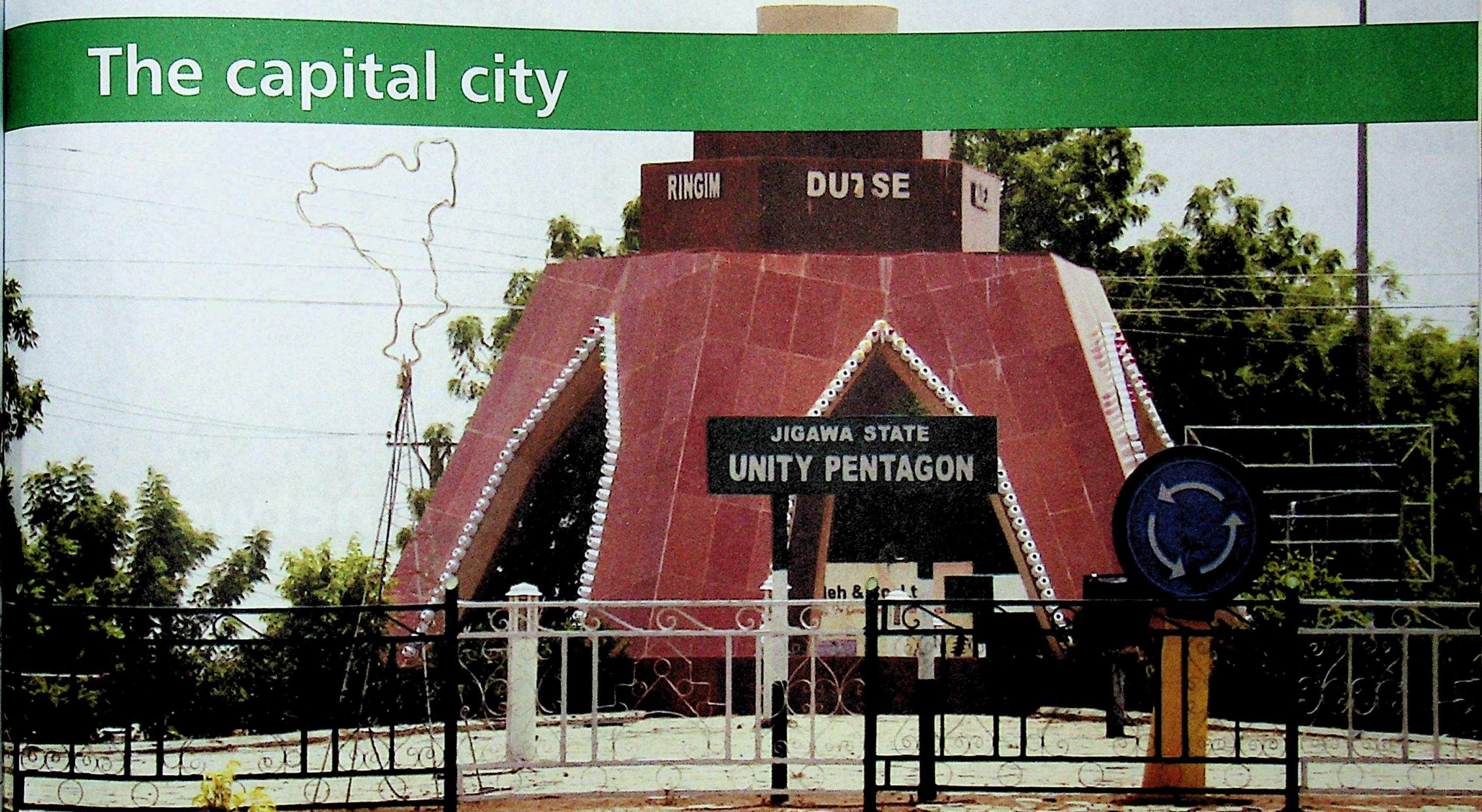
The baobab looks like this for a reason. In the wet months water is stored in its thick, corky, fire-resistant trunk for the nine dry months ahead.

The baobab's bark, leaves, fruit, and trunk are all used. The bark of the baobab is used for cloth and rope, the leaves for condiments and medicines, while the fruit, called "monkey bread", is eaten. Sometimes people live inside of the huge trunks, and bush-babies live in the crown.



CHAPTER 6

The capital city





THE CAPITAL CITY

Good road network

Dutse emerged the capital of Jigawa State on August 27, 1991.

The apprehension of those who thought that Dutse was too backward could be understood when one

considered that the new capital lacked all the basic amenities and infrastructure that were required to house as well as support the administrative structure. In other words, there were just no facilities to

house the seat of government.

It is no wonder then that practically all the public servants and early leaders and workers who worked Dutse at the time preferred to op

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from Kano. Employees and other government functionaries at the time would desert Dutse, the infant capital at the close of work every day while those who could not afford a regular shuttle would return to Kano for weekends and resume for work in

Dutse on Mondays.

Today, what used to be a sleepy agricultural village has grown into a town with all the accouterments of development. Banks, tertiary health and educational institutions, housing

estates and cottage industries, township roads, pipe borne water are now available for residents of the capital city.

Dutse can be reached by air through Kano, and is traversed by a railway



Potable water supply

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line that runs from Kano to Nguru in Yobe State. The existing road network is being rehabilitated alongside feeder roads to improve accessibility. How much progress has been made shall be the subject of the next chapter.

Standard Health Care

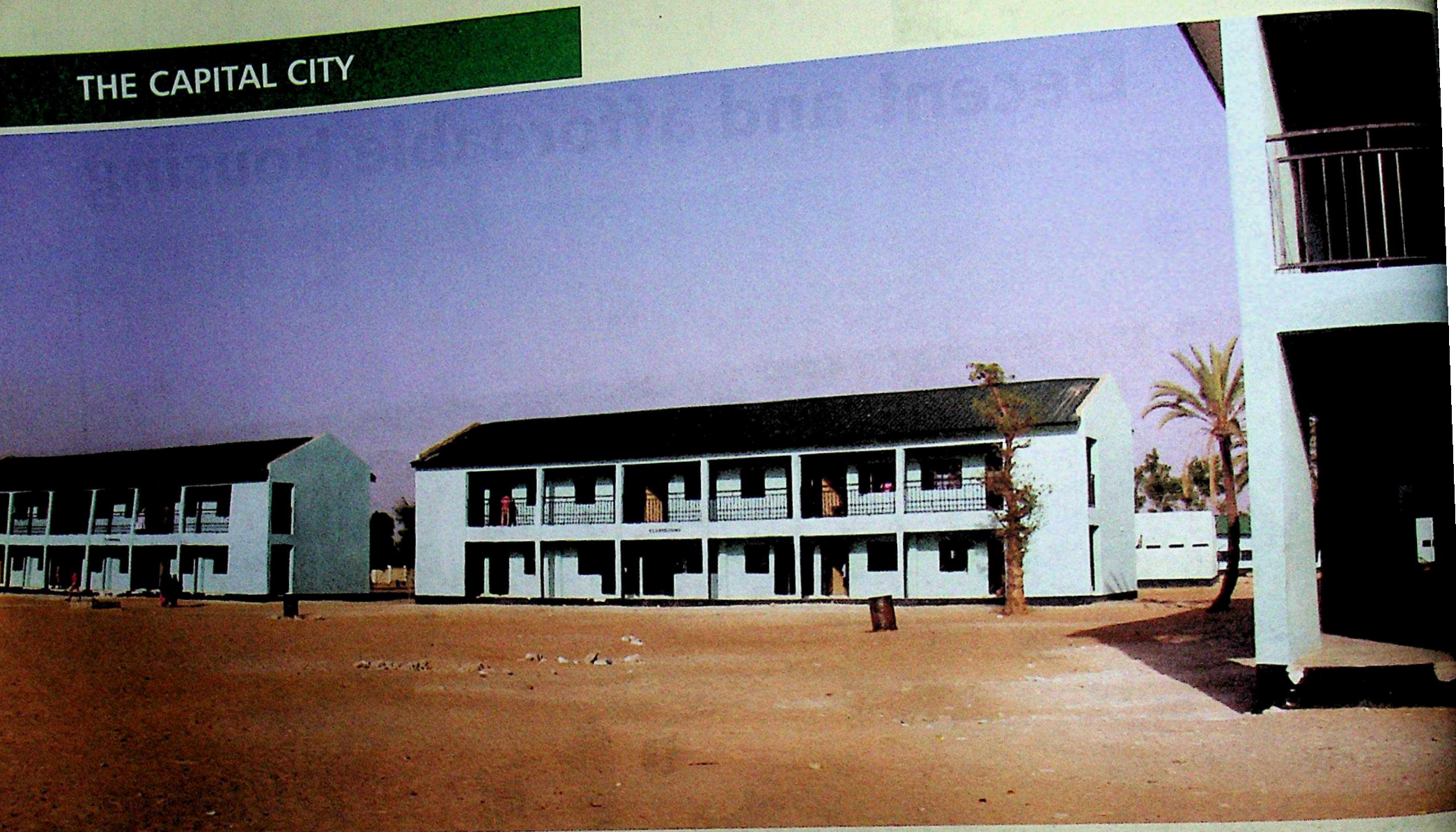
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Decent and affordable housing



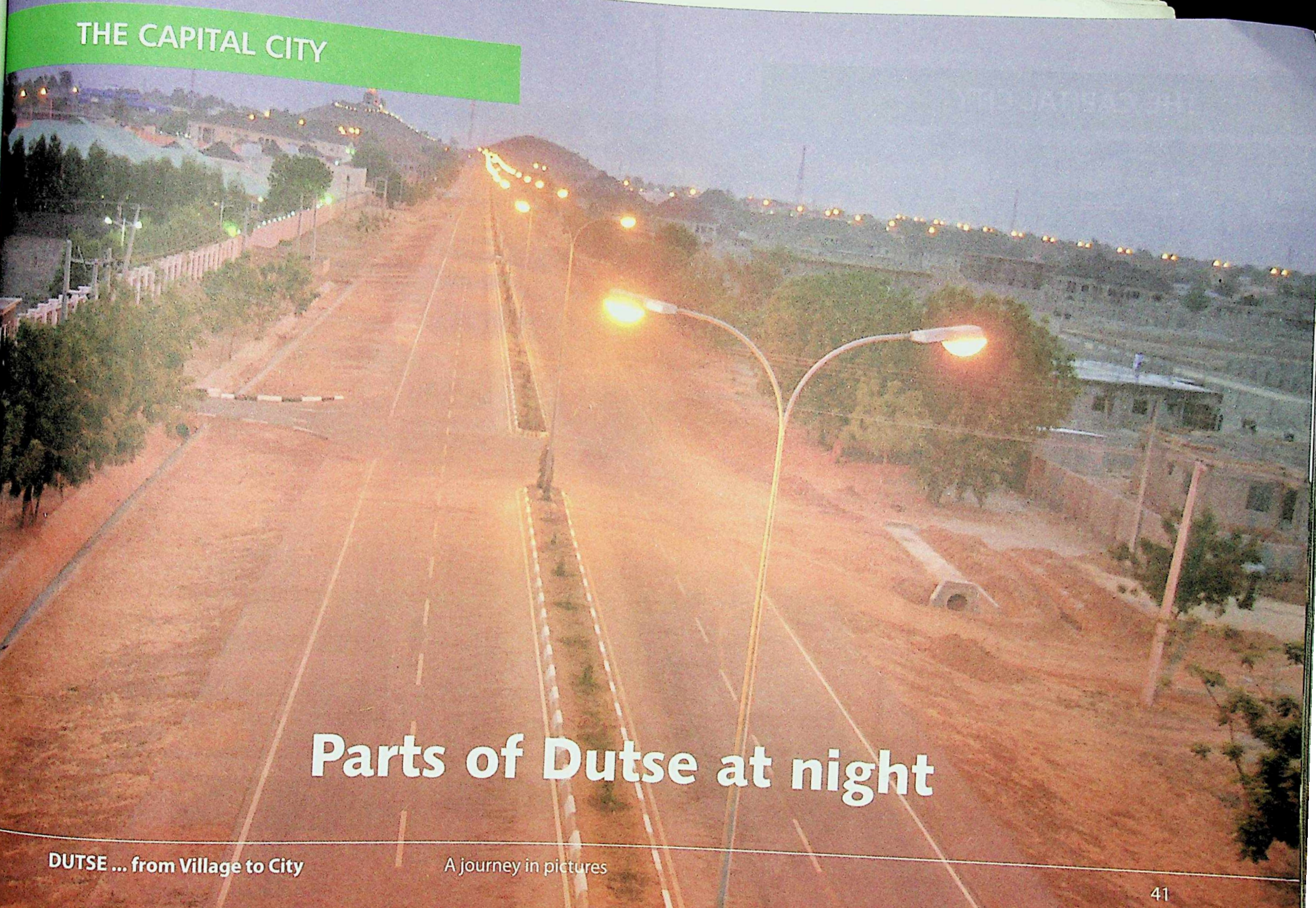
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Standard educational facilities

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Parts of Dutse at night

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FIRE ENGINES



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CHAPTER 7

Administration

The machinery of government in Jigawa State is not much different from what obtains in other states of the federation. It is a three-armed administration consisting of the executive, the legislature and the judiciary.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE
DUTSE



ADMINISTRATION

■ Jigawa State Government House

THE EXECUTIVE

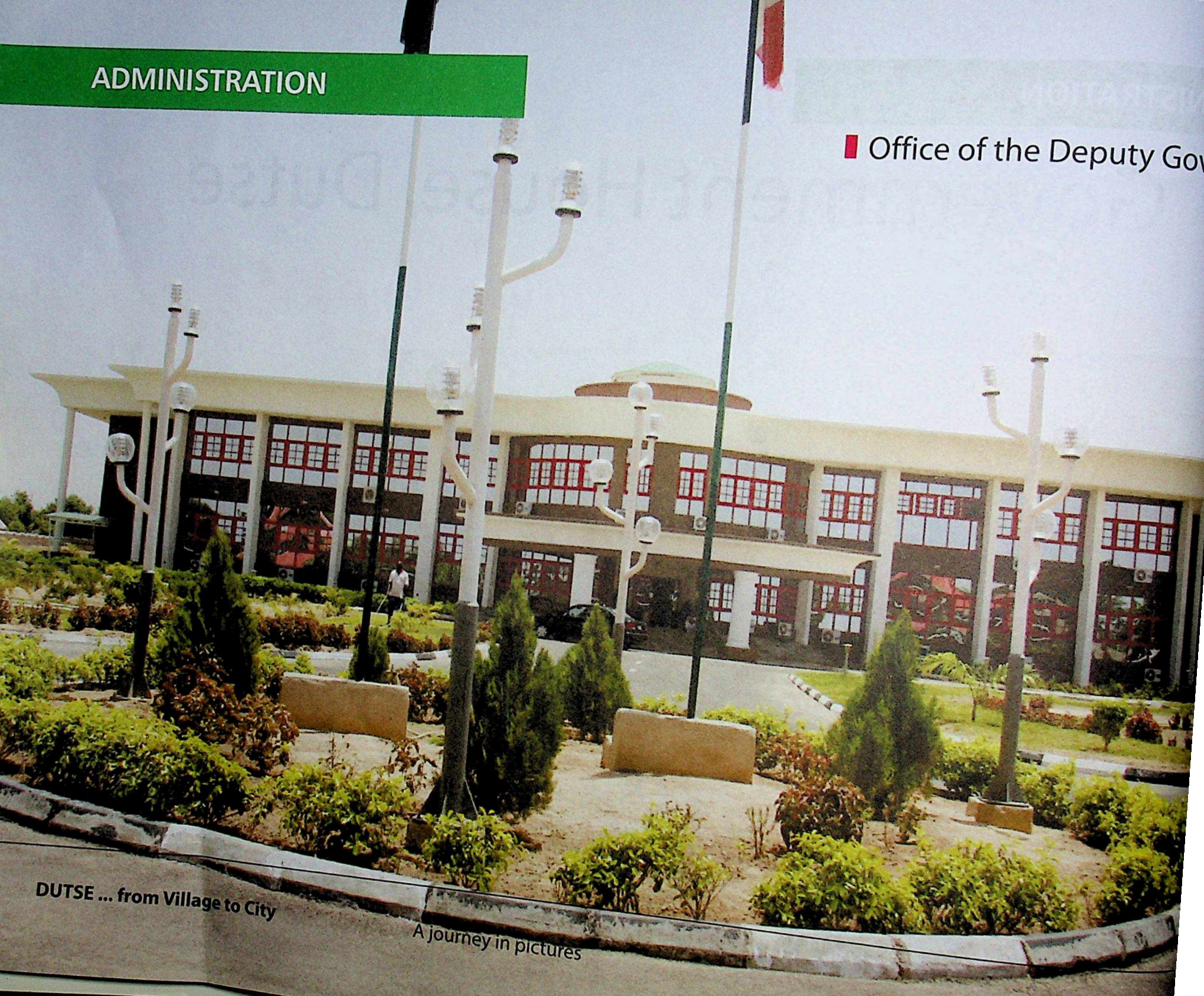
The governor, his deputy and members of his cabinet form the State Executive Council. The governor directly oversees the day to day administration of the state. The Secretary to The State Government (SSG), the Head of Service (HoS) and the commissioners who supervise activities in the ministries and agencies all work together to ensure efficiency in the operations of government.

Government House, Dutse



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Office of the Deputy Governor



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JIGAWA STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

THE LEGISLATURE

The history of the legislative arm of government in Jigawa state can be traced back to the 2nd of January 1992 during a democratic experiment that lasted till the termination of the Third Republic on November 17, 1993. However, the House resurrected again with the beginning of the Fourth Republic on May 29, 1999.

In the current dispensation, the Jigawa State House of Assembly which is made up of 30 members is presided over by Rt. Hon. Adamu Ahmed who has served in that capacity since May 29, 2007.

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Jigawa State House of Assembly Com

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Offices for Speaker, Deputy Speaker
and principal officers of the Jigawa
State House of Assembly

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The Legislative Chamber



A photograph of a modern, two-story administration building with a light beige facade and green horizontal accents. The building has several windows and air conditioning units mounted on the exterior. A green banner with the word 'ADMINISTRATION' is overlaid at the top left.

ADMINISTRATION

Offices for members of the
State House of Assembly

A photograph of a courtyard area featuring a large, traditional thatched-roof pavilion structure. The courtyard is landscaped with various trees and plants. The building from the top image is visible in the background.

State House of Assembly Courtyard

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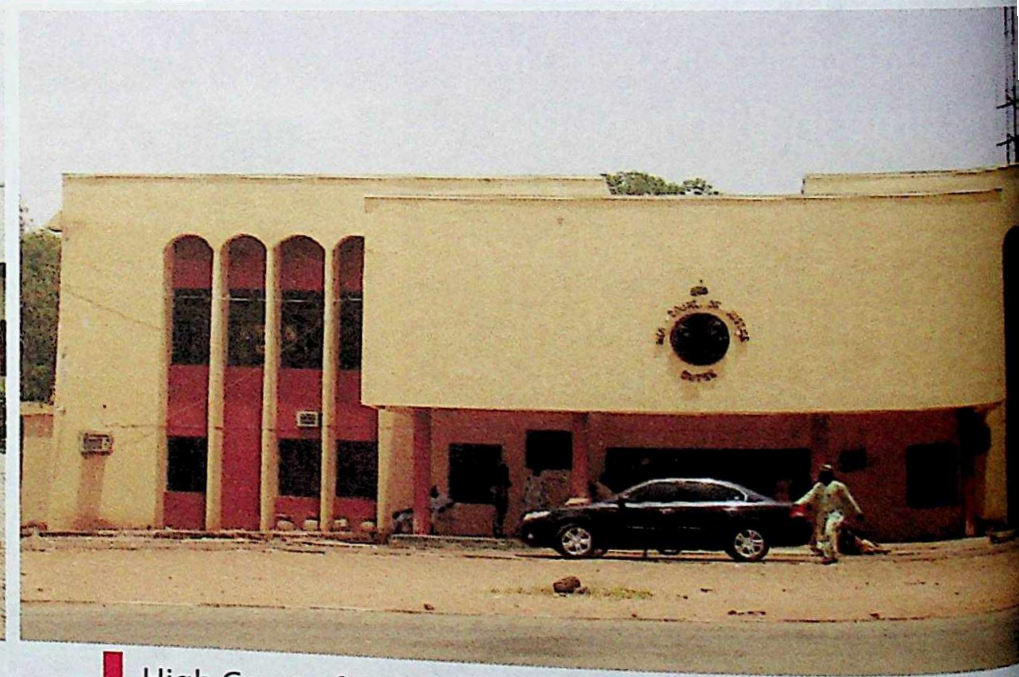
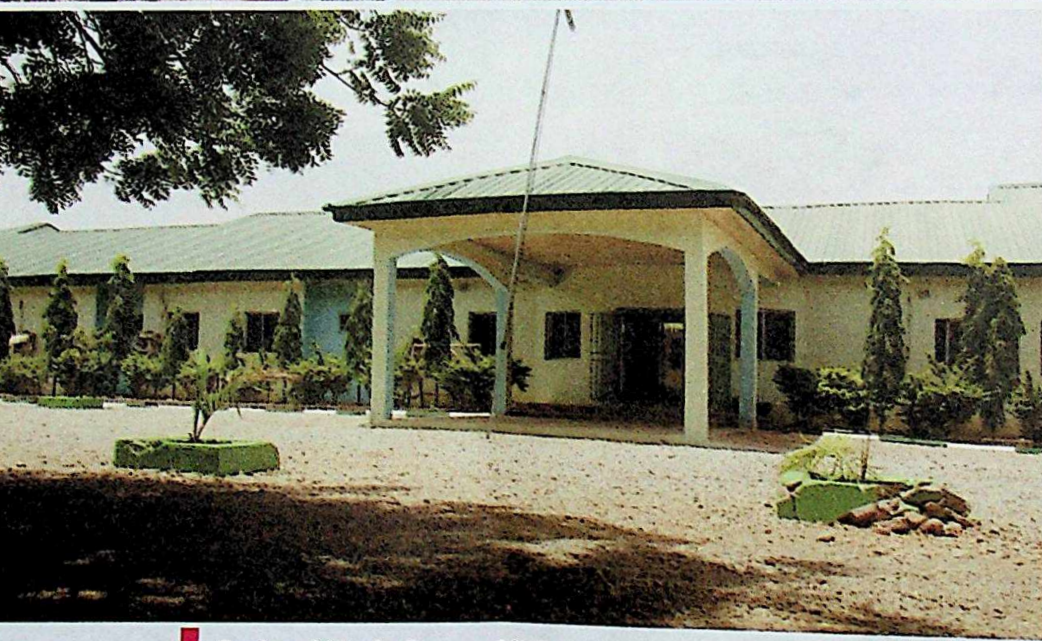
THE JUDICIARY

The judiciary in Dutse today operates from a permanent complex. At the creation of the state in 1991, there was no single High Court across its entire length and breadth except the one under construction at the time in Birnin Kudu.

Today, there is a brand new High Court complex in Dutse; five (5) Divisional High Courts, and eight (8) Shariah Courts of Appeal with nine (9) judges and eight (8) Khadis.



ADMINISTRATION



■ Federal High Court, Ali Sa'adu Drive, Dutse

■ High Court of Justice, Dutse

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ADMINISTRATION



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■ Jigawa State Secretariat



THE SECRETARIAT

The Jigawa State Government has also built an expansive new secretariat complex housing all ministries, parastatals and agencies. There is also in place a befitting Government House and residence, the Deputy Governor's office and residence to boot.

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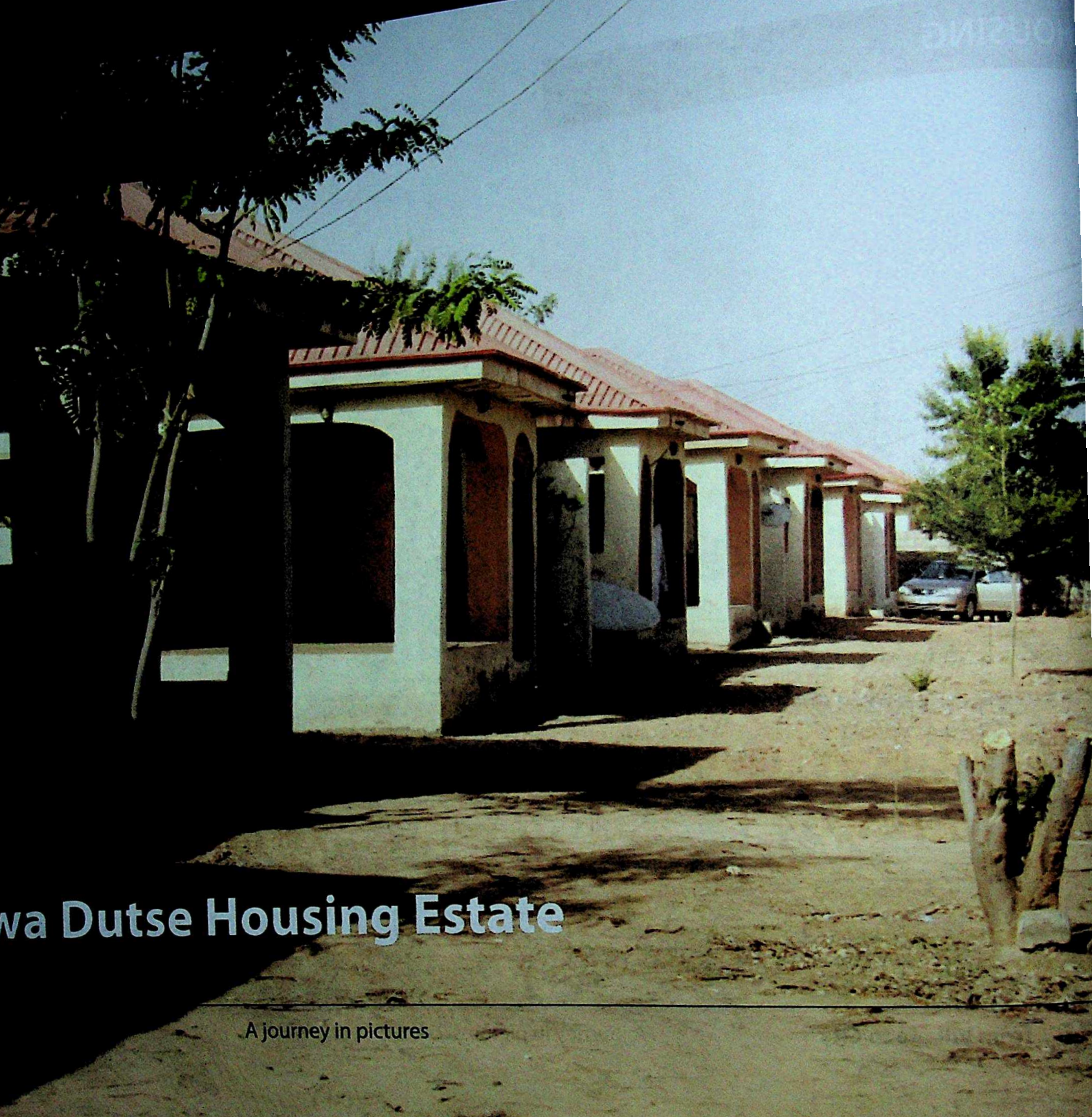
employees across the city of Dutse.

While the former ensures that development is in conformity with the Dutse Master Plan, the later is in charge of projects execution, quality supervision, and delivery.

Prominent among estates already developed are the 500-unit In Dutse Housing Estate, Abuba Rimi Housing Estate, the 400 Fatara Housing Estate, the new Quarters Dutse, and the 50-unit Shuwarin Housing Authority Estate.



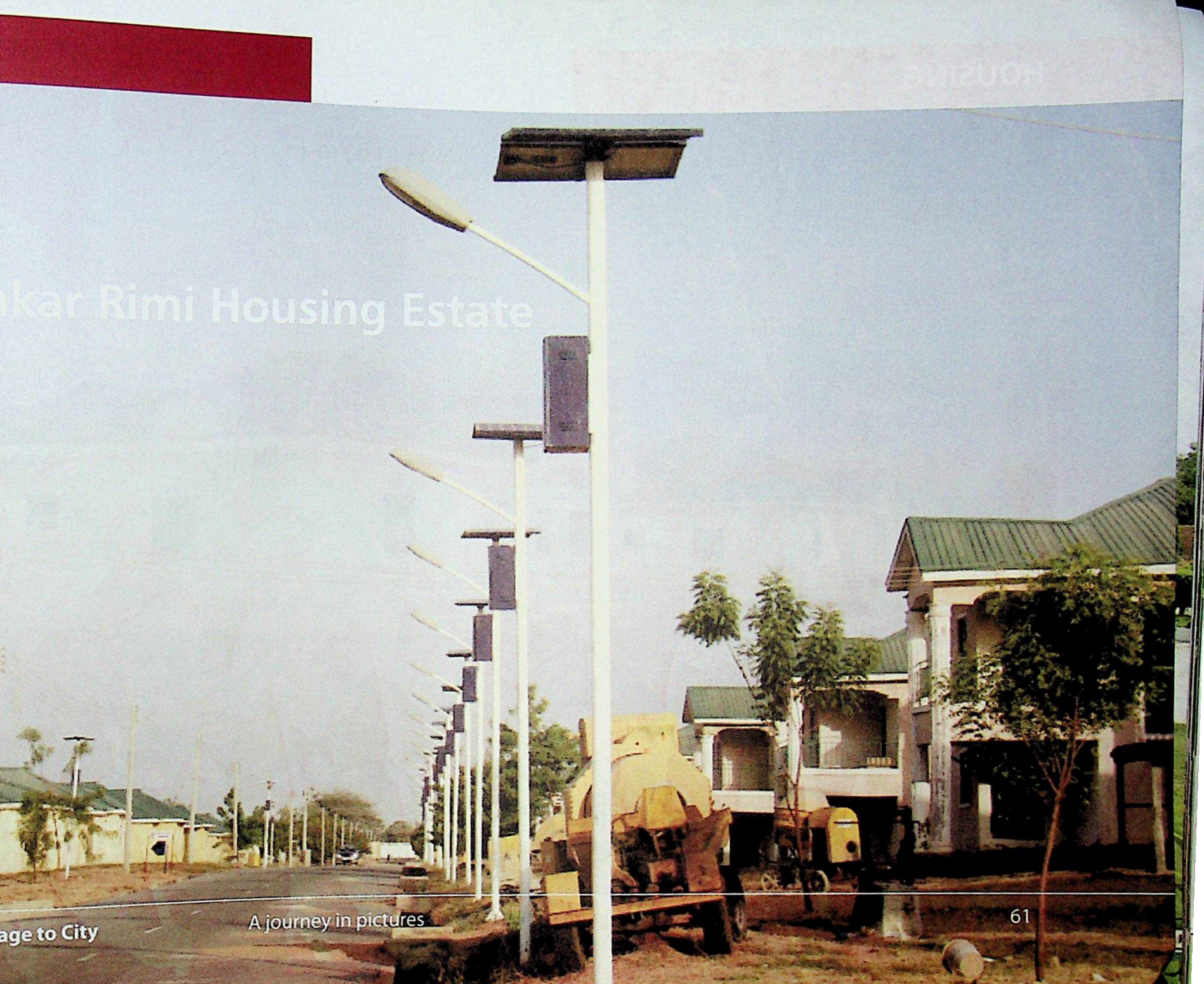
■ Typical royal residence of Jigawa Emirs, built by the government, in Dutse.



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Bankar Rimi Housing Estate





Abubakar Rimi Housing Estate



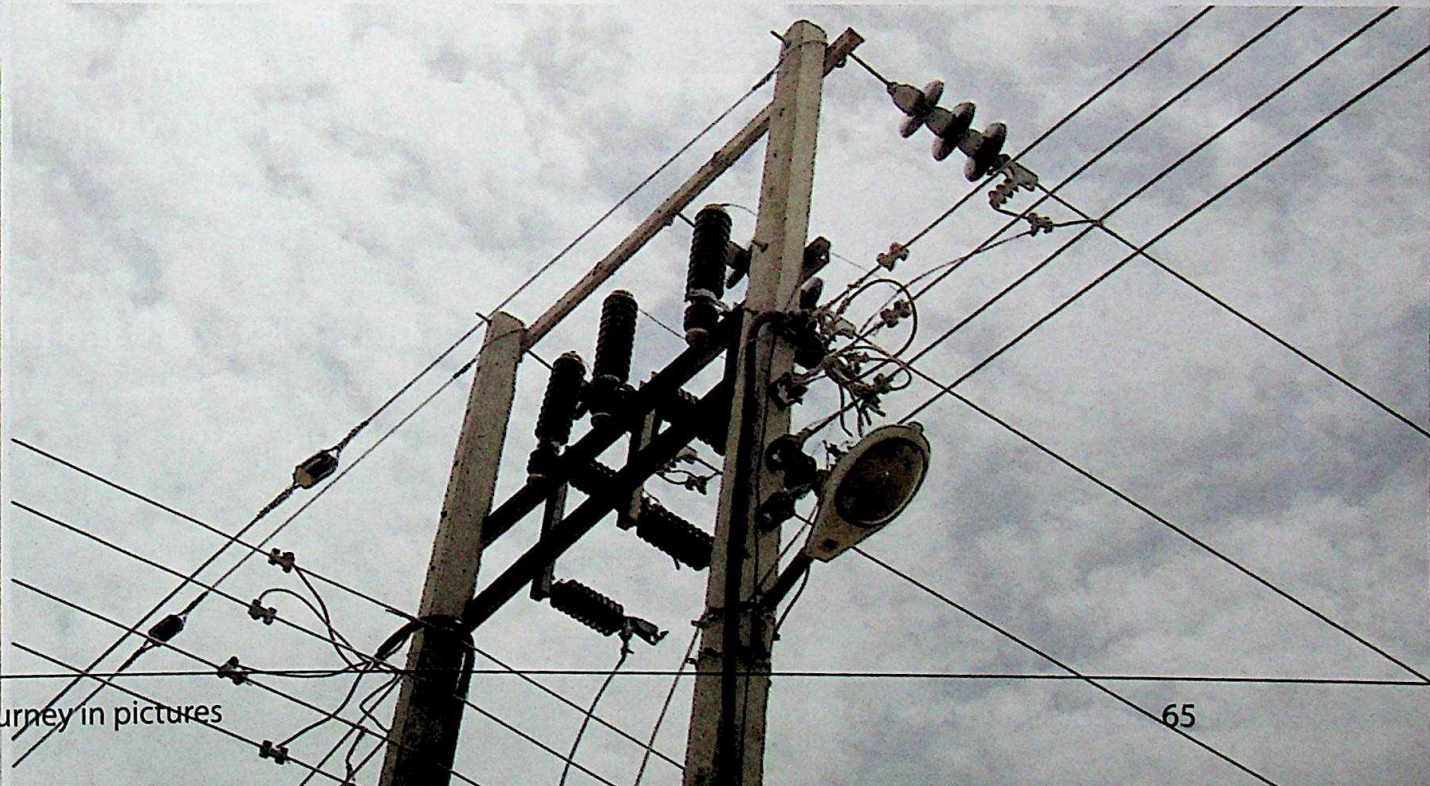
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Infrastructure



Urban development projects especially the construction, rehabilitation, and expansion of existing and new roads, building of drainages and culverts, installation of street lights, etc, dot the landscape of Dutse. Major city roads have been dualised or are undergoing dualisation. Also, rural link roads are being provided for easy access to/for communities surrounding the state capital.

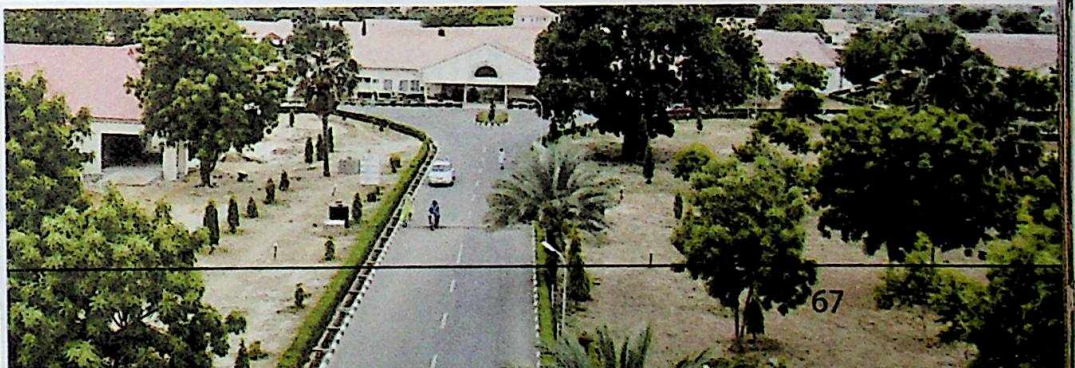
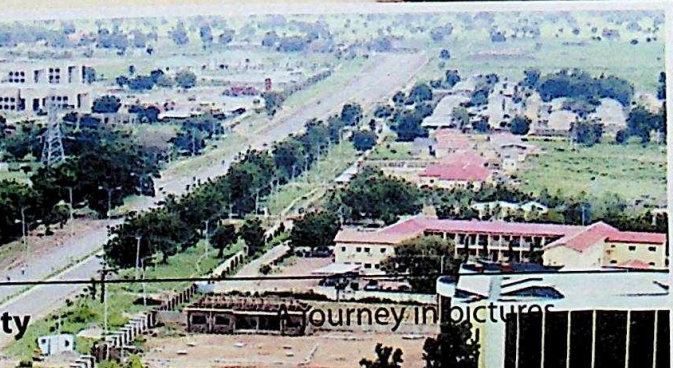
With respect to electricity, the Ministry of Rural Infrastructure has overseen the installation of solar powered street lights in the new housing estates and the provision of electricity to most parts of the state capital.



It is also pertinent to add that from a near zero situation, Dutse now has various urban water supply schemes to ensure regular availability of potable water to the residents of the capital. There is the one (1) million capacity Dutse Hilltop water tank and reservoir, other surface tanks and reservoirs of varying capacities, solar powered boreholes and hand pumps to provide residents with potable water.


STRUCTURE

OVERALL VIEW OF ROAD NETWORKS



OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE

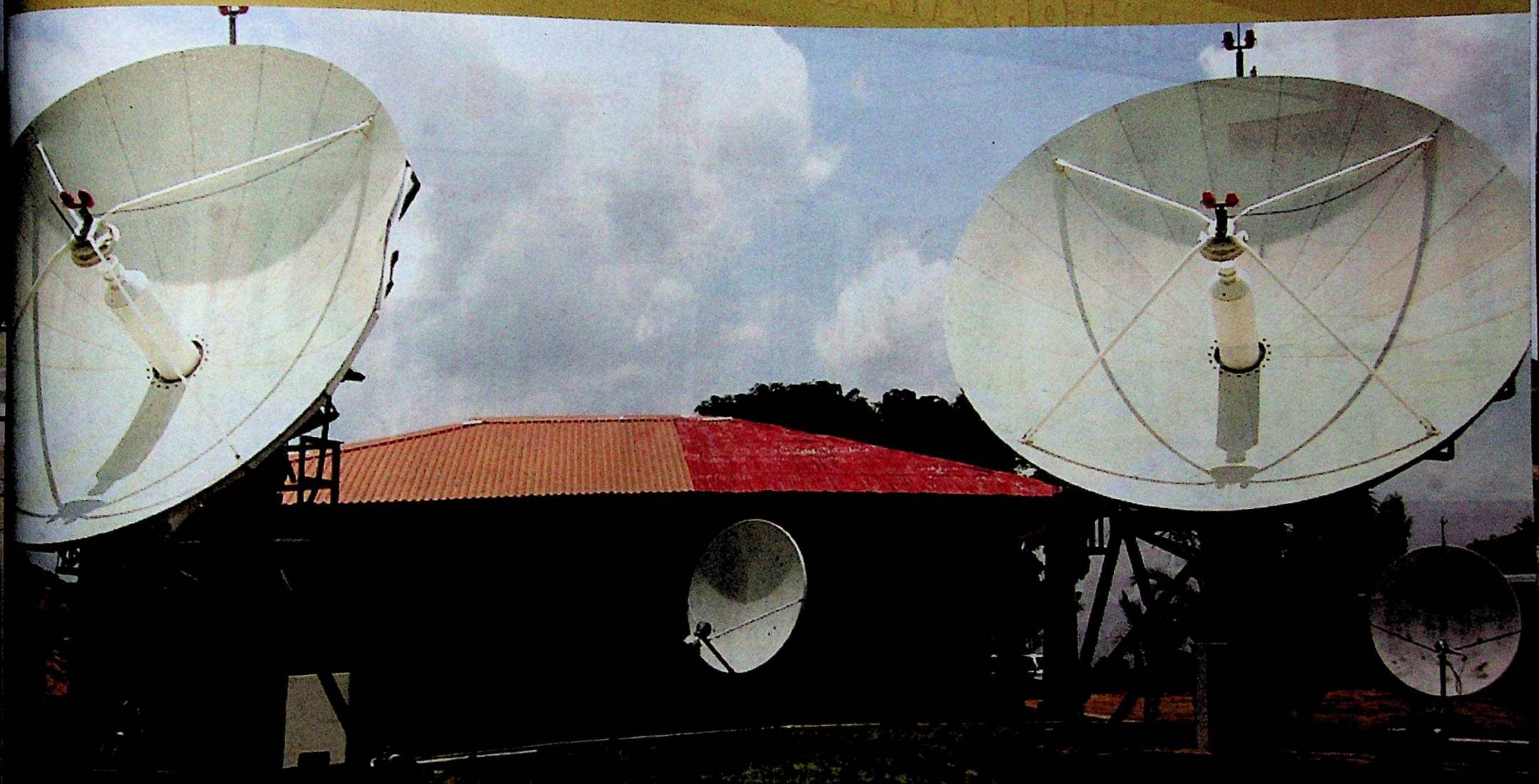
General urban development works that add to the aesthetics of Dutse can be seen in the Golden Jubilee Roundabout at the Three Arms Zone; The Unity Pentagon by the Government House Dutse; The Malam Aminu Kano Triangle; the new State Secretariat (Phase 2) among others.

The Three Arms Zone,
Dutse. 



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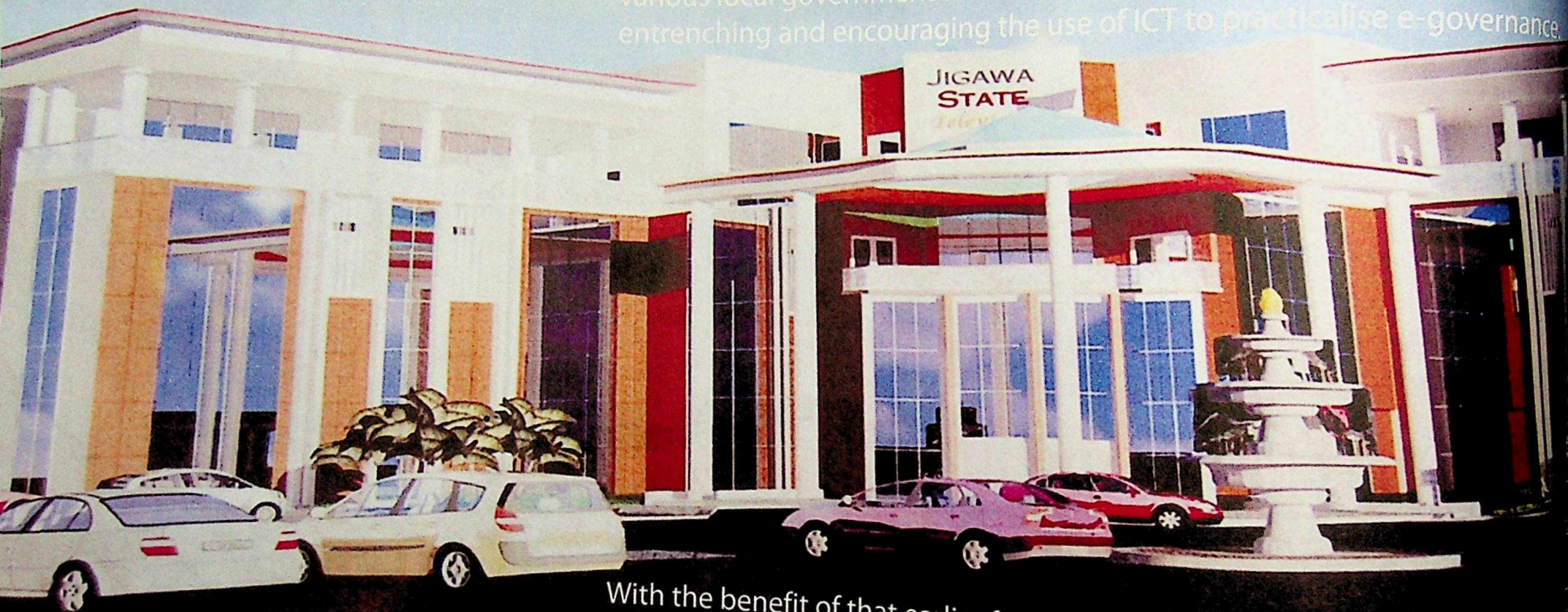
Communications



COMMUNICATIONS

PROPOSED JIGAWA STATE TELEVISION COMPLEX

At one point, Jigawa State came close to becoming the ICT (information and communications technology) capital of Nigeria. This was the point at which the then state government moved the headquarters of various ministries and agencies of government out of the state capital to the various local government areas of the state. The move was aimed at entrenching and encouraging the use of ICT to practicalise e-governance.



With the benefit of that earlier foundation and the consolidation of the ICT development programme, Dutse now boasts an ICT efficiency and infrastructure more than some older state capitals.

COMMUNICATIONS

Landmarks of Dutse's ICT reputation are the Saminu Turaki Towers and the Galaxy ITT Incorporated. With the broadband access, most establishments are connected online and most senior cadre workers are computer literate.

Voice, data, and video capabilities can now be available to young people, schools, university students, and ordinary folks in the city. State budgets, programmes and other information are posted on official websites.



■ Saminu Turaki Towers

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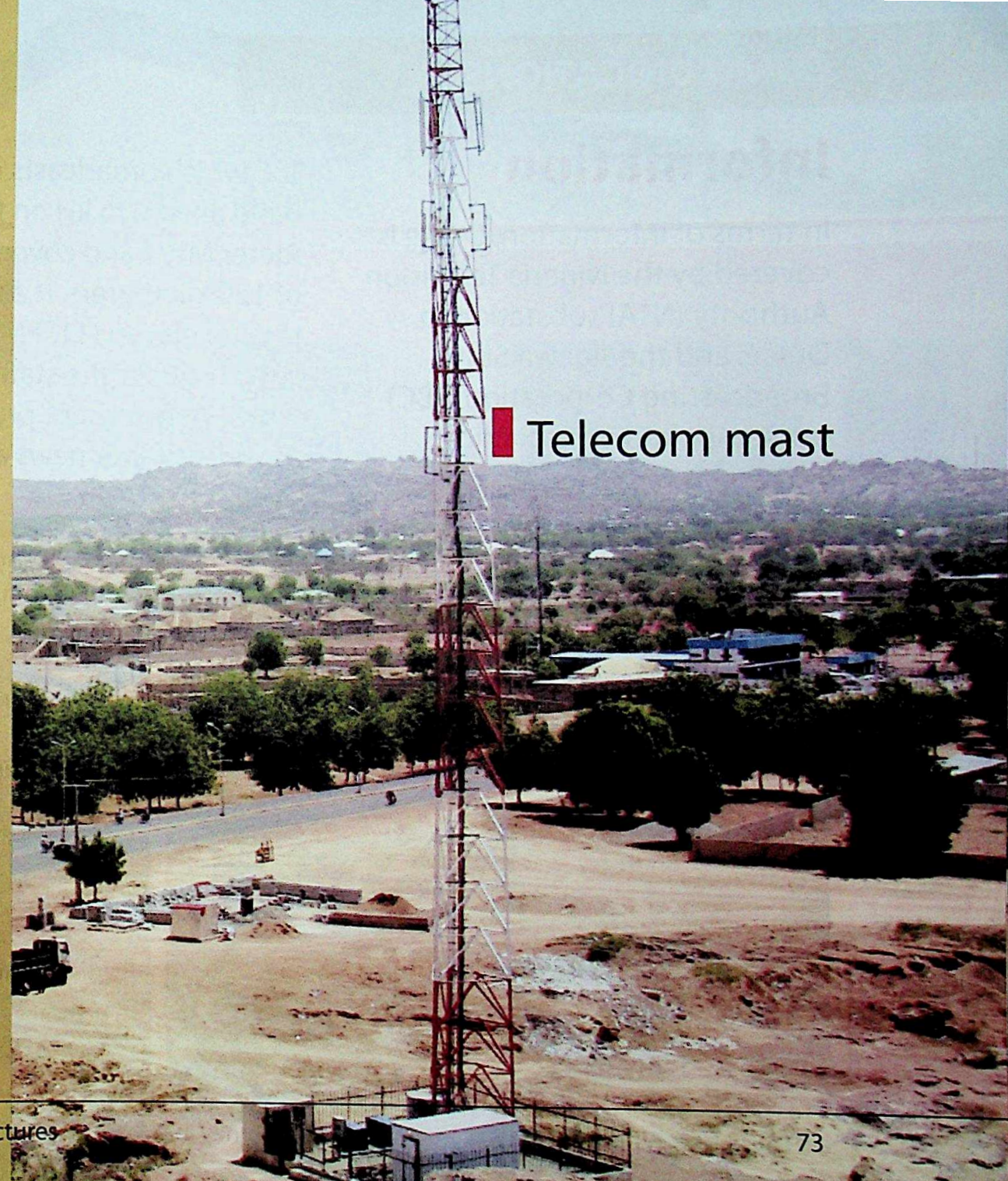
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COMMUNICATIONS

With increased development, all mobile telecommunication companies and some fixed wireless operators have deployed to Dutse, thus improving telephony and ICT usage.

One of the greatest novelty in Dutse and Jigawa State as a whole, is that the governor's mobile telephone line is accessible to all citizens of the state who are encouraged to reach out with comments, observations or complaints through sms.

Dutse, the former village capital, now competes with long established states like Imo and Edo for IT awards. The Jigawa State Ministry of Education, Science and Technology has been sustaining the momentum by organising training workshops and seminars for teachers and other cadre of workers on the use of ICT in the state. It also sponsors indigent students for ICT training in countries like Singapore.



Telecom mast

Information

In terms of information, Dutse is covered by the Nigeria Television Authority (NTA) substation in Dutse, and the Jigawa State Broadcasting Corporation (JBC) otherwise known as Radio Jigawa.

JBC which broadcasts on the AM band and 1026 kHz on the 292 meter MW band covers a radius of 120 kilometers. It also has a total of eleven (11) FM stations strewn across the state through which government programmes as well as other news and

information are broadcast to the citizens of the state.

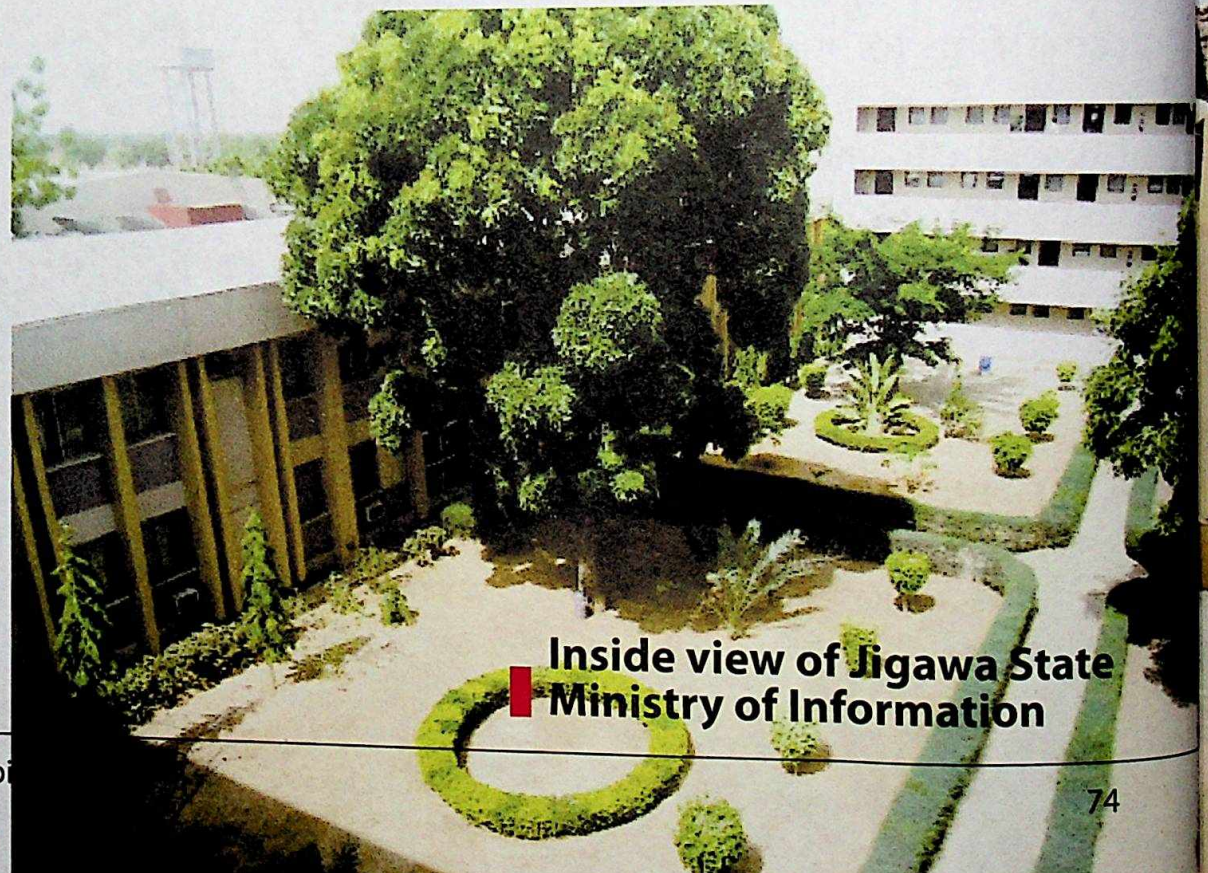
The states ministry of information also publishes a monthly newsletter which largely reports government programmes and activities.

Jigawa Broadcasting Corporation Outside Broadcast Van



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Inside view of Jigawa State Ministry of Information

CHAPTER 11

Social Services



SOCIAL SERVICES

Education

One weapon being used to tackle poverty and ignorance in Jigawa State which has enjoyed the notorious reputation of being the poorest state in Nigeria, is education. Dutse hosts the new Federal University, the Jigawa State Polytechnic, the Jigawa State Model Secondary School, among numerous others as physical institutions.

However, the driving force of the government's educational programmes is the policy enunciation and implementation which has contributed in no small measure

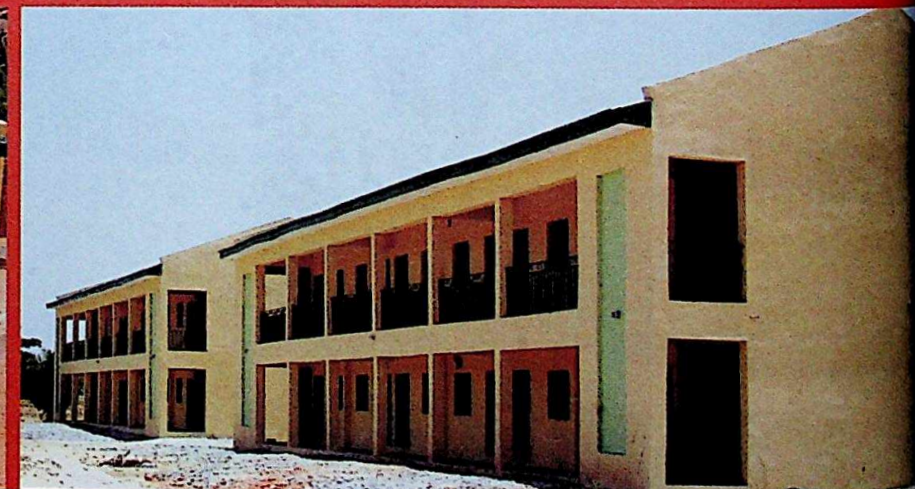
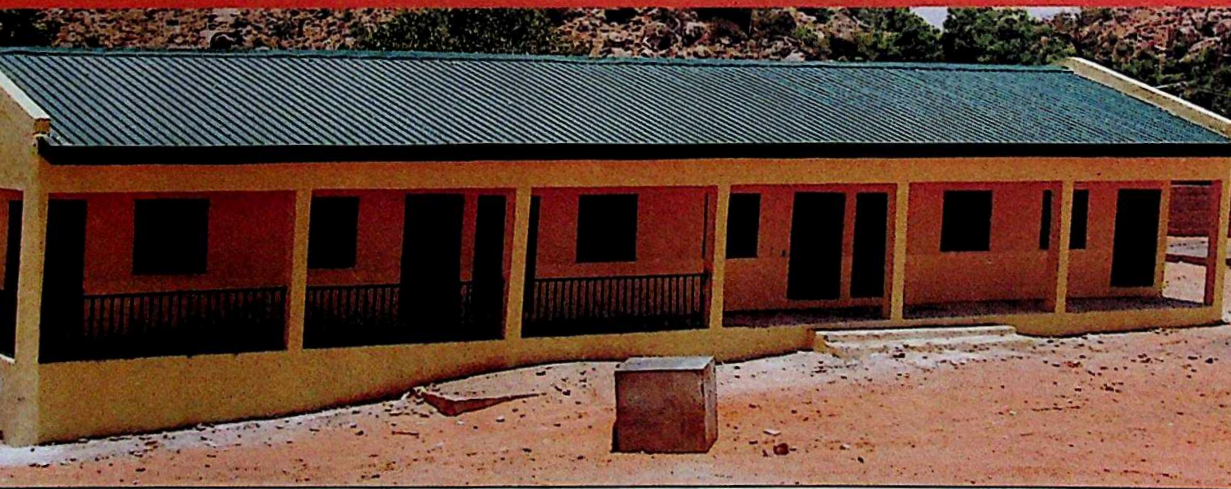
to impart skills, knowledge, and values to the people.

In order to ensure access to women and girls who are mostly poor and marginalised, Jigawa State grants free education to girls and the disabled in the society. There are other incentives such as scholarships, overseas sponsorship for exceptional performing students, overseas postgraduate scholarships, free medical care for boarding students, etc.

In guaranteeing quality assurance, the government has reintroduced the schools inspection and monitoring scheme, reintroduction of mock examinations for

final year students, equipping of libraries and laboratories, construction of students' residential hostels and computer laboratories, providing school furniture and general construction of new classroom and administration buildings.

The state polytechnic Dutse, is a practical example of the effort being put in to ensure a solid foundation for advancement in science and technology. The site of the institution resembles a gigantic construction/project site where many projects are different stages of completion ranging from library buildings to toilets and staff offices compete for attention.



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Education



Dutse International Model Secondary School

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Dutse International Model Secondary School



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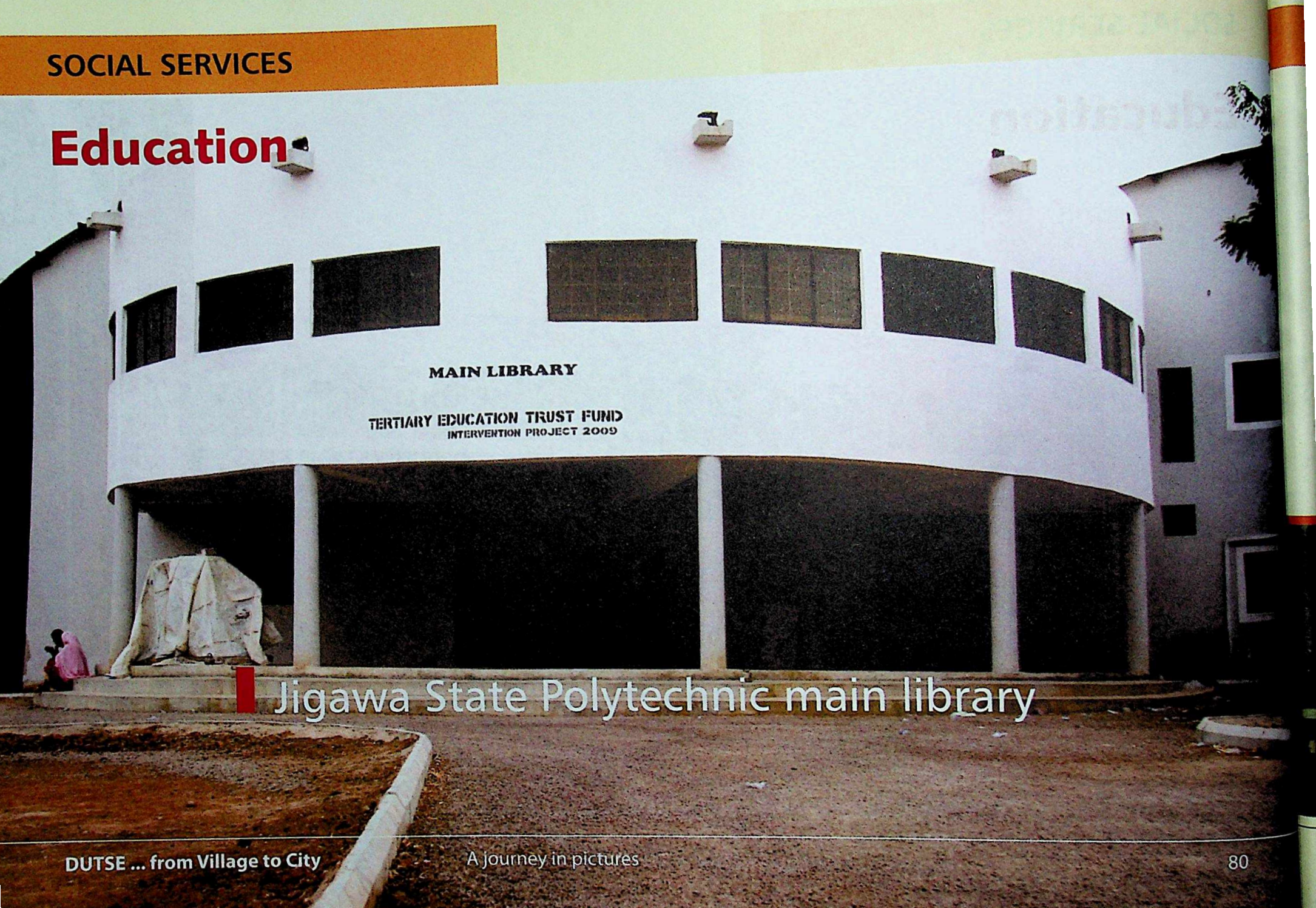
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Jigawa State Polytechnic

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Jigawa State Polytechnic main library

Health

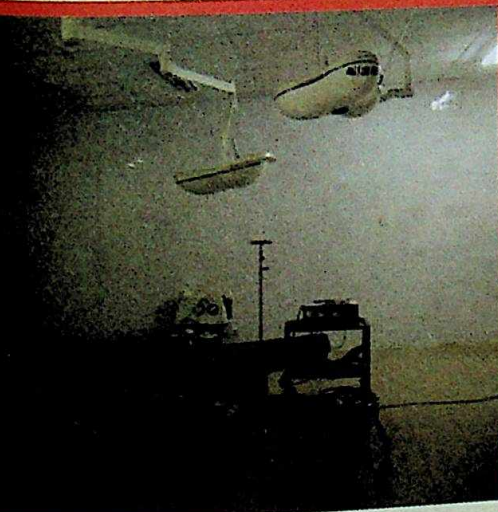
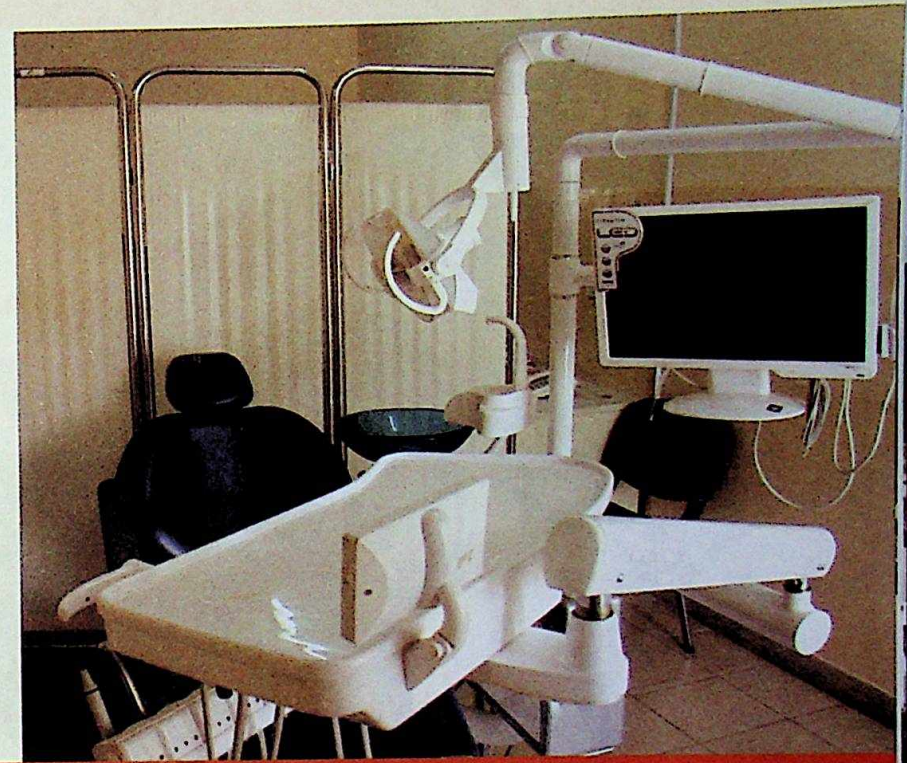
Two major health institutions service the needs of the residents of Dutse. These are the Rasheed Shekoni Specialist Hospital and the Dutse General Hospital. The Rasheed Shekoni Specialist Hospital is a well-furnished ultra-modern medical facility with an array of laboratories and equipment for both ordinary health care needs and advanced medical services.

Generally, there is free maternal and child treatment across the state; as well as free

treatment for all prison inmates in Dutse and other parts of the state.

As a motivation, the government pays monthly allowances to students in the school of nursing and health technology in the state.

The government generally encourages citizens and residents to partake in immunisation programmes to help them stay healthy from diseases such as polio, measles, cholera, meningitis and malaria amongst others.



SOCIAL SERVICES

Health

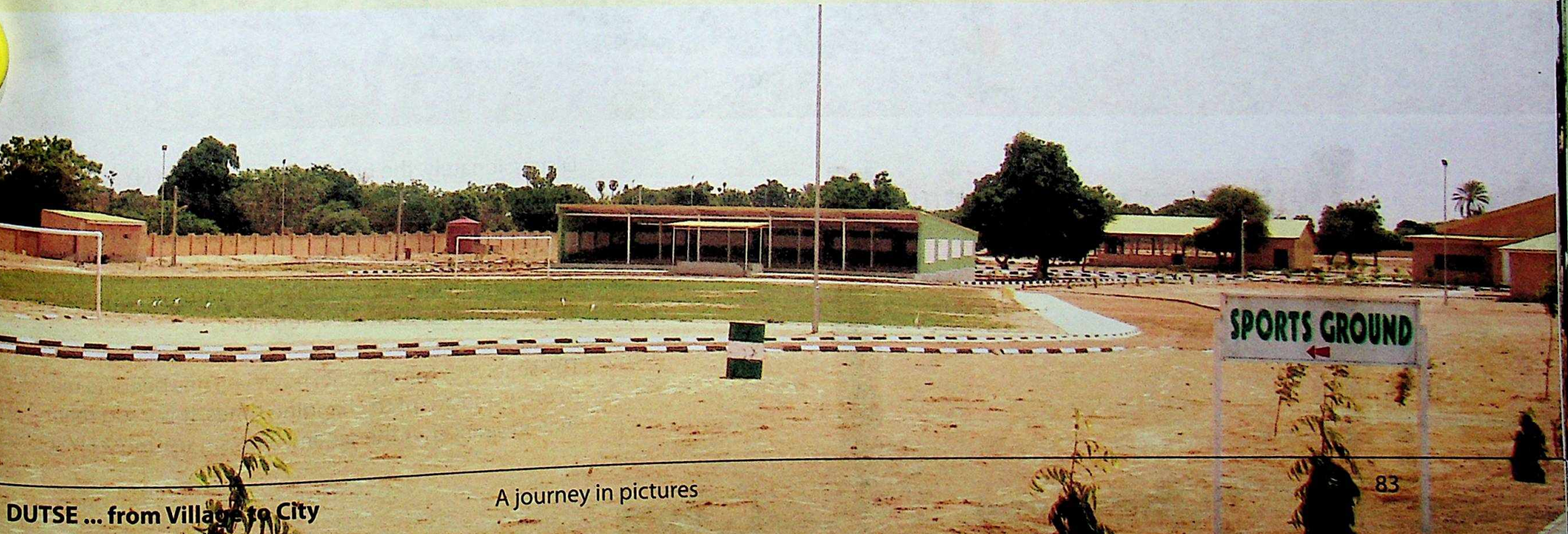


Youth and Sports

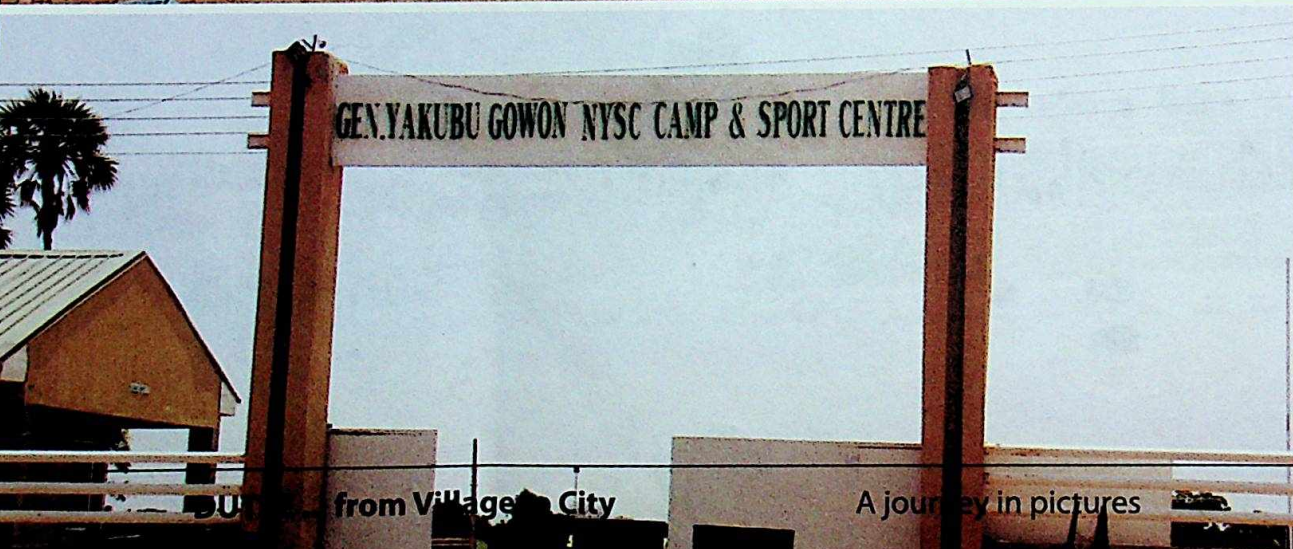
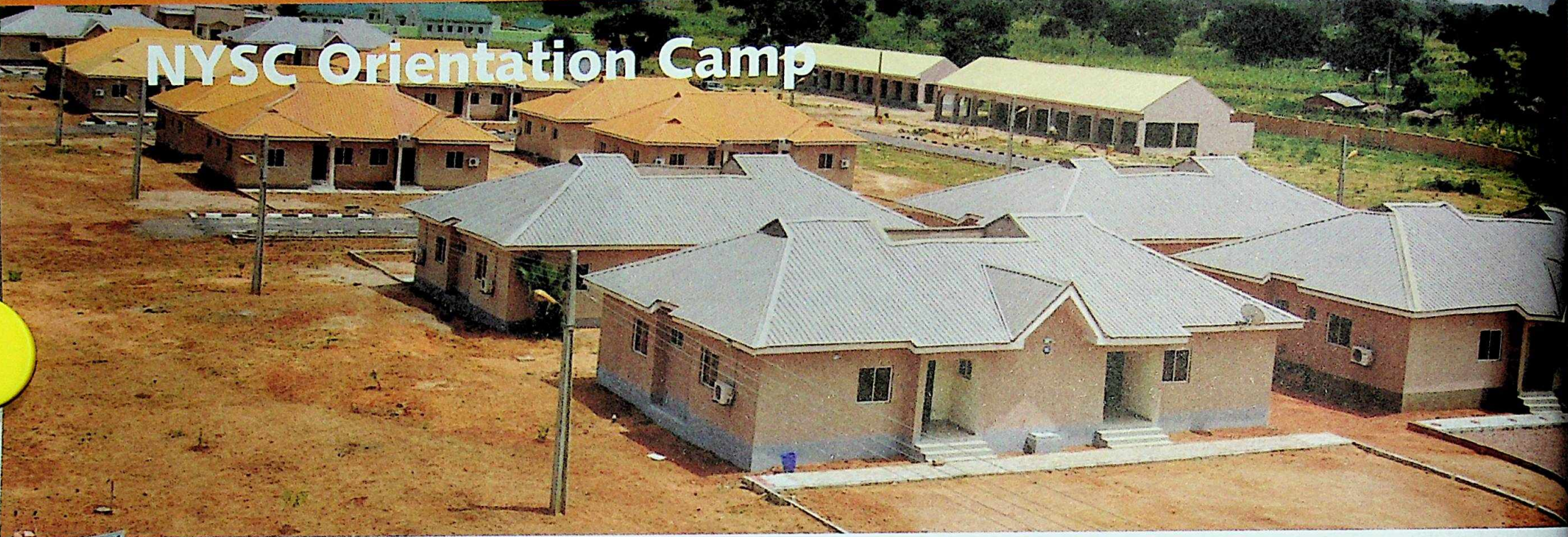
In Dutse, Jigawa State, sits what has been described as one of the best National Youth Service orientation camps in Nigeria. The fully built and furnished structure has direct and back-up electricity supply and fully functional water supply scheme. The camp comprises of administrative blocks, staff quarters, male and female residential hostels, a clinic, a mosque, a

multipurpose hall, a pavilion as well as sporting facilities.

Dutse has a mini stadium and is home to the Jigawa Golden Stars Football Club. It is a far cry from the past, when sports activities in the capital were generally low key and still largely in a developmental phase.



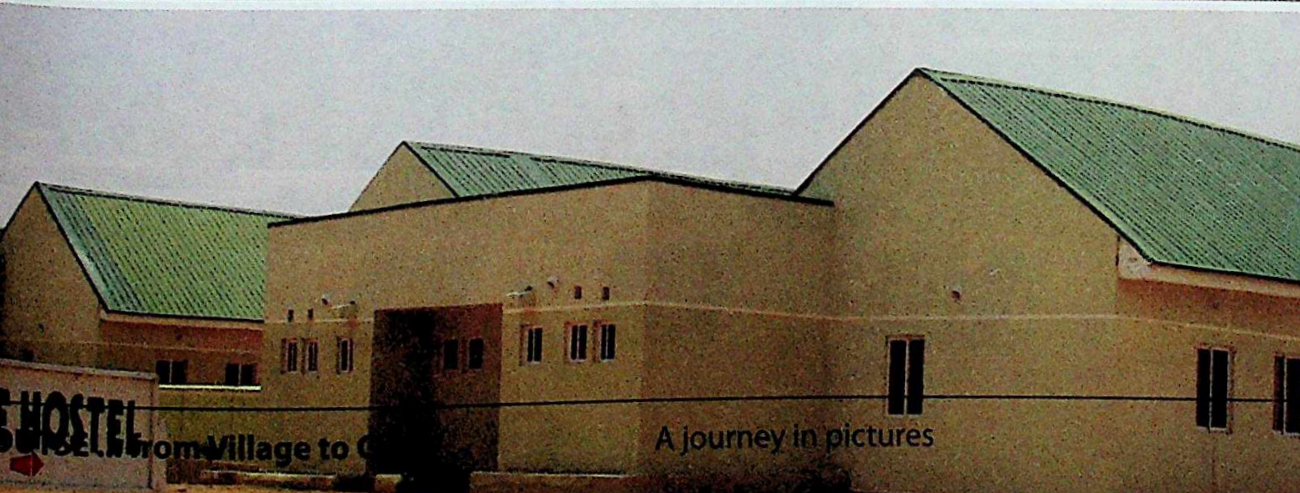
NYSC Orientation Camp



Dispassionately, the building of the Dutse NYSC orientation camp could be said to be one of Governor Sule Lamido's landmark achievements. Since its inception in 1973, the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) has been a very crucial programme in national integration and youth development.

The snag with the scheme, however, has been its failure to grow and adapt to changing times. It is a sad reality that 40 years after the scheme was set up, most NYSC

NYSC Orientation Camp



directorates across the nation still operate from temporary orientation camps.

In many states, the NYSC still appropriate secondary school premises or other makeshift infrastructure to accommodate corps members as well as serve as administrative offices for NYSC staff during orientation exercises.

The Jigawa State Government however, emulated few other states such as Nasarawa and Kebbi to build a superlative permanent orientation camp for the scheme. Jigawa's NYSC camp is a lure for prospective corps members and staff because it is a self contained self sufficient facility with main grid and standby electricity and water supply.

Staff residential and office accommodation, a sick bay, corps members' hostels, a multipurpose hall, a pavilion and all facilities to make the orientation exercise interesting are in place. Notwithstanding its status as a poor state, Jigawa parades the best NYSC facility in Nigeria.

CHAPTER 12



Commerce and Industry



COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Commerce in Dutse is easily facilitated by various commercial banks which have their branches domiciled in the city.

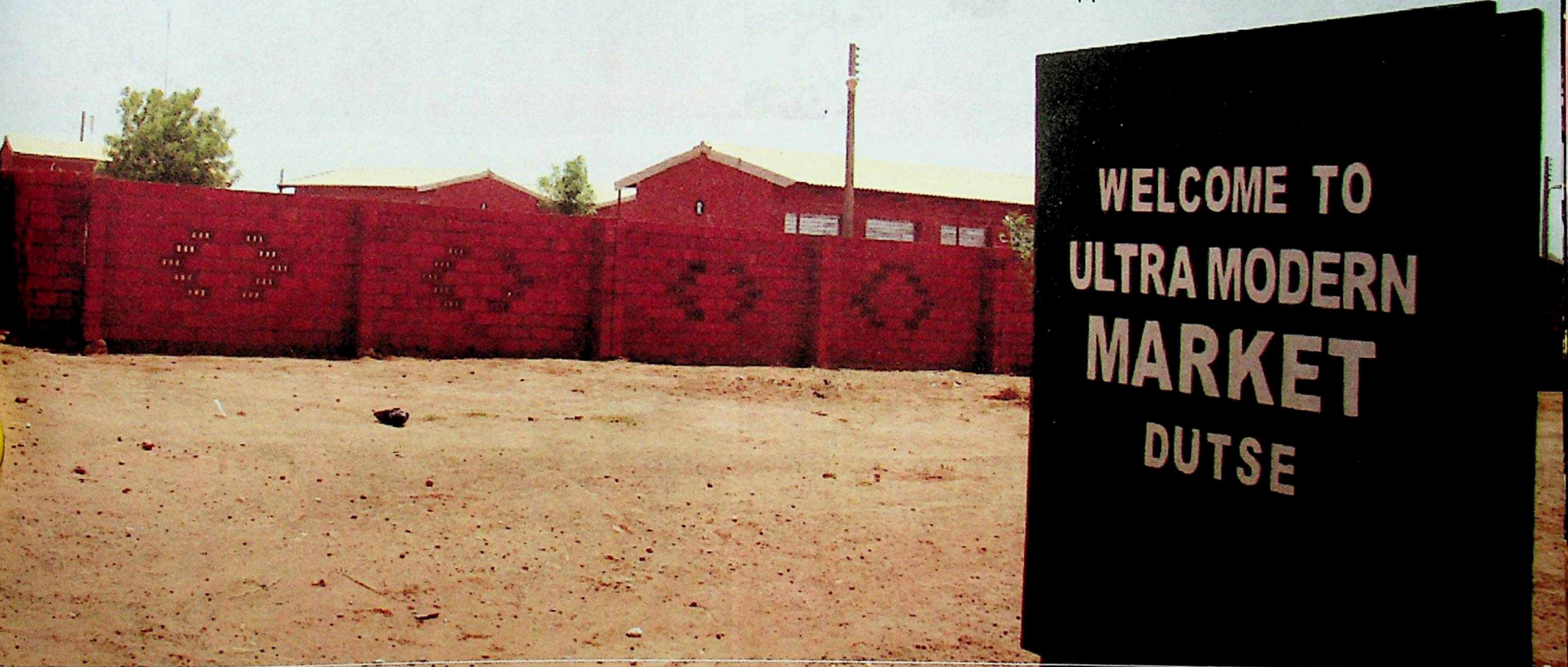
There are opportunities for medium and small scale industries and sufficient raw materials to feed agro allied industries in Dutse. The state government encourages

public private partnership to stimulate investments and aid the growth of industries.

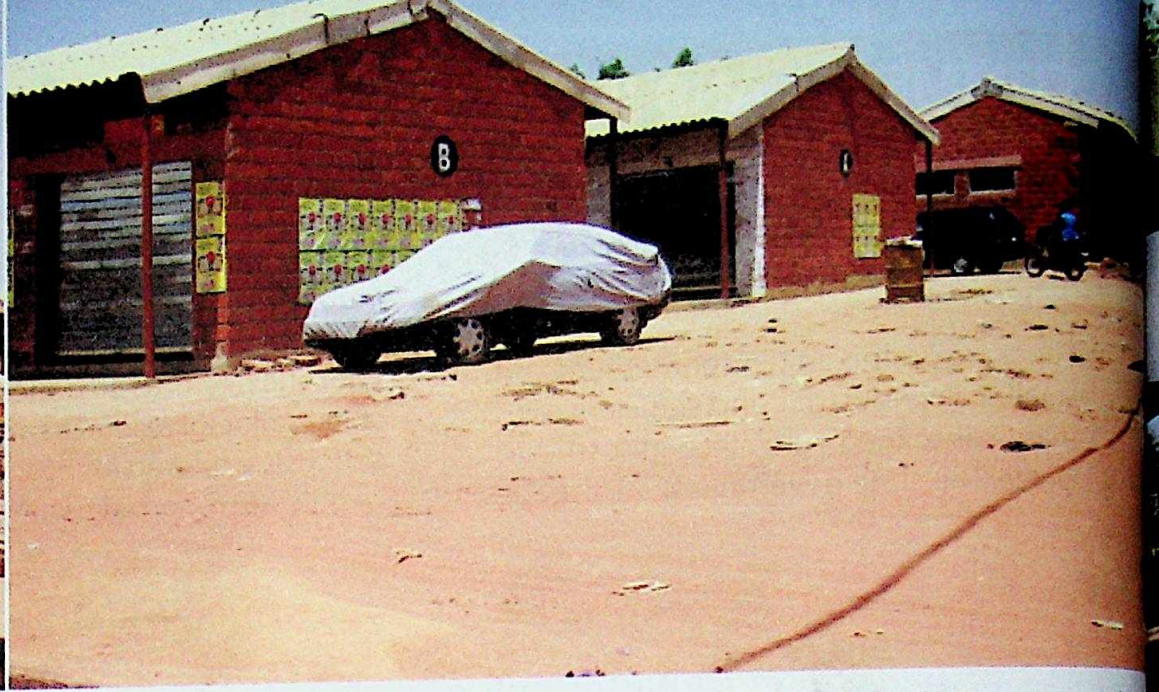
A lot still needs to be done to ensure the state's mineral resources are profitably and seriously explored for economic gain. Traces of gold are reported to have been identified

in Dutse and geological surveys are ongoing.

The government is encouraging the growth of commerce by investing in physical infrastructure such as the building of the Dutse ultra modern market, motor parks and other support facilities.



COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY





COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

WELCOME TO JIGAWA HOTELS LIMITED



CHAPTER 13

Culture and tradition



CULTURE AND TRADITION

Traditional Hausa norms and practices have come to dominate and overshadow other cultures in Dutse and across Jigawa State generally. Most residents, whether of Fulani or of Kanuri descent, speak Hausa as a lingua franca and practice the Islamic religion.

The folks are simple natural people who are mostly farmers, traders, artisans or engaged in modern occupations.

The people are intrinsically religious and their way of life is mostly reflected in their dress, food, music, dance, mode of worship and their arts and craft.



Festivals and Ceremonies in Dutse Emirate

As the custodian of religion and culture, Dutse Emirate Council is responsible for organising festivities and ceremonies to mark special occasions. The major events celebrated every year include the Eid-el-Fitr and Eid-el-Adha, spanning in three (3) days of colourful durbar processions and horse displays. The ceremonies are: Hawan Sallah, Hawan Bariki, Hawan Shuwari.

These ceremonies feature a large procession of more than one thousand

horsemen dressed in colorful costumes followed by musicians and dancers in a carnival-like atmosphere. The horses are equally decorated with silver and gold ornaments to complement the colours and importance of the rider. The evenings are spent watching various cultural dances and displays of musical talents, at the Emir's palace.

There are less colorful but equally important ceremonies that display the rich cultural and religious heritage of the

emirate such as mini-durbar, installation and turbaning ceremonies among the royalty.

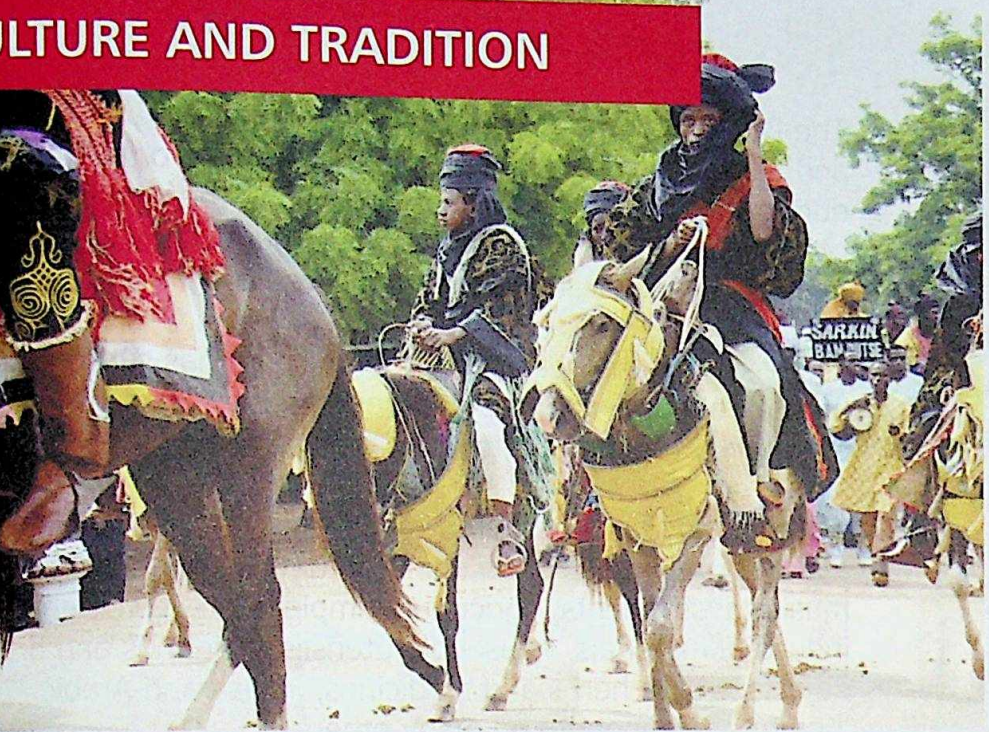
There are other ceremonies such as the Miga, Gwaram, and Kiyawa fishing festivals. There are the traditional Hausa and Fulani sporting ceremonies such as traditional boxing (wasan danbe), traditional wrestling (wasan kokawa), and Fulani beatings (wasan sharo).



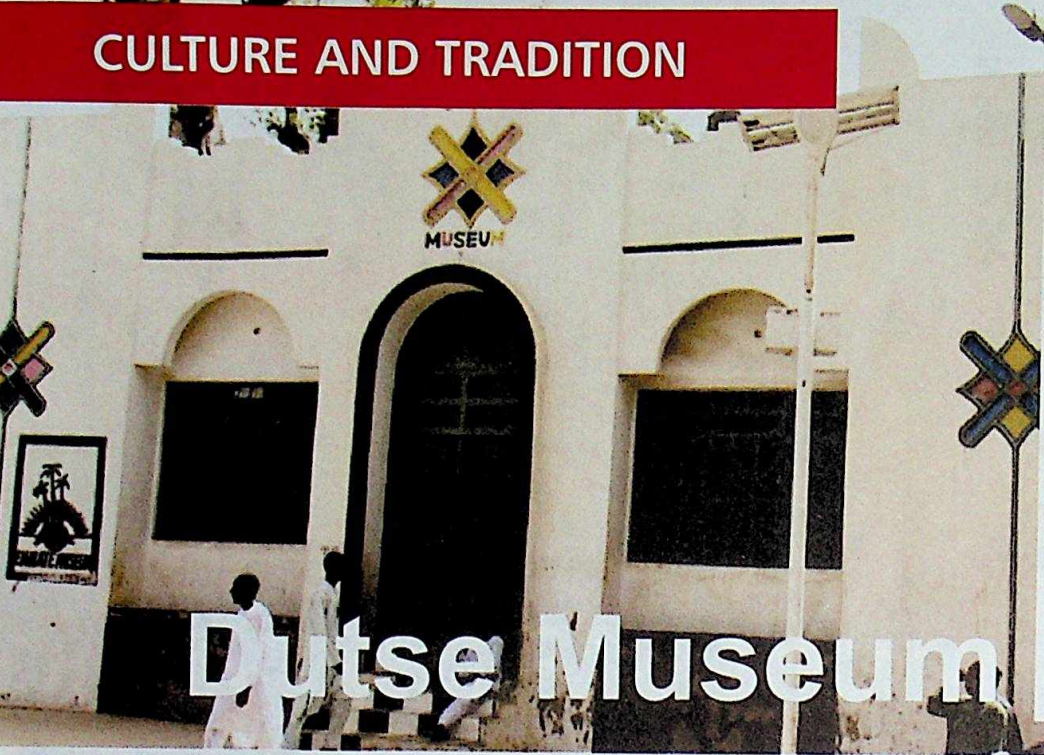
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The Dutse Emirate Council has been making efforts to trace and gather existing artifacts and crafts stolen or pilfered during the colonial era for preservation in the newly constructed Dutse museum for the benefit of future generation and to support historical research.

Established in the year 2000, the museum has substantially brought about awareness and generated interest in the local community and visitors to the Emir's palace.

Collections already gathered range from cultural objects such as traditional Hausa and Fulani costumes and clothing to musical instruments, agricultural implements, commerce and industrial materials, household utensils, paintings and art objects, native herbs and medicines, Hausa and Arabic literature, weaponry and many others.



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Dutse in pictures

CHAPTER 14

Prospects for the future

FUTURE



PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE

The potential of Dutse both as a capital and an emirate is great. Investment opportunities abound in Dutse in particular and Jigawa in general in agriculture and agro allied industries, information and communications technology (ICT), catering and hotel business, meat and leather industries to mention but few.

It is crucial to point out that the broadband ICT facilities in Dutse can be leveraged on for the benefit of the entire Northwest region. Presently, Dutse can boast without fear of contradiction, of being the ICT capital of Nigeria.

There are also great prospects in tourism. Living by its name, Dutse (meaning rock in Hausa), has an expansive array of rocks and rock formations dotting its landscape. There are hills and hips of rock, castles of rock, balls of rock, slabs of rock, hanging,

standing, suspended, slanting or squatting boulders, baby rocks, family formations in a natural and panoramic display that leaves visitors marveling at the wonders of the elemental forces that wrought this great work of natural art.

With artistic indulgence, one could describe Dutse' landscape comprising of the natural, the rural and the modern as a piece of poem – waiting to be interpreted. The natural includes the date palms, baobab trees, the ubiquitous neem trees and of course the rocks; the rural includes the ordinary folks and their simplistic lifestyle and architecture; while the modern is visible in the physical development and structures in official, commercial and residential areas.

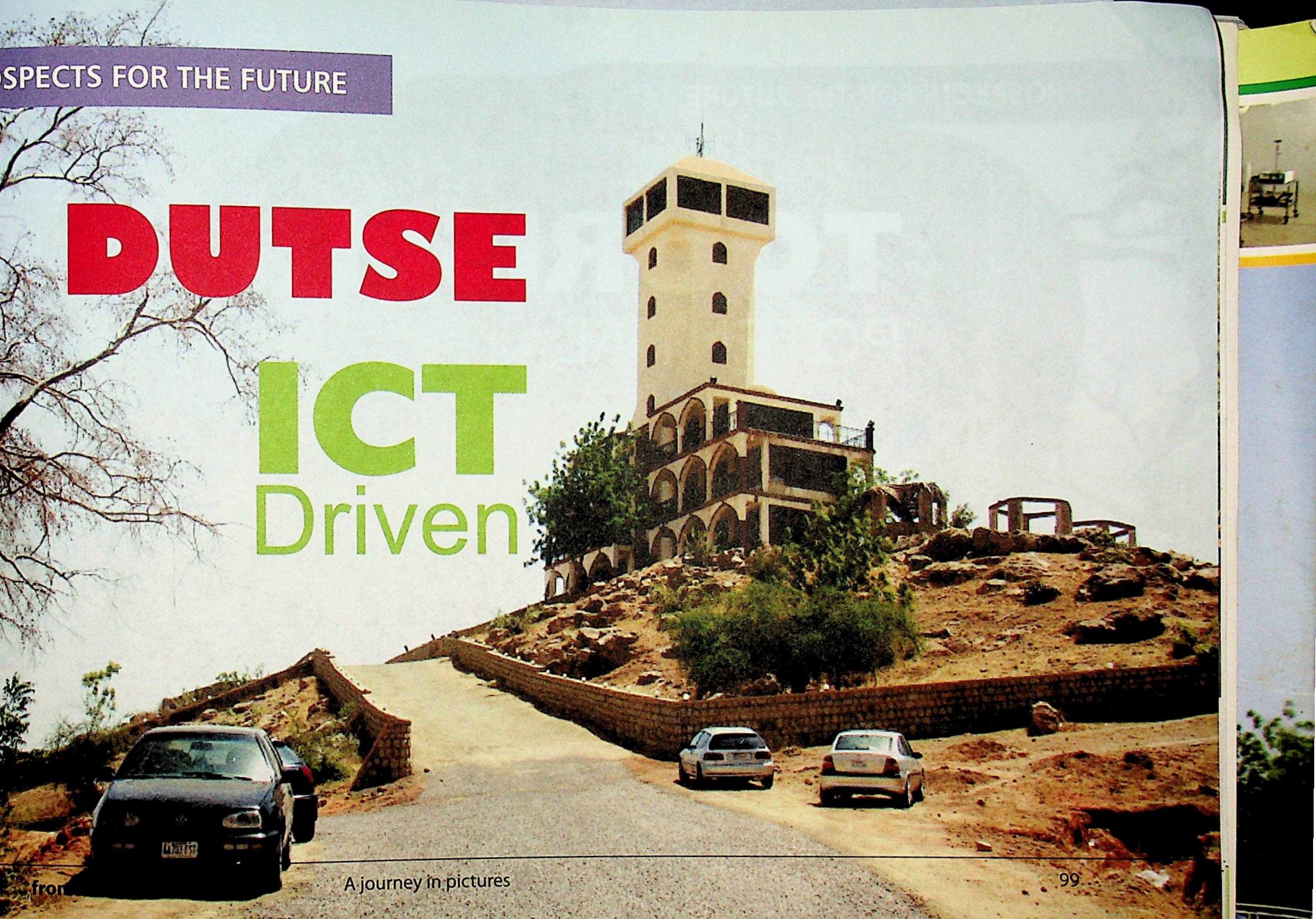
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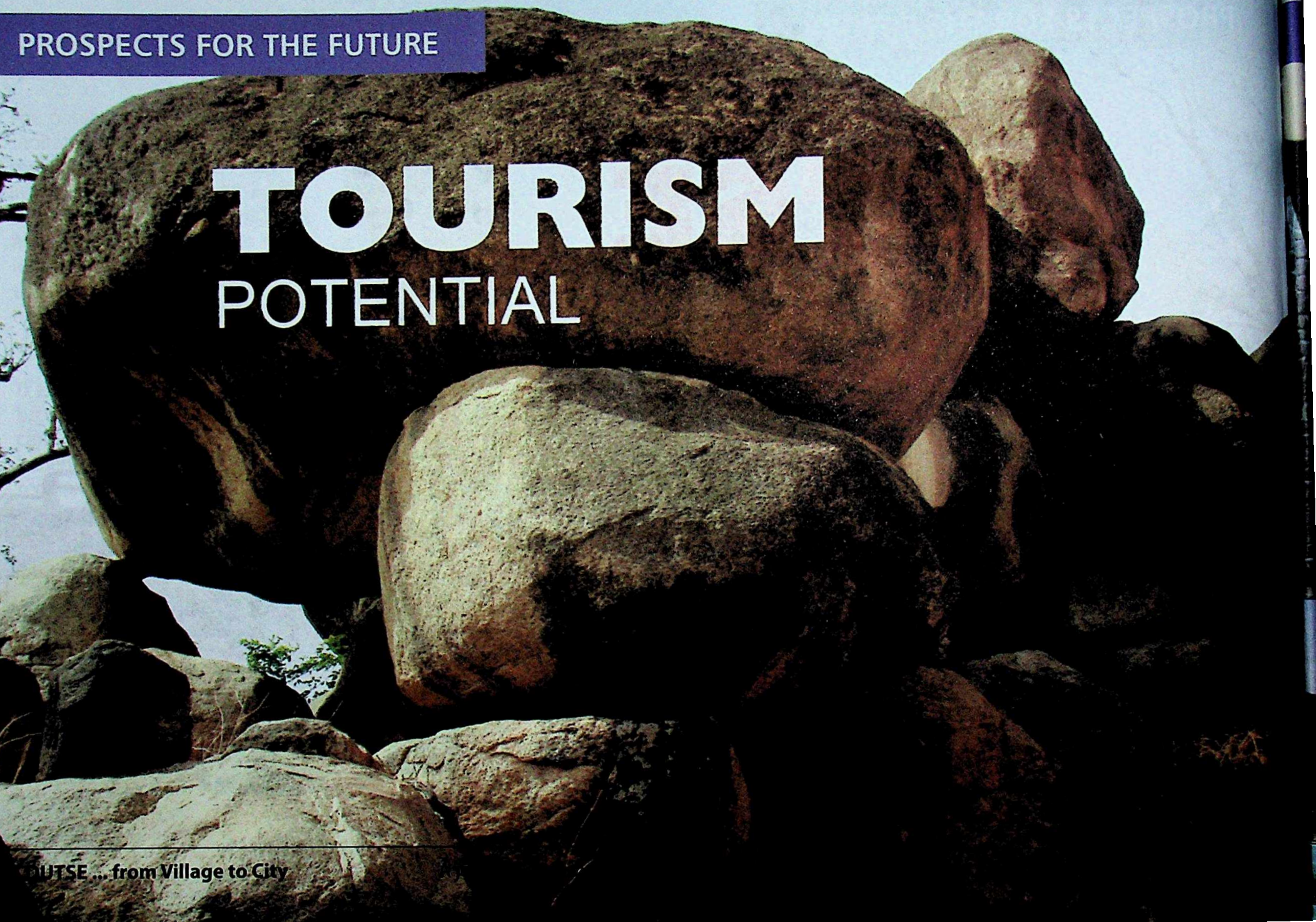


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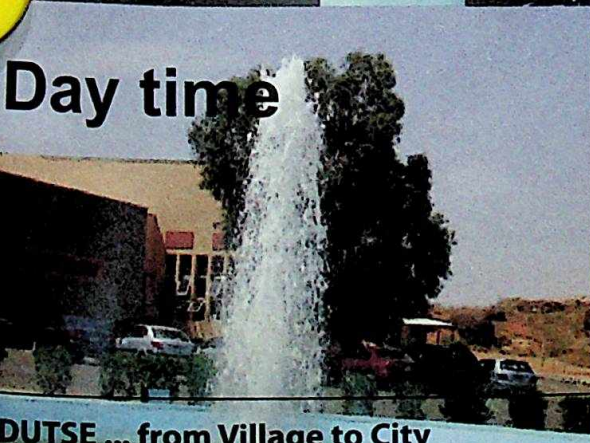
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PROSPECTS FOR THE FUTURE

A large red Case IH 235 Magnum tractor is the central focus, parked on a yellow flatbed trailer. The tractor features a white cab, a prominent exhaust stack, and large, treaded tires. The text 'CASE IH' and '235' are visible on the side of the hood, with 'MAGNUM' written below. Another tractor is partially visible in the background to the left. The overall scene is set outdoors under a clear sky.

INVESTMENT IN MECHANIZED FARMING

Proposed Airport Plan

Preliminary works at the Dutse International Airport have been concluded. Contract for the first phase of the project (1A) was awarded on the 19th of September 2012 at the cost of N6.9 billion (six billion, 900 million naira).

On April 24, 2013, the state government awarded contract for the Phase 1B of the project. The phase includes the construction of access roads and an apron, perimeter fence, control tower, fire station and emergency centre, and the installation of air traffic control system.

The airport is to be ready in September 2013 and will be used for



Under Construction

Proposed Airport Plan (continues)

the airlift of pilgrims for the 2013 pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia (Hajj).

Besides, the airport will be an added advantage to the state as a tourist destination. It will serve to divert traffic from the busy Malam Aminu Kano International Airport in Kano, thus boosting economic activities in Dutse.

All these however, could only be realised with sustainable as responsible governance. Succeeding administrations would need to build on the legacies anchored by the government of Alhaji Sule Lamido and his team, who have laid in the state a worthwhile foundation for the benefit of the future.



Under Construction

Postscript

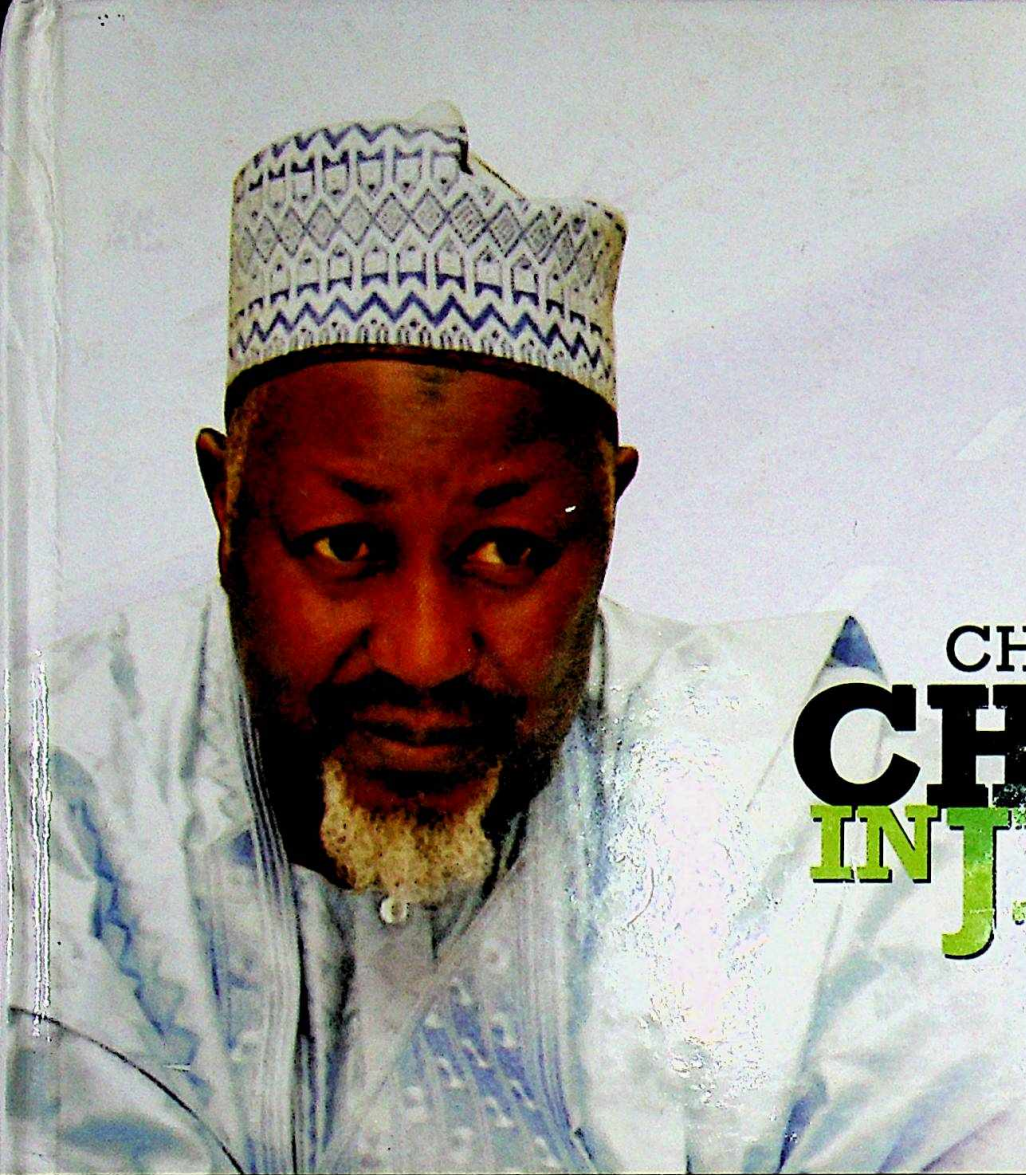
Building a capital city from the scratch is no mean business. This publication is a deliberate attempt to project the changing fortunes of Dutse, once an obscure village in the Kano state, which fortuitously became a state capital in 1991.

In a district under the old Kano Emirate, Dutse was some sleepy, almost forgotten area when fortune smiled on the town and its people.

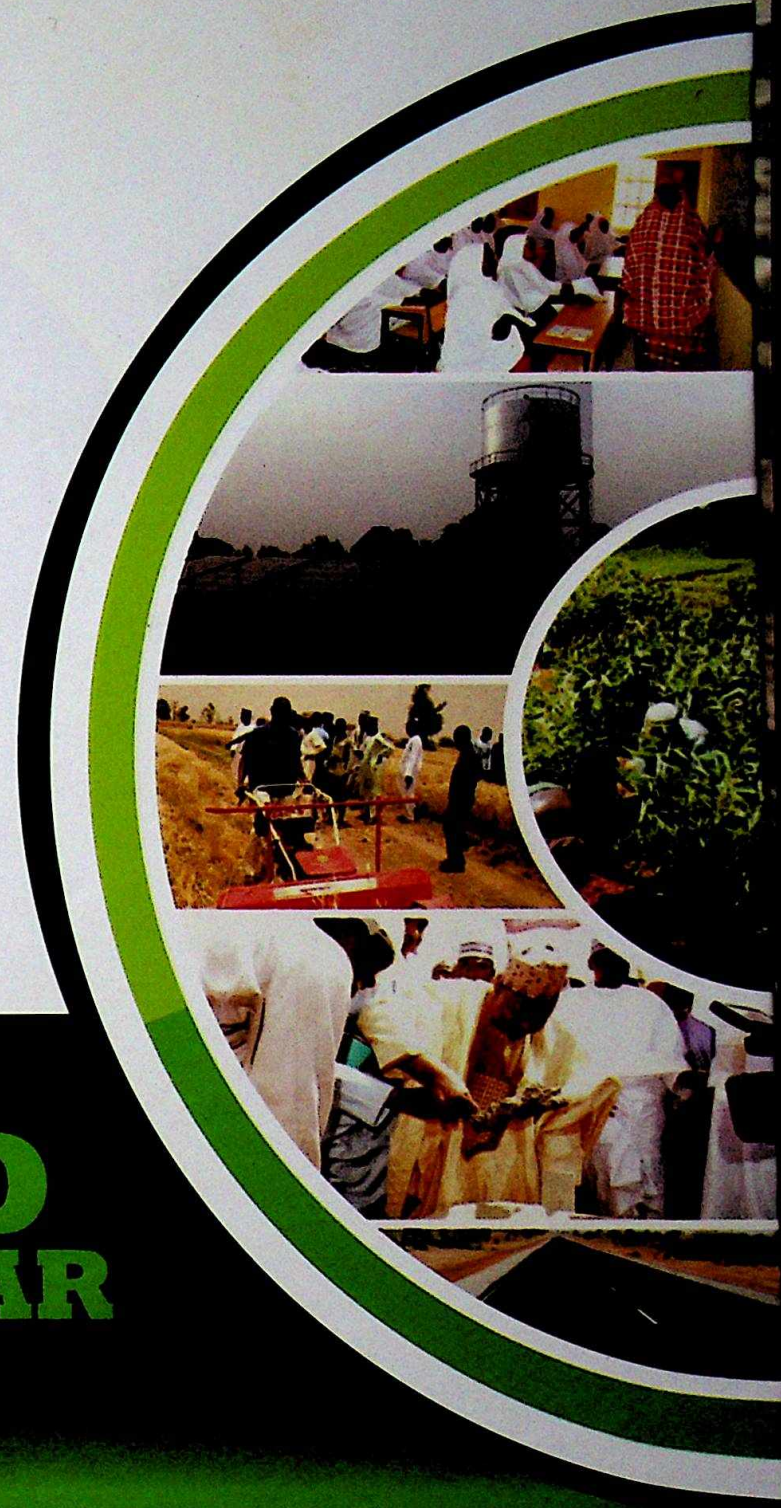
Many things have changed since then. Indeed, going by the rapid pace of its development, the story of Dutse, the "rock of the state" is only just beginning. The story will be complete when the entire Jigawa State can be confidently projected as a "New World", where the dreams of the ordinary people for self-fulfillment and actualisation become real.

For the government and people of Jigawa State, it is apt to say that the journey of a thousand miles does not just begin

with one step, but it requires endurance. In all these, the importance of positive leadership can not be ignored. With prudent management of resources, Jigawa's development and advancement out of the doldrums of underdevelopment, poverty and ignorance is assured in the foreseeable future.



CHRONICLES OF
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UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF
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