Important Monuments and Places of India

Cellular Jail

❖ Place : Port Blair

❖ State/UT: Andaman & Nicobar Islands

♦ Opened: 1906

* Remark: The prison was used by the British to exile political prisoners to the remote archipelago



Venkateswara Temple

Place : Tirumala (Tirupati)

❖ State/UT : Andhra Pradesh

* Remarks:

1. Temple dedicated to Lord Venkateswara(Vishnu)

- 2. Tirumala Hills are part of Seshachalam Hills range
- 3. The Temple is constructed in Dravidian architecture style and is believed to be constructed over a period of time starting from 300 AD



Kamakhya Temple

: Guwahati **Place**

State/UT: Assam

* Remarks:

1. A Hindu Temple dedicated to Goddess Kamakhya

2. Situated on the Nilachal Hill in western part of Guwahati, Assam, India.



Mahabodhi Temple

Place : Bodh Gaya

❖ State/UT: Bihar

Remarks:

1. It was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2002

2. The location where Lord Buddha is said to have attained enlightenment



Nalanda University

: Rajgir **Place ♦ State/UT**: Bihar

Remarks:

1. The Nalanda University was founded by Gupta emperor Kumargupta I

2. Nalanda University was destroyed by the Muslim army led by the Turkish leader Bakhtiyar Khilji in 1193



Shershah's Tomb

Place : SasaramState/UT : Bihar

Remarks:

1. The construction work of this tomb was started by Sher Shah himself and completed by his son and successor Islam Shah



Vikramshila University

Place : Antichak in Bhagalpur district

♦ State/UT : Bihar

* Remarks: Vikramashila was founded by Pala king Dharmapala



Basilica of Bom Jesus

Place : Bainguinim

❖ State/UT: Goa

* Remarks:

- 1. Basilica of Bom Jesus is a UNESCO world heritage site since 1986
- 2. Church in Old Goa that holds the mortal remains of St. Francis Xavier.



Rani Ki Vav

Place : PatanState/UT : Gujarat

Remarks:

1. A Step-well constructed in the Maru-Gurjara Architectural Style

2. Rani Ki Vav has been listed as one of UNESCO's World Heritage Sites since 2014

3. Rani ki vav was constructed during the rule of the Chaulukya dynasty



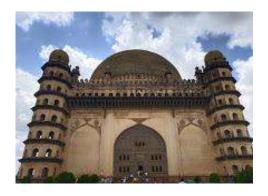
Gol Gumbaz

Place : BijapurState/UT : Karnataka

* Remarks:

1. Gol Gumbaz is the mausoleum of King Mohammed Adil Shah. He was Sultan of Bijapur and the seventh ruler of the Adil Shahi dynasty. Built in 1656

2. Largest dome in India



Lal Bagh

Place : BengaluruState/UT : Karnataka

Remarks:

1. Lalbagh is an old botanical garden in Bengaluru

2. Hyder Ali commissioned the building of this garden in 1760 but his son Tipu Sultan completed it



Hampi Monuments

Place : HampiState/UT : Karnataka

* Remarks:

- 1. Group of Monuments at Hampi is a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1986.
- 2. Group of monuments at Hampi was built by rulers of Vijayanagara empire
- 3. Hampi was the capital of Vijayanagara Empire . Hampi located on bank of the Tungabhadra River
- 4. The Hampi stone chariot was built by King Krishnadevaraya of the Vijayanagara Empire during the 16th century, who got fascinated with the Konark Sun temple chariot while fighting a battle in Odissa
- 5. Famous Virupaksha Temple is located in Hampi. The temple is dedicated to Lord Virupaksha, a form of Shiva



Group of Monuments at Pattadakal

Place : PattadakalState/UT : Karnataka

* Remarks:

- 1. Group of Monuments at Pattadakal is a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1987.
- 2. UNESCO has described Pattadakal as "a harmonious blend of architectural forms from northern and southern India"
- 3. There are ten major temples in **Pattadakal**, all dedicated to Lord Shiva. The temples contain elements of both South Indian (Dravidian) and North Indian (Nagara) styles of architecture
- 4. Group of Hindu temples and Jain temples built during the Chalukya Dynasty.



Gommateshwara Statue

Place : Shravanabelagola

❖ State/UT : Karnataka

* Remarks:

- 1. The Gommateshwara statue is a 19 m high monolithic statue
- 2. A Monolithic statue dedicated to Lord Bahubali.



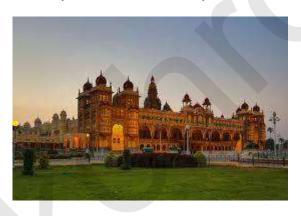
Mysore Palace

Place : MysoreState/UT : Karnataka

Remarks:

1. It is the official residence of the Wadiyar dynasty

2. Mysore is commonly described as the 'City of Palaces'



Halebidu

Place : Halebidu (Hassan District)

State/UT : Karnataka

Remarks:

1. Halebidu was the capital of the Hoysala Empire

2. It is home to some of the best examples of Hoysala architecture. Most notable are Hoysaleshwara temple, Kedareshwara temple, Parshvanatha Basadi and Shantinatha Basadi



Khajuraho

Place : Khajuraho

State/UT : Madhya Pradesh

* Remarks:

1. The Khajuraho group of monuments was built during the rule of the Chandela dynasty.

2. The temples are famous for their Nagara style architectural and their erotic sculptures

3. The Khajuraho group of temples were built together but were dedicated to two religions, Hinduism and Jainism

4. The Khajuraho Group of Monuments is a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1986.



Sanchi Stupa

Place : Sanchi

State/UT : Madhya Pradesh

Remarks:

1. Buddhist Monument originally commissioned by the emperor Ashoka the Great of the Maurya Empire. He erected the Great Stupa and kept the mortal remains of Buddha

2. The national emblem of India was derived from the Ashoka Pillar of Sanchi Stupa

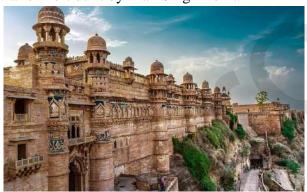


Gwalior Fort

Place : Gwalior

State/UT : Madhya Pradesh

❖ Remarks : Gwalior Fort built by Man Singh Tomar



Bhimbetka Rock Shelters

Place : Bhojpur RaisenState/UT : Madhya Pradesh

Remarks:

1. It is a UNESCO world heritage site that consists of seven hills and over 750 rock shelters

2. The Bhimbetka rock shelters with paintings are an archaeological site that spans the prehistoric Paleolithic and Mesolithic periods, as well as the historic period



Ajanta Caves

Place : AurangabadState/UT : Maharashtra

Remarks:

- 1. The **Ajanta Caves** are rock-cut Buddhist cave monuments. The caves include paintings and rock-cut sculptures
- 2. Since 1983 the Ajanta Caves have been a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- 3. Ajanta group of caves are famous for paintings. A fine example of Indian Art.
- 4. The first Buddhist cave monuments at Ajanta date from the 2nd and 1st centuries B.C. During the **Gupta period**



Elephanta Caves

Place : MumbaiState/UT : Maharashtra

Remarks:

- 1. Elephanta Caves are a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- 2. Cave temples dedicated to the Hindu god Shiva and consists of few Buddhist stupa mounds that date back to the 2nd century BCE
- 3. Elephanta Caves are on Elephanta Island or Gharapuri in Mumbai Harbour
- 4. The Rashtrakutas made splendid contributions to Indian art. The rock cut shrines Elephanta belong to their period.



Ellora Caves

Place: Ellora(Aurangabad district)

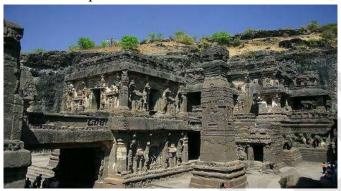
❖ State/UT: Maharashtra

Remarks:

1. Ellora caves are UNESCO World Heritage Site

2. Kailashanatha temple is the largest of the rock-cut Hindu temples at the Ellora Caves. The temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva. It was built by the 8th century Rashtrakuta King Krishna I between the year 756 and 773 AD

3. The Ellora cave complex contains the features of Buddhist, Hindu and Jain monuments and art work.



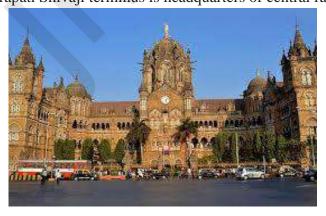
Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus

Place : MumbaiState/UT : Maharashtra

Remarks:

1. The terminus was designed by British architectural engineer Frederick William Stevens

- 2. Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (officially Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus) also known by its former name Victoria Terminus
- 3. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2004
- 4. Chhatrapati Shivaji terminus is headquarters of central railway



Gateway of India

Place : MumbaiState/UT : Maharashtra

❖ Inaugurated: 4 December 1924

Remarks:

1. Built to commemorate royal visit of King George V and Queen Empress Mary

2. The last horde of British troops left India through this Gateway



Bibi Ka Maqbara

Place : Aurangabad
State/UT : Maharashtra
Build Year :1661 AD

* Remarks: It is a mausoleum called Bibi Ka Maqbara (Tomb of the Lady) built by Prince Azam Shah, the son of the sixth Mughal emperor Aurangzeb in the memory of his mother Dilras Banu Begum.



Rashtrapati Bhavan

❖ Place : New Delhi

State/UT : DelhiOpened :1931

Remarks:

1. The Rashtrapati Bhavan is the official residence of the President of India

2. Its architect was Edwin Landseer Lutyens



India Gate

Place : New DelhiState/UT : Delhi

♦ Opened: 12 February 1931

Remarks:

1. The **India Gate** (originally **named** All **India** War Memorial) was built to pay homage to the soldiers of the Undivided Indian Army who lost their lives fighting for the British Empire in World War I (1914-1918) and the Third Anglo-Afghan War (1919).

2. India Gate was Designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens



National War Memorial

Place : New DelhiState/UT : Delhi

❖ Opened : 25 February 2019

Remarks:

1. The National War Memorial is a monument built by the Government of India near India Gate, New Delhi to honors the Indian Armed Forces.



Lotus Temple

Place : Kalkaji, New Delhi

❖ State/UT: Delhi

❖ Opened: 12 February 1931

* Remarks: Lotus temple is a Baha'i House of Worship that was dedicated in December 1986



Purana Qila

Place : New Delhi

♦ State/UT: Delhi

Remarks:

1. Purana Quila formerly called Shergarh & Sher Fort is one of the oldest forts in Delhi, India

2. Purana Qila was constructed by the Afghan King Sher Shah Suri



Qutub Minar

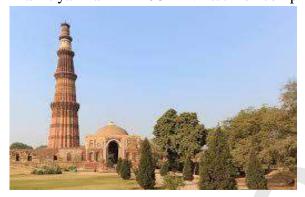
Place : Mehrauli , New Delhi

❖ State/UT : Delhi

Remarks:

1. It is a UNESCO world heritage site since 1993

2. Qutb-ud-din Aibak begun the construction of Qutub Minar, in the honour of famous Sufi saint Khwaja Qutibuddin Bakhtiyar Kaki in 1193 AD. Iltutmish completed the construction of Qutub Minar



Akshardham

❖ Place :New Delhi

State/UT : Delhi

❖ Opened: 6 November 2005

* Remarks: Akshardham temple is dedicated to Lord Swaminarayan



Jama Masjid

Place : New Delhi

♦ State/UT: Delhi

Remarks:

1. Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan built the Jama Masjid

2. It's also known as 'Masjid-i-Jahanuma' or 'Mosque commanding view of the world'



Humayun's Tomb

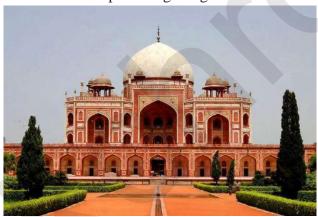
❖ Place : New Delhi

♦ State/UT: Delhi

Remarks:

1. It is a UNESCO world heritage site since 1993

2. Humayun's tomb is the tomb of the Mughal Emperor Humayun .The tomb was commissioned by Humayun's first wife Empress Bega Begum



Red Fort

Place : New Delhi

❖ State/UT: Delhi

Remarks:

1. It is a UNESCO world heritage site since 2007

- 2. Mughal Emperor **Shah Jahan** commissioned construction of the **Red Fort** on 1638, when he decided to shift his capital from Agra to Delhi
- 3. The Red Fort in Delhi, encompassed by magnificent buildings like Diwan-i-Aam, Diwan-i-Khas, Moti Mahal and Hira Mahal



Moti Masjid

Place : Red Fort ,New Delhi

♦ State/UT: Delhi

Remarks: The Moti Masjid is a white marble mosque located inside the Red Fort complex in Delhi. It was built by the Mughal emperor Aurangzeb in 1660



Safdarjung Tomb

Place : New Delhi

❖ State/UT: Delhi

* Remarks: The last garden tomb in Delhi, the Safdarjung's Tomb is the mausoleum of Safdarjung. Built in 1754 by Safdarjung's son Shuja-ud-Daula



Alai darwaza

Place : New Delhi

State/UT: Delhi

* Remarks: Built by Alauddin Khilji the Sultan of Delhi in 1311 AD



Feroz Shah Kotla

Place : New Delhi

♦ State/UT: Delhi

* Remarks: Feroz Shah Kotla was built by Feroz Shah Tughlaq in 1354



Konark Sun Temple

Place : KonarkState/UT : Odisha

Remarks:

1. It is a UNESCO world heritage site since 1984

2. Konark Sun temple was built in the **13th century** by King Narasimhadeva I of the Eastern Ganga Dynasty and dedicated to Sun God Surya

3. It also known as the Black Pagoda



Jagannath Temple

Place : PuriState/UT : Odisha

Remarks:

1. Jagannath Temple was built by King Chodaganga

2. The Puri Jagannath temple is famous for its annual Ratha yatra or chariot festival

3. Puri Jagannath temple is dedicated to Lord Jagannath, a form of Vishnu



Golden Temple

Place : AmritsarState/UT : Punjab

Remarks:

1. Holiest place of the Sikhs Religion.

- 2. The Golden Temple, also known as Harmandir Sahib, meaning is "abode of God"
- 3. Golden Temple was Built by Guru Ram Das with the fifth, Guru Arjan
- 4. In 1830 Maharaja Ranjit Singh donated gold to overlay the sanctum with gold foil



Shalimar Garden

❖ Place : Srinagar

❖ State/UT: Jammu and Kashmir

Remarks:

1. Shalimar Bagh is a Mughal garden

2. The Shalimar Bagh was built by Mughal Emperor Jahangir for his wife Nur Jahan, in 1619 AD.



Victoria Memorial

♦ Place : Kolkata

❖ State/UT: West Bengal

Remarks:

1. The Victoria Memorial was built between 1906 and 1921. It is dedicated to the memory of Queen Victoria (1819–1901)



Charminar

Place : HyderabadState/UT : Telangana

❖ Remarks: The Charminar was built by the fifth ruler of Qutb Shahi dynasty Muhammad Quli Qutb Shah to celebrate the end of a deadly plague in the year 1591 AD



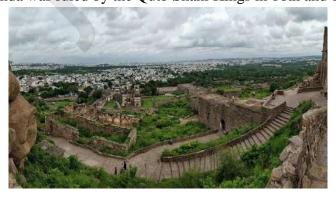
Golconda Fort

Place : HyderabadState/UT : Telangana

Remarks:

1. The Golconda fort was erected in the year 1143 under the Kakatiya Dynasty

2. Golconda was ruled by the Qutb Shahi Kings in 16th and 17th century



Agra Fort

❖ Place : Agra

❖ State/UT: Uttar Pradesh

Remarks:

1. It was the main residence of the emperors of the Mughal Dynasty until 1638

2. Agra fort is a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1984

3. Agra Fort was built by Akbar between 1565 and 1573



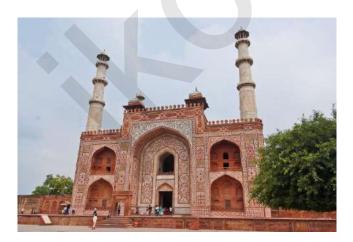
Akbar's Tomb

Place : SikandraState/UT : Uttar Pradesh

Remarks:

1. Akbar's tomb is the tomb of the Mughal emperor Akbar

2. Construction of mausoleum of Akbar started by Akbar and completed by Jahangir



Aram Bagh

❖ Place : Agra

❖ State/UT: Uttar Pradesh

* Remarks: The Aram Bagh is the oldest Mughal Garden in India, built by the Mughal Emperor Babur in 1528



Tomb of Itmad-Ud-Daula

❖ Place : Agra

❖ State/UT : Uttar Pradesh

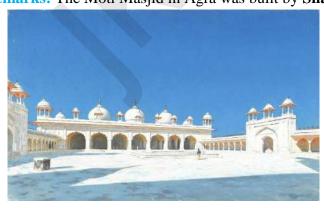
* Remarks: The tomb of Itimad-ud-daula, father of Nurjahan built by Jahangir was the first Mughal building built completely with white marble.



Moti Masjid

Place : Agra Fort, AgraState/UT : Uttar Pradesh

* Remarks: The Moti Masjid in Agra was built by Shah Jahan



Taj Mahal

❖ Place : Agra

❖ State/UT: Uttar Pradesh

* Remarks

- 1. Taj Mahal is a UNESCO world heritage site since 1983
- 2. Taj Mahal is one of the seven wonders of the world
- 3. Taj mahal was built by Shah Jahan in memory of his wife Mumtaz Mahal. It also houses the tomb of Shah Jahan himself
- 4. Situated on the right bank of the Yamuna river



Fatehpur Sikri

Place : Agra DistrictState/UT : Uttar Pradesh

Remarks:

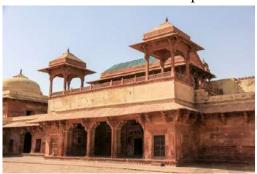
- 1. Fatehpur Sikri or the city of victory was founded in 1569 by the **Mughal Emperor Akbar**, and served as the capital of the Mughal Empire from 1571 to 1585
- 2. Fatehpur Sikri is a UNESCO world heritage site since 1986
- 3. Fatehpur Sikri is home to Jodha Bai's palace, Jama Mosque, Buland Darwaza, Panch Mahal, Ibadat Khana and a Tomb of Salim Chisti
- 4. **Buland Darwaza** or the "Door of victory" was built in 1601 AD by Mughal emperor **Akbar** to commemorate his victory over **Gujarat**. It is the main entrance to the Jama Masjid at **Fatehpur Sikri.**



5. The Panch Mahal is a palace in Fatehpur Sikri was commissioned by Akbar



6. Jodha Bai's Palace was constructed at Fatehpur Sikri by Akbar for his favorite wife Jodha Bai.



Chhota Imambara

Place : Lucknow

❖ State/UT: Uttar Pradesh

* Remarks: Chota imambara was built by Muhammad Ali Shah, who was the third Nawab of Awadh, in the year 1838.



Bara Imambara

Place : Lucknow

❖ State/UT: Uttar Pradesh

❖ Remarks: The Bara Imambara was built in the year 1784 by the fourth Nawab of Awadh known as Asaf-ud-Daula



Brihadeeswarar Temple

Place : ThanjavurState/UT : Tamil Nadu

Remarks:

1. Brihadeeswarar Temple is a Hindu temple dedicated to Shiva

2. Brihadeeswarar Temple was Built in the year 1010 CE by Raja Raja Chola I

3. Fine example of Dravidian Architecture

4. UNESCO declared it a World Heritage Site in 2004



Gangaikonda Cholapuram (Brihadisvara Temple) Temple

Place : Gangaikonda Cholapuram

❖ State/UT : Tamil Nadu

Remarks:

1. Brihadisvara Temple at Gangaikonda Cholapuram is a dedicated to Shiva

2. UNESCO declared it a World Heritage Site in 2004

3. The temple was constructed in 1035 AD by **Rajendra Chola I** the son of the famous Chola king Raja Raja Chola I

4. Gangaikonda Cholapuram was founded by Rajendra Chola I to commemorate his victory over the Pala Dynasty



Airavatesvara temple

Place : DarasuramState/UT : Tamil Nadu

Remarks:

1. UNESCO declared it a World Heritage Site in 2004

2. Temple was built by Raja Raja Chola II in the 12th century CE

3. Airavatesvara temple was dedicated to Lord Shiva

4. The Great Living Chola Temples comprise of three temples; the Brihadisvara Temple at Thanjavur, the Temple of Gangaikonda Cholapuram and the Airavatesvara Temple at Darasuram.



Meenakshi Amman Temple

Place : MaduraiState/UT : Tamil Nadu

Remarks:

1. The temple is dedicated to Meenakshi, a form of Parvati, and Sundareshwar, a form of Shiva

2. It was built during reign of Pandyas



Mahabalipuram Group of Monuments

Place : MahabalipuramState/UT : Tamil Nadu

Remarks:

- 1. The city of Mamallapuram was founded by the Pallava king Narasimhavarman I in the 7th century AD
- 2. The monuments were built during the Pallava dynasty
- 3. Mahabalipuram Group of Monuments got the status of UNESCO'S World Heritage Site in 1984.
- 4. Mahabalipuram Group of monuments includes: the Pancha Rathas of Dharmaraja Ratha, Arjuna Ratha, Bhima Ratha, Draupadi Ratha, Nakula Sahadeva Ratha, and Ganesha Ratha, Cave Temple, Descent of the Ganges Shore Temple, Olakkannesvara Temple, Mukunda Nayanar Temple, Pidari Ratha / Valian Kuttai Ratha



Shore temple

Place : MahabalipuramState/UT : Tamil Nadu

Remarks:

1. The Shore Temple of Mamallapuram was built during the reign of the Pallava king Narasimhavarman II



Kailasanathar Temple

Place : kanchipuramState/UT : Tamil Nadu

Remarks:

1. The temple was built by a Narasimhavarman II, ruler of the Pallava Dynasty

2. Kailasanathar Temple is dedicated to the Lord Shiva



Saint George Fort

Place : ChennaiState/UT : Tamil Nadu

Remarks:

1. Fort Saint George was built by the British East India Company at Chennai in 1644



Hawa Mahal

Place : JaipurState/UT : Rajasthan

Remarks:

1. Hawa Mahal was built in 1799 by **Maharaja Sawai Pratap Singh**, the grandson of Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh

2. Hawa Mahal means the 'Palace of Winds' or the 'Wind Palace'. It has 953 small windows



Dilwara Jain Temple

Place : Delwara, Mount Abu

❖ State/UT: Rajasthan

Remarks:

1. These Jain temples were built by Vimal Shah and designed by Vastupala



Vijaya Stambha

Place : ChittorgarhState/UT : Rajasthan

Remarks:

- 1. The Vijaya Stambha was constructed by the Mewar king, Rana Kumbha, in 1448 to commemorate his victory over the combined armies of Malwa and Gujarat led by Mahmud Khilji.
- 2. The Vijaya Stambha is dedicated to Vishnu



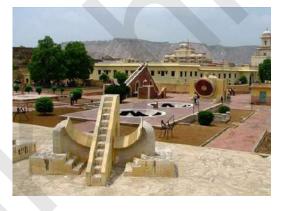
Jantar Mantar

Place : JaipurState/UT : Rajasthan

Remarks:

1. The Jantar Mantar is a collection of nineteen architectural astronomical instruments built by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II

2. It features the world's largest stone Sundial (Samrat Yantra), and is a UNESCO World Heritage site since 2010.



Jaigarh Fort

Place : JaipurState/UT : Rajasthan

Remarks:

1. The fort was built by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II in 1726 to protect the Amer Fort



Chittor Fort

Place : ChittorgarhState/UT : Rajasthan

Remarks:

1. UNESCO declared it a World Heritage Site in 2013

2. Chittaurgarh Fort is the largest fort of India



Adhai Din Ka Jhonpra

Place : AjmerState/UT : Rajasthan

Remarks:

1. Qutub-ud-Din-Aibak built Adhai Din Ka Jhonpra on orders of Muhammad Ghori, in 1192 CE

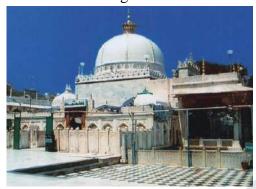


Dargah Ajmer Sharif

Place : AjmerState/UT : Rajasthan

Remarks:

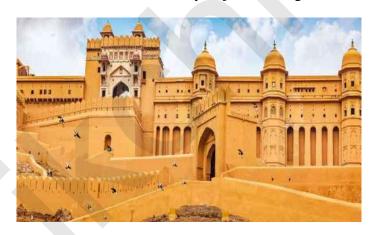
1. Dargah Ajmer Sharif is a Sufi shrine (dargah) of the revered sufi saint, Moinuddin Chishti, located at Ajmer. The shrine has Chisti's grave



Amber Fort

Place : JaipurState/UT : Rajasthan

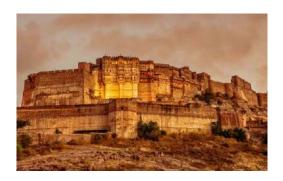
* Remarks: .The Amber fort was built by Raja Man Singh in 1592 AD



Mehrangarh Fort

Place : JodhpurState/UT : Rajasthan

❖ Remarks: The Mehrangarh fort was built by Rao Jodha in 1460 AD. Known for its intricate architecture and courtyards



Gagron Fort

Place : GagronState/UT : Rajasthan

* Remarks: UNESCO declared it a World Heritage Site in 2013



Kumbhalgarh fort

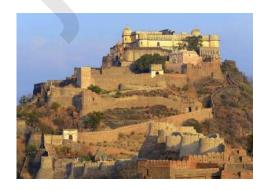
Place : KumbhalgarhState/UT : Rajasthan

Remarks:

1. UNESCO declared it a World Heritage Site in 2013

2. Second largest fort in India after Chittor Fort.

3. After the Great Wall of China, Kumbhalgarh has the longest wall in the world



Lingaraja Temple

❖ Place : Bhubaneswar

♦ State/UT : Odisha

Remarks:

1. Lingaraja Temple is temple dedicated to Shiva

2. It represents the style of Kalinga Architecture.

3. Temple was built by the King Jajati Keshari of Somavamsi dynasty 617-657 AD



Indian National Army Memorial

Place : MoirangState/UT : Manipur

* Remarks: The Indian National Army Martyrs' Memorial Complex was built memory of those men who fought in World War II to gain independence for India from British Colonial rule.



Historic city of Ahmedabad

♦ State/UT: Gujarat

Remarks:

- 1 The walled city of Ahmadabad, founded by Sultan Ahmad Shah I in 1411, on the eastern bank of the Sabarmati River
- 2 It was declared as the World Heritage City by UNESCO in 2017

