

UNESCO World Heritage Week

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UNESCO celebrates the annual World Heritage Week from November 19 to 25 across countries.

Objective

The objective of the week, observed by UNESCO, is **to make people aware of the rich heritage and also strive for its preservation.**

Celebrations in India

- In India, various programs related to historical structures, tour places and cultural and traditional heritage of the country are initiated to celebrate the week.
- Several schools and colleges are celebrated World Heritage Week in the country by organising quiz and painting competitions.
- The Archaeological Survey of India and several other museums are organised programs highlighting the significance of ancient monuments and their preservation.
- The heritage sites celebrated the week include Qutub Minar, Kashi Vishwanath Temple, Delhi Red Fort, Delhi Darwaza, Bhadra Gate, port town of Muziris among others.

UNESCO World Heritage sites in India

- There are 38 sites in India which include 30 Cultural, 7 Natural and 1 Mixed sites
- Jaipur city(2019) and Victorian Gothic and Art Deco Ensembles of Mumbai (2018) are the recent sites which were added into the list

