

World heritage day, 2021

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In News: World Heritage Day is observed every year on April 18, to preserve the human heritage and recognize the efforts of the organizations working for it.

Theme for World Heritage Day 2021

- 'Complex Pasts: Diverse Futures' is the theme for World Heritage Day 2021.
- Every year, the International Council on Monuments and Sites makes a decision.
- ICOMOS encourages people of all religious backgrounds to put their differences aside and come together to spread the message of unity.

World Heritage Day 2021: History

- The Venice Charter, also known as the 1964 International Charter on the Conservation and Restoration of Monuments and Sites, laid the foundation for the ICOMOS organisation.
- The International Council of Mountains and Sights proposed celebrating World Heritage Day on April 18, 1982, during a seminar in Tunisia.
- Then, in November 1983, at the 22nd session of the UNESCO Conference, a resolution was passed declaring April 18 to be World Heritage Day every year.

World Heritage Sites in India

- At present, India has 38 World Heritage Properties.
- All the sites under the Ministry are conserved as per ASI's Conservation Policy and are in good shape.

WORLD HERITAGE SITES IN INDIA (38)

CULTURAL SITES:

- 1.Agra Fort (1983),Uttar Pradesh
- 2.Ajanta Caves (1983), Maharashtra
- 3.Ellora Caves (1983),Maharashtra
- 4.Taj Mahal (1983),Uttar Pradesh
- 5.Group of Monuments at Mahabalipuram (1984),Tamil Nadu
- 6.Sun Temple, Konark (1984),Odisha
- 7.Churches and Convents of Goa (1986),Goa
- 8.FatehpurSikri (1986),Uttar Pradesh
- 9.Group of Monuments at Hampi (1986),Karnataka
- 10.Khajuraho, Group of Temples (1986),Madhya Pradesh
- 11.Elephanta Caves (1987),Maharashtra
- 12.Great Living Chola Temples at Thanjavur, Gangaikondacholapuram and Darasuram (1987 & 2004),Tamil Nadu
- 13.Group of Monuments at Pattadakal (1987),Karnataka
- 14.Buddhist Monuments at Sanchi (1989),Madhya Pradesh
- 15.Humayun's Tomb, Delhi (1993),Delhi
- 16.Qutb Minar and its Monuments, Delhi (1993),Delhi
- 17.Rock Shelters of Bhimbetka (2003),Madhya Pradesh
- 18.Champaner-Pavagadh Archaeological Park (2004),Gujarat
- 19.Red Fort Complex, Delhi (2007),Delhi
- 20.Hill Forts of Rajasthan Kumbhalgarh, Jaisalmer and Ranthambore, Amber and Gagron Forts) (2013), Rajasthan
- 21.Rani-ki-Vav (The Queen's Stepwell) at Patan (2014),Gujarat

22. Archaeological Site of Nalanda Mahavihara (Nalanda University) at Nalanda (2016) , Bihar

23. Mountain Railways of India Darjeeling, (1999), Nilgiri (2005), Kalka-Shimla (2008) West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh

24. Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (formerly Victoria Terminus) (2004), Maharashtra

25. Mahabodhi Temple Complex at Bodh Gaya, (2002), Bihar

26. The Jantar Mantar, Jaipur (2010), Rajasthan

27. The Architectural Work of Le Corbusier, an Outstanding Contribution to the Modern Movement (2016), Chandigarh

28. Historic City of Ahmedabad (2017), Gujarat

29. Victorian and Art Deco Ensemble of Mumbai (2018), Maharashtra

30. Jaipur City, Rajasthan (2019), Rajasthan

NATURAL SITES: (7)

31. Kaziranga National Park (1985), Assam

32. Keoladeo National Park (1985), Rajasthan

33. Manas Wildlife Sanctuary (1985), Assam

34. Sundarbans National Park (1987), West Bengal

35. Nanda Devi and Valley of Flowers National Parks (1988, 2005), Uttarakhand

36. Western Ghats (2012), Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu

37. Great Himalayan National Park (2014), Himachal Pradesh

MIXED SITE: (1)

38.Khangchendzonga National Park (2016),Sikkim