



## World Heritage Week 2019

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### Why in News

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The World Heritage Week is celebrated by the **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)** every year from November 19 to November 25.

In India, the **Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)** celebrates it.

### Key Points

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- Its **objective** is to make people **aware of the rich heritage** and also **strive for its preservation**.
- The Archaeological Survey of India and several other museums organise programs highlighting the significance of ancient monuments and their preservation.
  - Various **programs** related to **historical structures, tour places and cultural and traditional heritage** of the country were initiated to celebrate the week.
  - Several **schools and colleges** celebrated it by organising quiz and painting competitions.
- The heritage sites celebrating the week include Qutub Minar, Kashi Vishwanath Temple, Delhi Red Fort, Delhi Darwaza, Bhadra Gate among others.
- There are **38 UNESCO World Heritage sites in India** which include **30 cultural sites, 7 natural sites** and **1 mixed site**.  
Jaipur is the latest addition to the list of UNESCO cultural heritage sites.

### United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

- It was founded in **1945** to develop the “**intellectual and moral solidarity of mankind**” as a means of building lasting peace.
- It is located in **Paris, France**.

### Archaeological Survey of India

- ASI is the premier organization for the **archaeological research, scientific analysis, excavation of archaeological sites, conservation and preservation of protected monuments**.

- It is an attached office under the **Department of Culture, Ministry of Culture.**
- ASI was **founded in 1861 by Alexander Cunningham- the first Director-General of ASI.**

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