



World Heritage Week 2019

Why in News

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

- 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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