

The Best Of  
**Indian Architecture**

## Marble takes the shape of love

The jewel of Agra, Taj Mahal was built between 1632 and 1653 by Shah Jahan, the fifth emperor of the Mughal Empire, as a token of love for his wife Mumtaz Mahal. The monument is regarded as the best fusion of Islamic and Hindu architecture.

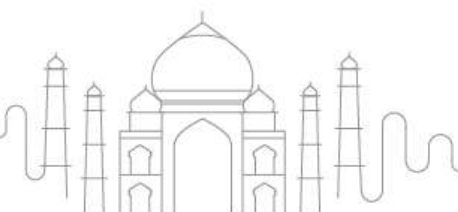
 Taj Mahal,  
Agra



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January 2023

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23	24	25	26 Republic Day	27	28	29
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## A red sandstone marvel becomes the jewel of the Pink City

Standing tall in the center of Jaipur, the Hawa Mahal was an interesting architectural solution, enabling the women to view outside the Mahal, without being seen. It is considered as the world's tallest building constructed without a foundation.

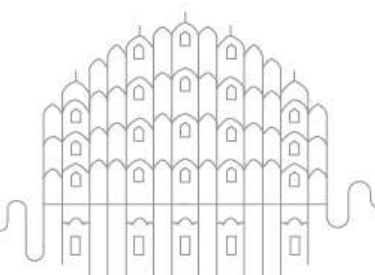
 Hawa Mahal,  
Jaipur



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February 2023

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## A tribute to iconic architecture in the city of culture

Charminar, the historic monument built in the heart of Hyderabad, was commissioned by the fifth king of the Qutub Shah dynasty. The four towering and it's distinctive four minarets, inspire its name.

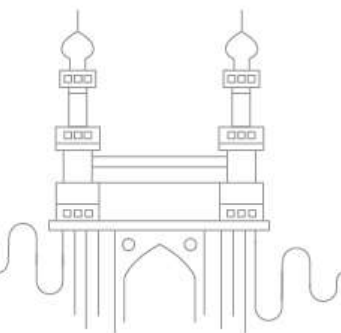
 Charminar,  
Hyderabad



# 03

March 2023

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## India's oldest Buddhist monument is also its largest

Sanchi Stupa, also known as the Great Stupa is believed to house the ashes of Buddha and is situated at Sanchi in Madhya Pradesh. It was built in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Century BC by the Emperor Ashoka.

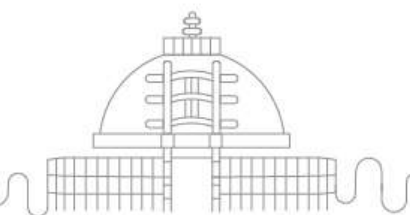
 Sanchi Stupa,  
Sanchi



# 04

April 2023

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03 Mahavir Jayanti	04	05	06	07 Good Friday	08	09
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## Ancient art and heritage carved in stone and housed in caves

A stellar example of rock cave architecture, the Ajanta and Ellora Caves, were carved by using only chisel and hammer by Buddhist monks. The caves which are located in Aurangabad, document all the life forms of Buddha through paintings, murals and sculptures made in 2<sup>nd</sup> Century BC.

 Ajanta Ellora Caves,  
Aurangabad



# 05

May 2023

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## A marble relic of the British Raj adorns a cosmopolitan city

Located in the heart of Kolkata, the Victoria Memorial was built between 1906 and 1921. It was dedicated to the memory of Queen Victoria.

 Victoria Memorial,  
Kolkata

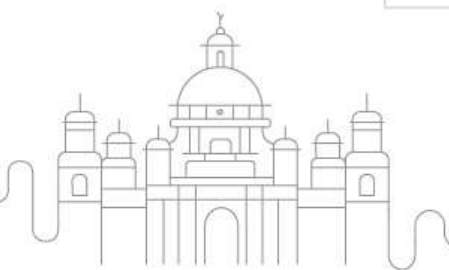


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Muharram



## For some it's a war memorial, but for most it's an emotional tribute

Located at Rajpath in Delhi, the India Gate was built as a tribute to the troops of British India who died in the wars between 1914 and 1919. The sandstone arch has the words 'India' inscribed on its cornice with Imperial Suns.

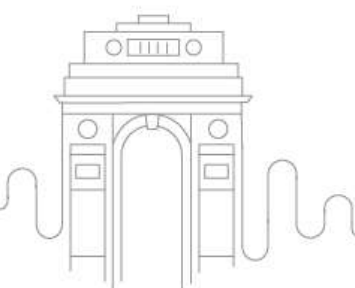
 **India Gate,**  
New Delhi



# 08

August 2023

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## A gateway to the city of dreams and an ode to its history

Overlooking the Arabian Sea, the Gateway of India, stands tall on Mumbai's Apollo Bunder. It was completed in 1924, to commemorate the visit of King George V and Queen Mary.

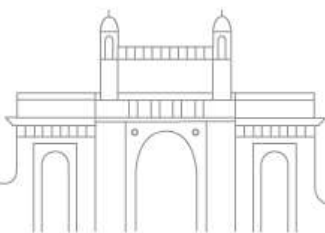
📍 Gateway of India,  
Mumbai



# 09

September 2023

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18	19 Ganesh Chaturthi	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Eid-E-Milad	29	30	01
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## An epitome of classic architecture with breathtaking murals

Meenakshi Amman Temple is one of the oldest & most important temples in India. Located in the city of Madurai, this temple is more than fifteen storeys tall and is covered in 1500 brightly painted sculptures of divine and demonic figures.

 Meenakshi Temple, Madurai



# 10

October 2023

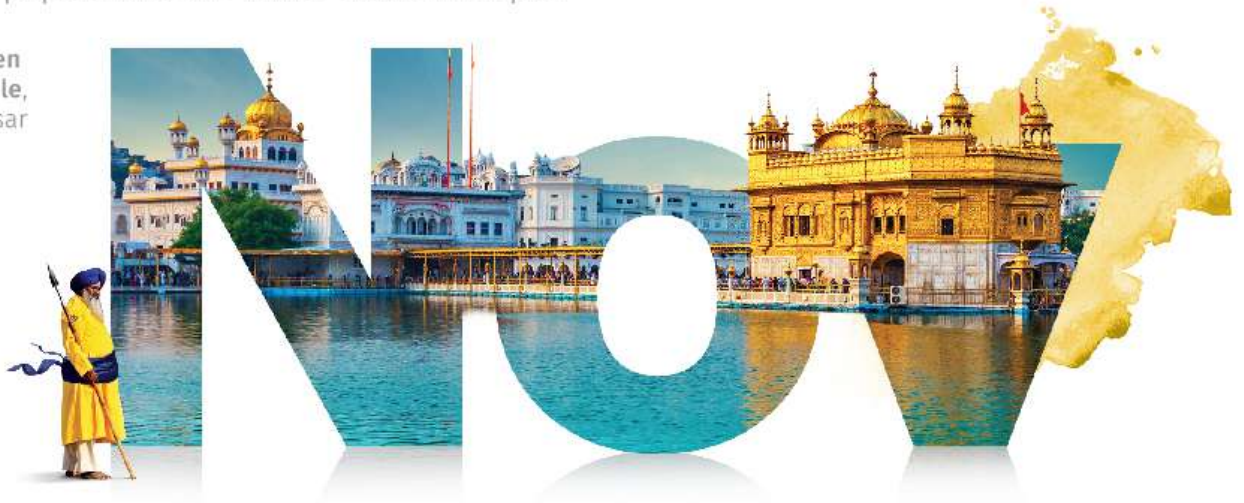
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## A house of worship that unites many faiths

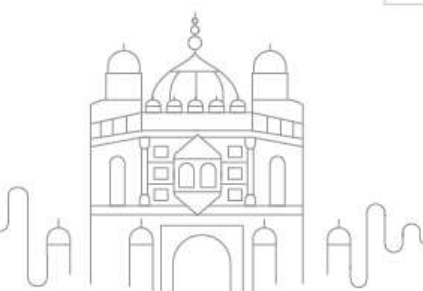
The Golden Temple also known as the Darbar Sahib, is the most important house of worship for the Sikh community in India. Located in the city of Amritsar in Punjab, it organises the largest langar sewa in the world. It serves around 100,000 devotees daily. It is rebuilt with marble and copper with an overlay of gold foil which popularized the name 'Golden Temple'.

 Golden Temple, Amritsar



November 2023

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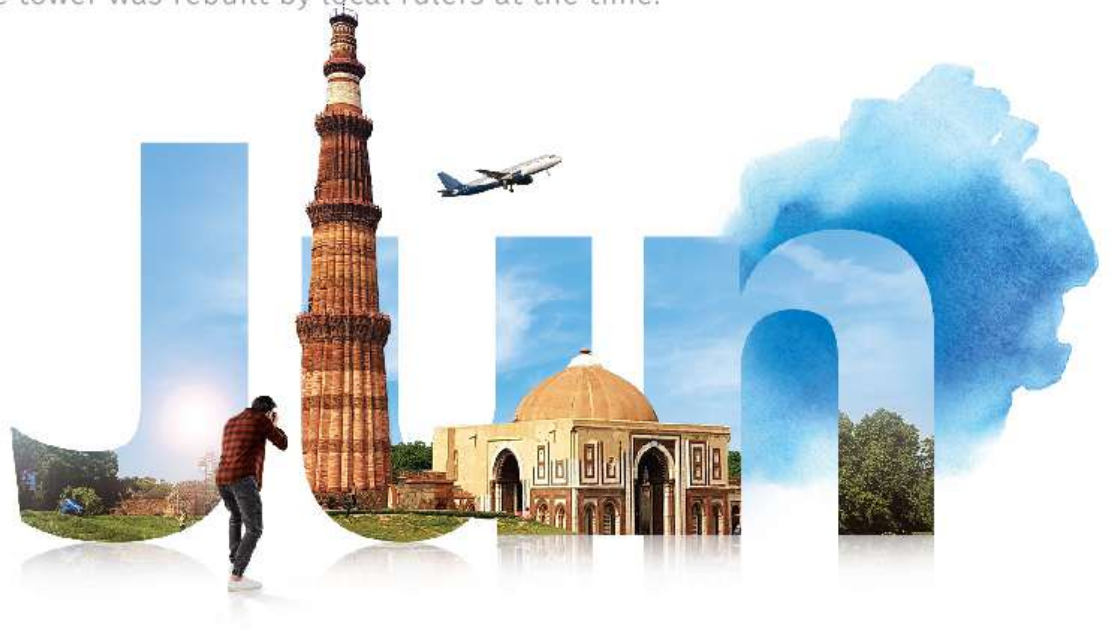




## The monument that celebrates India's glory

The Qutub Minar was built in the 13<sup>th</sup> Century and is located in Delhi. It is one of the tallest minarets in Asia. While it was damaged by lightning and earthquakes in the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries, the tower was rebuilt by local rulers at the time.

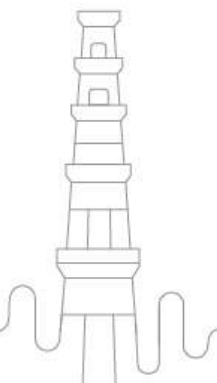
 Qutub Minar,  
New Delhi



# 06

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26	27	28	29 Bakri Eid/ Eid-al-Adha	30	01	02
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## The temple manifests the form of a flower.

The Lotus Temple, popular for its flower-like shape, is located in Delhi and is open to people of all religions. With 9 doors opening into a central hall, the building is composed of 27 petal-like front facades.

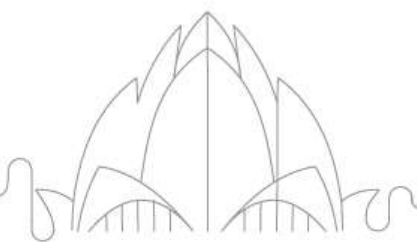
 Lotus Temple,  
New Delhi



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