

IMPORTANT HISTORICAL MONUMENTS OF INDIA



Names of various important Historical Monuments of India, the states they're located in and their significance in various Banking and Government Exam Preparation.

The following eBook contains a list of most important Historical Monuments of India. You can expect 1 or 2 questions in the General Awareness section of Bank and Government exams from this topic.

Here's a sample question

In which Indian State is the Lake Palace located?

- a. Karnataka
- b. Rajasthan
- c. Delhi
- d. Jammu & Kashmir

Answer: Rajasthan

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List of Important State-wise Historical monuments of India

Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Name of the Monument	Place	Remark
Cellular Jail	Port Blair	A Colonial Prison used by the British to exile prisoners to the archipelago

Andhra Pradesh

Name of the Monument	Place	Remark
Venkateswara Temple	Tirumala	Temple dedicated to Lord Venkateswara, an incarnation of Vishnu.

Assam

Name of the Monument	Place	Remark
Kamakhya Temple	Guwahati	A Hindu Temple dedicated to Goddess Kamakhya.

Bihar

Name of the Monument	Place	Remark
Mahabodhi Temple	Bodh Gaya	The location where Lord Buddha is said to have attained enlightenment.
Nalanda	Bihar Sharif	A Buddhist Monastery in the Kingdom of Magadha.

Goa

Name of the Monument	Place	Remark
Basilica of Bom Jesus	Bainguinim	Church in Old Goa that holds the mortal remains of St. Francis Xavier.
Se Cathedral Church	Velha	Church dedicated to Saint Catherine, constructed during the reign of King Dom Sebastiao.

Gujarat

Name of the Monument	Place	Remark
Rani Ki Vav	Patan	A Step-well constructed in the Maru-Gurjara Architectural Style.

Karnataka

Name of the Monument	Place	Remark
Gol Gumbaz	Bijapur	Sultan of Bijapur, Mohammed Adil Shah's Mausoleum.
Gommateshwara Statue	Shravanabelagola	A Monolithic statue dedicated to Lord Bahubali.
Halebidu	Hassan	Capital of the Hoysala Empire during the 12 and 13th Century.
Hampi Monuments	Hampi	Important religious centre, which was once the seat of the Vijayanagara Empire.
Hoysala Temples	Hoysala	Temples built by the Hoysala Empire.
Mysore Palace	Mysore	Residence of the Wodeyars (Royal family of Mysore) and a popular tourist attraction.
Pattadakal group of monuments	Pattadakal	Group of Hindu temples and a Jain Sanctuary built during the Chalukya Dynasty.

Madhya Pradesh

Name of the Monument	Place	Remark
Bhimbetka Rock Shelters	Raisen	Clusters of rock shelters with paintings dating from the Mesolithic Period.
Gwalior Fort	Gwalior	Fort built by Man Singh Tomar in the 8th Century.
Khajuraho Temples	Khajuraho	Known for its erotic sculptures and nagara-style architecture.
Sanchi Stupa	Sanchi	Buddhist Monument built during the Mauryan period by Emperor Ashoka.

Maharashtra

Name of the Monument	Place	Remark
Ajanta Caves	Aurangabad	Buddhist rock-cut monuments, famous for its murals. A fine example of Indian Art.
Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus	Mumbai	Headquarters of the Indian Central Railways, built in 1887.
Elephanta Caves	Mumbai	Intricately sculpted caves on the Elephanta Island.
Ellora Caves	Marathwada	Artistic monasteries and temples dating from A.D. 600 to 1000.
Gateway of India	Mumbai	Built to mark the landing of King George V and Queen Mary in the 20th Century.

New Delhi

Name of the Monument	Place	Remark
Akshardham	Noida Mor	Hindu temple and a unique cultural complex dedicated to Lord Swaminarayan.
Humayun's Tomb	Nizamuddin East	Mughal Emperor Humayun's tomb. Built in 1560's under Emperor Akbar's patronage.
India Gate	Rajpath	Commemorates soldiers of the Indian Army who died fighting for the British Army during WWI.
Jama Masjid	Chandni Chowk	One of India's largest Mosques. Built by Shah Jahan.
Lotus Temple	Kalkaji	Lotus-shaped temple. Last of the seven Baha'i Temples build around the world.
Qutub (Qutb) Minar	Mehrauli	2nd Tallest architecture in India and world's tallest rubble masonry minaret
Rashtrapati Bhavan	President's Estate	Official home of the President of India.
Red Fort	Chandni Chowk	Mughal Emperors' Main Residence and Political centre for 2000 years.

Odisha

Name of the Monument	Place	Remark
Konark Sun Temple	Konark	Temple dedicated to the Sun God, built during the 13th century.

Punjab

Name of the Monument	Place	Remark
Golden Temple	Amritsar	Holiest religious place of the Sikhs.

Rajasthan

Name of the Monument	Place	Remark
Amber Fort (aka Amer Fort)	Jaipur	Built by Raja Man Singh, one of the first Generals of Emperor Akbar.
Chittor Fort	Chittorgarh	One of India's largest forts, which was once the capital of Mewar.
Dilwara Temples	Mount Abu	Jain temples built during 11th and 13th century. Known for the striking use of marble in their construction.
Hawa Mahal	Jaipur	A high wall with windows and screened balconies to enable royal women to observe street festivals while unseen from outside.
Jaisalmer Fort	Jaisalmer	Rajasthan's second oldest fort, made of sand stones.
Jantar Mantar	Jaipur	Houses astronomical instruments built by Sawai Jai Singh. Also features the world's largest stone sundial.
Lake Palace	Udaipur	Built under Maharaja Jagat Singh II during the 1740's. Voted as the most romantic hotel in India.
Mehrangarh Fort	Jodhpur	One of India's largest forts. Known for its intricate architecture and courtyards.

Tamil Nadu

Name of the Monument	Place	Remark
Airavatesvara Temple	Darasuram	Temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, built in the 12th Century by Rajaraja Chola II.
Brihadeeswarar Temple	Thanjavur	Fine example of Dravidian Architecture and one of India's largest temples.
Gangaikonda Cholapuram Temple	Ariyalur	Built by Rajendra Chola. Renowned for having the biggest Shivalingam in South India.
Mahabalipuram Group of Monuments	Mahabalipuram	Pallava period sites, containing several cave temples known for their architectural grandeur.
Meenakshi Amman Temple	Madurai	Temple dedicated to Parvati and Shiva. Most visited tourist attraction in the city.

Telangana

Name of the Monument	Place	Remark
Charminar	Hyderabad	One of the most recognized monuments of India. A Global icon of Hyderabad.
Golkonda	Hyderabad	One of India's most magnificent fortress ruled by the Qutub Shahi Kings in 16th and 17th century.
Falaknuma Palace	Hyderabad	Built by Vikar-UI-Umra, then PM of Hyderabad, later renovated by Taj Hotels into a Luxury hotel.

Uttar Pradesh

Name of the Monument	Place	Remark
Agra Fort	Agra	Home of the Mughal Emperors till 1638.
Akbar's Fort	Sikandra	Tomb of Mughal Emperor Akbar.
Fatehpur Sikri	Agra	City with intricate architecture that integrates Jain, Hindu and Persian elements.
Taj Mahal	Agra	Built by Shah Jahan in memory of his wife Mumtaz Mahal.

West Bengal

Name of the Monument	Place	Remark
Victoria Memorial	Kolkata	Dedicated to the memory of Queen Victoria.

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