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# UNESCO — IN — INDIA

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Today, in addition to the UNESCO New Delhi Office, India also hosts the Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (MGIEP) – which is a UNESCO Category I Research Institute – and three other institutions that are affiliated with UNESCO.



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## UNESCO CATEGORY I INSTITUTE

Category I Institutes are an integral part of UNESCO and strengthen the capacity of member states in a specific field.

1. The UNESCO Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (MGIEP), New Delhi.

- Group of Monuments at Pattadakal (Since 1987)  
Location: Northern Karnataka
- Hill Forts of Rajasthan (Since 2013)  
Location: Rajasthan
- Historic City of Ahmedabad (Since 2017)  
Location: Ahmedabad, Gujarat  
Built by: Sultan Ahmad Shah
- Humayun's Tomb, Delhi (Since 1993)  
Location: Delhi
- Jaipur City (Since 2019)  
Location: Rajasthan
- Kakatiya Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple (Since 2021)  
Location: Telangana
- Khajuraho Group of Monuments (Since 1986)  
Location: Chhatarpur, Madhya Pradesh
- Mahabodhi Temple Complex at Bodhi Gaya (Since 2002)  
Location: Bodhi Gaya, Bihar
- Mountain Railways of India (Since 1999, 2005, 2008)  
Location: Darjeeling, Nilgiri, Shimla
- Qutb Minar and its Monuments (Since 1993)  
Location: Delhi
- Rani-ki-Vav (the Queen's Stepwell) (Since 2014)  
Location: Patan, Gujarat
- Red Fort Complex (Since 2007)  
Location: Delhi  
Built by: Shah Jahan

- Mudiyettu, Ritual Theatre and Dance Drama of Kerala (Since 2010) - Kerala
- Nawrouz, Novruz, Nowrouz, Nowrouz, Nawrouz, Nauryz, Nooruz, Nowruz, Navruz, Nevruz, Nowruz, Navruz (Since 2016)
- Ramlila, The Traditional Performance of The Ramayana (Since 2008) - Pan India
- Ramman, Religious Festival and Ritual Theatre of The Garhwal Himalayas (Since 2009) - Himachal Pradesh
- Sankirtana, Ritual Singing, Drumming and Dancing of Manipur (Since 2013) - Manipur
- Traditional Brass and Copper Craft of Utensil Making Among the Thatheras of Jandiala Guru (Since 2014) - Punjab
- Tradition of Vedic Chanting (Since 2008) - Pan India
- Yoga (Since 2016) - Pan India

- Maitreyayarakana (Since 2017) - Maitreyayarakana is a very short text, written on palm leaf in the mixed character of Kutila and Ranjana script, a manuscript of the Pala period.
- Rigveda (Since 2007) - The Vedas are generally known as the scriptures of the Hindu community.
- Saiva Manuscript in Pondicherry (Since 2005) - A collection of 11,000 manuscripts that concerns mainly the religion and worship of the Hindu God.
- Shāntinātha Charitra (Since 2013) - A text in Sanskrit written in Devanagari script. It describes the life and times of Shantinatha, the sixteenth Jain Tirthankara.
- Tarikh-e-Khandan-e-Timuriyah - The Tarikh-e-Khandan-e-Timuriyah (Since 2011) recounts the history of the Timurids i.e. of Timur and his successors in Iran and India.
- The I.A.S. Tamil Medical Manuscript Collection (Since 1997) - Mostly Tamil Medical Manuscripts preserved at the Institute of Asian Studies reflect the ancient system of medicine, practised by yogis.

- UNESCO Chair in Community Based Research and Social Responsibility in Higher Education (Since 2012) - The University of Victoria (Canada) and Society For Participatory Research In Asia (PRIA), (New Delhi, Delhi)
- UNESCO Chair on Conservation of Indigenous Culture and Heritage (since 2019) - Institute of Tribal Studies and Research, University of Calicut (Calicut, Kerala).
- UNESCO Chair on Community-based Disability Management and Rehabilitation Studies (since 2020) - University of Calicut (Calicut, Kerala)
- UNESCO Chair on Experiential Learning for Sustainable Innovation & Development (Since 2020) - Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, (Kochi, Kerala)
- UNESCO Chair on Experiential Learning, Work Education and Community Engagement (Since 2021) - Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education (Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh).
- UNESCO Chair on Scientific Research, Bioethics and Human Rights (Since 2021) - Cochin University for Science and Research (Kochi, Kerala).
- UNESCO Chair on Inclusive Museums and Sustainable Heritage Development (Since 2021) - Anant National University (ANU) (Amedhabad, Gujarat)

- D.A.V. Multipurpose Public School (Sonepat, Haryana)
- David Hare Training College (Calcutta, West Bengal)
- Delhi Public School (Mathura Road, New Delhi)
- Delhi Public School (R.K. Puram, New Delhi)
- Delhi Public School (Dwarka, New Delhi)
- Government Banikanta College of Teacher's Education (Guwahati, Assam)
- Government Basic Training Institution (Hoshangabad, Madya Pradesh)
- Guru Harkrishan Public School (Vasant Vihar, New Delhi)
- HIM Academy Public School (Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh)
- Homerton Grammar School (Faridabad, Haryana)
- Hyderabad Public School (Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh)
- Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (Vizianagram, Andhra Pradesh)
- Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (Khammam, Telangana)
- Kendriya Vidyalaya (Mumbai, Maharashtra)
- Kendriya Vidyalaya (Colaba, Mumbai, Maharashtra)
- Kendriya Vidyalaya (Cochin, Kerala)
- Kendriya Vidyalaya (Gangtok, Sikkim)



## UNESCO CATEGORY II INSTITUTES

Category II Institutes and Centers function under the auspices of UNESCO but do not form a part of UNESCO's Secretariat.

- Regional Centre for Biotechnology, Faridabad, Haryana.
- Centre for World Natural Heritage Management and Training for the Asia and Pacific region, Dehradun, Uttarakhand.
- International Training Centre for Operational Oceanography, Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad, Telangana



## WORLD HERITAGE SITES (40)

### CULTURAL (32)

- Agra Fort (Since 1983)  
Location: Agra, Uttar Pradesh  
Built by: Shah Jahan
- Ajanta Caves (Since 1983)  
Location: Aurangabad, Maharashtra
- Archaeological Site of Nalanda Mahavihara (Since 2016)  
Location: Nalanda, Bihar
- Buddhist Monuments at Sanchi (Since 1989)  
Location: Sanchi, Madhya Pradesh
- Champaner-Pavagadh Archaeological Park (Since 2004)  
Location: Champaner, Gujarat
- Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (formerly Victoria Terminus) (Since 2004)  
Location: Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Churches and Convents of Goa (Since 1986)  
Location: Goa
- Dholavira: a Harappan City (Since 2021)  
Location: Gujarat
- Elephanta Caves (Since 1987)  
Location: Elephanta Island, Maharashtra
- Ellora Caves (Since 1983)  
Location: Aurangabad, Maharashtra
- Fatehpur Sikri (Since 1986)  
Location: Agra, Uttar Pradesh  
Built by: Akbar
- Great Living Chola Temples (Since 1987, 2004)  
Location: Tamil Nadu  
Built by: Kings of the Chola Empire
- Group of Monuments at Hampi (Since 1986)  
Location: Hampi, Karnataka
- Group of Monuments at Mahabalipuram (Since 1984)  
Location: Mamallapuram, Tamil Nadu  
Built by: Pallava Kings

- Rock Shelters of Bhimbetka (Since 2003)  
Location: Madhya Pradesh
- Sun Temple (Since 1984)  
Location: Konark, Odisha
- Taj Mahal (Since 1983)  
Location: Agra, Uttar Pradesh,
- The Architectural Work of Le Corbusier, an Outstanding Contribution to the Modern Movement (Since 2016)  
Location: The Complexe du Capote in Chandigarh (India)
- The Jantar Mantar (Since 2010)  
Location: Jaipur, Rajasthan
- Victorian Gothic and Art Deco Ensembles of Mumbai (Since 2018)  
Location: Mumbai, Maharashtra

### NATURAL (7)

- Great Himalayan National Park Conservation Area (Since 2014)  
Location: Himachal Pradesh
- Kaziranga National Park (Since 1985)  
Location: Assam
- Keoladeo National Park (Since 1985)  
Location: Bharatpur, Rajasthan
- Manas Wildlife Sanctuary (Since 1985)  
Location: Assam
- Nanda Devi and Valley of Flowers National Parks (Since 1988, 2005)  
Location: Uttarakhand
- Sundarbans National Park (Since 1987)  
Location: West Bengal
- Western Ghats (Since 2012)  
It traverses south through the states of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala

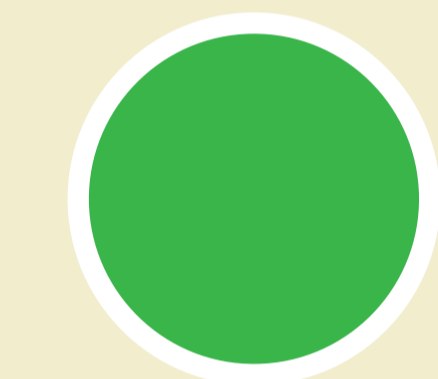
### MIXED (1)

- Khangchendzonga National Park (Since 2016)  
Location: North Sikkim



## INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE ELEMENTS (14)

- Buddhist Chanting of Ladakh (Since 2012) - Ladakh
- Chhau Dance (Since 2010) - West Bengal
- Durga Puja (Since 2021), West Bengal
- Kalbelia Folk Songs and Dances of Rajasthan (Since 2010) - Rajasthan
- Kumbh Mela (Since 2017) - Uttar Pradesh
- Kutiyattam, Sanskrit Theatre (Since 2008) - Kerala



## BIOSPHERE RESERVES (12)

- Achanakmar-Amrarkantak (Since 2012) - Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh
- Agasthyamala (Since 2016) - Kerala and Tamil Nadu
- Great Nicobar (Since 2013) - Nicobar Islands
- Gulf of Mannar (Since 2001) - South East Coast of India
- Khangchendzonga Biosphere Reserve (Since 2018) - Sikkim
- Nanda Devi (Since 2004) - Himalayan Mountains, Northern India
- Nilgiri (Since 2000) - Western Ghats
- Nokrek (Since 2009) - Meghalaya Plateau
- Pachmarhi (Since 2009) - Deccan Peninsula and the Biotic Province of Central India
- Panna Biosphere Reserve, Madhya Pradesh (Since 2020)
- Similipal (Since 2009) - Mahanadian East Coastal Region and the Chhotanagpur Biotic Province
- Sunderbans (Since 2001) - Vast delta of the Ganges, South of Kolkata



## MEMORY OF THE WORLD INSCRIPTIONS (9)

- Archives of the Dutch East India Company (Since 2003) - About twenty-five million pages of VOC (The Dutch East India Company - Verenigde Oostindische Compagnie) records have survived in repositories in Jakarta, Colombo, Chennai, Cape Town, and The Hague.
- Gilgit Manuscript (Since 2017) - The birch bark and clay coated Gilgit manuscripts are the oldest surviving manuscripts in India.
- laghukālacakratantarājatikā (Vimalaprabhā) (Since 2011) - These manuscripts are significant in terms of their historical, intellectual and aesthetic value. The text contains detailed discussions of astrology and astronomy.



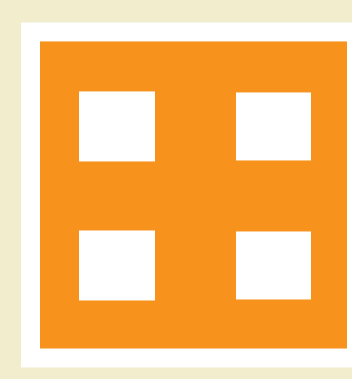
## CREATIVE CITIES (6)

- Chennai - Creative City of Music (Since 2017)
- Hyderabad - Creative City of Gastronomy (Since 2019)
- Jaipur - Creative City of Crafts and Folk Art (Since 2015)
- Mumbai - Creative City of Film (Since 2019)
- Srinagar (India) - Creative city of Crafts and Folk Art (Since 2021)
- Varanasi - Creative City of Music (Since 2015)



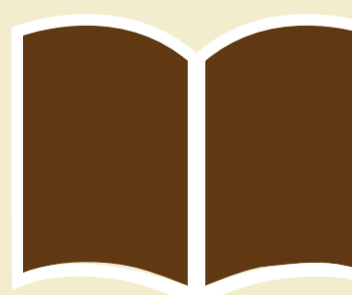
## UNESCO CHAIRS (16)

- UNESCO Chair in Peace, Human Rights and Democracy (Since 1998) - Academy of Engineering and Educational Research (Pune, Maharashtra)
- UNESCO Chair for the Promotion of the Culture of Peace and Non-Violence (Since 1999) - Manipal Academy of Higher Education (Pune, Maharashtra)
- UNESCO Chair for Peace and Intercultural Understanding (Since 2010) - Banaras Hindu University (Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh)
- UNESCO Chair on Community Media (Since 2011) - University of Hyderabad (Hyderabad, Telegana)
- UNESCO Chair in Climate Science and Policy (Since 2012) - TERI University (New Delhi, Delhi)
- UNESCO Chair in Inclusive Adapted Physical Education and Yoga (Since 2012) - Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University (Kolkata, West Bengal)
- UNESCO Chair on Culture, Habitat and Sustainable Development (Since 2014) - Srishti School of Art, Design and Technology (New Delhi, Delhi)
- UNESCO/Cardinal Paul Poupard Foundation Chair on Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (2015) - St Andrew's College of Arts (Mumbai, Maharashtra) and Cardinal Paul Poupard Foundation (Italy)
- UNESCO Chair on Gender Equality and Women Empowerment (2016) - Amrita University (Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu)



## NGOs

- Akhil Bhartiya Sanskritik Sangh (ABSS), admitted in 2017, Pune, Maharashtra
- International Council for Education of people with Visual Impairment (ICEVI), admitted in 1974, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
- World Association for Small and Medium Enterprises (WASME) admitted in 1993, Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- World Futures Studies Federation (WFSF) admitted in 1974, New Delhi
- The Ramakrishna Mission, admitted in 2014, Howrah, West Bengal
- South Asia Foundation (SAF), admitted in 2006, New Delhi
- TERRÉ Policy Centre, admitted in 2019, Pune, Maharashtra
- Gujarat Grassroots Innovations Augmentation Network (GIAN), admitted in 2021, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.



## UNESCO ASSOCIATED SCHOOLS

- Amity International School (Sector 43, Gurgaon, Haryana)
- Amity International School (Sector 46, Gurgaon, Haryana)
- Amity International School (Mayur Vihar, New Delhi)
- Amity International School (Pushp Vihar, New Delhi)
- Amity International School (Saket, New Delhi)
- Amity International School (Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh)
- Amity International School (Noida, Uttar Pradesh)
- Besant Arundale Senior Secondary School (Kalakshetra, Tamil Nadu)
- Bishop Cotton School (Shimla, Himachal Pradesh)
- Central School of Education (Delhi)
- Chinnmaya Vidyalaya (Palghat, Kerala)
- City International School (Mumbai, Maharashtra)
- City Montessori Inter College (Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh)
- City Montessori School (Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh)
- Crescent Public School (Ballarpur, Maharashtra)

- Kendriya Vidyalaya (Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar Islands)
- Kendriya Vidyalaya (Pondicherry)
- Kendriya Vidyalaya (Shillong, Meghalaya)
- Kendriya Vidyalaya (Andrew's Ganj, New Delhi)
- Kendriya Vidyalaya (Shimla, Himachal Pradesh)
- Kendriya Vidyalaya (Dehra Dun, Uttar Pradesh)
- Kendriya Vidyalaya (Bikaner, Rajasthan)
- Kendriya Vidyalaya (Jodhpur, Rajasthan)
- Kendriya Vidyalaya (Churu, Rajasthan)
- Kendriya Vidyalaya, Indian Institute of Technology (Chennai, Tamil Nadu)
- Kendriya Vidyalaya, National Defence Academy (Pune, Maharashtra)
- Kiit International School (Bhubaneswar, Odisha)
- Lala Kamlapat Singhania Education Centre (Gotan, Rajasthan)
- Kendriya Vidyalaya, National Defence Academy (Pune, Maharashtra)
- Lawrence School Lovedale (Ootacamund, Tamil Nadu)
- Maeer's Mit School Division (Pune, Maharashtra)
- Mayo College, Sherring House (Ajmer, Rajasthan)
- Model Institute of Education and Research (Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir)
- O.P. Jindal School (Raigarh, Chhattisgarh)
- Peace Research Centre (Ahmedabad, Gujarat)
- Radhanath Training College (Cuttack, Odisha)
- Regional College of Education (Bhubaneswar, Odisha)
- Rishikul Vidyapeeth (Sonepat, Haryana)
- Ryan International School (Vasant Kunj, New Delhi)
- Sai International School (Bhubaneswar, Odisha)
- Saint Xavier School (Jaipur, Rajasthan)
- Salwan Public School (Mayur Vihar, New Delhi)
- Shri Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya (Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu)
- Springdales School (Pusa Road, New Delhi)
- St. Aloysius High School (Mangaluru, Karnataka)
- St. Ann's Training College of Education (Mangaluru, Karnataka)
- The New Era School and Junior College (Mumbai, Maharashtra)
- V.S. Mehta College of Science (Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh)
- Vidya Niketan - Birla Public School (Pilani, Rajasthan)
- Vidyardaya Schools (Chennai, Tamil Nadu)