

Vittala Temple, Karnataka

- Vittala Temple at Hampi was built during the reign of King Devaraya II (1422 1446 A.D.) of Vijayanagara Empire.
 - Several sections of the temple were expanded and renovated during the reign of Krishnadevaraya (1509-1529 A.D).
- Temple is dedicated to Vittala, an avatar of Lord Vishnu. It is located in the north eastern part

of Hampi, near banks of Tungabhadra River.

- Temple is built in the Dravidian style architecture. Highlight of Vittala temple is its impressive pillared halls and the stone chariot.
- It is one of the sites at Hampi.
 - Hampi is a UNESCO World Heritage Site located Karnataka.



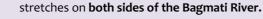
- Its name is derived from Pampa (old name of Tungabhadra River) on whose banks the city is built. It was the last capital of the Vijayanagar empire.
- Founded by Harihara and Bukka in 1336, it fell to the Muslim rulers of the Deccan in 1565 (Battle of Talikota).

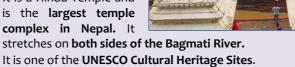
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Other Key sites at Hampi: Achyutaraya temple, Pattabhirama temple, Lotus Mahal etc.

Pashupatinath Temple, Kathmandu, Nepal

- Recently, India Nepal signed MoU to improve the infrastructure in the temple complex.
 - Project is part of Nepal-Bharat Maitri: Development Partnership as a high impact community development scheme by India.
- It is a Hindu Temple and is the largest temple complex in Nepal. It





Other sites

Somnath Temple, **Gujarat**

- Recently, Prime Minister of India has been appointed as Chairman of Somnath Temple Trust.
- Somnath temple located in Prabhas Patan near Veraval Saurashtra on western coast of Gujarat
- It is considered the first among twelve the jyotirlinga shrines of Shiva.
- Present temple was reconstructed Chaulukya style of Hindu temple architecture and completed in May 1951 by Vallabhbhai Patel.



The site is considered to be a Triveni sangam (confluence of three rivers) of Kapila, Hiran and Sarasvati.