

# Monuments and Forts of Deccan Sultanate

The Minister of State of Culture and Tourism has informed Lok Sabha that India has submitted two nomination dossiers namely 'Dholavira: A Harappan City' and 'Monuments and Forts of Deccan Sultanate' for inclusion in the World Heritage List for the year 2020.

## Features:

- The 'Monuments of the Deccan Sultanate' is a property comprising of four components constituting the most representative, most authentic and best conserved examples of Deccani Sultanate monuments in India.
- They demonstrate the exemplary convergence of national and international styles of Islamic architecture and their intersections with the prevalent Hindu architecture of the period southern Indian in present day Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh,
- The contributions of Deccan Sultanate to the arts and architecture of India is impressive with iconic Indo Islamic monuments constructed in Gulbarga, Bidar, Bijapur and Hyderabad.
- These sites emerged as important medieval fortifications and walled cities of the Deccan Sultanates with a vigorous new architectural style of the sultanate that emerged from encounters with the Deccan Hindu heartland of the period.

## Bahmani Monuments at Gulbarga, Karnataka

It primarily comprises the Gulbarga Fort with the Great Mosque in the Fort, Jami Masjid and the Haft Gumbad complex with seven tombs. Gulbarga was the first capital of the Bahmani dynasty.

## Bahmani and Barid Shahi Monuments at Bidar, Karnataka

The significant feature of Bidar is the sophisticated system of gates and sluices (A sluice is a water channel controlled at its head by a gate.) that could be used when required to flood segments of the moat and thus preserve water.

## Adil Shahi Monuments at Bijapur, Karnataka

These are an ensemble of 80 small and big monuments including the fortifications, gates, water systems and tanks, several mosques and tombs and palatial structures. The most remarkable monuments within the fort include the Gol Gumbaz which is the second largest dome in the world.

## Qutb Shahi Monuments at Hyderabad (AP)

- It comprises of Golconda Fort, Qutb Shahi Tombs and Charminar that symbolize the Qutb Shahi Dynasty. Golconda is a fortified citadel and an early capital city of the Qutb Shahi dynasty.
- The tombs of Qutb Shahis are a mausoleum complex comprised of the tombs of the Royal family and the officials who faithfully served them.