

## Celebrate World Heritage Day and Earth Day

“Did you know, there are a total of 36 (1 mixed, 7 Natural and 28 Cultural) UNESCO World Heritage Sites in India having special cultural or physical significance?” One of our colleagues was interacting with the Heritage Club students of the school as a preparation of The World Heritage Day on April 18.

“Is the spectacle of Gandhi a heritage?”, asked a child with twinkling eyes.

Our friend got unsettled with this totally unexpected question. ‘Yes, I suppose so’, cryptically responded the teacher gathering her wit.

If so, my grandfather’s spectacle is also a heritage? The simple question was getting complicated now. “Hmmm, I think yes, it is certainly your family heritage”, responded the teacher with some assurance.

“Ok, so my grandfather’s spectacle is our family heritage, Gandhi’s spectacle is a national heritage. What about the earth? Is mother earth our heritage – a global heritage?”

Of course, the earth is our heritage. That is why it is said ‘one planet earth and one family mankind’ and we also celebrate Earth Day on April 22 every year, she replied with some confidence. The bell, fortunately, rang and our friend heaved a sigh of relief. She knew the way this conversation was going someone may ask if the cosmos is our heritage and why were we spreading debris in the space!

Heritage is an important issue that students need to engage with deeply. That is why CBSE has asked all the schools to form Heritage Clubs and it shares the [guidelines](#) for the same. [CBSE also initiated an online asset](#) to engage with Heritage Education in an effort to devise ways to popularize heritage education in schools and among the young children nationwide. It partnered with *Sahapedia* (an online encyclopedia on Indian Culture and Heritage) to create a space for synergy in the area of heritage education where teachers and students are invited to contribute content, share their experiences and knowledge.

To help our schools prepare students better for these celebrations, we have prepared a rich repository from various authentic sources on the topic. Click here to find them:

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