

## Old Monuments: Our Link to the Past.

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Monuments aren't just buildings made of brick, stone, and cement; they are a symbol of our past. Now, the past is something that is gone forever, once it is gone, it will not show itself again. Letting these precious ancient structures go is like letting history fade away, like allowing the old memories that we wanted to cherish forever go. They stand quietly, holding stories of those who lived, dreamed, and built before us. If they fall silent, a part of our story is lost with them.

We should preserve monuments because they aren't just structures. Every broken wall, every step, and every carving carries a deep significance and a story that most don't know. These monuments help us understand our culture, our past, where we come from, who we truly are, and where we really belong. These buildings explain millions of stories behind each life that exists today. Once they are destroyed, they can't be brought back, no matter how much we try to rebuild them, they won't be the original one, not the one with the real significance and past to it.

Monuments help us stay connected to our roots. They remind us of the traditions, beliefs, and values that shape our society. They aren't just a symbol of religion but a symbol of where we truly come from. The inscriptions are somehow connected to everyone, they carry secrets no one ever knew, not even now. Monuments show us how different cultures have contributed to the world and history. But more importantly, monuments aren't just a symbol of the past but also a sign of learning. These structures can explain more than any textbook or novel ever could. They are the real evidence behind all the myths and facts that we hear and learn. If not a figure of religion or history, we can consider it as a figure of learning and knowledge for every person. Students, architects, and historians can visit and explore the past and the beauty that lies deep within the scars of the sand and brick that built the structures. These monuments also show how architecture isn't just a subject, but a type of beauty that cannot be recreated today.

Monuments are also a pillar of science that people cannot explain. It includes advanced scientific theories regarding sunlight, sound and much more. They used science to build incredible alarm and defense systems, sometimes even water systems. Let us take the example of the Golconda Fort where if we clap from the entrance, the clap can be heard a kilometer away from the fort's top pavilion. This marks the science of sound. We also have the Sun Temple in Modhera, Gujarat in which the temple is aligned in a way that the sun ray falls exactly at the deity. Jaipur's Jantar Mantar has giant stone instruments built to study stars and time with amazing precision. Monuments aren't just plain architectural structures, they are the proof that shows us the complex science. If we lose them, we lose the chance to explore the brilliant minds that brought this complex science to us.

Monuments also have a real value today. They attract tourists and create jobs to help the economy grow. Hotels, guides, transport, all of this for the monuments means a lesser chance of unemployment and a lesser number of people below poverty line. Monuments save people's lives in this way as well. But beyond money, monuments are really priceless. Once gone,

nothing can bring back the original history. The broken steps and walls, we cannot build a wall, break it and say it's a part of history. Every scratch, every carving and every cut marks a deep importance of the past, present and the future. Preserving them lets our future generation feel the same wonder, the fights that were fought and much more. Losing them means losing a part of ourselves as well.

Monuments also teach us tradition, our past, culture and the stories of our customs. If they are gone, then all we are left with a history full of guesses, without them, there is no us. We come from there. Monuments are real proof of our past. Preserving them means ensuring our history stays true. Books and pictures explain the past, but monuments are the real evidence of the past. We will not have a proper understanding of history without them. They allow us to see, touch and feel what our past feels like. Losing them signifies losing our chance to learn.

So let us come together. Let us save the buildings that mark a role in our lives, in the past, in the present and the future. In the end, it's not just protecting stones and sand, it's protecting a part of us, our history, our culture and our knowledge. These monuments remind us of where we come from and where we are going. Every stone, every step and every brick there has a story untold. Once we start discovering how it was built, we unfold the stories we were never told, if we didn't see it, doesn't mean we shouldn't know. Therefore, saving monuments isn't a choice, it is our responsibility.