

INDIA



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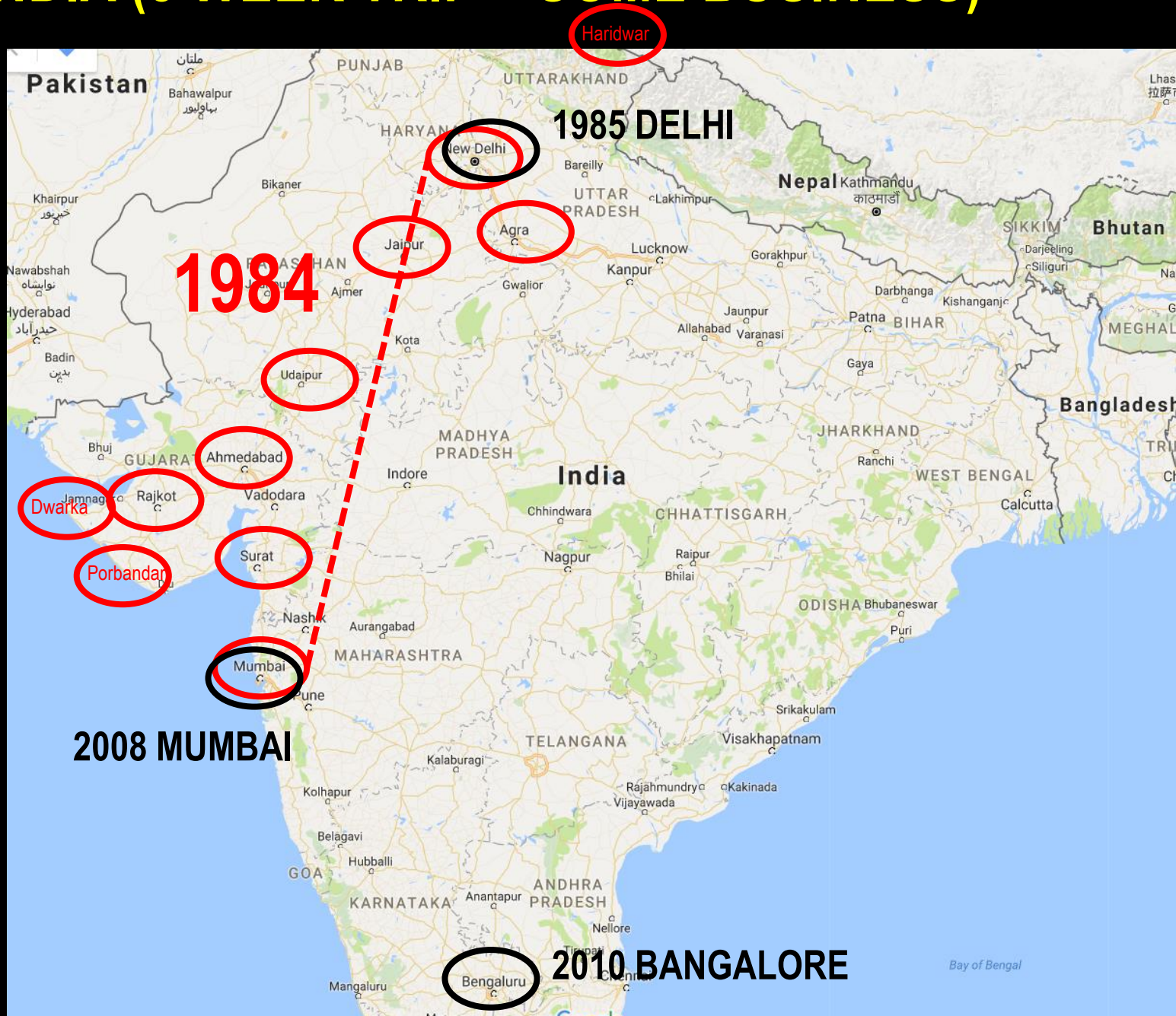
WHY WE WENT TO INDIA AND WHAT WE DID

My wife and I were invited in 1984 to accompany Gujarati friends for 5 weeks to help his parents

- **perform a Hindu pilgrimage**
- **visit their old villages and their relatives**
- **visit temples**
- **see the river Ganges**
- **visit other sites such as the Taj Mahal**
- **go to Mumbai and New Delhi.**

+ 1 trip to Delhi + 2 business trips

INDIA (5 WEEK TRIP + SOME BUSINESS)



INDIA GEOGRAPHY AND FACTS

1. **World's largest democracy, 1200 million (20x UK)**
2. **9 hrs away from UK by aeroplane**
3. **+4 ½ or + 5 ½ hours timezone (New Delhi time)**
4. **Hindus 80%, Muslims 14%, Christians 2%, Sikhs 2%, Buddhists 1%, Jains, 0.5% Zoroastrians others ...**
5. **Varied climate Tropical jungle, Desert to Himalayas**
6. **Currency Indian Rupee (~100 to the British pound)**
7. **Main languages are Hindi and English but about 15 main languages + 3000 dialects are spoken**

INDIAN BANKNOTES ~ RS100 = £1

SOME OF MINE ARE NOW WORTHLESS



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15 (/22) different languages on
bank notes

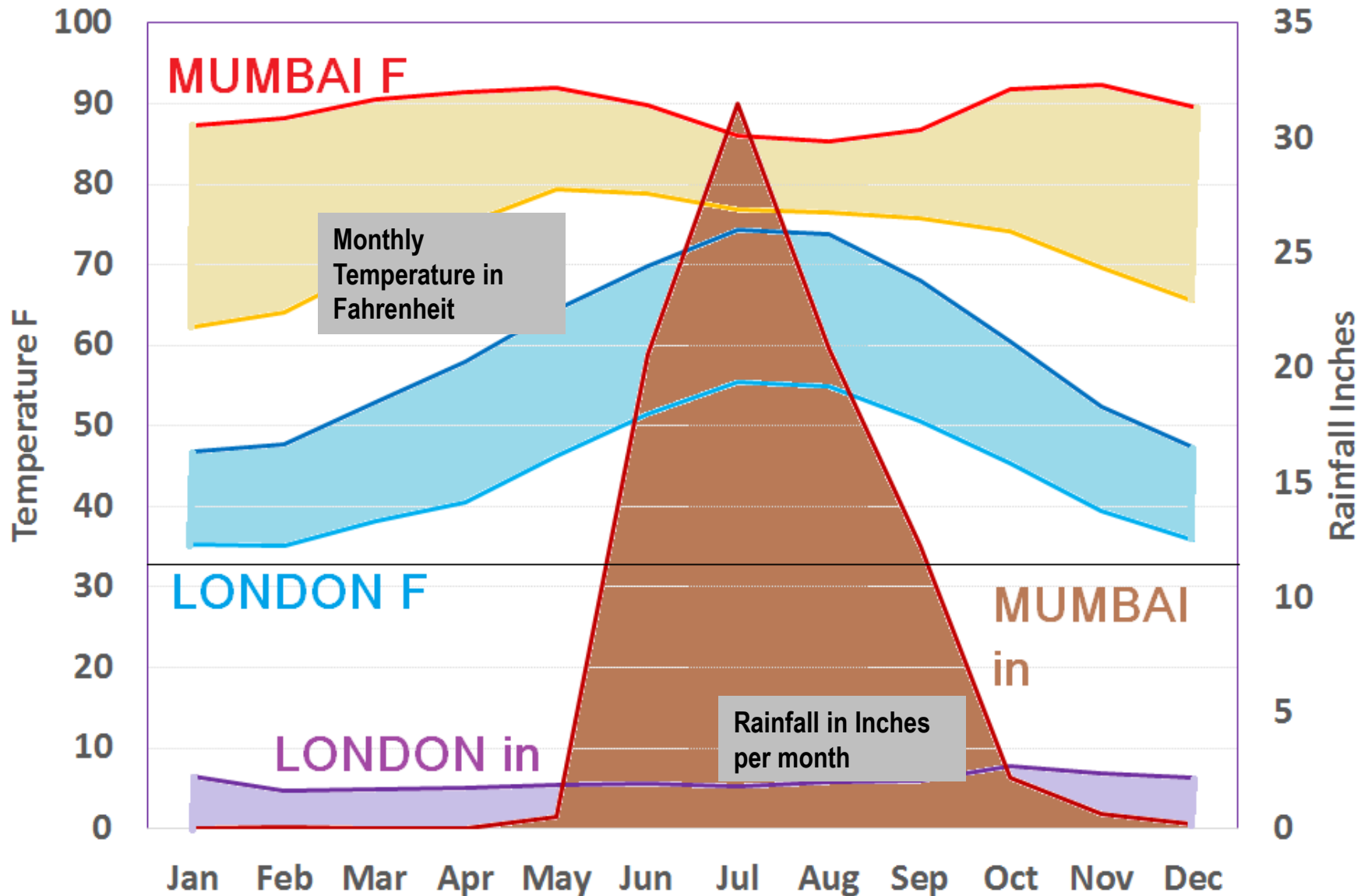
Assamese
Bengali
Gujarati
Kannada
Kashmiri
Konkani
Malayalam
Marathi
Nepali
Oriya
Punjabi
Sanskrit
Tamil
Telugu
Urdu ...
HINDI

Mostly mutually
incomprehensible



WEATHER MUMBAI VS. LONDON

TEMPERATURE (F) AND RAINFALL (INCHES)



INDIAN NUMBERS ARE CONFUSING

NUMBER OF "0", NAME

Western Counting

- 5) 100,000
Hundred thousand
- 6) 1,000,000
Million
- 7) 10,000,000
Ten million
- Thousand
Million
Billion

Indian counting

- 5) 1,00,000
Lakh
- 6) 10,00,000
- 7) 1,00,00,000
Crore
- Thousand
Lakh
Crore

INDIA IS A COUNTRY OF CONTRASTS

Private building in Mumbai for owner of Reliance industries costing \$1B

slums



MUMBAI TRAFFIC JAMS JUST LIKE IN ENGLAND.

IT TOOK 1 1/2H EACH WAY TO GET TO THE FACTORY



TRAFFIC IN DELHI IS CHAOTIC TOO



**EVEN IN THE COUNTRYSIDE DRIVING IS
CHAOTIC, I WOULDN'T TRY**



BANGALORE'S MAIN SHOPPING STREET



TRANSPORT IN INDIA

A HINDUSTAN AMBASSADOR (MORRIS OXFORD III) PRODUCED IN INDIA 1958-2014
HIRED BY THE DAY WITH A DRIVER

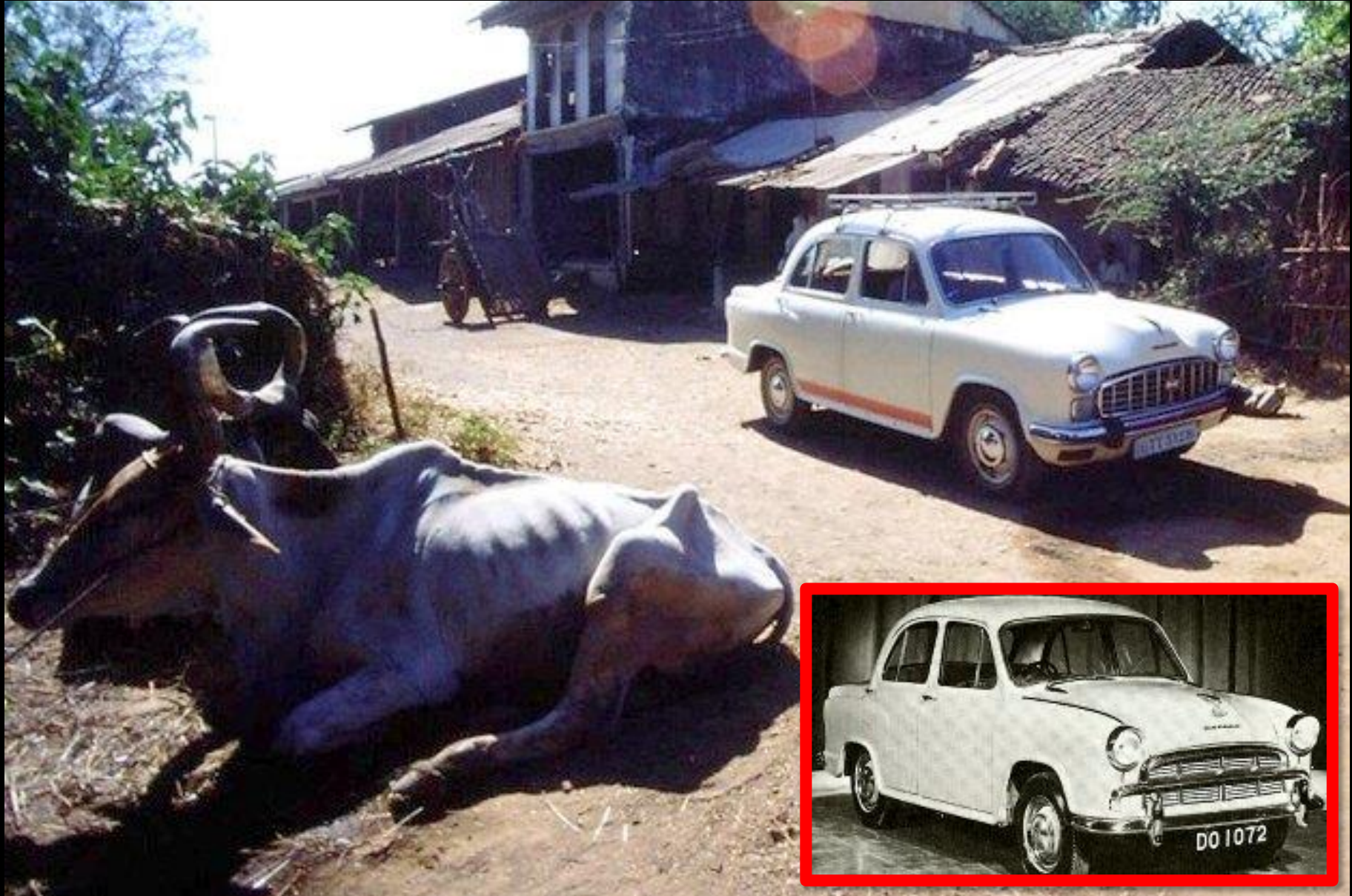


TRANSPORT IN INDIA

A HINDUSTAN AMBASSADOR (MORRIS OXFORD III) PRODUCED IN INDIA 1958-2014

HIRED BY THE DAY WITH A DRIVER

ORIGINAL BRITISH VERSION



TUK TUK 3 WHEELER TAXIS. COULD GET UP TO 6 PASSENGERS IN BUT HAD TO WALK PAST POLICE STATIONS HORNS CONSTANTLY IN USE



OLDER ARTICULATED BUS IN MUMBAI 1984 TYPE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN NOW



MORE RECENT MUMBAI BUSES 2008



HARLEY DAVIDSON SOUND ALIKE 4 PASSENGERS FOR TOURISTS



MANY LORRIES ARE DECORATED BY THEIR DRIVERS



COACHES DO BREAKDOWN



RECOVERING A CRASHED LORRY



SHIP OF THE DESERT, RAJHASTAN



ELEPHANT



MUMBAI FOOD DELIVERY DABA (TIFFIN) DELIVERIES OF FOOD FROM HOME TO OFFICES



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MY DINNER

INDIAN BREAD, CURRY, SAMOSAS, PICKLES AND FRUIT JUICE



ROADSIDE SNACKS



PICNIC IN THE HOTEL - OUR FRIEND'S PARENTS KNEW WHAT TO BUY



HOTEL BREAKFAST



TAJ INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL, MUMBAI

WE COULD ONLY AFFORD AN ICECREAM THERE



STREET SCENE IN MUMBAI



VICTORIA/CHHATRAPATI SHIVAJI STATION MUMBAI 1887

18 PLATFORMS, 26 COACH TRAINS



HANGING GARDENS OF MUMBAI

OVER THE RESERVOIR WITH A FLORAL CLOCK



SCHOOL OUTING, MUMBAI

EVERYONE WANTED TO SAY HELLO



ANIMAL TOPIARY IN MUMBAI



ELEPHANTA ISLAND NR MUMBAI

HINDU AND BUDDHIST ROCK CAVES



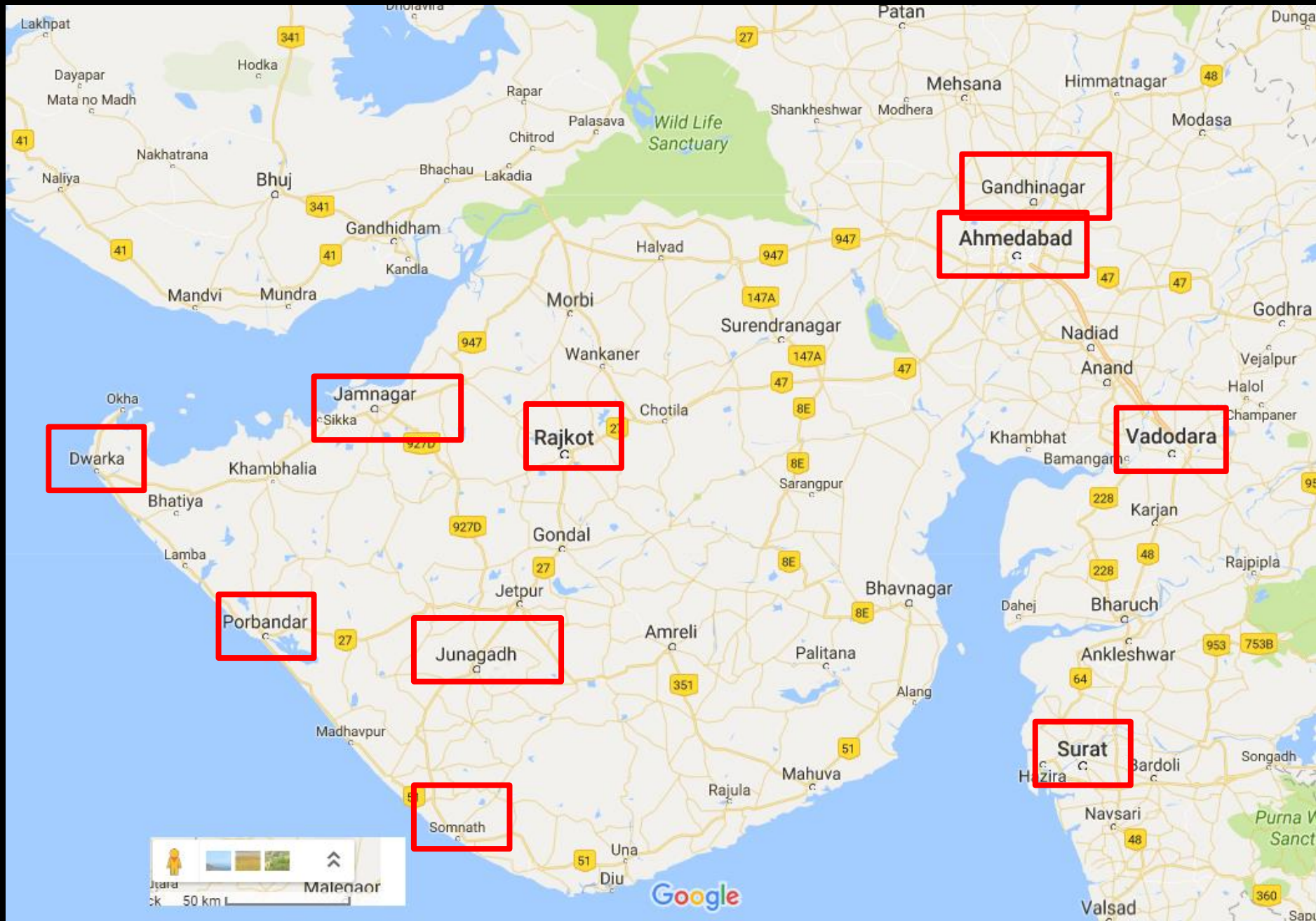
ROCK TEMPLES 5TH TO 8TH CENTURY



INSIDE ROCK TEMPLE [S://EN.WIKIPEDIA.ORG/WIKI/ELEPHANTA_CAVES](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elephanta_Caves)



GUJARAT – THE MAIN REASON FOR THE VISIT



MEETING OUR FRIENDS' SHOE MAKER FAMILY



FEASTING AT THEIR FAMILY'S HOUSE



OUR FRIEND'S FATHER FOUND HIS OLD HOUSE



OUR FRIENDS MET THEIR OLD NEIGHBOURS



IN THEIR FRIENDS' HOUSE



CHILDREN FOLLOWED US EVERYWHERE



DOORWAY AT NEARLY EMPTY VILLAGE



WELL AT ALMOST EMPTY VILLAGE (8 HOUSES)

MOST OF THE OWNERS WERE LIVING ABROAD



THE EMPTY VILLAGE IS LOOKED AFTER

ONE COUPLE RETURNED AND LOOK AFTER ALL OF THE HOUSES, EVEN PUTTING LIGHTS UP FOR THEIR FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS (DIWALI) JUST BEFORE THEIR NEW YEAR IN NOVEMBER



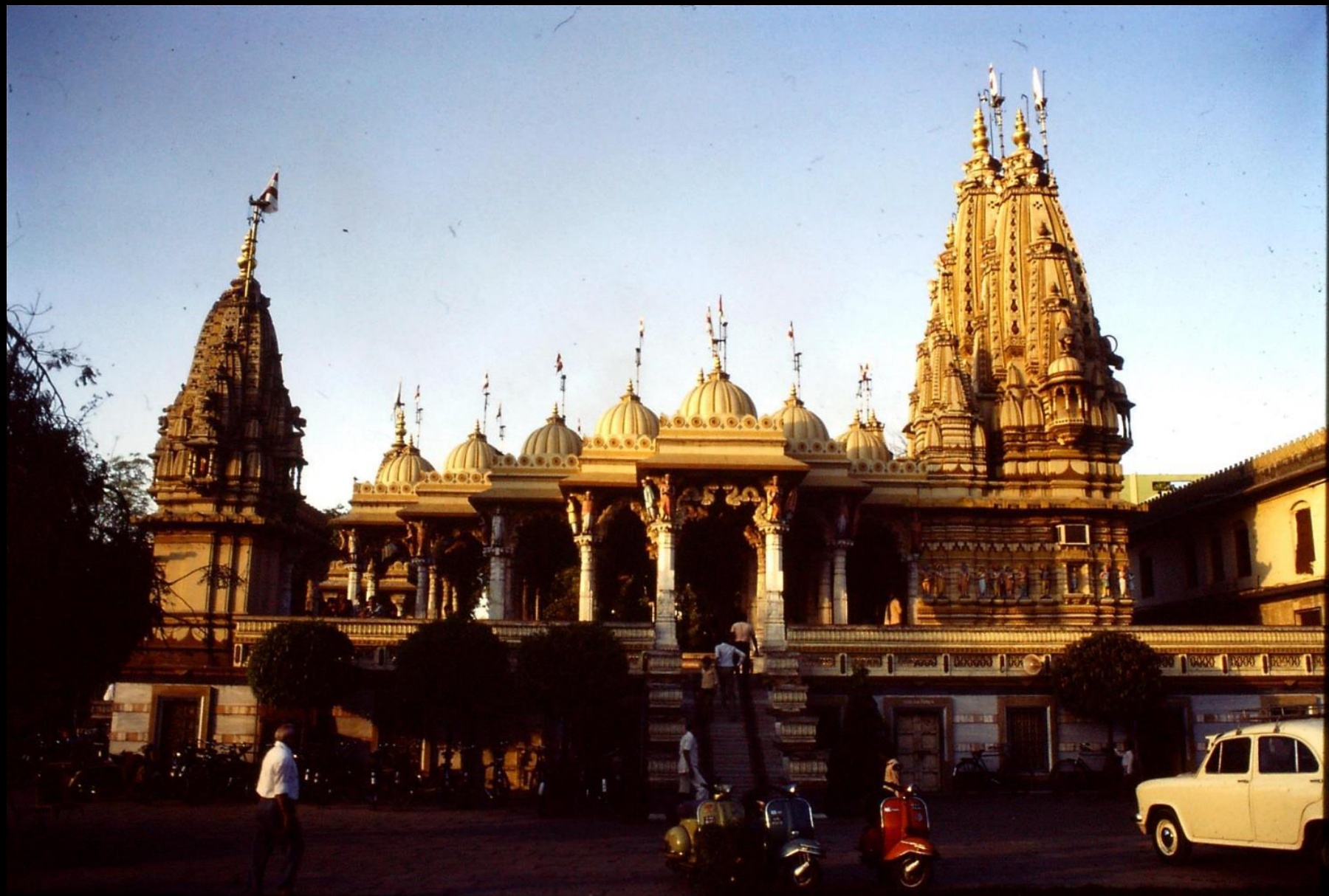
ORNATE ARCHITECTURE



HINDU TEMPLES



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SOMNATH TEMPLE

STORIES OF LEVITATING STATUES THE TEMPLE IS SITUATED AT SUCH A PLACE THAT THERE IS NO LAND IN A STRAIGHT LINE BETWEEN SOMNATH SEASHORE UNTIL ANTARCTICA



MAHATMA GANDHI 1869-1948

- From Porbandar, Gujarat
- Pacifist leader of Indian independence movement from Britain
- Inspiration for civil rights and freedom
- Wanted to stop separation of India, Pakistan and Bangladesh and have one united India with all religions (Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Jain, Christian and others ...)
- Assassinated in 1948
- 2nd Oct is national holiday



GANDHI'S BIRTHPLACE



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SABARMATI ASHRAM/GANDHI'S ASHRAM

CONTAINS A MUSEUM, HIS WRITINGS AND POSSESSIONS



This is a detailed political and administrative map of India. The map shows the following:

- States and Union Territories:** Each state and union territory is color-coded and labeled. States include Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Pondicherry. Union Territories include Chandigarh, Delhi, NCT of Delhi, Lakshadweep, and the National Capital Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.
- Major Cities:** Capital cities are marked with a star. Other major cities are marked with dots. Examples include Srinagar, Jammu, Shimla, Chandigarh, Delhi, Jaipur, Bhopal, Lucknow, Patna, Kolkata, Bhubaneswar, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Chennai, and Thiruvananthapuram.
- Transportation Networks:** The map shows a dense network of roads (solid lines) and railways (dashed lines). Major ports are also indicated along the coast.
- Geographical Features:** The map shows the coastline of India, major rivers (Ganges, Brahmaputra, Godavari, Krishna, etc.), and the Lakshadweep islands in the Arabian Sea.
- Legend:** A legend in the top left corner explains the symbols used for different types of cities, roads, railways, and other features.

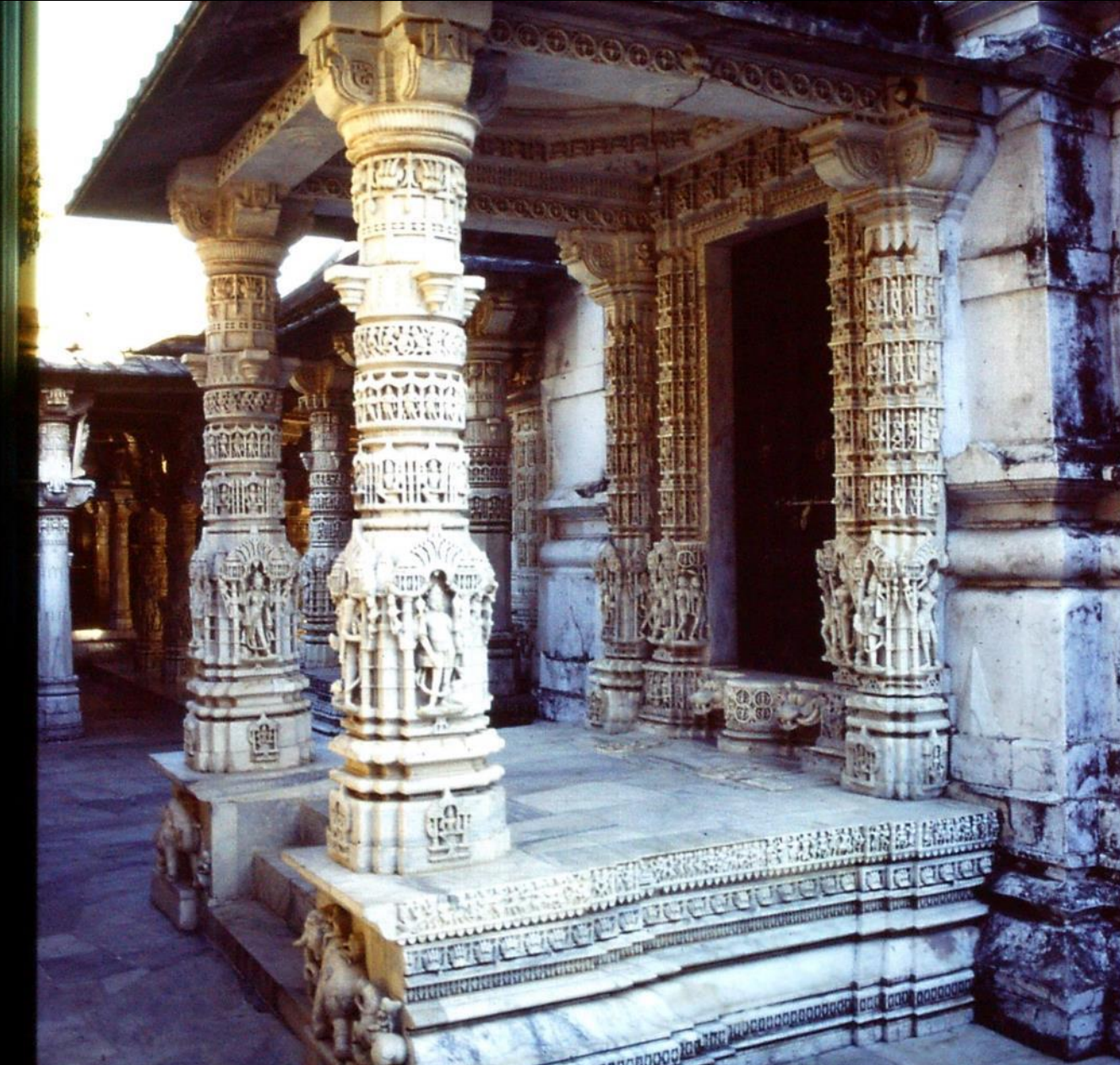
YOUNG GIRLS WITH ANIMAL DUNG FOR FUEL



DUNG DRYING ON THE WALL – HANDPRINTS TO IDENTIFY WHOSE IT IS



DILWARA JAIN TEMPLE – MOUNT ABU



MARBLE TEMPLE CARVING



10TH TO 14TH CENTURY JAIN TEMPLE

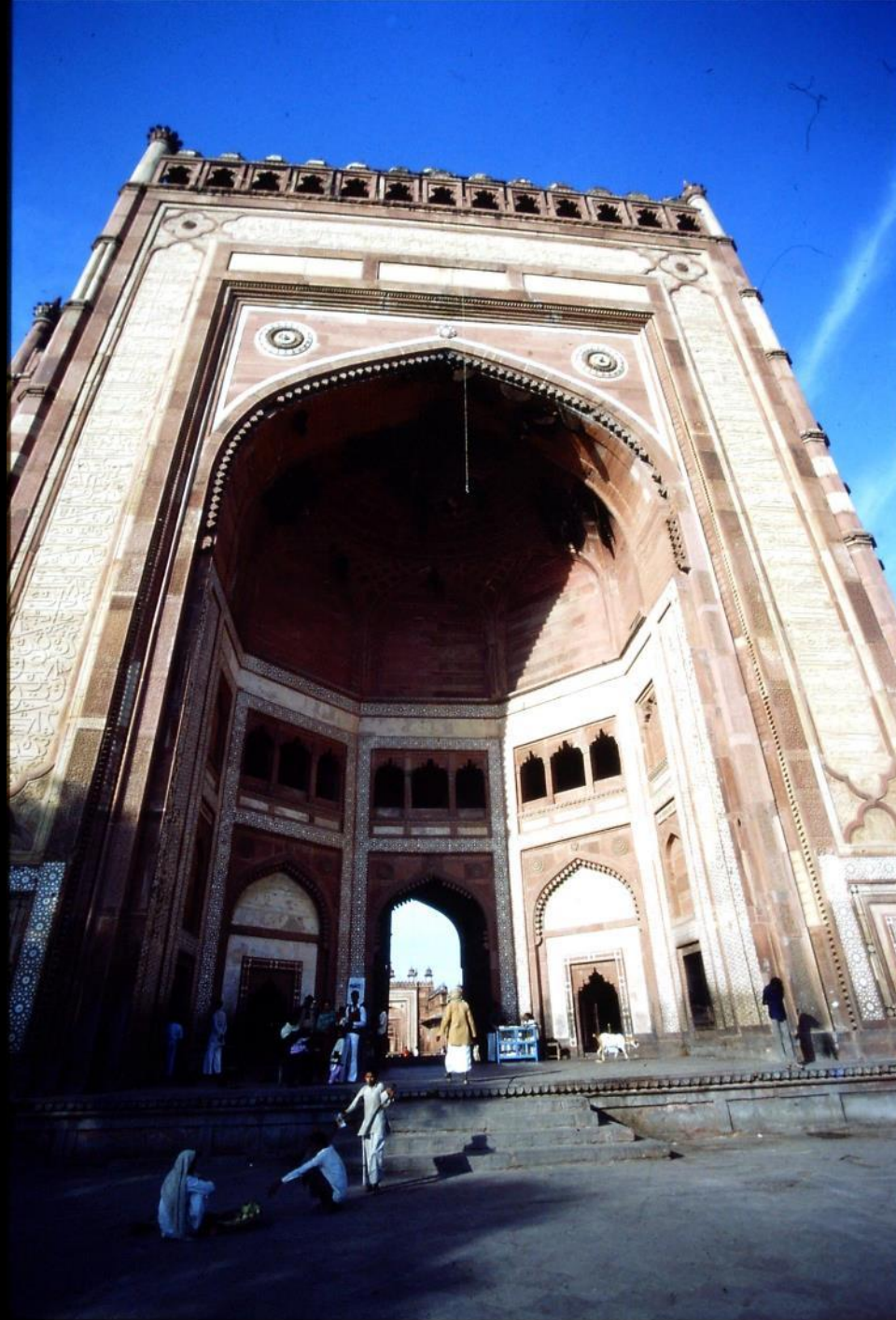


JAIN TEMPLE



FATEPUR SIKRI

- Founded 1569 by Mughal emperor Akbar
- Abandoned 1585 due to problems with the water supply and its proximity to their enemies
- Hornets crawling everywhere and we weren't allowed shoes



TOMB OF SALIM CHISTI

PIERCED "JALIS" OR MARBLE SCREENS – CAN SEE OUT BUT NOT IN



UDAIPUR (THE WHITE CITY)



CITY PALACE, UDAIPUR'S FORT 1559

800 FT LONG * 100 FT HIGH



CITY PALACE – TO WATCH THE WIVES DANCING



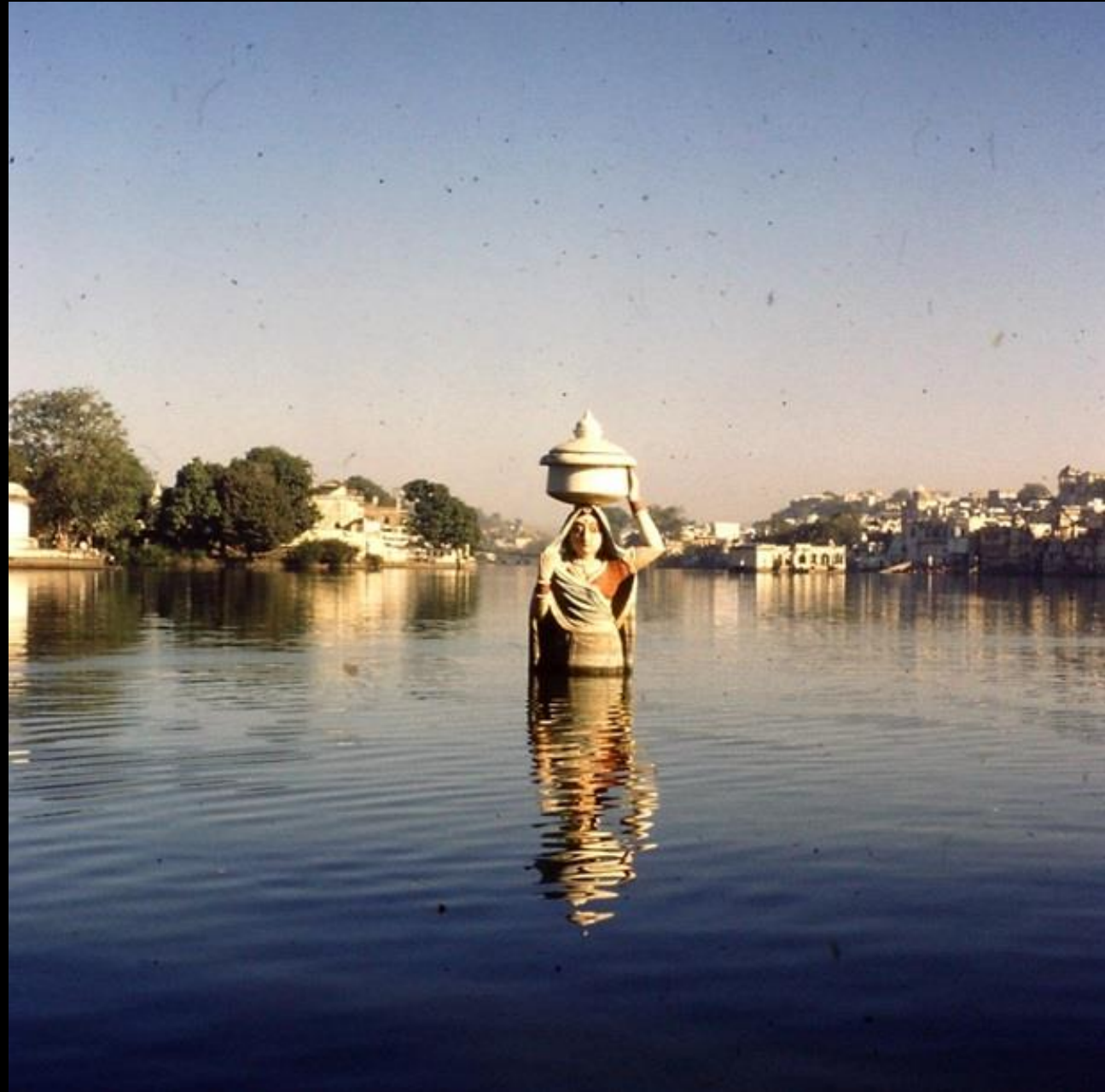
CITY PALACE UDAIPUR



UDAIPUR



STATUE IN FLOODED VALLEY



APPROACHING THE LAKE PALACE HOTEL

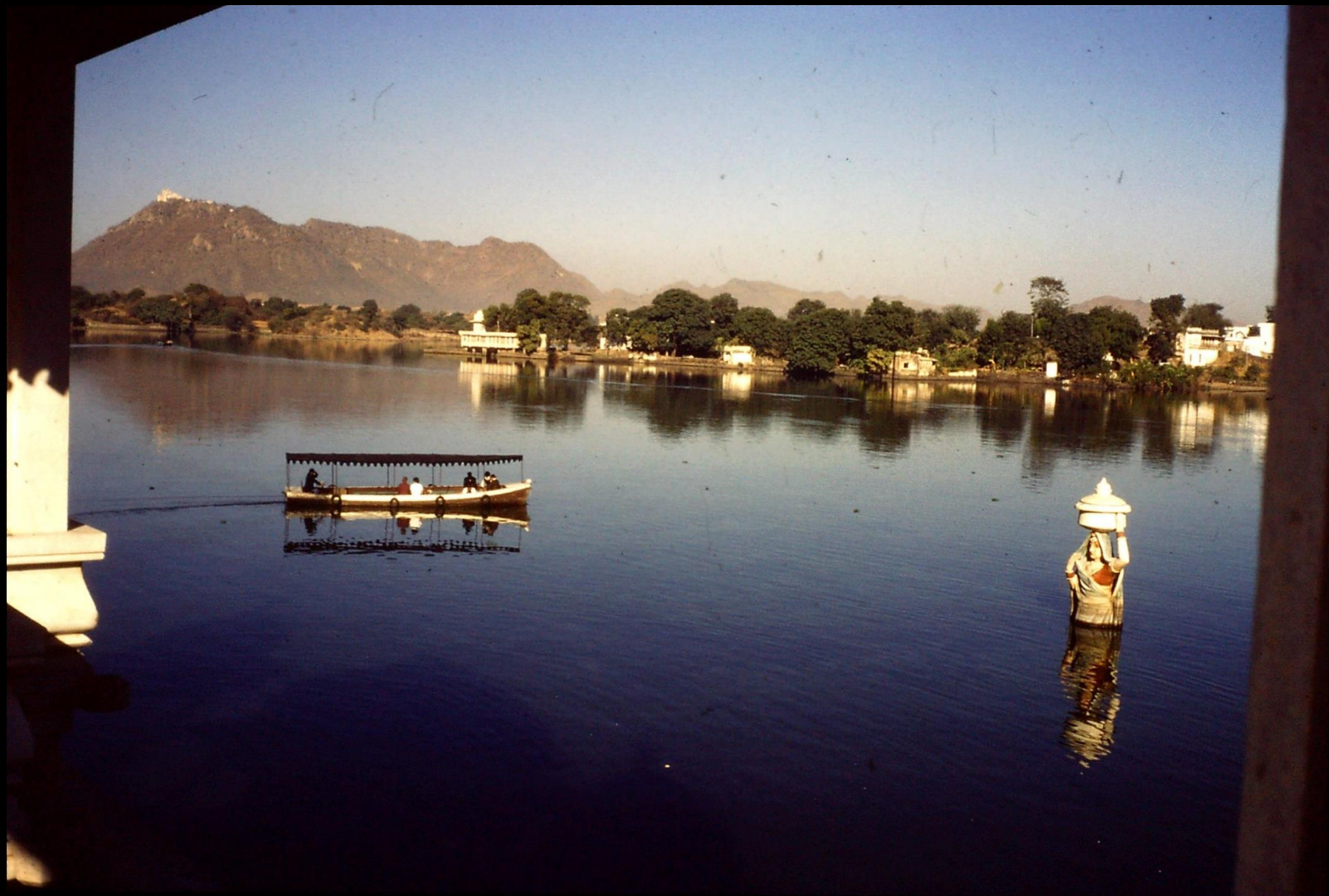


INSIDE THE LAKE PALACE HOTEL

BLAGGED OUR WAY IN

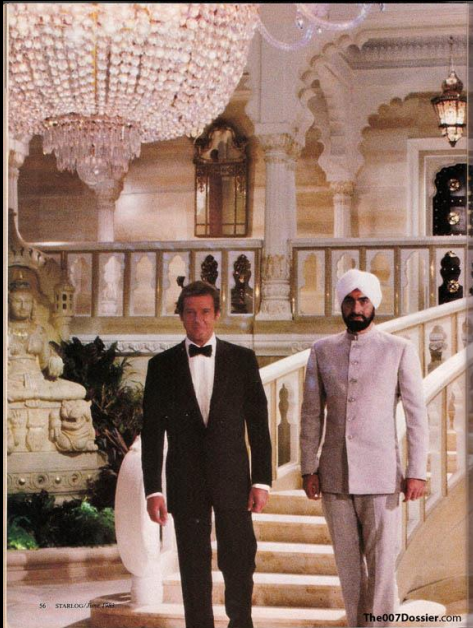


BOAT TO SHORE AGAIN



ELEPHANT AND SUNKEN PALACE



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JANTAR MANTAR (JAIPUR OBSERVATORY) 1734

19 STONE ASTRONOMICAL INSTRUMENTS BUILT FROM OLD SANSKRIT TEXTS
MEASURES TIME AND PREDICTS ECLIPSES



WORLD'S LARGEST STONE SUNDIAL

- 27m or 88ft tall
- Sun's shadow moves at 1 mm per second (or the width of your hand every minute)
- Can tell the local solar time to an accuracy of about 2 seconds



SMALLER STONE SUNDIAL

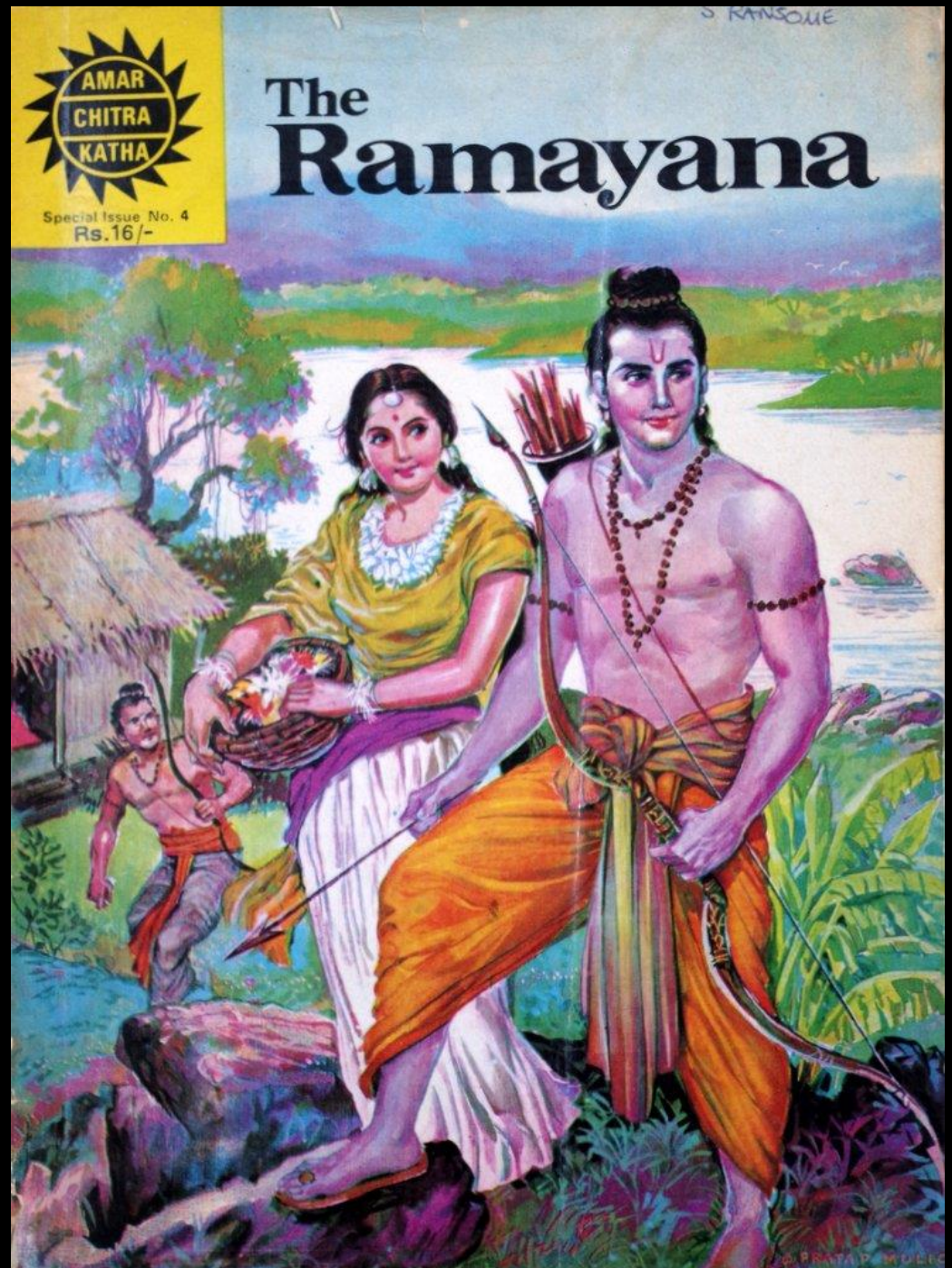


JAI PRAKESH MANTRA

ACCURATELY MEASURES POSITIONS OF OBJECTS IN THE SKY FROM SOMEONE "IN THE HOLE"

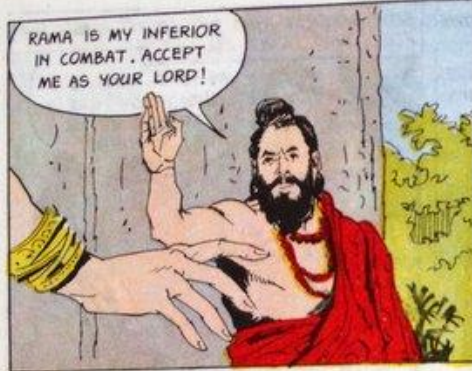


CARTOON STORY BOOK OF HINDU MYTHOLOGY



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amar chitra katha

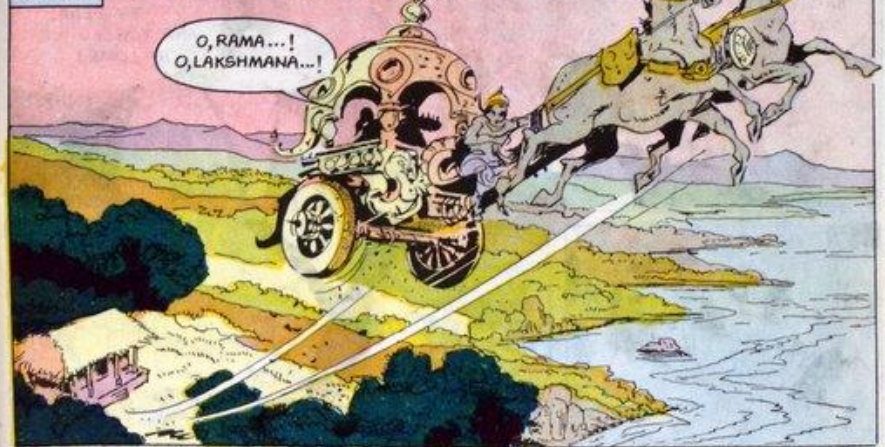


INFLAMED BY SITA'S BEAUTY AND ANGERED BY HER REJECTION OF HIM, RAVANA ASSUMED HIS TRUE FORM AND DRAGGED SITA OUT OF THE COTTAGE.



THE RAMAYANA

RAVANA CARRIED SITA TO HIS CHARIOT AND BEGAN SPEEDING THROUGH THE SKY TOWARDS LANKA.



I DID NOT CRY OUT! AS YOU SUSPECTED, THE DEER WAS NO ORDINARY DEER. IT WAS MARICHA, THE RAKSHASA.



AGRA : TAJ MAHAL ENTRANCE



TAJ MAHAL



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MINARETS ARE BUILT PROTRUDING OUTWARDS IN CASE OF EARTHQUAKE BUT THEY ARE SUBSIDING



KORANIC VERSES ON THE TAJ



CARVINGS AND PRECIOUS STONE INLAY



TOMB OF SHAH JAHAN AND MUMTAZ HIS FAVOURITE WIFE (AFTER 13 CHILDREN)



WEDDING COUPLE



IT WAS WEDDING TIME



WEDDING CELEBRATIONS IN THE COLOURS OF THE INDIAN FLAG



RIVER YAMUNA

KRISHNA HID THE COW GIRLS' CLOTHES WHILE THEY BATHED



BATHING AT THE GHAT BY THE HOLY RIVER YAMUNA

RITUAL CLEANSING



BATHING IN THE GANGES AT HARIDWAR



THE YAMUNA BEHIND THE TAJ

MYTH THAT THERE WAS TO BE A BLACK 2ND TAJ



FOOTHILLS OF THE HIMALAYAS, HARIDWAR



DRINKING AND WASHING FROM THE GANGES



CARROM FLICKING DRAUGHTS, LIKE SUBBUTEO ON A SNOOKER TABLE



STATUE OF THEIR ELEPHANT HEADED DEITY GANESH



POWDER – FOR HOLI ?



NEW DELHI CAPITAL SINCE 1947



NEW DELHI : INDIA WAY?/ HUMP



LUTYENS STYLE AT NEW DELHI



QUTB MINAR



QUTB MINAR RUSTPROOF IRON AND BRICK MINARET



MINARET

- tallest brick minaret in the world (239 ft), 379 steps.
- diameter 14.3 - 2.7 metres
- celebrates the victory of Mohammed Ghorī over the Rajput king
- struck by lightning in 1368 AD, knocking off its top storey, replaced by the existing two floors
- faced with white marble and sandstone
- has intricate carvings of the verses from the Quran



COLONNADES REUSE OF STONE



REUSE OF STONE



ELECTION TIME



ELECTIONS



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SEAS**
TWICE UP
DJP
THE MUSIC
CPL
THE MUSIC
CPM
MUSICIAN
OF THE YEAR
WITNESS
CONVULSIONS
BURNING
JANATA
SUNDAY
LAW BAL
JOHN
FILMS
POLYMER

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 BNP
 CPI
 CPM
 DMK
 JAMATA
 LOK DAL
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AFTER A MONTH IN THE VAN





Thankyou for your attention !

ROUTE THROUGH GUJARAT

