



UNESCO Delists Liverpool of Its World Heritage Status

Why in News

Recently, the city of Liverpool, England has been removed from [UNESCO's \(United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization\)](#) list of world heritage sites.

- Earlier six Indian places were added to the [tentative list of UNESCO's](#) world heritage sites.

Key Points

- **Liverpool:** [//](#)



- The port city was **included in the prestigious list for its architectural beauty** and in recognition of its role as **one of the world's most important ports** during the **18th and 19th centuries**.
- It was **named a World Heritage Site in 2004**, joining cultural landmarks such as the Great Wall of China, the [Taj Mahal](#), and the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

- The city is only the **third place to be removed from the prestigious list**.

▪ **Reasons for Delisting:**

- The **new buildings including a football stadium** undermine the attractiveness of its Victorian docks and were destroying the **heritage value of its waterfront**.
- The over development would **irreversibly damage the heritage of the historic port**.

▪ **Other Delisted Sites:**

- **Wildlife sanctuary in Oman in 2007.**

- **Reason:** poaching and habitat loss.
- **Dresden Elbe valley in Germany in 2009.**
- **Reason:** A four-lane motorway bridge was built over the river.

World Heritage Site

▪ About:

- A World Heritage Site is a place that is **listed by UNESCO for its special cultural or physical significance**. The list of World Heritage Sites is maintained by the international '**World Heritage Programme**', administered by the [UNESCO World Heritage Committee](#).
- It seeks **to encourage the identification, protection and preservation of cultural and natural heritage** around the world considered to be of outstanding value to humanity.
- This is embodied in an **international treaty called the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage**, adopted by UNESCO in **1972**.
 - It provides a **framework for international cooperation in preserving and protecting cultural treasures** and natural areas throughout the world.

▪ Types:

- **Cultural heritage sites** include historic buildings and town sites, important archaeological sites, and works of monumental sculpture or painting.
- **Natural heritage sites** are restricted to natural areas.
- **Mixed heritage sites** contain elements of both natural and cultural significance

▪ Sites in India:

- India has **38 world heritage sites**, including **30 cultural properties, 7 natural properties** and **1 mixed site**. The latest one included is [Jaipur city, Rajasthan](#).

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