

## Jaipur Monuments and World Tourism Day 2024

## Why in News?

In celebration of World Tourism Day (September 27, 2024), the Rajasthan government has announced free entry to several of Jaipur's most iconic monuments, including Jantar Mantar and Hawa Mahal.

## **Key Points**

- This initiative aims to promote tourism and provide an opportunity for both locals and tourists
  to explore the rich cultural heritage of the region without any cost.
- Free Entry to Major Attractions:
  - Tourists can enjoy free access to Jantar Mantar, Hawa Mahal, Amer Fort, Nahargarh Fort, Jaigarh Fort, Sisodia Rani Garden, Vidhyadhar Garden, and Albert Hall Museum.
- Theme for 2024:
  - The theme for this year's World Tourism Day is "**Tourism and Peace**," emphasizing the role of tourism in **fostering peace** and understanding among different cultures.
- Historical Significance:
  - Jantar Mantar: Known for its architectural and astronomical significance, Jantar Mantar houses the world's largest stone sundial and is a <u>UNESCO World Heritage site</u>.
  - **Hawa Mahal:** Also known as the "**Palace of Winds,**" this five-story structure is renowned for its unique architecture and historical importance.

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