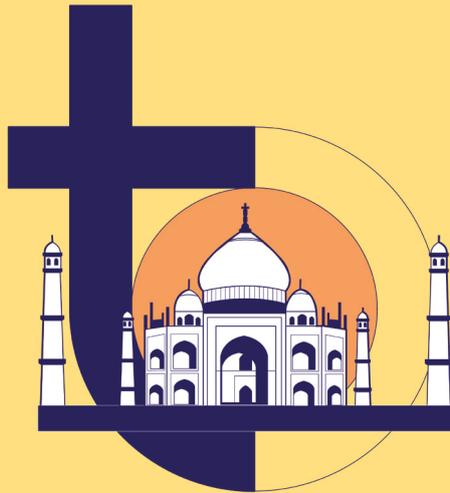




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Fun Facts

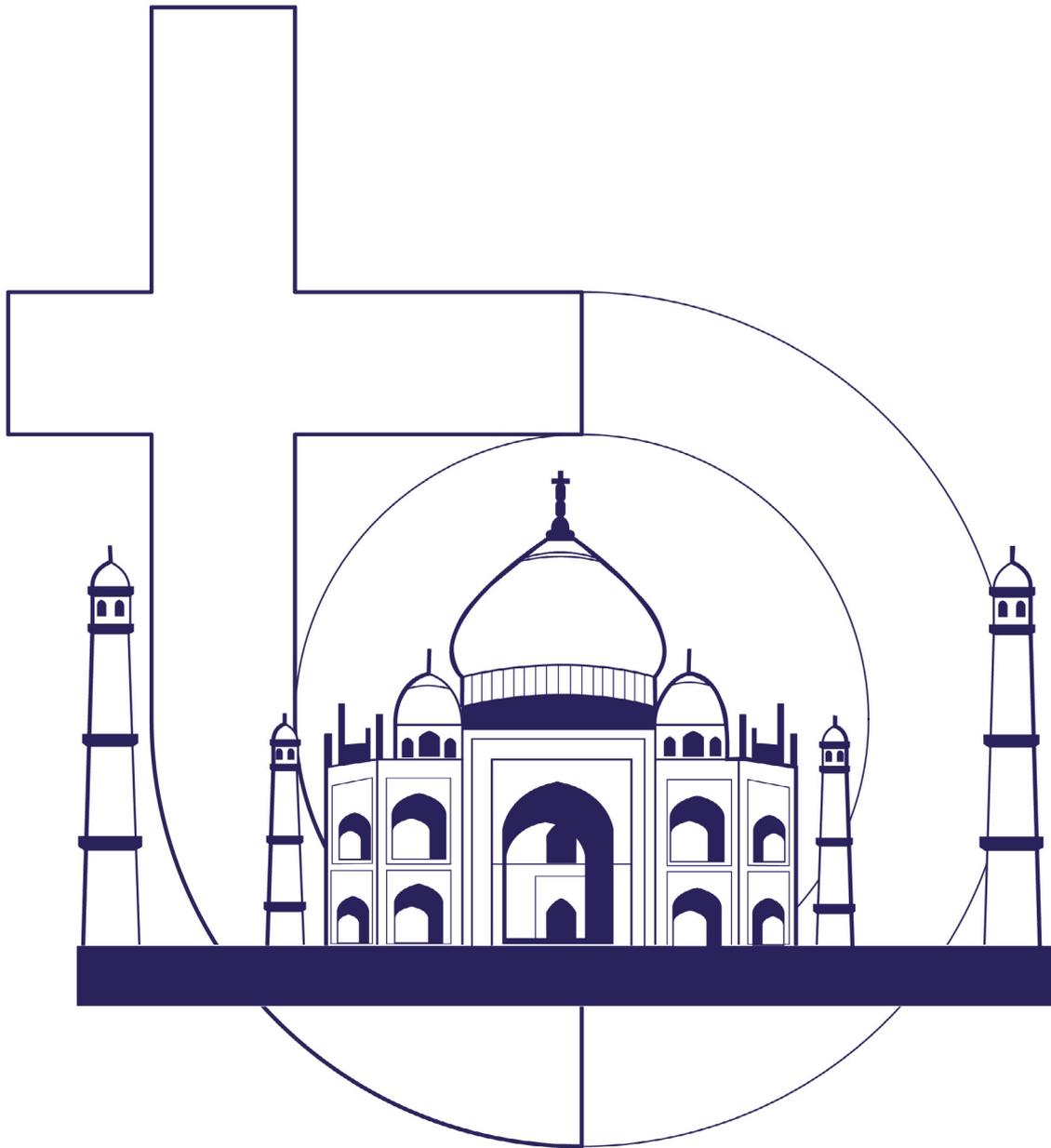
-The Taj Mahal is located in Agra, India. The construction started in 1632 and took about 20 years to finish. It was built by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan **in memory** of his wife Mumtaz Mahal.

- To protect the Taj Mahal from damages caused by air pollution, cars and other vehicles must stay away from the structure, and visitors must use the electric buses and walk.

-Taj Maha became a **UNESCO** heritage site in 1982. Then in 2007, it was voted as one of the 7th **new wonders of the world**.



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The Taj Mahal is located in Agra, on the right bank of the Yamuna River. The chief architect was Ustad Ahmed Lahauri from Persia. The construction started in 1653 and was completed in 1648. Taj Mahal is often mentioned as the jewel of Muslim art in India. One of the Taj Mahal's most recognizable features is the large onion dome. It has a height of around 35 metres (115 feet) and is surrounded by 4 smaller domes. The dome is in WHITE marble and it creates different shades and colours due to the reflection of the Sun. It can also be seen in all its glory in natural night without any artificial lighting.



Minaret

In Islamic architecture, minaret served as a reminder to pray and also helped to distinguish mosques from the surrounding architecture.

A fun fact about the four minarets surrounding the Taj Mahal is that they were built tilted away from the dome. This is to protect the dome in case they collapse for any reason, such as in an earthquake. These minarets would fall away from the tomb and not onto the Dome.



Activity

The Taj Mahal is a symbol of Love. It was built by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his wife Mumtaz Mahal.

Taj Mahal has calligraphy decorating all over the interior, exterior and also on the tomb. Together with other patterns and holy inscriptions, it praises Mumtaz Mahal, the beloved wife.

*A total of 28 types of precious and semi precious jewels, such as turquoise and jade, are set into the marbles.

For this activity, design a structure, a garden, or an area for someone or something you love. You can also choose a beautiful poem and use the words to deorat the exterior and interior