

## TAJ MAHAL

- Commissioned in 1632 by Shah Jahan,
- Under guidance of **Ustad Ahmad Lahauri**
- Materials used: White marble, **Red sandstone walls**

## AGRA FORT

- Main residence for Mughal emperors till 1638>> when capital shifted from Agra to Delhi
  - **only fort** where all early Mughal emperors lived
- as a capital by **Sikandar Lodi**
- Referred as ***Badalgarh***
- Monuments associated with Agra Fort
  - Gates: '**Delhi Gate**' and '**Lahore Gate**' (aka Amar Singh Gate)
    - **Delhi Gate**: Akbar's time + **grandest** of all gates + made of **white marble**
    - **Lahore Gate**: Red sandstone
  - **Jahangir's Hauz**: monolithic tank
  - **Shahjahan Mahal**
  - **Ghazni gate**
  - Jahangir's **Chain of Justice** (*Zanjir-i-Adl*)
  - Muthamman Burj and Jharokha
  - **Shish Mahal**: by Shah Jahan + most distinctive part= **Glass mosaic work** on walls and ceilings
  - *Diwan-i-am* and *Diwan-i-khas*

## KONARK SUN TEMPLE

- By King **Narasingha deva I** of E. Ganga dynasty in 1250 CE
- Aka Black Pagoda
- 3 kinds of stone: Chlorite, Laterite, Khondalite
- Kalinga Architecture
- Monuments associated:
  - Nata Mandira
  - Erotic sculptures of *maithunas*
  - **Mayadevi temple**

## QUTB MINAR

- @ Mehrauli, Delhi
- 5 storeys tall tapering tower

- Design based on **Minaret of Jam, Western Afganistan**
- Started by **Qutb ud Din Aibak** in 1192>> later by Illtutmish
- Material: Red sandstone and Marbles

## RED FORT

- By Shah Jahan in 1639 as a palace of his capital Shahjahanabad
- Apartments consisting of row of pavilions, connected by water channel known as *Nahr-i-Bihisht* (Stream of Paradise)
- Fusion of Muslim + Persian + Timurid + Hindu styles
- Architect: **Ustad Ahmad Lahori**
- Major Structures:
  - **Lahori Fort**: orientation towards city of Lahore + Every year @ independence day: PM's speech from here
  - Delhi gate
  - Chatta Chowk
  - Naubat Khana
  - Diwan-i-am and Diwan-i-Khas
  - Nahr-i-Bihisht
  - Mumtaz Mahal
  - Rang Mahal
  - Khas mahal
  - Hammam
  - Baoli
  - **Moti Masjid**
  - Hira Mahal
  - Hayat Bakhsh bagh

## RANI KI VAV

- Intricately constructed stepwell in **Patan, GJ**
- On banks of **Saraswati River**
- In Memory of 11<sup>th</sup> century king Bhimdev Solanki by his wife Queen Udayamati
- As inverted temple
- Central theme: **Dashavatara**