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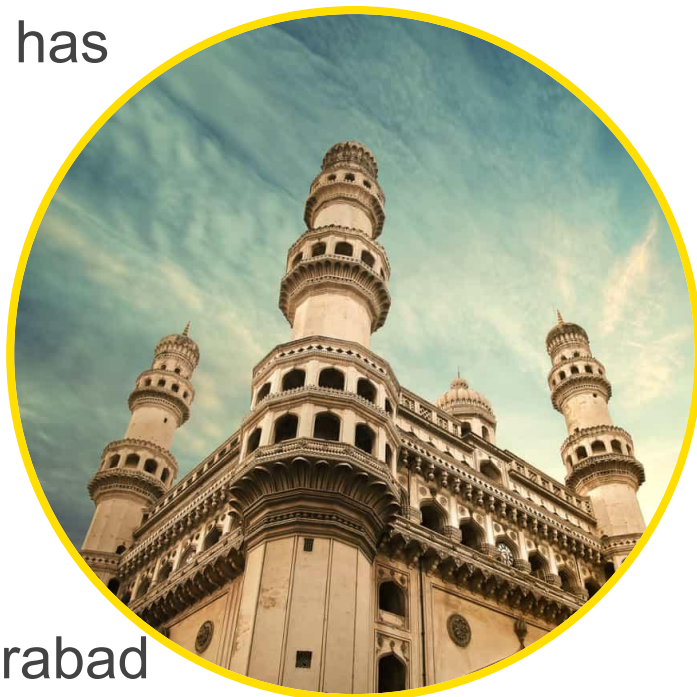
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1 Which Indian City has bagged the title of “creative city of gastronomy”?

Through its cuisine, Hyderabad has been listed as a **UNESCO** creative city of gastronomy.

This project organizes member cities into **7 creative fields**: Crafts and Folk Art, Design, Film, Gastronomy, Literature, Media Arts, and Music.



- Meanwhile, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation **elections** of 2020 recently got over, with the **TRS** winning 56 seats out of 150, and **BJP** winning 48 seats as against 4 seats it previously had.
- Subsequently, the **Nizam’s dynasty** and Hyderabad’s history became the talk of the town, from 3rd Century BCE to the time of India’s independence.
- Territories of the old Hyderabad state are now parts of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Maharashtra.

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2 Who has featured as TIME's Person of the Year, maximum times?

Franklin D. Roosevelt has been featured the most number of times (1932, 1934 and 1941) in the famous TIME magazine.

Albert Einstein was named Person of the Century in 2000.



- Indian-American **Gitanjali Rao**, has made us proud by becoming the first kid to be awarded '**Kid of the Year**', a new award for children. TIME paired up with kids' TV channel Nickelodeon for it.
- Rao is 15-years-old from Denver, Colorado. She invented a browser extension that can detect **cyber-bullying** and an app called **Tethys**, that can find the amount of lead in drinking water.
- She has also won the Discovery Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge and was awarded \$25,000 for her invention, Tethys in 2017.

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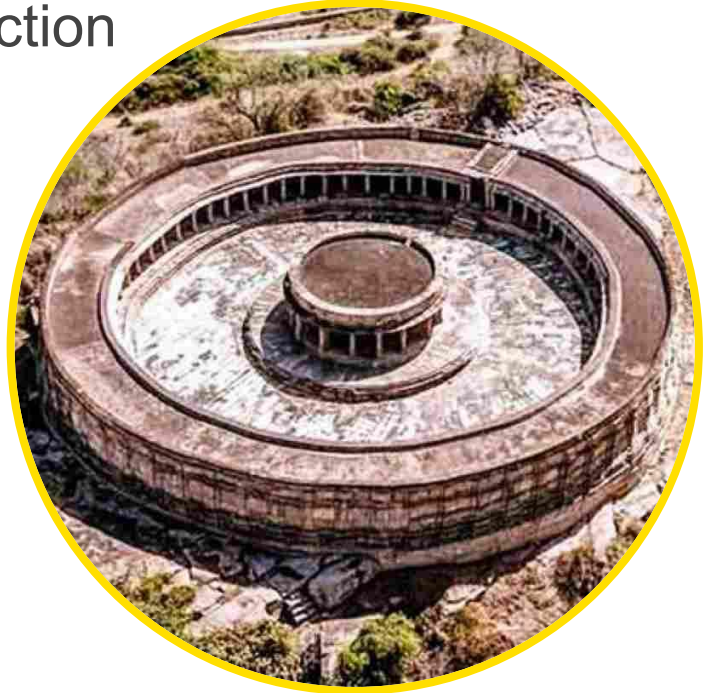
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3 Which country's Parliament has similarities with Temples?

Indian Parliament. It's construction is similar to Chaunsath **Yogini temples** of Morena, M.P.

Built in 11th century, they depict 64 yoginis or female masters of yoga in Hinduism.

- PM Modi laid the stone for the new Parliament building last week.
- The building is a part of the Central Vista Project, which would cost a total of **₹20,000 crores**.
- The current Parliament, designed by **Edwin Lutyens**, was completed in January 1927; it would be converted into a museum now.
- The new construction has been praised for enhanced audio-visual facilities, emergency provisions etc. However, it has drawn criticism in the face of the current pandemic and its impact on the economy and healthcare.



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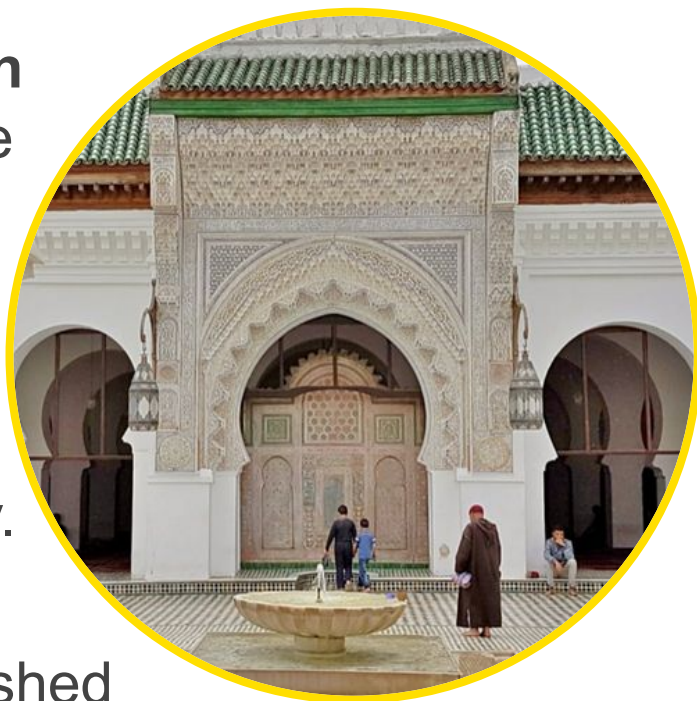
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4 Which is the world's first university?

The University of **Al-Qarawiyyin** (Al-Karaouine) in Morocco is the world's first university.

Founded in 859 AD by **Fatima Al Fihria**, who wanted to give locals equal access to studies, it is still operating today.

- On 10 December 2020, **Morocco** and **Israel** established official relations with each other.
- In doing so, the former became the 4th Arab country to normalize ties with Israel this year. It is preceded by the UAE, Bahrain, and Sudan.
- The Israel-Morocco Agreement has one catch: the **Western Sahara**. The US has now recognized Morocco's claim over the disputed region of Western Sahara, which has been in dispute since Spain withdrew its rule in 1975.



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