

helicopter. Unfortunately, this translocated tiger died of poisoning on 15 November 2010.

Protecting the species remains a challenge, as pollution and human encroachment have caused Ranthambore's tiger population to decline over the past few years. Despite the watchful eyes of park officials, a tigress known as "Lady of the Lakes" was separated from her parents at a very young age as the result of poaching. Named Machli after the mark on her body that resembles a fish, she later gave birth to three cubs, one dubbed Machli Junior. The father of Machli Junior died early from an unknown disease, as confirmed by forest officials. The world's oldest tigress at 17 years of age, Machli Sr. recently went missing, raising concern among park employees, as hunting is difficult at her old age. After 26 days, however, Machli was spotted and located, and her female offspring T19, the current queen tigress of Ranthambore, recently gave birth to four cubs, with three surviving. To see more about the park, visit youtu.be/jt5TJuWvdhs.

Concord Hymn

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Sung at the Completion of the Battle Monument,
July 4, 1837

By the rude bridge that arched the flood,
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled,
Here once the embattled farmers stood
And fired the shot heard round the world.

The foe long since in silence slept;
Alike the conqueror silent sleeps;
And Time the ruined bridge has swept
Down the dark stream which seaward creeps.

On this green bank, by this soft stream,
We set today a votive stone;
That memory may their deed redeem,
When, like our sires, our sons are gone.

Spirit, that made those heroes dare
To die, and leave their children free,
Bid Time and Nature gently spare
The shaft we raise to them and thee.

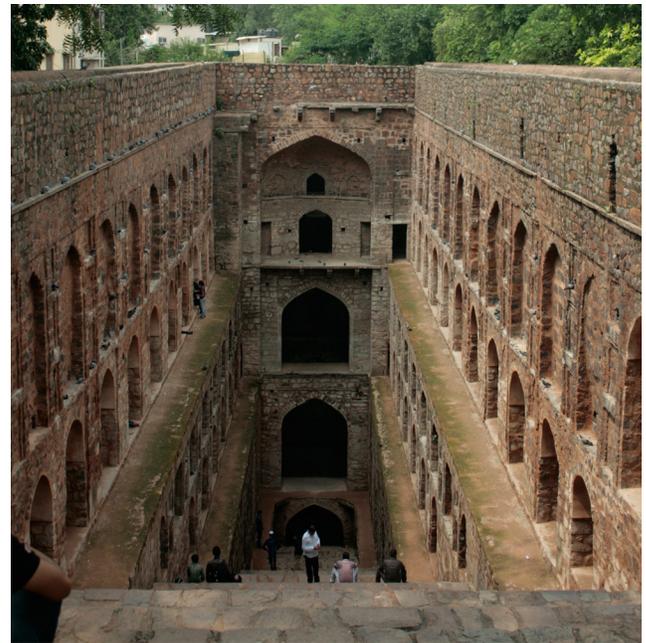


Mother Teresa Set for Canonization

Mother Teresa (1910-1997), born Anjezë Gonxhe Bojaxhiu in Skopje, Ottoman Empire (now the capital of the Republic of Macedonia), became known throughout the world for her work among the "poorest of the poor" in Kolkata, India. She founded the order of the Missionaries of Charity in 1950 and continued working among the poor until her death. Almost immediately following her death, Roman Catholic supporters called for her to be recognized as a saint. According to modern Catholic teaching, at least two miracles have to be attributed to someone before that person can be acknowledged officially as a saint. Mother Teresa's first miracle was verified by the church in 2002, and a second was recognized in 2015. Pope Francis has said he will officially designate her as a saint sometime in 2016. Mother Teresa won the Nobel Peace Prize for her work with the poor in 1979.



Mother Teresa
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Agrasen Ki Baoli Stepwell, New Delhi, India

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