

All monuments to be 'graffiti free'

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NEW DELHI, Nov. 19: To bridge the knowledge gap and spread of awareness among masses about protection of historical monuments, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) today said that it will make all the monuments across Delhi free from graffiti within a year.

While marking the beginning of 'World Heritage

Week' today, the superintending archaeologist Mr KK Muhammad said that protecting the heritage has become a high priority nowadays. He further stated that the time is now for 'Grey Revolution' standing for the movement of protecting the old fragile but precious heritage of the country.

After successfully experimenting with 'Adopt a Heritage' in Goa, the ASI is now

all set to increase its efforts to protect the monuments.

With around 300 school-children present at the occasion of World Heritage Week, all the students took an oath at Qutub Minar complex to preserve the monuments thus keeping them intact without scribbling upon them.

Mr Muhammad stated that to extend the awareness campaign, he is planning to take up the matter

with the education department of the Delhi Government.

"By tying up with schools, we will rope in more children as it will go long. If we catch them young it will leave a long impact on their minds. The common people should also start taking interest in preserving the monuments. Otherwise, we will lose our heritage soon," added Mr Muhammad.