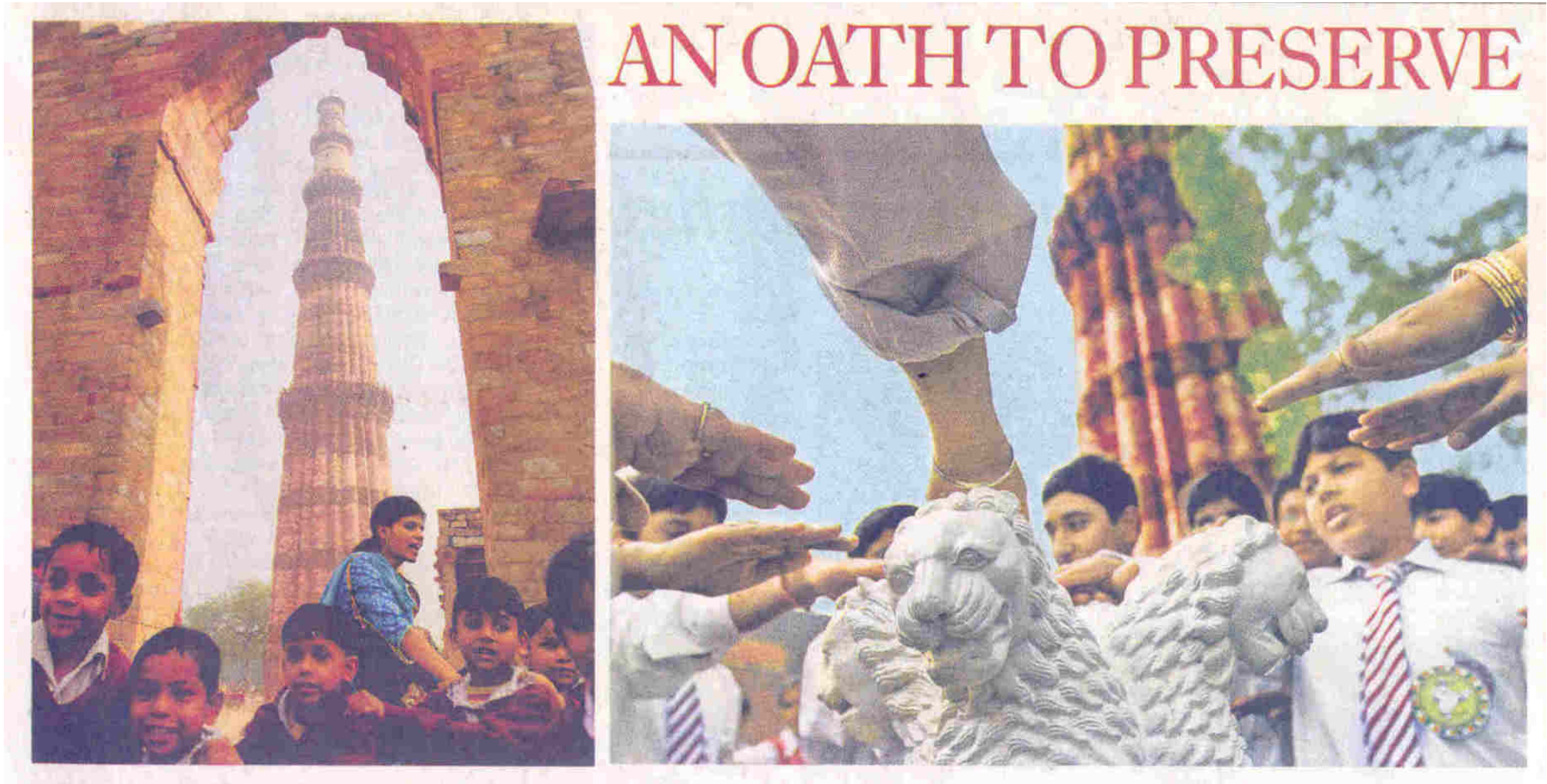


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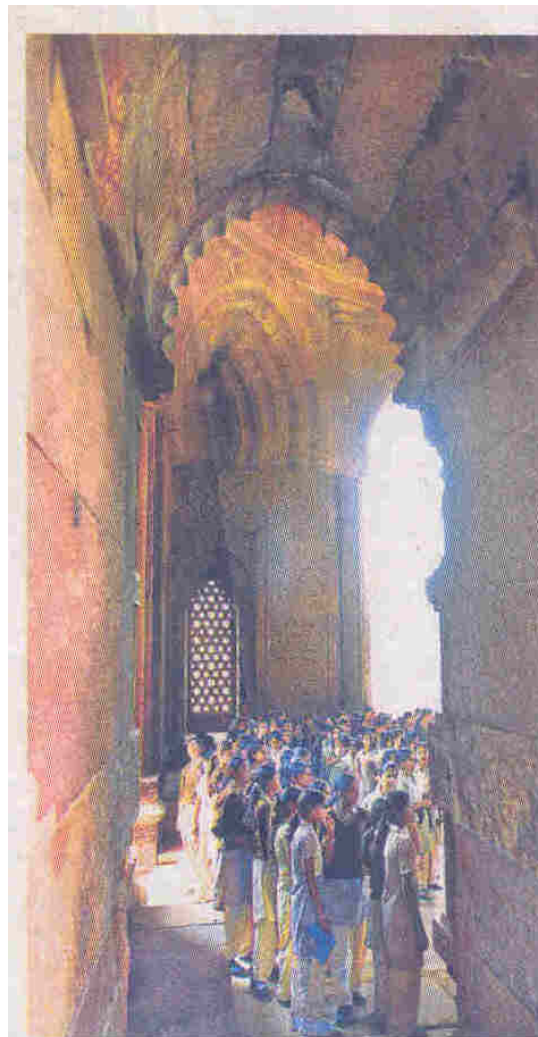


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The World Heritage Week was celebrated at the Qutab Minar on Wednesday, with around 300 schoolchildren pledging to protect monuments from damage. The students also quoted Emperor Ashoka's words of repentance uttered after the Kalinga War, for the loss already done through defacement and encroachment of heritage buildings.

The Archaeological Survey of India organises the week-long programme every year from November 19 to 25, to mark Indira Gandhi's birthday. The former PM was an ardent supporter of preserving the nation's heritage. The programme will have children from various schools in the city take the pledge at different monuments.

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