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Egypt opens ancient pyramids for first time since 1960s – 20th July, 2019

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Egypt opened two old pyramids. They are south of Cairo. They opened for the first time since 1965. Hundreds of people waited to see them. The Bent Pyramid is 4,600 years old. It was for King Sneferu. It is 101 meters high. It changed how people built pyramids. There is an 18-metre high pyramid next to it. The pyramids are a World Heritage Site. Egypt hopes they will help tourism. Many people want to see Egypt's ancient sites. People can go through a tunnel deep inside the Bent Pyramid. They can see old treasure found inside. There are stone, clay and wooden coffins. Some of the coffins had mummies inside them.

Level 1

Egypt opened two of its oldest pyramids. The pyramids are south of the capital city Cairo. They opened for the first time since 1965. Hundreds of people waited outside at the opening ceremony. The Bent Pyramid is 4,600 years old. It was built for King Sneferu. It is 101 meters high. It changed how people built pyramids. There is an 18-metre high pyramid next to the Bent Pyramid. This was built for King Sneferu's wife Hetepheres.

The pyramids are part of a World Heritage Site. Egypt hopes they will help tourism. Many people want to go to Egypt's ancient sites. At the Bent Pyramid, tourists can go through a 79-meter tunnel deep inside the pyramid. They can see ancient treasures found inside the pyramid. Egyptian archaeologists found some stone, clay and wooden sarcophagi. These are coffins for burying people in. Some of the sarcophagi had mummies inside them.

Level 2

Egypt has opened two of its oldest pyramids. The pyramids are in Dahshur, south of Egypt's capital city Cairo. They are open to the public for the first time since 1965. Hundreds of people waited outside the Bent Pyramid at an opening ceremony. The Bent Pyramid was built 4,600 years ago for the Egyptian pharaoh Sneferu. It is 101 meters high. Builders used new techniques to build it. The pyramid was an important step in how people built pyramids. There is an 18-metre high "side pyramid" next to the Bent Pyramid. This was built for King Sneferu's wife Hetepheres.

The two pyramids are part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Egypt hopes they will boost its tourism industry. Egypt was a top tourist destination but a 2011 uprising changed this. Many people have Egypt's ancient sites on their bucket lists. At the Bent Pyramid, tourists can go through a 79-meter tunnel to two chambers deep inside. They will also be able to see ancient treasures found inside the pyramid. Egyptian archaeologists also found some stone, clay and wooden sarcophagi - the coffins people were buried in. Some of these sarcophagi had mummies inside them.

Level 3

Egypt has opened two of its oldest pyramids. The pyramids are in Dahshur, about 40 kilometers south of the Egyptian capital city Cairo. They are now open to the public for the first time since 1965. Hundreds of people gathered outside the Bent Pyramid at a special opening ceremony on Saturday. The Bent Pyramid was built 4,600 years ago. It was built for the ancient Egyptian pharaoh Sneferu. It is 101 meters high. Builders used new techniques to build it and archaeologists say it was an important step in the development of pyramid building. Tourists can also enter an 18-metre high "side pyramid" next to the Bent Pyramid. This was built for King Sneferu's wife Hetepheres.

The two pyramids are part of the Memphis Necropolis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Egypt hopes the opening of the pyramids will boost the country's tourism industry. Egypt was a top tourist destination but tourist numbers fell after the 2011 uprising. Ancient sites in Egypt are on the bucket lists of many people around the world. At the Bent Pyramid, tourists will be able to go through a 79-meter narrow tunnel to reach two chambers deep inside. They will also be able to see ancient treasures found inside the pyramid. Egyptian archaeologists uncovered a collection of stone, clay and wooden sarcophagi - the coffins people were buried in. Some of the sarcophagi contained mummies.