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The Story of Ram Mandir

From Legend to Legacy

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"This grand Ram Mandir will witness – India's flourishing, India's rise, this grand Ram Mandir will witness – India's prosperity and Viksit Bharat."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi (at the consecration ceremony of Ram Mandir at Ayodhya, January 22, 2024)

Introduction

When the first rays of dawn sweep across the ancient city of Ayodhya, they illuminate more than sandstone pillars and carved spires. They reveal a story that has shaped India's cultural soul for centuries. The **Ram Temple**, now standing in full grandeur, is not merely an architectural marvel but the culmination of faith and resilience.

For millions worldwide, Ayodhya has always been considered as the birthplace of **Lord Ram**. The idea of a temple marking this sacred birthplace has been woven into India's cultural identity, making the site a spiritual compass for devotees globally.



On **November 25, 2025**, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will perform the sacred Hindu ritual of "**Dhwaja Arohan**" by hoisting a **22-foot religious (dharmic) flag**. In scriptural tradition, the raising of the *dhwaja* symbolises the triumphant victory of *dharma* over *adharma* and serves as an open invitation to devotees around the world to participate in this celebration.



A Brief Contextual History



Behind this milestone lies a story of profound faith, the triumph of civilisational memory, as well as the restoration of historical justice through the rule of law.

The journey of the Ram Janmabhoomi Mandir in Ayodhya represents the culmination of a long legal and cultural saga, resolved through India's democratic institutions. On **November 9, 2019**, in a unanimous and historic verdict, the **Supreme Court of India** awarded the entire **2.77-acre** disputed land for the construction of the **Ram Mandir**, recognising the site's significance to believers across the world. This outcome was hailed as a triumph of justice, reconciliation, and constitutional principles, paving the way for the temple's construction under the oversight of the **Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust**, which received approval from the Government of India on **February 5, 2020**.

The physical manifestation of this resolution commenced on **August 5, 2020**, when **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** performed the **Bhoomi Pujan** and laid the **foundation stone** at the site. The Prime Minister emphasised that this event symbolised the end of centuries of anticipation. He further added that the temple was poised to inspire future generations and boost regional development through enhanced connectivity and economic opportunities.

The grand **Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Mandir** is built in the traditional **Nagara** architectural style. It is supported by **392 pillars** and features **44 entrance gates**. The pillars and walls are adorned with exquisite carvings of Hindu deities, gods, and goddesses. On the ground floor, in the **Garbha Griha** (main sanctum sanctorum), the divine childhood idol of Bhagwan Shri Ram – **Shri Ramlalla** – has been consecrated.

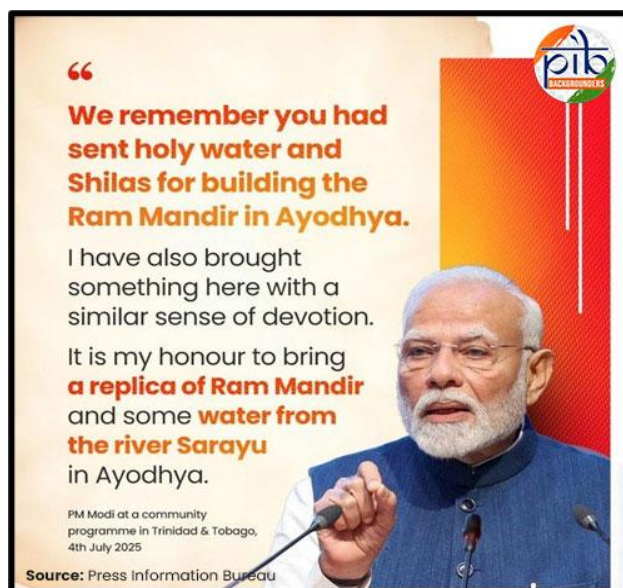


The idol of **Ram Lalla**, is placed in the main sanctum sanctorum on the ground floor, accessible via **32 steps** through the **Singh Dwar** on the eastern entrance. The complex includes **five mandaps** (halls)—**Nritya**, **Rang**, **Sabha**, **Prathana**, and **Kirtan**—for devotional activities, along with restorations like the ancient **Shiv Mandir** at **Kuber Tila** and the historic **Sita Koop** well.

Today, the **Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra** stands as a testament to India's civilisational continuity and the power of faith upheld by law. This magnificent edifice not only revives Ayodhya's spiritual heritage but also drives holistic development, including enhanced infrastructure like the **Maharishi Valmiki International Airport** and **redeveloped access roads**, fostering pilgrimage and economic growth.



Ram Mandir: Global Resonance



The Ram Mandir in Ayodhya stands as the testament to the unshakable faith of artisans who laboured day and night in Ayodhya's scorching summers, further embodying the collective national emotions towards Ram Mandir.

Previously as well, the spirit of celebrations associated with the construction of Ram Mandir resonated far beyond India. For instance, **Trinidad & Tobago** is advancing plans to construct a grand **Ram Mandir** in its capital, Port of Spain. This comes after the unveiling of a replica of **Ayodhya's Ram Lalla** idol in Port of Spain in May 2025. Such events exhibit crucial blend of spiritual endeavour and cultural spirit, while opening doors for religious tourism and pilgrimage.

The temple has been designed by **Shri Chandrakant Sompura of Ahmedabad**, with the globally renowned company **Larsen and Turbo** being responsible for the construction work and **Tata Consulting Engineers** appointed as advisory consultants.

 Shri Ram Janmbhoomi Teerth Kshetra 	
— Main Temple —	
 Total Area	2.7 Acres
 Total Built-up Area	57,400 Sq.ft.
 Total length of the temple	360 feet
 Total width of the temple	235 feet
 The total height of the temple including the peak	161 feet
 Total number of floor	3
 Height of each floor	20 feet
 Number of columns in the ground floor of the temple	160
 Number of columns in the first floor of the temple	132
 Number of columns in the second floor of the temple	74
 Number of pedks and pavilions in the temple	5
 Number of Gates in the temple	12
Source: Shri Ram Janmbhoomi Teerth Kshetra	

"This is a temple of national consciousness in the form of Ram. Lord Ram is India's faith, foundation, idea, law, consciousness, thinking, prestige and glory."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi (on the occasion of Ram Lalla's Pran Pratishtha ceremony at Ayodhya, January 22, 2024)

The project is a fine example of combining **ancient craftsmanship** with **cutting-edge science**. Engineers and intellectuals from premier institutes of the country, including **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras**, **IIT Delhi**, **IIT Bombay**, and **IIT Guwahati** are involved in the construction of the stone temple with a foundation to last a thousand years.



The temple also boasts of modern amenities to cater to the needs of its devotees coming from all age groups, with a dedicated **Pilgrimage Facility Centre (PFC)**, **ramps for elderly devotees**, and **emergency medical aid**, among others. Despite its colossal scale, the temple complex incorporates **solar energy panels**, aligning with the city's larger vision of **sustainable pilgrimage**.

Conclusion

As the saffron flag rises over the Ram Mandir on **November 25, 2025**—marking the full completion of this monumental complex—the journey from a contested dream to a living legacy reaches its peak. This **Dhwaj Arohan**, led by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**, celebrates not only the temple's architecture but also the enduring spirit of dharma, welcoming devotees as Ayodhya re-emerges as a centre of harmony, heritage, and growth. The Ram Mandir is more than just a structure set in stone- it symbolises resilience, devotion, and a bridge between ancient tradition and a connected global future.

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