



Uttarayani Festival on Ram Temple Theme | Uttarakhand | 10 Jan 2024

Why in News?

Recently, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami directed to celebrate **the Uttarayani festival and fair**, observed on [Makar Sankranti](#) every year in the state's Kumaon region, with the **theme of the [Ram Temple consecration ceremony](#)**.

Key Points

- The chief minister **urged the people to perform Deepotsav** in their homes and **organize Kalash Yatras and Ram Katha**.
- He also emphasized on organizing a **campaign to clean the ghats of major rivers**.
- **Essay and painting competitions** should be organized in **schools on the ideals of Lord Ram**.

Ram Temple Consecration Ceremony

- Preparations for the '**pran-pratishtha**' ceremony of **Ram Lalla in Ayodhya on January 22** includes:
 - **Idols of elephants, lions, Lord Hanuman and Garuda, 'vahana' of Lord Vishnu**, have been installed at the **entrance gate** of the Ram Temple.
 - Invitation cards for the consecration ceremony have been sent out to guests including VVIPs, priests, donors and several politicians.
- According to **Sri Ram Janmabhoomi Tirath Kshetra Trust**, the committee overseeing the construction of the temple:
 - The **Ram Mandir, constructed** in the traditional [Nagara style](#), is a **three-storied shrine, measuring 380 feet in length (east-west direction), 250 feet in width, and 161 feet in height**.
 - It has a **total of 392 pillars and 44 doors**. It features **five Mandaps (halls) -- Nritya Mandap, Rang Mandap, Sabha Mandap, Prarthna and Kirtan Mandaps**.