



Ram Temple Consecration: States that Declared a Holiday | Uttar Pradesh | 24 Jan 2024

Why in News?

To commemorate the [consecration ceremony of the Ram Temple](#) in Ayodhya on January 22, several **States declared a public holiday**, or gave a **half day off to Government employees**.

Key Points

- All **Central government offices remained shut till 2.30 p.m.** Several **States** also declared **January 22 as a 'dry day'**.
- Central government establishments, [Public Sector Banks](#), insurance companies, financial institutions and [Regional Rural Banks \(RRBs\)](#) across the country remained closed for a half day.
- **Central educational institutes** such as Jamia Millia Islamia and its schools along with Delhi University also remained closed for half day till 2.30 p.m.
- [National Stock Exchange \(NSE\)](#) and **Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)** also observed a trading holiday on January 22.

Ayodhya Ram Temple

- The **3-storey temple, built in the traditional Nagara style.**
- **Makrana Marble and Pink sandstone, granite stone, and colored Marble** are used in the construction.
- **Iron has not been used** anywhere in the construction.
- The **main Garbh Griha holds the idols of Ram Lalla**, accompanied by multiple mandaps, including Rang Mandap & Nritya Mandap.

National Stock Exchange

- The National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) is **India's largest financial market.**
- **Incorporated in 1992**, the NSE has developed into a sophisticated, electronic market, which ranked fourth in the world by equity trading volume.
- NSE was the **first exchange in India to provide modern, fully automated electronic trading.**
 - The NSE is the **largest private wide-area network in India.**
- The **NIFTY 50 is the flagship index on the National Stock Exchange of India Ltd. (NSE).**

Uttar Pradesh Approves Rs 16,000 Crore for Rapid Rail Corridor | Uttar Pradesh | 24 Jan 2024

Why in News?

The Uttar Pradesh government has approved a **Rs 16,000 crore rapid rail corridor project**, aimed at seamlessly **connecting multiple airports in the region**.

- The **National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC)** is preparing a detailed project report for this corridor, expected to be finalized by March 2024.

Key Points

- Once initiated, the project, with an estimated completion time of four years, **will link two major airports and various parts of Delhi**.
- This is expected to help the upcoming **Noida airport** to capture the overflow of passenger traffic from the Delhi Airport.
- The proposed Noida airport link will stem from the **Ghaziabad station, acting as an interchange point** for the Delhi Meerut Rapid Rail Transport.
- Passengers will also have the **option to connect to the in-progress Delhi-Alwar Rapid Rail through Sarai Kale Khan**, the starting station of the **Delhi-Meerut Rail**.
- The Delhi-Alwar rail, expected to conclude by mid-2025, will **include a station at Indira Gandhi International Airport and Aerocity**.
- Noida airport authorities are also working on developing other public transportation modes, including high-speed bus corridors, to establish a comprehensive **multi-modal transport connectivity network with Delhi and Gurgaon**.

BHISHM Cube in Ayodhya | Uttar Pradesh | 24 Jan 2024

Why in News?

Recently, the **BHISHM (Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog, Hita and Maitri) Cube**, a state-of-the-art **indigenous mobile hospital**, was deployed in Ayodhya. It is part of **Project Arogya Maitri**.

- It emerged as a crucial lifesaver during a **medical emergency** at the Ram Mandir inauguration in Ayodhya.

Key Points

- The Arogya Maitri project involves India supplying vital medical resources to any **developing nation facing the impact of natural disasters or humanitarian crises**.
 - BHISHM cube is tailored to treat up to 200 casualties, emphasizing rapid response and comprehensive care.
 - The Aid Cube is **equipped with several innovative tools** designed to enhance disaster response and medical support during emergencies.
 - It integrates **Artificial Intelligence (AI) and data analytics to facilitate effective coordination**, real-time monitoring, and efficient management of medical services in the field.
 - The success of BHISHM Cube underscores the importance of **mobile hospital units in delivering immediate and effective medical assistance during emergencies**.
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Places Linked with Lord Ram to be Developed as Tourist Spots | Madhya Pradesh | 24 Jan 2024

Why in News?

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister announced that **places connected with Ram Lalla in the state will be developed as popular tourist spots.**

- He watched the consecration ceremony virtually from **the Ram Raja Temple in Orchha town in Niwari district.**

Key Points

- The [Ram temple idol consecration ceremony](#) was a historic event.
 - Nearly **142 crore people stood by the government** and demonstrated an example of **communal harmony.**

Ram Raja Temple



- The Ram Raja Temple is a **temple in Orchha, Madhya Pradesh.**
 - It is a sacred Hindu pilgrimage and receives devotees in large numbers regularly and is also **commonly known as Orchha Temple.**
 - The Idols which were supposed to be installed in the magnificent Chaturbhuj Temple were kept on the ground where this temple now stands.
 - But once kept on the ground, **the idols could not be budged.**
 - **This marked the place holy and a temple was constructed where the idols were kept.**
 - Ram Raja Temple has a **serene architecture, adorned with a marble courtyard and colorful walls.**
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Republic Day Parade Tableau: 'Developed Uttarakhand' | Uttarakhand | 24 Jan 2024

Why in News?

The [Republic Day parade](#) tableau representing **Uttarakhand in 2024** will showcase the **theme of 'Developed Uttarakhand'**.

- This decision follows the success of the state's tableau '**Manaskhand**' which secured **first prize in the Republic Day Parade of 2023**.

Key Points

- According to the officials, the **front section features a Kumaoni woman dressed in traditional attire, extending a warm welcome.**
- The tableau also showcases the **cultivation of traditional crops such as Maduwa, Jhangora, Ramdana, and Kauni**, along with the **state bird, Monal**. In the central part of the tableau, homestays form a major part.
- The **concluding segment** of the tableau depicts **crucial elements of the state's developmental projects** such as the **all-weather road of the Chardham route, the Rishikesh-Karnprayag rail project, ropeway systems, and enhanced road connectivity to Mana.**

Jhangora



- It is **ethically sourced from the farmers of Uttarkashi Valley**, Uttarakhand. It is **one of the oldest grains** known to mankind, almost 3000 years old.
- It is **commonly known as** Shyama in Bengali, Moraiyo in Gujarati, Sanwa rice in Hindi, Udal in Kannada and Telgu and Kuthiraivali in Tamil.

Ramdana



- It is **handpicked and ethically sourced from the Himalayan Valley**. It grows in abundance between the altitudes of 1,000-3,000 metres in the Himalayan region, **stretching from Kashmir to Bhutan**.
- It is a complete protein, containing all nine essential amino acids, and at 14% protein. **It is also known as Amaranth, Chua, Chulai and Pungikiri.**

Monal



- The Himalayan Monal, **also known as the Impeyan monal**, Impeyan pheasant, is a bird in the pheasant family, Phasianidae.
- It is the state bird of Uttarakhand. It has been **selected as the mascot for the 38th National games** that were held in Uttarakhand in 2018.
- Himalayan monal is a Schedule - I bird, according to the [Wildlife \(Protection\) Act, 1972](#) and classified as **Least Concern (LC)** by the [IUCN](#).



Chhattisgarh Republic Day Tableau | Chhattisgarh | 24 Jan 2024

Why in News?

Chhattisgarh's '**Bastar Ki Adim Jan Sansad: Muria Darbar**' tableau was displayed at the **National Theatre** in New Delhi on 22 January, ahead of the [Republic Day](#) parade on 26 January.

Key Points

- The tableau was praised for showcasing the **tribal society's democratic consciousness since primitive times**.
- Chhattisgarh Chief Minister praised the team responsible for creating the tableau, stating that the **theme was important for tribal society and will acquaint the world with their democratic traditions**.
- The '**Bastar Ki Adim Jan Sansad: Muria Darbar**' tableau that will be a part of the **Republic Day parade** at New Delhi's [Kartavya Path](#), features **Muria-Darbar and Limau-Raja**, part of the **Bastar-Dussehra tradition from Jagdalpur**.
 - It features **terracotta crafts**, symbolising people's power, and showcases the **cultural development in Bastar**.
 - It also showcases the **600-year-old tribal tradition of community decision-making** in Bastar, a district in Chhattisgarh.



Muria-Darbar

- The **Muria Darbar in Bastar was started on March 8, 1876**, in which the Deputy Commissioner of Sironcha, Make George, **addressed the Manjhi-Chalkis**.
- Later, according to the convenience of the people, it was **made an integral part of Bastar Dussehra, which continued for 145 years as per tradition**.

Limau Raja

- It is the **natural stone throne symbolizing Bastar's democratic roots** and is situated within Bade Dongar, Gadirao Dongri.
- In ancient times, when the region lacked a ruling monarch, the community would gather around this stone "throne" to deliberate on important matters.
- A **ritual unfolded** where a lemon, placed atop the symbolic throne, became the focal point of

decision-making.

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