



## 'Ram Lalla' Temple Built in Sonipat

### Why in News?

**Nirmohi Akhara**, a key plaintiff in the [Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid](#) title suit, has constructed an impressive 'Ram Lalla' Temple in Khanda village, Sonipat district, Haryana.

### Key Points

- The installation of the 'Ram Lalla' idol in the temple's sanctum sanctorum was a highlight of the '[Ram Navami](#)' celebrations.
- The **416-year-old 'math'** underwent a significant renovation to accommodate the new temple. Saints from Nirmohi Akhara, hailing from various parts of India, participated in the week-long '**Pran Pratishtha**' rituals.
- Crafted from white 'Makrana' marble the 'Ram Lalla' idol mirrors the one at Ayodhya's [Ram Temple](#).
  - Surrounding the idol are twelve golden arches depicting scenes from the **Ramayana**.
  - A symbol of Lord Vishnu, the '**Vaishnav Dharma Istambh**', has been installed in the 'math'.

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### Nirmohi Akhara

- It is an 'akhara' of the **Ramanandi order of the Vaishnava sect**, established in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century.
- It is **one of the fourteen akharas** recognized by the **Akhil Bharatiya Akhara Parishad** and belongs to the **Vaishnav Bairagi Sampradaya**.

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