

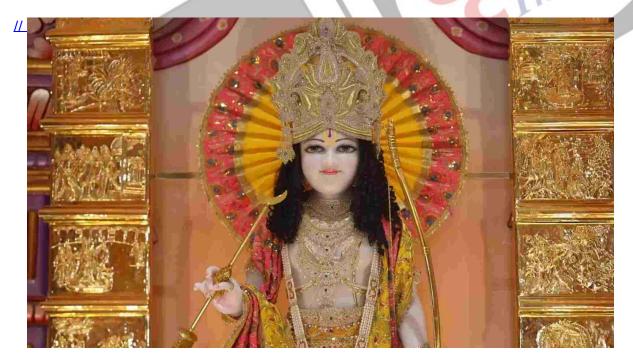
## 'Ram Lalla' Temple Built in Sonipat

## Why in News?

**Nirmohi Akhara**, a key plaintiff in the <u>Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid</u> 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 <u>Ram</u> <u>Temple.</u>
  - 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'.



## 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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