



Madhya Pradesh to Develop Sites Associated with Lord Krishna

Why in News?

After announcing plans to develop the '[Ram Van Gaman Path](#)', the Madhya Pradesh government will also develop places in the state associated with Lord Krishna.

- 'Ram Van Gaman Path' is the **route believed to be taken by Lord Ram** when he headed **for exile in the forest**.

Key Points

- The Chief Minister told officials of the [Tourism and Culture Department](#) that necessary arrangements should also be made for **pilgrims at the places visited by Lord Krishna** in the state.
 - **Lord Krishna went to Ujjain** in the state from Mathura and **stayed at sage Sandipani's Ashram** where he learned various arts and studied the Vedas.
 - Narayan Dham at Amjhera in Dhar district and the Mahidpur tehsil of Ujjain district also have special religious significance.
 - **Amjhera** has many ancient temples of **Shaiva and Vaishnava sects and is associated with Lord Krishna and Rukmani**.
 - **Narayan Dham** has the **only temple in the world** where Lord Krishna is seen **with his friend Sudama**.
- **Better facilities and infrastructure** will increase the flow of **tourists and devotees** to these places.
- **International Gita and Ramayana Mahotsav (festival)** can be held in the near future by involving the common people, and manufacturing of miniature statues of gods and goddesses should be encouraged for helping the local economy.

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