



# Museum of Temples in Ayodhya

## Why in News?

Recently, The Uttar Pradesh cabinet approved a proposal from **Tata Sons** to build a '**Museum of Temples**' in [Ayodhya](#), with an estimated cost of ₹750 crore.

## Key Points

- According to the **State Tourism Minister** Jaivir Singh, the company will manage the project using its [Corporate Social Responsibility \(CSR\) fund](#).
  - The **tourism department** would lease the **company land for this international-level museum for 90 years**, charging a token fee of Rs 1.
  - The company will invest an **additional ₹100 crore in carrying out more development projects** in the temple town.
- The **CM Tourism Fellowship Programme** has also received **approval from the cabinet**.
  - Initially, **25 researchers will be chosen**, each receiving ₹40,000, with ₹30,000 for payment and ₹10,000 for field trips, along with tablets. They will support **tourism development and attract investments in the sector**.
- Other proposals approved during the cabinet meeting included:
  - The **launch of helicopter services in Lucknow, Prayagraj and Kapilvastu under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model** by building helipads.
  - Develop dormant heritage buildings into tourist spots such as **Kothi Roshan Dulha in Lucknow, Barsana Jal Mahal in Mathura and Shukla Talab (pond) in Kanpur**.
  - The proposal aims to substitute the [Indian Penal Code](#) with the [Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023](#) as the new penal code of the nation. Additionally, the [Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023](#) and [Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam 2023](#) will be put into effect.

## Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

- The concept of **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)** is the idea that companies should assess and take responsibility for their effects on the **environment and on social welfare**, and to **promote positive social and environmental change**.
- **The four main types of corporate social responsibility are:**
  - Environmental Responsibility
  - Ethical Responsibility
  - Philanthropic Responsibility
  - Economic Responsibility
- The CSR provisions within [Companies Act, 2013](#) is applicable to companies with an **annual turnover of 1,000 crore and more**, or a **net worth of Rs. 500 crore and more**, or a **net profit of Rs. 5 crore and more**.
  - The Act requires companies to set up a **CSR committee** which shall recommend a **Corporate Social Responsibility Policy** to the **Board of Directors** and also monitor the same from time to time.

