



Ram Temple Consecration: States that Declared a Holiday

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).**