



## Petition regarding Taj Mahal dispute re-filed

### Why In News

On May 7, 2022, a petition has been filed in the Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court seeking to bring out the truth about the history of the Taj Mahal.

### Key Point

- The petition also said that the 22 closed rooms of the Taj Mahal should be opened and checked as some people believe that it was the temple of Lord Shankar, which was demolished and made the Taj Mahal.
- It has also demanded that the laws enacted in 1951 and 1958, including the Taj Mahal, the Fort of Fatehpur Sikri and the Red Fort of Agra, be declared as historic buildings, should also be declared against constitutional provisions.
- This petition is filed by historian P.N. Oak's book 'Taj Mahal' has been filed on the basis of which the Taj Mahal is actually tejomahalaya, which was built by King Paramardidev in 1212 AD and was patronized by King Mansingh of Jaipur, but later the Mughal ruler Shah Jahan took it away from King Mansingh.
- It may be recalled that in the year 2015, a petition was also filed in the Agra Civil Court to declare the Taj Mahal as '**Lord Shri Agraswar Mahadev Nagnatheshwar Virajman Tejomahalaya**', the basis of which was made of the inscription of King Paramardidev found in Bateshwar.
- However, in 2017, the Central Government and the Archaeological Survey of India had filed a counter-affidavit denying that there should be any temple or Shivalinga in the Taj Mahal or consider it as Tejomahalaya.

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