

Green Ayodhya Fund Initiative

Why in News?

Recently, Ayodhya introduced the <u>Green Ayodhya Fund</u> to drive sustainable <u>urban development</u> and environmental conservation.

Key Points

Objective:

- The fund aims to promote <u>eco-friendly</u> initiatives, sustainable urban planning, and conservation efforts to create a greener Ayodhya.
 - It supports projects on <u>waste management</u>, <u>renewable energy</u>, urban greenery, and <u>pollution reduction</u>, aligning with environmental goals for sustainable urban landscapes.

Public Involvement:

• The fund encourages community participation and donations to support initiatives, fostering a sense of shared responsibility in environmental conservation.

Ram Temple

Traditional Architecture and Construction:

- This is a 3-storey temple, built in the traditional Nagara style, standing tall with pink sandstone from Mirzapur and the hills of Bansi-Paharpur (Rajasthan).
- Temple covers an expansive 71 acres, showcasing the architectural marvel.

Temple Dimensions:

 Spanning 250 feet in width and 161 feet in height, the main temple area covers 2.67 acres, boasting 390 pillars, 46 doorways, and 5 mandaps.

Unique Features Inside:

 The main Garbh Griha holds the idols of Ram Lalla, accompanied by multiple mandaps, including Rang Mandap & Nritya Mandap.

Innovative Anointment Tradition:

 On every Ram Navami at noon, a system of mirrors and lenses will focus the sun's rays on Ram Lalla's idol. This unique anointment requires no electricity, utilizing brass instead of iron or steel.

Sculptor's Contribution:

The idol of five-year-old Ram Lalla, crafted by Mysuru sculptor Arun Yogiraj, stands at 51 inches and was consecrated in a special ceremony.

Durability and Symbolism:

• No iron has been used in the temple's construction, designed to endure for at least a millennium.

