



# Ancient Stepwell Unearthed in UP

## Why in News?

Recently, a stepwell **approximately 125 to 150 years old**, covering an area of 400 square meters, was unearthed during excavation in the **Laxman Ganj area of Chandausi**.

## Key Points

### ▪ Excavation Overview:

- The excavation follows the **reopening of the Bhasma Shankar temple in Sambhal** on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024, **after 46 years of closure**.
- Officials reported discovering the structure during the excavation, **including two damaged idols found in the temple's well**.
  - Locals claim the stepwell was **built during the reign of the maternal grandfather of the king of Bilari**.

### ▪ Architectural Features:

- The **well's upper floor is made of bricks**, while the **lower two floors are constructed with marble**.
- The structure also **includes four rooms and a well**.

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