



Aromatic Rice for Ram Temple

Why in News?

Recently, Chhattisgarh dispatched **aromatic rice** to Ayodhya for the **consecration ceremony in the Ram temple** scheduled to be held on **January 22**.

Key Points

- 11 trucks carrying the rice consignment were flagged off by Chief minister Vishnu Deo Sai for the **"Ramji Bhog and Bhandara" in Ayodhya Ram temple** for the occasion.
- A function was organized at Sri Ram Mandir by the **'the rice millers association of Chhattisgarh'** to dispatch the rice consignment to Ayodhya Ram temple.
- The best variety of aromatic rice, **RB Gold**, produced in Chhattisgarh is offered for the consecration ceremony of Ram temple in Ayodhya.
- Chhattisgarh has a mythological link to Lord Ram. **Chandkhuri** on the outskirts of Raipur is believed to be the **birthplace of Kaushalya Devi, mother of Lord Ram**. There is a temple dedicated to Kaushalya Devi, the only such shrine in the world, in Chandkhuri.
- It is believed that Lord Ram have spent some days in Chhattisgarh during his 14-year-exile period, being developed by the state government as **"Ram Gaman Path"**.
 - Under the 'Ram Gaman Path' project the Chhattisgarh government has identified and will develop **248 places** in the state, where Lord Ram, his wife Devi Sita and brother Laxman lived during their exile period.

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