



Maharishi Dadhichi Kund

Why in News?

On 10th March 2025, the Uttar Pradesh government announced to make **Maharishi Dadhichi Kund** a **state tourist centre**.



Key Points

- **About Dadhichi Kund:**
 - Dadhichi Kund is located in **Mishrikh area**, about 12 kilometers away from **Naimisharanya** .
 - It is believed that the water from all the pilgrimage places of the world gets mixed in this pond, hence the name of this area is Mishrikh.
 - This place is associated with **Maharishi Dadhichi**, who donated his bones to provide the thunderbolt to the gods to **kill Vritrasura** .
 - Dadhichi Kund is spread over about **2 acres of land** . Near it is a grand temple of Maharishi Dadhichi, in which his statues are installed in various postures. The architecture of the temple and the environment around it make it a **calm and spiritual center** .
- **Maharishi Dadhichi**
 - He was a great ascetic, a knower of the Vedas and scriptures and a philanthropist sage.
 - He is believed to be the son of sage **Atharva** and mother **Shanti** .
 - He spent his entire life in **devotion to Shiva and welfare of the people**.
 - When the Gods needed his **bones and thunderbolts** to kill the demon **Vritraasura** , he **gave up his body by the power of yoga** .
- **Naimisharanya:**
 - It is an ancient pilgrimage site located in **Sitapur district** of Uttar Pradesh .
 - This place is situated on the banks of **river Gomti** and is called the place of penance of sages.
 - According to religious beliefs, **88 thousand sages** had performed penance here, due to which it is considered a holy place in Hinduism.

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