



# Chhattisgarh CM Flags Off 'Ram Rath' to Ayodhya Ahead of Temple Consecration

## Why in News?

Ahead of the [Ram Temple inauguration](#), Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai and Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Sharma flagged off a 'Ram Rath' to [Ayodhya](#).

## Key Points

- They also sent handwritten '**Jai Shri Ram**' messages and placed them in the rath destined for Ayodhya.
- **Students from Raipur Convent School** also contributed by **placing their messages** in the drop box.
- The rath will go **across the state** and collect **messages and wishes from the residents**.



## About Ram Temple

- Layout of Ayodhya Ram Mandir:
  - The Temple is built over three 20-foot high floors each with a total of 392 pillars and 44 doors.
  - Makrana Marble and Pink sandstone, granite stone, and colored Marble are used in the construction.
  - The foundation of the temple is built of a 14-metre-thick layer of roller-compacted concrete. And a 21-foot-high granite plinth has been placed to protect against ground moisture.
  - Iron has not been used anywhere in the construction.

- The Architectural style of the temple is Nagara style with Sanctum Sanctorum (garbhagriha), Mandaps (halls), and Mandirs.
- At each corner of the compound will be dedicated to Surya, Bhagwati, Ganesh, Shiv. On the northern and southern arms, temples to Annapurna and Hanuman will be built respectively.
- Temples of Maharshi Valmiki, Vashishtha, Vishwamitra, Agastya, Nishad Raj, Shabri etc have also been proposed.

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