



Tulsidas's Birthplace

Why in News?

The Uttar Pradesh government has decided to develop **Rajapur village of Chitrakoot district.**

- It is the **birthplace** of saint and poet **Goswami Tulsidas** who authored **Ramcharitmanas** in the 16th century.

Key Points

- Uttar Pradesh tourism and culture minister Jaiveer Singh emphasized the significance of Ramcharitmanas as well as its writer whose birthplace is visited by people in large numbers to pay their obeisance.
 - The Ramcharitmanas or Tulsī Ramayana **is a retelling of the epic Ramayana, by Tulsidas in Awadhi language.**
- **Tourism facilities would be developed**, including accommodation and various other provisions to enable digital availability of the Ramcharitmanas.
 - With an expenditure of ₹21 crore, about two-and-a-half acres area near Tulsī Memorial in Rajapur village will go through beautification.
- A park with medicinal plants, dormitory, digital library and interpretation center will be built as well.
- At present, **Uttar Pradesh tops the country in terms of domestic tourism.** Tourist facilities are being continuously developed in the state.

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