

Agra Court ने मानी अर्जी



Jama Masjid की सीढ़ियों में दबी हैं भगवान Krishna की प्रतिमा

Notice to Shahi Masjid, UP Central Waqf Board



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Court accepts plea seeking to 'dig out Lord Krishna idol from Agra's Jama Masjid', issues notice

Shri Krishna Janmasthan Seva Sansthan had filed petition 11 May. Notice issued to Shahi Masjid, UP Central Waqf Board & Shri Krishna Janmasthan Seva Sansthan among others.

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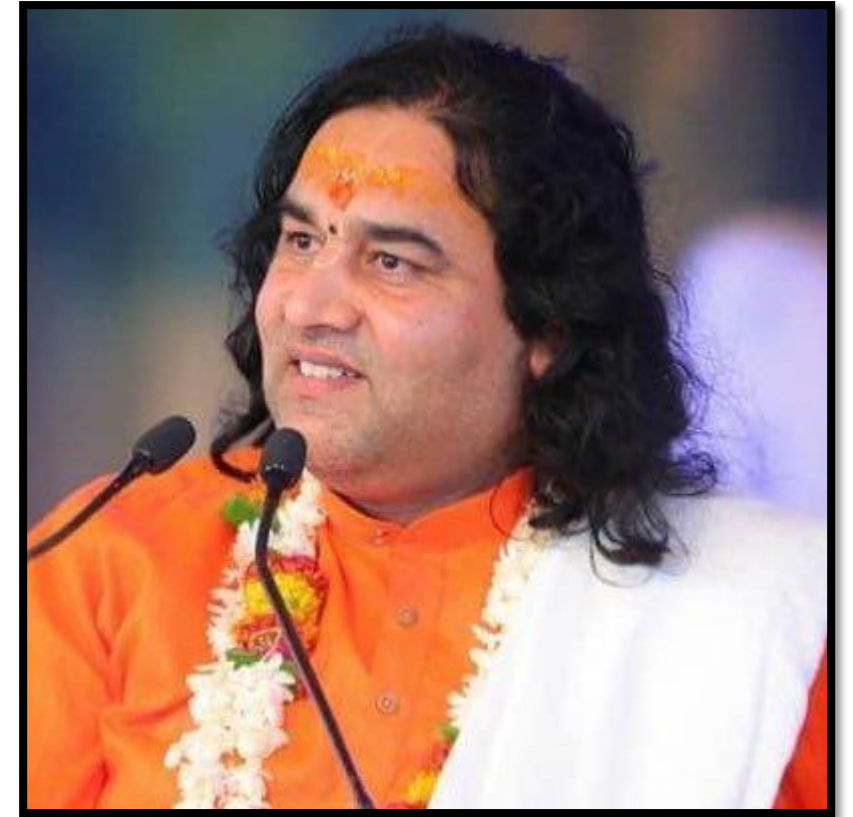
- **Agra court** on Monday issued notices to **UP Central Waqf Board** and other stakeholders after allowing a plea by **Shri Krishna Janmabhoomi Sanrakshit Seva Trust** to recover the idol of Lord **Keshavdev** which it claimed were buried under the steps of **Jama Masjid in Agra**.
- The court issued notices to the **Intazamia Committee of the Shahi Masjid Agra Fort**, **Chhoti Masjid Diwan-e-Khas**, the secretary of **Jahanara Begum Masjid Agra Fort**, the **Waqf Board chairman** and the **Secretary of Shri Krishna Janmasthan Seva Sansthan** asking them to respond by the end of May.





Issue

- **Recently Shri Devkinandan Thakur**, a religious preacher from Mathura, claimed at a 'Bhagwat Katha' in Agra that the idols of Lord Keshavdev be returned to the Hindus.
- The petitioners have claimed that he has ample evidence of the idols lying buried under the stairs of the mosque.
- **Shri Krishna Janmabhoomi Sanrakshit Seva Trust** is willing to bear all the expenses of digging up the stairs and restoring them to their initial state





Historical Records

- They will be thoroughly debated in court of law.
- Petitioners argues that there exists **historical accounts** that prove that **Aurangzeb had demolished the temple of Keshavdev in 1670** and **buried the idol under the steps of the Jama Masjid in Agra.**
- Many **historians**, including those from **Aurangzeb's reign**, have **described the episode in their books.**





Mahmud Of Ghazni

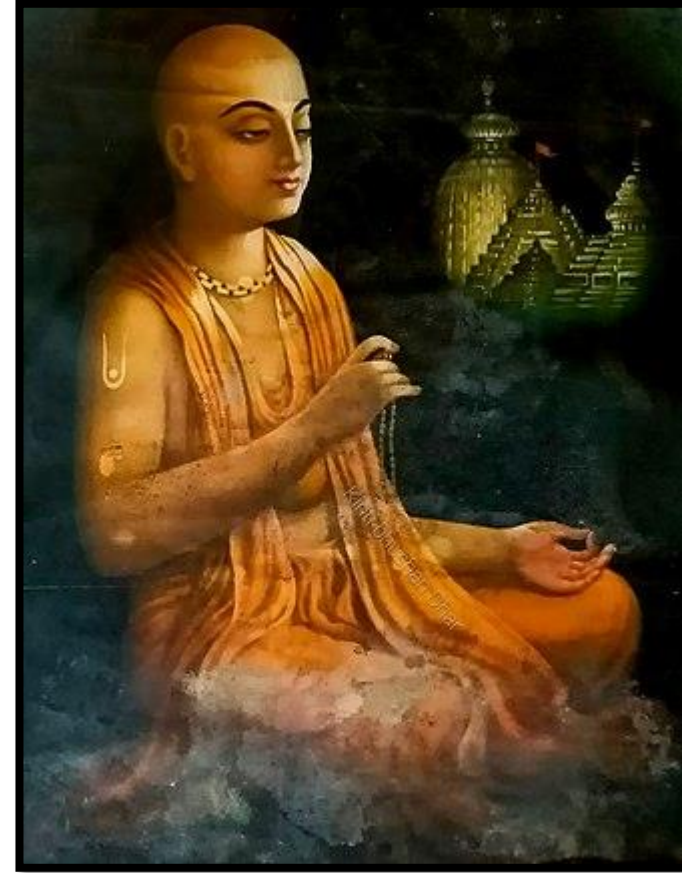
- The **temple** was first **desecrated and looted** by Mahmud of Ghazni (2 November 971 – 30 April 1030).
- In **1018**, he **attacked Mathura** and **defeated** a **coalition of rulers** while also **killing Hindu King Chandrapala**.
- The **city of Mathura** was "**ruthlessly sacked, ravaged, desecrated and destroyed**".
 - Mahmud's Secretary, **Al-utbi** mentioned in his work **Tarikh-e-yamini**, that **Mahmud Ghaznavi** destroyed a "**great and magnificent temple**" in Mathura.
 - According to **Firishta** full name **Muhammad Qasim Hindu Shah** (Persian historian), writing an "**History of Hindustan**" in the **16th-17th century**, the **city of Mathura** was the richest in India, and was consecrated to Vāsudeva-Krishna.
 - When **Mahmud of Ghazni** attacked it, "**all the idols**" were burnt and destroyed during a period of **twenty days**, gold and silver was **smelted for booty**, and the **city was burnt down**.
 - The **Art of Mathura** fell into decline thereafter.





Sikander Lodhi (1489-1517)

- The **temple was again rebuilt in 1150 AD.**
- This temple was also visited in the 16th century by **Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.**
- However, the **temple** was **again destroyed** by the invader **Sikandar Lodhi** in the same century.
- In his **report** named **Report of a Tour in Eastern Rajputana in 1882-83**, **Major General and Director General of Archaeological Survey of India, Alexander Cunningham**, wrote,
- "**He (Sikandar Lodi) entirely ruined the shrines of Mathura**, the mine of **heathenism**, and turned their **principal Hindu places of worship into caravanserais.**
- Their **stone images** were given to **butchers** of the town to be **served as meat weights**, and all the **Hindus in Mathura were strictly prohibited from shaving their heads and beards.**"





Aurangzeb

- Again, the temple was built by Bir Singh Deo Bundela at Mathura at the cost of thirty-three lakhs of rupees. It was one of the most magnificent temples ever built in India.
- According to Anecdotes of Aurangzeb (Maasir-I-'Alamgiri), the Keshav Rai Temple was again demolished in the month of Ramzan, 1080 A.H. (13 January – 11 February 1670) by Aurangzeb's order.
- Aurangzeb ordered the destruction of Keshav Rai and the building of Id Gah Mosque over the same spot.
- According to the Historical Essays By Jadunath Sarkar, Published By M. C. Sarkar & Sons. 902-a Harrison Road, Calcutta 1917, the richly jewelled deities were taken to Agra, where they were placed beneath the footsteps leading to the Nawab Begum Sahib's (Jahanara's) mosque
- At that time, the name of Mathura was changed to Islamabad for having destroyed the very foundation of deity worship.





Question Of The Day

Emperor Akbar Abolished which of the following discriminatory tax:

- a) Kharaj**
- b) Zakat**
- c) Jizyah**
- d) None Of The Above**

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- a) खराज**
- b) जकात**
- c) जजियाह**
- d) इनमे से कोई भी नहीं**

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