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## RAZING OF BABRI MASJID AND GENESIS OF RAM MANDIR.

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### I. Introduction

Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) people and Babri Masjid action committee agreed to sit together for the first time. Vishva Hindu Parishad basically a Hindu nationalism organisation and number and allied organisation went in the illegal demolition of the Babri Masjid.

Mir Baqi had built a mosque, which is known as the Babri Masjid at site known to be Ram Janmabhoomi.

### II. Allahabad high Court Verdict

The following judgement of Allahabad high Court ruled that the 2.77 acres (1.17ha) of Ayodhya land to be divided into three parts and Ram Lalla getting 1/3 or infant Rama is represented by Hindu Mahasabha , going to Sunni Central Waqf Board, and the remaining 1/3 going to Nirmohi Akhara. The judgement affirmed that the disputed land was birthplace of Rama as per the faith and belief of Hindus, that the Babri Masjid was built after flatting of Ram Mandir.

Now according to Supreme court on Saturday the way towards the construction of Ram Temple the disputed site of Ayodhya, and siredted the centre to allot acre plot to the Sunni Waqf Board for building a mosque.

### III. What is Ayodhya Dispute?

Actually the political, historical and socio-religious debate over the history of the site and whether a previous temple was destroyed or modified to create the mosque, is known as the Ayodhya Dispute.

One of the most revered gods in Hinduism, Lord Rama was born in Ayodhya and later ruled over his kingdom from Ayodhya.

At 1528- A mosque was built, purportedly at the same place of the Janambhoomi temple which is said to be built in the early medieval ages to commemorate his birth place, by the demolition of the temple and creating Mosque , by Mir Baqi, a general of Babur.



## Beginning of the dispute

1853- Local Rioting and clashes for control over mosque

1885- Mahant Raghuvar Das pleaded in Faizabad court to build a temple over Ram Chabutra (a platform) near the masjid. The request was denied.

### 1) Rekindling of the dispute – Events of 1949

- 22/23 December 1949 – “Appearance” of Ramlala (infant Lord Ram) idol inside the mosque premises.
- The D.M., KK Nair took control of premises when local Muslims complained about the placement of idols.
- January 1950- NMahant Ramchandra Das appealed the court to allow prayers inside the structure .
- The premises were hence forth final by Court decreed that prayers will be from outside no entry inside the structure to public (Hindu or Muslim) administration.
- 1959 –**Nirmohi Akhara** filed another case asking for control of the site from the administration.
- 1961- The **Sunni Waqf board** went to court asking for removal of idols, stopping Hindu prayers at the site and giving control of the site Waqf board .
- a) **The Politics of 1980s**
  - 1984- Dharma Sansad (conclave) by Vishnu Hindu Parsihad Ram Mandir issue come to the forefront of national politics.
  - 1986 Shah Bano Case Opening of the premise for Hindu worship- TV broadcast on DD Appeasement?

Babari Masjid action committee (BMAC) formed Hindutva politics – VHP along with Sangh parivar affiliated and Hindu nationalist political party BJP started a socio religious as well as political campaign to construct a temple at the Janambhoomi site.

130 km east of Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh’s capital, Ayodhya, a town of great religious significance, gained national prominence in the past few decades, having coincided with the Ram Janambhoomi movement and fortunes intertwined with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

With this the tourism economy also lagged behind at a place compared to another spiritually important cities like Mathura , Prayagraj and Varanasi. The proposed Ram temple promises to alter all that as locals hope it would a new wave of development and livelihood opportunities.

Karseva- voluntary service for temple work

### **Organisation of Ram Janaki Rathyatra in Ayodhya**

According to data found online,” The Ram Rath Yatra was a political and religious rally that lasted from September of 1990 to October of 1990. It was organised by the Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) and its Hindu nationalist affiliates, and led by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) to erect a temple to the Hindu deity Rama on the site of the Babri Masjid. The masjid built in the city of Ayodhya following the Mughal conquest of the region in 1528. According to hearsay, it was built over a temple dedicated to Rama, and stood on the site of his birth. In the 1980s, the Vishwa Hindu Parishad and other Sangh Parivar affiliated began an agitation to build a temple to Rama at the site, with the Bharatiya Janata Party lending political support to the movement. In 1990, the government of India led by V.P. Singh decided to implement some of the recommendations of the Mandal commission, and announced that twenty seven percent of government jobs would be reserved for the people of from lower caste backgrounds.

The Yatra was led by then BJP President L.K Advani. The Sanskrit word Yatra is variously translated as “journey”, “procession”, or “pilgrimage”.

- b) Bajrang Dal was formed** – youth wing of VHP (Vishnu Hindu Parishad) decided to undertake ‘Ram-Janaki Rath Yatra’ for awakening the society on October 8, 1984.

However there were threats from anti-Hindu and anti social elements towards organising this Yatra .

In the wake of Uttar Pradesh Government refusing to give protection to Rath and the participants, the Holy saints gave a clarion call to the India’s Youth to protect the Holy .

- c) Shila poojan** –rocks collected from all the over the country for temple construction.
- August 1989 – the Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High court bunched together all the petitions regarding the dispute over Babri Masjid site and ordered that status quo be maintained.
  - November 1989 – “Shilanyas” Stone- Laying ceremony performed by VHP near the disputed site
  - Riots in multiple cities -1000 death
  - Rajiv Gandhi of congress lost the mandate in general election in December 1989.
  - VP Singh leading the National Front due to the outside support of right wing BJP with 85 seats became Prime Minister.

### **Rath Yatra By Advani 25 Sep-30 Oct 1990**

BJP president LK Advani toured the northern states on a rath which was a bus covered to look like a mythical chariot that to with the intention of drumming up support of Ram Mandir, 10000 km- from Somnath in Gujarat to Ayodhya, UP.

The Bloody trail of rath were experienced at that time and there were riots along the path of Yatra. On Oct 1990, Advani was arrested in Samastipur, Bihar BJP pulled support to VP singh Government in centre and then Chandrashakhar became Prime Minister with support of Congress.

Some attempts to bring the Masjid by Karsevaks on 30 October 1990, which was failed.

**Result at the end at 2020 regarding Ram Mandir.**

The construction committee of the temple started on December 15. And the technical expert submitted their report on December 15. Nripendra Mishra, who is also the chairman of Shri Ram Temple Construction present along with the head of the agencies associated with the construction work.

The temple construction will be undertaken by Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Theerth Kshetra.

Here in 2020 the bhoomi poojan of Ram Mandir took place by Prime minister of India, Narendra Modi on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

The original design for the Ram Temple was prepared in 1988 by the Sompura family of Ahmedabad.

The ecstatic moment of the beautiful divine occasion brought happiness to thousands and crores of Hindu people.

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