

The Parikrama Project Odisha's Ambitious Project At Jagannath Temple

Why In The News?

- Days Before The Consecration Ceremony Of The Ram Temple In Ayodhya, The Odisha Government, On January 17, Is Set To Inaugurate An Ambitious Temple Project Of Its Own A **Rs 800 Crore Heritage Corridor Around Puri's Renowned Jagannath Temple**, Aimed At Improving Infrastructure For Visiting Devotees.
- The **Shree Mandira Parikrama Project** Is Among A Slew Of Infrastructure Projects Aimed At Transforming Puri, One Of The Holiest Hindu Pilgrimage Centres, Into A World-class Heritage City.
- Since Being Devastated By **Cyclone Fani** In May 2019, The State Government Has Announced As Much As **Rs 4,200 Crore For The Development Of The City**. The Augmentation Of Basic Amenities And Development Of Heritage And Architecture (ABADHA) Initiative Aims To Enhance The Experience Of Pilgrims.



The Parikrama Project - Highlights

- The Parikrama Project Includes A **75-Metre Corridor** Surrounding The Jagannath Temple Complex, Which, According To The Project's Website, Will Provide Pilgrims With A **"Visual Connect"** With The Temple.
- A Seven-Metre Green Buffer Zone Adjacent To The Outer Walls, And Including A Five-Metre-High Terraced Landscape Green.
- A 10-Metre Inner Path Around The Temple Complex For Ceremonial Procession Of Deities And To Be Used By The General Public.
- A 14-Metre Landscape Zone With Gardens That Have Local Varieties Of Trees And Shrubs.
- An Eight-Metre Outer Path Covered By Trees On Either Side To Act As A Shaded Pathway For Visitors/Pilgrims.
- A 10-Metre Public Convenience Zone With Facilities Such As Restrooms, Drinking Water Fountains, Information-Cum-Donation Kiosks, And Shelter Pavilions For Rest.
- A 4.5-Metre Service Lane For Access By Service Vehicles And Maintenance Of The Corridor.
- A 4.5-Metre-Wide Dedicated Shuttle-Cum-Emergency Lane For Any Kind Of Emergency And Disaster Management.
- A 7.5-Metre Mixed Traffic Lane To Aid In Movement Of Vehicles Around The Heritage Corridor And To Ensure Access To Properties Abutting The Outer Access Road.
- A Seven-Metre-Wide Shaded Footpath With Trees Adjacent To The Mixed Traffic Lane For Smooth Pedestrian Flow Around The Corridor And Neighbouring Areas. This Will Also Be Equipped With Parking Bays For Sevaks And Temple Officials. It Will Also Have Provision For Waste Bins, Street Furniture, Drinking Water Fountains, Etc.

Plans For Grand Opening

- The Odisha Government Invited Representatives From Nearly 1,000 Temples For **January 17's Grand Opening**. As Many As 17 Teams, Comprising Servitors Of The Temple And Temple Office, Have Visited Different States To Extend The Invitations. The Pashupatinath Temple In Nepal Also Received An Invitation.