

# World's First Om Shaped Temple

## Why In News

- The world's first-ever temple designed in the **iconic Om shape** has been inaugurated in the village of Jadan, Pali district of Rajasthan.
- This architectural masterpiece, spanning **across 250 acres**, is not only expected to attract tourists but will also boast an impressive visual presence visible from space.



- In **Pali, Rajasthan**, a distinctive **'Om' shaped temple** is under construction, set to become the world's first temple designed in the sacred symbol of 'Om.' This architectural marvel not only captivates onlookers on Earth but is also visually striking from space.

## All You Need To Know

- This groundbreaking endeavor marks a significant milestone as it pioneers the creation of such a distinctive temple globally. The **'Om Aakar' temple**, following the Nagara style commonly seen in North India, pays tribute to the region's rich cultural and architectural heritage.

- The temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva, embodies spiritual significance with a consecration program for the Shivalinga scheduled between February 10-19, 2024.



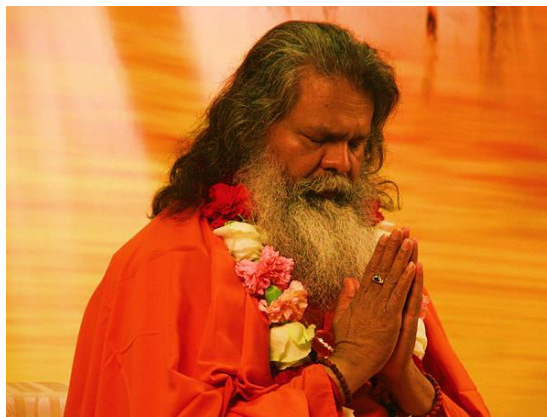
- It stands as a **symbol of devotion and architectural** excellence.
- Architectural Splendor: Following the **Nagara style of architecture** prevalent in North India, the Om-shaped temple is a sprawling structure with the Om symbol extending over a radius of about half a kilometer. The intricate design showcases the cultural and architectural heritage of the region.



- Impressive Features: The **temple complex boasts 1,008 idols** of Lord Mahadev, including 12 Jyotirlingas. The structure stands at 135 feet, supported by 2,000 pillars, and accommodates 108 rooms. Notably, the tomb of Guru Madhavanand ji is positioned at the center of the premises.



- Foundation and Construction: The foundation stone for the temple was laid in **1995, and construction has been ongoing for the past 25 years**. The temple reflects dedication and perseverance in bringing this unique vision to fruition.
- Global Spiritual Leader: **Swami Maheshwaranand Maharaj**, a revered spiritual leader with a global following, emphasized that this Om-shaped temple is a pioneering creation, marking a unique blend of spirituality and architectural innovation.

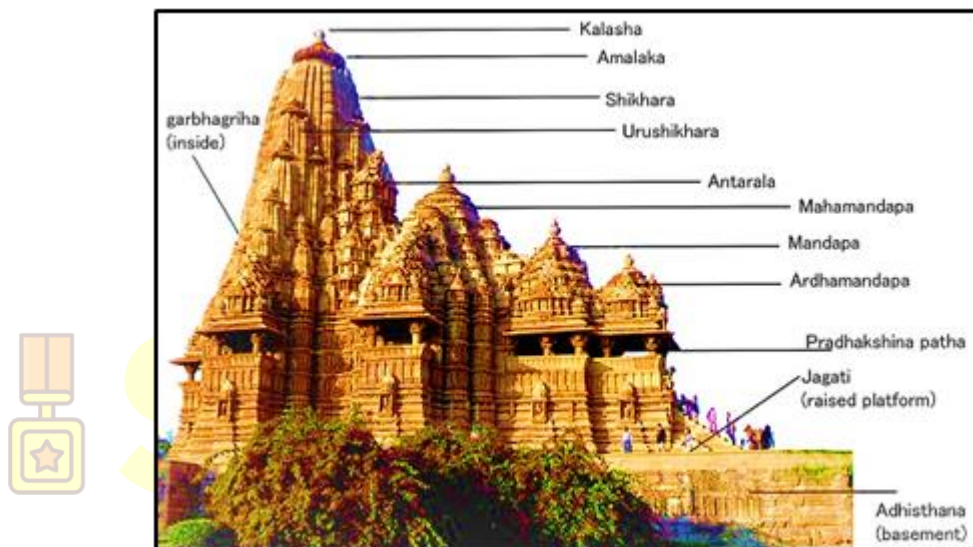


- Om Ashram Jadan Pali: The temple is associated with Om Ashram, founded by Vishwa **Guru Maha Mandleshwar Paramahansa Swami Maheswara Nanda Puriji Maharaj**. The ashram follows Hindu traditions, and the Om mantra, considered a Mahamantra, holds a central place in its spiritual practices.

- As the **Om Shiv Mandir** nears completion, it stands as a testament to cultural heritage, spiritual devotion, and architectural innovation, offering a unique experience for visitors and devotees alike.

## Nagara Style Temple

- The Nagara style of temple architecture originated in the **5th century AD** and is prevalent in parts of Northern India, Karnataka, and Madhya Pradesh.
- It evolved and adapted over centuries, showcasing the dynamic nature of Indian temple architecture.



- The Nagara style gained prominence during the **Gupta dynasty** and continued to flourish under various regional kingdoms and empires.
- Characterized by tower-like peaks (shikharas) symbolizing the sacred mountain Meru, these temples are closely associated with the **Shaiva and Vaishnava sects** of Hinduism.
- Examples of Nagara Style Temples in India : The Jagdish Temple in Udaipur (Rajasthan) , The Kandariya Mahadeva Temple in Khajuraho (Madhya Pradesh).