

# SRI RAMA JANMA BHUMI MOVEMENT AT A GLANCE

1. **Ayodhya founded by Vaivasvata Manu** (*the progenitor and presiding figure of the current Manvantara, which is the 7th of the 14 that make up the current Kalpa, each Kalpa making up a day of Brahma*) on the banks of the holy Sarayu. He saved life on earth from the great deluge with the blessings and help of *Bhagwan Matsyavatar*. Two of his children Ila and Ikshvaku became the progenitors of the Lunar Dynasty and Solar Dynasty respectively. The *Saptarshis* (seven sages) in the Ministry of Vaivasvata Manu are Kashyapa, Atri, Vashishtha, Vishvamitra, Gautama, Jamadagni and Bharadvaja.
2. **Birth of Lord Sri Ram** – an Incarnation of Bhagwan Vishnu – in the solar dynasty in Ayodhya lakhs of years ago in the *Treta Yuga* - the second of the four Yugas, or ages of mankind – to rescue the world from global terrorism, wickedness and sensuousness and leave it happy, healthy and blessed for future generations.
3. **Grand Temple on 84 black touchstone pillars** constructed by Sakari Samrat Vikramaditya 2100 years ago at Sri Rama Janma Bhumi (birthplace of Sri Rama), Ayodhya dedicated to Sri Ram to glorify and perpetuate the memory of Sri Rama as a national and global hero and savior. The birthplace was marked by temples of different ages as when the old ones got ruined by vagaries of nature including the Sarayu floods new ones came up to mark the site. According to experts, the pre-Babri temple was from the Gahadwal period.
4. **Demolition of the said temple by Mir Baqi** – Commander of the Muslim invader Babar in the year 1528 Common Era (CE) – 482 years ago.
5. **1<sup>st</sup> battle by Sri Ram Bhaktas for 15 days** to save the temple from Islamic marauders. The invaders could not overrun the temple and blast it by canons before 176,000 lion-heart Ram devotees had sacrificed their lives to save their most celebrated temple.
6. **A Masjid like structure was forcefully superimposed** on the demolished temple site reusing the wreckage and remains of the temple, but the invaders could never construct the minarets for Azan (call for prayer) and the mandatory water pool for Wazu.
7. **During the period from 1528 CE to 1949 CE there were 76 battles/struggles** to reclaim the Ram Janma Bhoomi site to reconstruct the temple. Guru Govind Singhji Maharaj, Maharani Raj Kunwar and many other greats fought to reclaim the holy place.
8. **At midnight on 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 1949, Sri Ram Lala (Infant Sri Ram) revealed Himself** at the birthplace that was under the central dome of the structure. At that time Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru was the Prime Minister of Bharat, Pt. Govind Ballabh Pant was the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh and Sri K.K. Nayar from Kerala was the District Magistrate of Faizabad.
9. **To maintain law & order, the City Magistrate attached the structure u/s 145 Cr.PC, appointed Sri Priya Dutt Ram as a Receiver and entrusted the site to his care and ordered to lock the gates, but allowed a Priest to go inside the structure and perform regular worship and rituals twice a day.** The devotees were allowed only up to the locked gate. The local people and Sadhus started chanting “*Sri Ram Jai Ram Jai Jai Ram*” (Victory to Sri Rama) 24X7 *Akhand Naam Sankeertan* in front of the locked gate.

10. **A veteran Congress leader of Western U.P. Sri Dau Dayal Khanna** gave a rousing call to the Hindu society in March 1983 at Muzaffarnagar (U.P.) in a Hindu Conference to **reclaim the Ayodhya, Mathura and Kashi sites**. Sri Gulzari Lal Nanda – two times interim Prime Minister of India after demise of PM Nehru and PM Shastri – was also present on the dais.
11. **The First Dharma Sansad** (National Parliament of *Sants* and *Dharmacharyas* of various branches of the Himalayan Tradition) organized by VHP at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi in April 1984 resolved to reclaim Ayodhya first and have a *Jan Jagaran Yatra* (Public Awakening Marathon all over the country) for unlocking the gate of the Janma Bhumi.
12. **VHP started Ram-Janaki Rath Yatra** from Sitamarhi to Ayodhya to Lucknow to Delhi for mass awakening in October, 1984. The Yatra had, however, to be withdrawn for a year due to unfortunate developments in the country that year.
13. **Rath Yatras restarted in October 1985** for mass awakening and with a demand to open the locks.
14. **The Hindu society was so charged and exercised by these RathYatras** that the District Judge of Faizabad ordered on 1<sup>st</sup> of February, 1986 to open the locks. Sri Veer Bahadur Singh of Congress was the Chief Minister of U.P. and Late Sri Rajiv Gandhi was the Prime Minister at that time.
15. **A sketch for the proposed temple was drawn** by Sri Chandrakant Bhai Sompura – a well known temple architect of Gujarat – whose grandfather Padmashri P.O. Sompura modeled the present Somnath Temple and the family modeled many other Nagar style temples. Sri C.B. Sompuraji also prepared a wooden model of the Sri Rama Janma Bhumi temple.
16. **In January 1989, on the holy occasion of Kumbh Mela at Prayagraj**, on the banks of the Triveni Sangam, again a Dharma Sansad was organized by VHP and in the auspicious and august presence of Deoraha Baba it was decided to hold the Ramshila Poojan programme at every temple of the country. The first brick was consecrated at Sri Badrinath Dham.
17. **About 275,000 consecrated bricks (Ram Shilas)** from Bharat and abroad reached Ayodhya safely by the end of October 1989. An estimated 60 million people participated in the programme.
18. **On 9<sup>th</sup> November, 1989 the foundation stone was laid** by an SC brother Sri Kameswar Chowpal of Bihar with due permission of the then Government. Sri Narayan Dutt Tiwari was the CM of U.P. and Late Sri Rajiv Gandhi was the Prime Minister.
19. **On 24<sup>th</sup> June of 1990 a declaration was made by Sadhus to start Kar Seva** (voluntary service) to start the temple construction from Devotthani Ekadashi (30<sup>th</sup> Oct., 1990).
20. **A Jyoti (light/fire) was ignited by Arani Manthan** (creating fire thru the process of friction of wood blocks) at Ayodhya. It was called “*Ram Jyoti*”. The Jyoti reached every Hindu home across the country and all celebrated *Deepawali* with this Jyoti.
21. **On 30.10.90 thousands of Ram devotees entered Ayodhya** crossing so many hurdles put up by the then U.P. Government headed by Sri Mulayam Singh and a saffron flag was hoisted atop the disputed structure.
22. **CM of UP Mulayam Singh Yadav ordered opening of fire on Kar Sewaks** on 2.11.90 in which so many lost their lives including the Kothari Brothers – Sri Ram Kothari & Sri Sharad Kothari from Kolkata.
23. **Delhi witnessed the grandest ever rally at Boat Club** on 4.4.91. CM Mulayam Singh resigned.

24. **In September '92, Sri Ram Paduka Pujan was organized** in all villages in India and another call was given to Bhaktas to reach Ayodhya on Gita Jayanti (6<sup>th</sup> December, 1992). Millions of people reached for Kar Seva and the world knows the fate of the Babri structure.
25. **A stone slab approx. 5 ft in length and 2.25 ft in width was found** from the demolished walls of the Babri structure. The epigraphists deciphered it to be an inscription of 20 lines written in Sanskrit of 12<sup>th</sup> Century CE. The first line starts with "Om Namah Shivaya". The 15<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup> lines speak about the details of the grand temple and the king who built it. The 15<sup>th</sup> line clearly mentions that the temple was dedicated to "Vishnu Hari who killed Dasanan (Ravan)". About 250 Hindu artifacts were also found from the rubble, that are presently under the control of the Court.
26. **Makeshift temple with Tarpaulins was erected by Kar Sewaks** on the same spot where Sri Ram Lala was seated before demolition. Approximately 67 acres of land was acquired by an ordinance by the then Central Government headed by Sri P.V. Narasimha Rao in the name of safeguarding Sri Ram Lala. This ordinance was approved by the Parliament through an Act on January 07, 1993.
27. **A lawyer Hari Shankar Jain approached the Lucknow Bench of Allahabad High Court** for grant of permission for the regular Sewa-Puja of Sri Ram Lala by devotees. Permission was granted on 1.1.1993. Since then the nonstop Darshan-Pooja has been going on.
28. **The then Mahamahim President of India Dr Shankar Dayal Sharma referred a question** to the Supreme Court under Article 143-A of the Constitution of India. The question was "*Whether a Hindu Temple or any Hindu religious structure existed prior to the construction of the Ram Janma Bhumi-Babri Masjid in the area on which the structure stood?*" Also the acquisition by the Central Government was challenged by one Sri Ismail Farooqui and a few others.
29. **The Supreme Court heard all the above petitions and also the special presidential reference** jointly for about 20 months and delivered its judgment on 24<sup>th</sup> October, 1994. The Supreme Court said: The Lucknow Bench of Allahabad High Court would decide the title of the disputed site and answer the special reference made by the President.
30. **A three-Judge (two Hindus and one Muslim) Full Bench started hearing** the matters in 1995. Issues were reframed. Oral evidences began to be recorded.
31. **To find out the direct answer to the presidential special reference**, in August 2002, the said Bench ordered Ground Penetrating Radar Survey (GPRS) of the site which was conducted by the Tojo Vikas International with its expert from Canada. The expert mentioned in his report the existence of a huge structure extending over a large area underneath the demolished structure scientifically proving thereby that the Babri structure was not built on a virgin land as was claimed by Muslims in their civil suit filed in December 1961 before the Civil Judge of Faizabad. The expert also gave his opinion to verify the GPRS report through scientific excavation.
32. **In 2003, the High Court ordered the Archaeological Survey of India to excavate the site** scientifically and verify the GPRS report. The excavation was conducted in the presence of two observers appointed by the Court (two Additional District Judges of Faizabad). The parties concerned, their counsels, their experts/representatives were permitted to remain present during excavation. To maintain impartiality, it was ordered that 40% of the labour would be Muslims. Minute to minute videography and still photography of excavation were done by the ASI. The excavation was eye-opening. So many walls, floors, two rows of pillar-bases at 50 equidistant places were found. A Shiva

temple was also seen. The GPRS report and the ASI report are now part and parcel of the High Court records.

33. **The civil procedure of the Court of Law in the matter is now over after an exercise of about 60 years** (40 years in the District Court and 20 years in the High Court) **and the final verdict is expected by the end of September, 2010. Although all evidence is in favour of the Hindu claim that the Babri structure was superimposed on the Sri Rama Janma Bhumi site after demolishing the temple that marked the site, still nobody can predict about the judgment. It is obvious that the judgment will create unrest in one party and its followers in the populace. This party may challenge the High Court verdict in the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court, however, may or may not take notice of it. In any case, every Indian citizen knows the fate of the Supreme Court judgment in Shahbano case. The ball, thus, may finally be in the court of the Parliament of India as we have always been demanding that the Parliament should pass a law and handover the Sri Rama Janma Bhumi to the Hindu society.**
34. **In the original Constitution of India, there are illustrations of factors of Bharatiya national certitude.** The third illustration in the said volume is that of Lord Ram and comrades returning to Ayodhya riding the aerial vehicle *Pushpak Viman* after his victory in Lanka.
35. **The double storeyed proposed temple with 108 pillars in each storey will be 270 ft. long, 135 ft. wide and 125 ft. high and the temple ringed by a 10 ft. wide Parikrama Marg (circumambulation path). Wall thickness will be 6 ft and door frames will be made of white Makrana marble. Carving work has been done at 5 workshops [two at Ayodhya (U.P.), one at Makrana (Raj.) and three at Pindwara (Rajasthan)]. 60% of carving work is complete till date.**
36. **Sants and Dharmacharyas in their meeting held on April 05, 2010 at Haridwar Kumbh Mela-2010 declared to organize Hanuman Chalisha Paath** all over the country under the banner of “Sri Hanumat Shakti Jagaran Samity” from Tulsi Jayanti (16<sup>th</sup> Aug., 2010) to Akshyay Navami (16<sup>th</sup> Nov., 2010) and *Sri Hanumat Shakti Jagaran Maha Yajna* in every Prakhanda during the month from *Devotthani Ekadasi* (17<sup>th</sup> Nov., 2010) to *Gita Jayanti* (16<sup>th</sup> Dec., 2010). These *Yagnas* will be organized at approx. 8,000 centres in Bharat.

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