

PM Modi to Inaugurate BAPS Temple in UAE

The BAPS temple, the first Hindu temple in the UAE, will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his two-day visit to UAE. The temple's external facade uses pink sandstone from Rajasthan, while the interior features Italian marbles. This marks a significant moment for the Hindu community in UAE and strengthens the bilateral ties between the two countries.



What is BAPS?

1 Global Presence

BAPS has a network of around 1,550 temples across the world, including prominent ones in New Delhi, London, and Toronto. It also runs 3,850 centers and 17,000 weekly assemblies globally.

2 Community Vision

The vision for the Hindu temple in Abu Dhabi was envisioned by Pramukh Swami Maharaj to bring countries, communities, and cultures together, meeting the needs of the local Indian community.



Features of the Temple

Architectural Design

The Abu Dhabi temple is a traditional stone Hindu temple with seven shikhars, built in the traditional Nagar style. The front panel depicts universal values, stories of harmony, and Hindu spiritual leaders.

Significance

The temple complex, spread over 27 acres, was gifted by Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the President of the UAE, and features a Wall of Harmony and two central domes, emphasizing human coexistence.

Construction

More than Rs 700 crore was spent on the temple's construction, with 20,000 tonnes of stones and marble shipped in 700 containers for the temple.

Key Architectural Features

1 Recognition

The temple was judged the Best Mechanical Project of the Year 2019 and the Best Interior Design Concept of the Year 2020, highlighting its exceptional architectural features.

2 Unique Elements

The temple features 96 bells and gaumukhs, nano tiles for visitor comfort, and a special 'Pillar of pillars' with around 1,400 small pillars carved into it.





Temple Significance

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Interfaith Collaboration

The temple's significance lies in its diverse collaboration, with contributions from individuals of different faiths, symbolizing unity and harmony.

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Global Connections

The temple's significance extends to global relations, with increasing interest and presence of realtors from the UAE in Gujarat, India.

Visitor Experience

Open to All

Like all BAPS temples around the world, the Abu Dhabi temple is open to everyone, offering a welcoming and inclusive environment.

Amenities

The temple complex includes an assembly hall, community center, exhibitions, classrooms, and a venue for gatherings, providing a holistic experience for visitors.



Artistic Depictions

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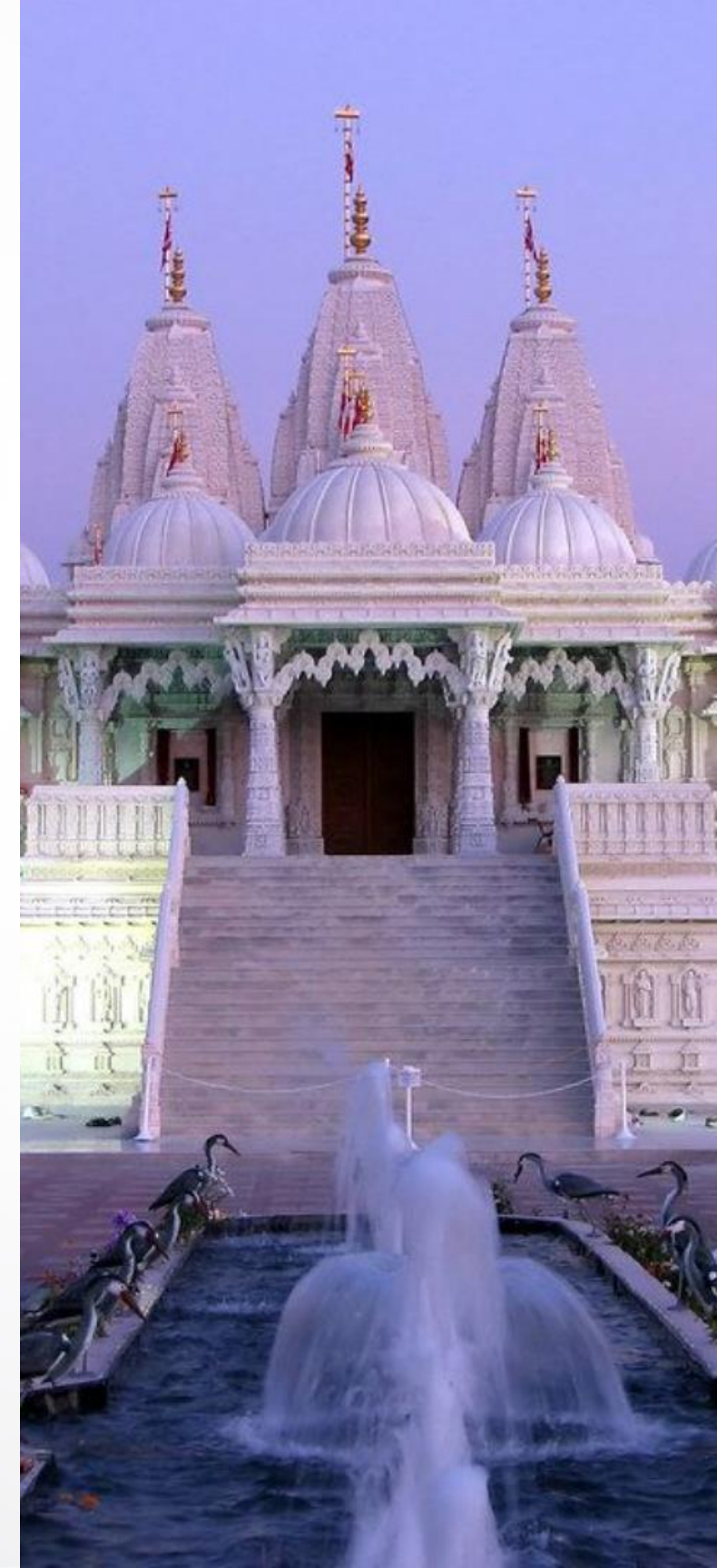
Indian Deities

The temple features deities from all four corners of India, showcasing a rich cultural and spiritual heritage.

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Civilization Stories

Depictions of value tales from Indian civilization and stories from various global civilizations add to the artistic richness of the temple.





Temple's Global Impact

150

Indian Diaspora

The Indian diaspora in UAE, almost 3.3-million strong, includes some 150 to 200 families who are BAPS Swaminarayan devotees.

700

Construction Investment

More than Rs 700 crore was spent on the construction of the temple, reflecting a significant investment in the project.