

What is Prasadam?

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About Prasadam

- It is the country's first "Healthy and Hygienic Food Street".
- It has been opened at Neelkanth Van, Mahakal Lok, in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh.
- It will connect people in every corner of the country with pure and safe local and traditional food.
- Spread over 939 square metres with 19 shops, Prasadam offers convenient and culturally rich dining options for the 1-1.5 lakh devotees who visit the Mahakaleshwar Temple daily.
- The food street is designed to provide various facilities, including a kids' play area, drinking water facility, CCTV surveillance, parking, public conveniences, and seating spaces.

Key Facts about Mahakaleshwar Temple:

- It is a Hindu temple dedicated to Shiva.
- Location:
 - It is located in the ancient city of Ujjain, in the state of Madhya Pradesh.
 - The temple is situated beside the Rudra Sagar Lake.
- It is one of the twelve Jyotirlingams of Lord Shiva.
- Mahakaleshwar idol is Dakshina Mukhi, facing south, unlike all the other Jyotirlingas.

- The temple, which is spread over five levels, sees a huge throng of devotees during the Maha Shivaratri festival.
 - Architecture:
 - The temple complex comes with a spacious courtyard that is adorned with THE finest sculptures that are believed to be influenced by the Chalukya, Maratha, and Bhumija styles of structural design.
 - The foundation and platform are built of stones. Most of the upper structure rests on the strong and well-designed pillars and plasters.
 - It is complete with impressive lingam sculptures of Mahakaleshwar.
 - The images of Ganesh, Parvati, and Karttikeya are installed in the west, north, and east of the sanctum sanctorum.
 - The temple also houses a tank constructed in the sarvatobhadra style.
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Q1) What are Jyotirlingas?

A Jyotirlinga is a shrine where Lord Shiva is worshipped in the form of a Jyotirlingam. There are currently 12 main Jyotirlingas in India. The 12 Jyotirlinga temples in India take the name of the presiding deity. Each considered a different manifestation of Lord Shiva.

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