

Dwarkadhish Temple

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Dwarkadhish Temple Latest News

A group of 300 Pakistani citizens of Indian origin, residing in Pakistan's Sindh, recently visited the Dwarkadhish Temple, Devbhumi Dwarka in Gujarat and offered prayers.

About Dwarkadhish Temple

- Located in **Dwarka, Gujarat, India**, the Dwarkadhish temple, also known as the **Jagat Mandir**, is a revered Hindu temple **dedicated to Lord Krishna**, who is referred to as Dwarkadhish, which means the 'King of Dwarka'.
- This temple holds immense significance as it is **one of the destinations** along the **Char Dham pilgrimage circuit**, which includes the other pilgrimage sites, Badrinath, Rameshwaram, and Puri.
- According to archaeological findings, the **original temple was built in 200 BCE** at the earliest.
- It is believed to have been constructed **by Vajranabha**, the **great-grandson of Lord Krishna**, over the hari-griha (Krishna's residential place).
- The temple was rebuilt and made bigger in the 16th century.

- The temple has a **five-story building** supported by **72 pillars**, which are made of **limestone and sand**.
- Bearing the imprints of the 16th-century **Chalukya style of architecture**, the temple has intricately carved walls with mythical characters and legends on them.
- The temple is a **Pushtimarg temple**, which means that it **follows the teachings and rituals of Vallabhacharya**, a 15th-century Hindu saint and philosopher.
 - Vallabhacharya **propounded the philosophy of Shuddhadvaita**, or **pure non-dualism**, which emphasizes the devotion and grace of Krishna.
 - The **temple is managed by the descendants of Vallabhacharya**, who are known as **Vallabha Kul**.
 - The temple has a **special relationship with the Nathdwara temple in Rajasthan**, which is the **main seat of the Pushtimarg sect**.
- The temple is **one of the 108 Divya Desams**, or **holy abodes of Vishnu**, which are **glorified by the Alvars**, the 12th-century Tamil poet-saints.
 - The temple is the 98th Divya Desam and is praised by four Alvars: Nammalwar, Thirumangai Alwar, Thirumalisai Alwar, and Periyalwar.
- The temple is also **mentioned** in the **works of** other Hindu saints and scholars, such as **Adi Shankara, Ramanuja, Madhvacharya, and Narsinh Mehta**.

Dwarkadhish Temple FAQs

Q1. In which city is Dwarkadhish Temple?

Ans. The Dwarkadhish Temple is located in the city of Dwarka, in the state of Gujarat.

Q2. Who built the Dwarkadhish Temple?

Ans. It is believed to have been constructed by Vajranabha, the great-grandson of Lord Krishna.

Q3. Which architectural style is reflected in the Dwarkadhish Temple?

Ans. Chalukya

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