

Gorakhnath Temple

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Gorakhnath Temple Latest News

A massive wave of devotion swept through the Gorakhnath Temple recently, a day ahead of the main Makar Sankranti festival, as lakhs of devotees gathered to offer khichdi to Mahayogi Guru Gorakhnath.

About Gorakhnath Temple

- It is a **Hindu temple** situated in **Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh**.
- The temple **belongs to the Nath monastic group of the Nath tradition** (a **Shaiva sub-sect in Hinduism**), which was **instituted by Guru Matsyendranath**.
- It is **named after the Guru Gorakhnath**, who was one of the **notable disciples of Guru Matsyendranath** and well-known for his **Hatha Yoga, a renowned branch of Yoga**.
- It serves as the epicenter of the Nath tradition.

Gorakhnath Temple Features

- It is a blend of **traditional and modern North Indian architectural styles**, reflecting the heritage and simplicity of the Nath sect.
- The heart of the Gorakhnath Temple is the **central shrine**, which houses a sacred **image of Gorakhnath as a deity and a Shiva Linga**, as the Nath sect sees Gorakhnath as an incarnation of Lord Shiva.
- **Intricate stonework and marble structures** surround the inner shrine.
- **Carved pillars and symbolic motifs** around the sanctum highlight the Nath sect's emphasis on inner spirituality.
- One of the striking features is the **temple's dome**, which is **tall and conical**, visible from a distance.
- A significant feature of the Gorakhnath Temple is the **Samadhi (final resting place) of Gorakhnath**, which is a sacred spot within the temple complex.

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