

Kalaram Temple

Discussion: Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi started 11-day special rituals for the consecration of Ram temple from Kalaram temple of Panchavati, Nashik.

- **Statue Dedicated :** Lord Ram, Mother Sita, Lakshman.
- **Naming:** It was named Kalaram because of the statue made of black stone.

- **Name**
Panchavati:
Named because of five banyan trees.



→ **Importance of the temple:**

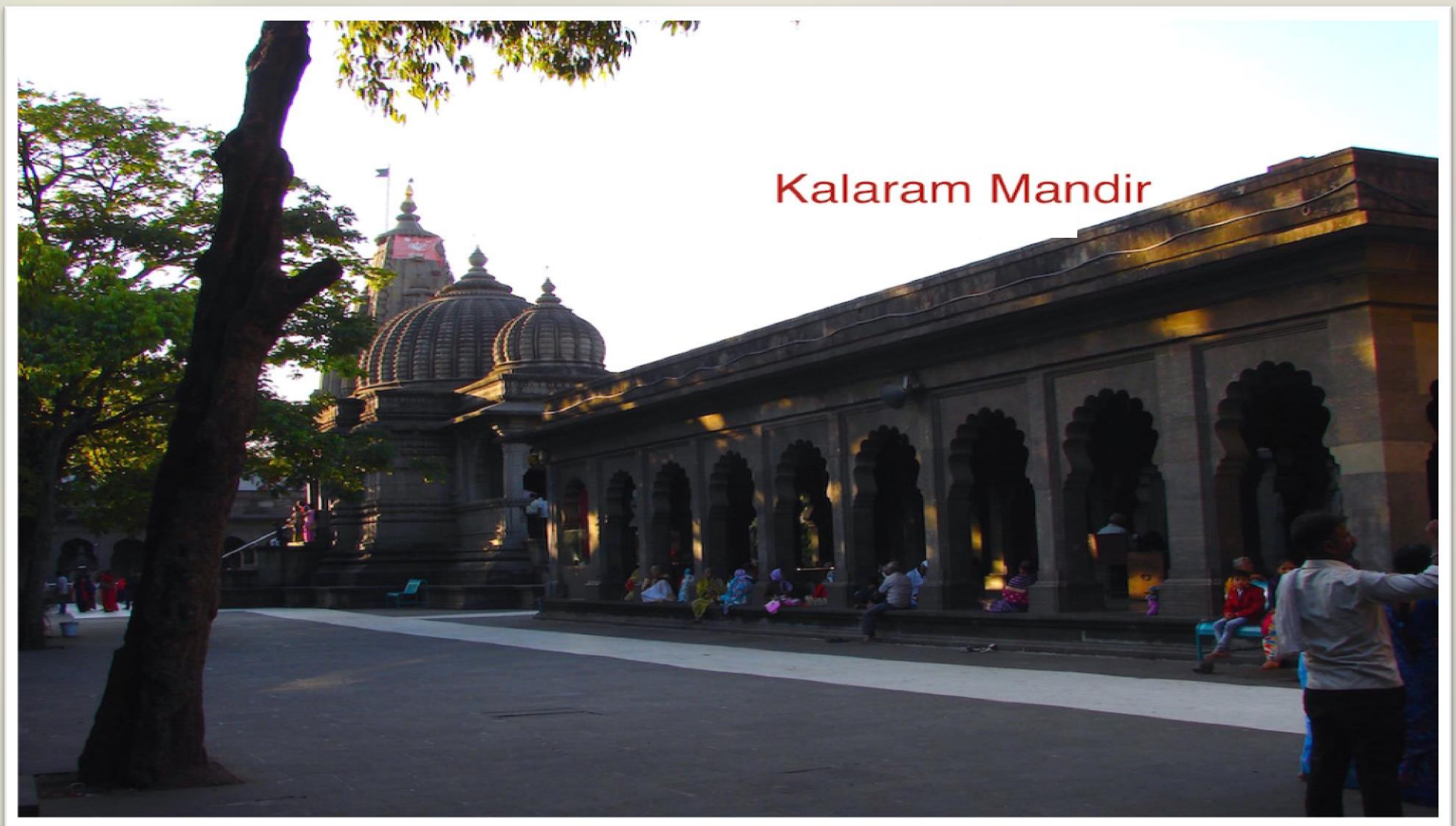
- Lord Ram stayed at this place during his exile.
- There was a movement here demanding entry of Dalits into Hindu temples.

→ **Restoration of Kalaram Temple: Year 1782**
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- **Builder:** Sardar Rangarao Odhekar
 - **Temple Style:** Nagara Style
- There are 14 steps in the main temple, which tells about the 14 years of exile of Lord Rama.
- 84 pillars, symbols – representing the cycle of 84 lakh species

Other points :

- ➔ In the year 1930, B.R. Ambedkar and Pandurang Sadashiv Sane led a movement demanding entry of Dalits into Hindu temples.
- ➔ A large protest was organized on March 2, 1930.



Indian of the Year Award-2023

- **Presented By:** ISRO
- **Chairman:** S. Somnath and Chandrayaan-3
Project Director – P. Veeramuthuvel.
- **Initiated by:** National TV Channel “CNN-News 18”

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Trinetra Haldar



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- **Special Mention** – Heroes of Uttarkashi
- **Outstanding Achievement** – ISRO
- **Social Change** – Ravi Kannan
- **Sports** – Neeraj Chopra
- **Rising Sports Stars** – Chess player Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa

Asian Winter Games 2025

- **Mascot:** “Binbin” and “Nini” (Both: Manmohan Tiger)
- **Official Slogan:** Dream of Winter, Love among Asia
- **Official symbol:** Breakthrough
- **Event** – Harbin (China)
- **Date** – 28 February to 9 March 2025
- Saudi Arabia will host the 2029 Asian Winter Games.

Major Sporting Event Mascots :

- FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup – 2022 (India) – IBHA

- **22nd Commonwealth Games - 2022**
(Birmingham, England) - Perry (Bull)
- **19th Asian Games - 2022** (Hangzhou, China), Smart Triplets)
- **44th Chess Olympiad 2022 (Chennai) -**
Thambi
- **36th National Games 2022** (Gujarat)
Savaj

Upcoming Sporting Events -

- **Summer Olympic Games**
 - 2024 - Paris, France
 - 2028 - Los Angeles USA
 - 2032 - Brisbane, Australia
- **Winter olympic games**
 - 2026 - Milan and Cortina, Italy

→ **Summer youth olympic games**

- 2026 – Dakar, Senegal

→ **asian games**

- 2026 – Aichi, Nagoya, Japan
- 2030 – Doha, Qatar
- 2034 – Riyadh (Saudi Arabia)

→ **FIFA World Cup:**

- 2026 – Canada, Mexico, USA

→ **Cricket World Cup:**

- 2027 – South Africa, Namibia





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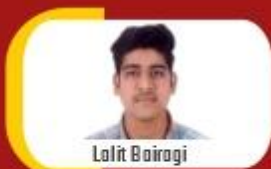


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