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Prez to lay foundation of world's tallest temple

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Vrindavan: President Pranab Mukherjee will lay the foundation of the 213 metre world's tallest Sri Krishna temple in Vrindavan on November 16.

UP governor Ram Naik with the chief minister Akhilesh Yadav are also expected to attend the special function, being organised by ISKCON.

District magistrate Rajesh Kumar along with all senior officials visited the site and interacted with the promoters of the project to prepare the ground to accord a warm welcome to the dignitaries.

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A helipad is now being developed close to the site. According to Kamal Yogi, an official connected with the project said a large number of state ministers and political leaders were expected for the function.

Construction work has already begun on the piling for the pillars of the Chandrodaya Mandir, using latest technology. The chief project director Bharat Prabhu who keeps shuttling between Vrindavan and Bangalore said "The Rs 300 crore project of the world's tallest skyscraper temple for Lord Krishna, will take five years. We are using the world's latest technology and engineering processes to ensure a minimum life of 500 years for the gigantic structure that will go a long way to promote and nourish Sri Krishna consciousness, especially among the youth."

The project is conceptualized and is being executed by ISKCON from Bangalore, who also bring Akshaya Patra, the world's largest NGO run midday meal programme in the country feeding over a million school going children every day.

Prabhu said "this is a culturally and socially driven project which aims to put Vrindavan and India on the world map of iconic heritage structures. The project also employs many technological innovative solutions to ensure environmental sustainability."

This grand temple with monumental proportions and iconic architecture shall harmoniously combine elements of both Indian temple architecture and modern architecture. A look-alike of the verdant forests of Vrindavan, consisting of twelve forests (dvadasha kanana) of Braj will be recreated around this magnificent temple. Water from the Yamuna will be lifted and pumped to the meandering rivulet that will allow for boating and support aqua-life peculiar to Braj area.

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