

# 'Pawan path' website to give info on 150 Kashi temples

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**LUCKNOW:** The state government moved one step further on Sunday on creating a 'pawan path' website for providing information about 150 lesser-known temples in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's constituency, Varanasi.

Awanish Kumar Awasthi, director general, tourism, reviewed the dedicated website, which is under construction for the proposed 'pawan path' in Varanasi. 'Pawan path' is the name given to the project to link routes leading to Kashi temples.

Other officials of the tourism department were also present.

During presentation, Awasthi discussed various facets of the website and information that it would provide to people.

Varanasi is a holy city with the Kashi Vishwanath temple, the important of the 12 jyotirlingas, situated there. Other famous temples include Kaal Bhairav, Astha Bhairav, Astha Vinayak etc. The proposed 'pawan path' website will have information about 150 temples along with their Google map locations, 360 degree videos and contact number of priests of these temples.

As part of its 'pawan path' scheme, the state government has directed the district administration of Varanasi to remove all

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encroachments from the vicinity of the 150 temples that are part of the project. Lanes and bylanes connecting these temples have to be repaired, sewer lines laid and street lights installed.

Neelkanth Tewari, minister of state for sports and law in the Yogi government, who is an MLA from Varanasi South assembly constituency, is monitoring the project. Municipal commissioner Nitin Bansal is spearheading this change in Kashi.

A control room will be set-up to monitor 24x7 cleanliness in the 'pawan path' corridor. Sign boards will be put up at the Varanasi Cantonment railway station, bus station and other prominent places across the city, carrying information about the 'pawan path'. The development of Ayodhya and Varanasi figured the priority list of the state government after BJP formed the government in the state in March last year. The Centre has already approved a Rs 133 crore package for the makeover of Ayodhya.