

# UP Darshan Mandapam centre of attraction at Mahakumbh

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**MAHAKUMBH NAGAR (PRAYAG-RAJ) :** The Uttar Pradesh Darshan Mandapam of the state tourism department in Sector 6 of Mahakumbh Nagar is turning to be a crowd puller. Set up near Kalagram, it showcases different Hindu religious spots besides tourist destinations located in different parts of the state having historical and religious importance.

The central hall of the mandapam has replicas of different ancient temples and forts like Ayodhya Ram temple, Vyas Peeth temple, Kalpi, Maa Kushmunda Dwar, Ghatampur, Jain temple, Lalitpur, Shringverpur, Vindhyaachal temple, Mirzapur, Jwala Mukhi Mandir, Sonbhadra, Kalinjar fort, Banda and



**A view of UP Darshan Mandapam.**

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Jhansi fort. There are also over a dozen stalls exhibiting various circuits developed by state government like Ramayan Circuit, Jain Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Shaktipeeth Circuit, Krishna Brij Circuit, Wildlife and Eco Tourism Circuit among others.

Each stall displaying a different circuit has several important places included as part of

the circuit.

For example, the Ayodhya Circuit has large photographs of different temples, including Kanak Bhawan, Bharat Milap Temple, Chitrakoot, Hanuman Garhi, Ayodhya, Janki Kund, Chitrakoot and Ram Ghat, Chitrakoot. The Buddhist circuit has pictures of Anathapindika Stupa, Shravasti, Dhamek Stupa, Sarnath, Ashoka Pillar, Sankissa, Standing Buddha, Sarnath, etc.

The Craft Circuit stall has exhibits of different crafts practised all over the state, including Gulab Meenakari, Tarkashi art, glass beads, glazed pottery, Moonj craft, Prayagraj, and Aligarh locks among others. Tourism department official BK Tripathi said the exhibition was attracting large number of people everyday in the mela.