

80 Ramayana trees to adorn temple vicinity

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Lucknow: At least 80 species of trees which are vividly mentioned in the Ramayana and also have some folklores from the life of Lord Ram and Sita woven around them, will make a comeback to recreate the aura of 'Treta Yug' around the upcoming Ram Mandir in Ayodhya.

These trees are likely to be planted in the buffer area of Ram Temple which is currently protected with double fencing.

The forest department plans to plant trees like Deodar, Mango, Rakt Chandan, Chandan, Saal, Nagkesar, Dhaak, Peepal, Banyan, Ashok, Parijaat, Sita Ashok, Lodh and Agar in between the two fencing.

Divisional forest officer (DFO), Ayodhya, Manoj Khare has identified at least 89 tree species which find mention in the Ramayana. "Though there are more than a hundred plants mentioned in the epic, we found that 89 of them are trees while others are medium height species and shrubs," Manoj Khare said.

Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust will finally approve the plan.