

Hindu Temples and their associated Endowments (Properties) in India

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Hindu Temple Properties

Hindu temple properties are managed differently across Indian states, with some states having government control while others are managed by trusts or local bodies. The state of Tamil Nadu, for example, has the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR&CE) Department overseeing temple management, including finances and appointments of temple heads. Similarly, the Andhra Pradesh government oversees and appoints the head of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD), which manages the Tirupati Temple.

Here's a more detailed look at some States:

- **Tamil Nadu:**

The state's HR&CE department manages temples, including finances and appointments, as well as owning a significant amount of temple land.

- **Andhra Pradesh:**

The state controls the TTD, which manages the Tirupati Temple, and appoints its head.

- **Jammu and Kashmir:**

The state enacted the Jammu and Kashmir Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Act, 1988, specifically for managing the Vaishno Devi Shrine.

- **Other States:**

Many other states have laws that allow government control over temple administration, ensuring accountability and potentially utilizing temple revenue for social welfare initiatives.

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In India, Hindu Temples and their associated Endowments (Properties) are managed in various ways, with some states exerting significant control through Temple Boards or other state-run entities. Land ownership of temple properties varies considerably across states. Some states, like Tamil Nadu, have substantial temple-owned land, while others have less.

State-wise Overview of Temple Properties:

- **Tamil Nadu:** Known for extensive temple land ownership, with the Tamil Nadu Temple Trust owning over 478,000 acres.
- **Andhra Pradesh:** Has a significant amount of land under Hindu endowments, estimated at 4 lakh acres.
- **Telangana:** Hindu endowments control 87,000 acres of land, according to the CAG.
- **Odisha:** 13 temples are reported to control 12,776 acres, as per the CAG.
- **Gujarat:** Akshardham, a major Hindu temple and organization, is located in the state capital.
- **Uttar Pradesh:** Notable temples like Kashi Vishwanath Temple in Varanasi and Ram Mandir in Ayodhya are located in this state.
- **Uttarakhand:** Kedarnath Temple, one of the 12 Jyotirlingas, is situated in the Garhwal region.
- **Other states:** Temples like Sabarimala (Kerala), Meenakshi Temple (Tamil Nadu), and the Jagannath Temple (Odisha) are significant pilgrimage sites with associated properties.

4 States alone have 10 Lakh Acres as Hindu Endowment Land

S. No.	State	Hindu Endowment Land	Area
1	Tamil Nadu	Tamil Nadu, Temple and Math Land	4.78 Lakh Acres
2	Andhra Pradesh	Hindu Endowment Land	4 lakh acres
3	Telangana	Hindu Endowment Land	87,000 acres
4	Odisha	13 Temples Control	12,776 acres

<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/telangana/4-states-alone-have-10-lakh-acres-as-hindu-endowment-land-940-lakh-acres-waqf-countrywide-a-far-cry-asad/article68667372.ece>

State-wise Number of Temples in India – 2025

S.No.	State/UTs	Number of Temples
1	Andhra Pradesh	47152
2	Arunachal Pradesh	96
3	Assam	5394
4	Bihar	29748
5	Chhattisgarh	9484
6	Goa	1855
7	Gujarat	49995
8	Haryana	10329
9	Himachal Pradesh	4560
10	Jharkhand	14680
11	Karnataka	61232
12	Kerala	22931
13	Madhya Pradesh	27947
14	Maharashtra	77283
15	Manipur	441
16	Meghalaya	128
17	Mizoram	32
18	Nagaland	43
19	Odisha	30877
20	Punjab	4827
21	Rajasthan	39392
22	Sikkim	87
23	Tamil Nadu	79154
24	Telangana	28312
25	Tripura	568
26	Uttar Pradesh	37518
27	Uttarakhand	3695
28	West Bengal	53658
29	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	184
30	Chandigarh	267
31	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	186
32	Delhi	5367
33	Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh	470
34	Lakshadweep	4
35	Puducherry	1201
Total		649097

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