

UAE allots land for building first temple in Abu Dhabi

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Abu Dhabi: The UAE today decided to allot land for building a temple here, the first in the Emirati capital as Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday began his two-day visit to the strategic Gulf nation.

Modi thanked the UAE leadership for this "landmark" decision.

While there are two temples in Dubai, one of Lord Shiva and another of Krishna, there is none in Abu Dhabi. "A long wait for the Indian community ends.

On the occasion of PM's visit, UAE Govt decides to allot land for building a temple in Abu Dhabi," tweeted external affairs ministry spokesperson Vikas Swarup. "PM @narendramodi thanks UAE leadership for this landmark decision," he said.

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The UAE is home to 2.6 million Indian workers, of who around 20 percent are white-collar professionals. Indian expatriates comprise 30 percent of the UAE's population and are the largest nationality group.

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