

Raskhan and Taj Bibi – devotees of Krishna

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In news– State tourism department of Uttar Pradesh has redeveloped the tombs of Raskhan and Taj Bibi as a tourist complex with an open air theatre.

Raskhan-

- **Raskhan or Syed Ibrahim Khan was a 16th century Sufi Muslim poet** born either in Amroha or Hardoi in Uttar Pradesh.
- He became a follower of Krishna, learned the bhakti marga from Vitthalanatha and began living in Vrindavan, where he spent the rest of his life.
- **Raskhan was his *takhallus* (pen name) in Hindi.**
- He died in 1628 AD. His *samadhi* is at Mahaban, near Mathura.

Taj Bibi-

- **Taj Bibi (lit. 'Lady of the Crown') , also known as the 'Mughal Mirabai'**, was the daughter of a Muslim nobleman, appointed by the Mughals to protect the Gokul area.
- She wrote poetry during the Mughal time when the ruling class belonged to the Muslim religion.
- She had shown great courage by giving up recitation of Kalma Quran and announcing that she was a Hindu devotee.