

QUTUB MINAR IS VISHNU STAMBH: VHP

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Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) spokesperson Vinod Bansal on Sunday claimed that Delhi's famous monument, the Qutub Minar, is actually *Vishnu Stambh*. This comes a day after the VHP demanded that the government rebuild the Hindu structures in the Qutub Minar complex. Mr. Bansal also said that the structure was built with materials obtained after demolishing 27 Hindu-Jain temples, and that had been done to "tease" the Hindu community.

"It is alarming to see broken idols and inscriptions that attest to the fact that this was a complex of Hindu-Jain temples," he told *The Hindu*.

VHP leaders visited the compound of the monument, which was designated as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1993.

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