Syllabus subtopic: Government Policies and Interventions for Development in various sectors and Issues arising out of their Design and Implementation.

Prelims and Mains focus: about the trust and its mandate

News: PM Modi told the Lok Sabha that the Cabinet had approved a scheme for the construction of a grand Ram temple in Ayodhya by setting up an autonomous trust, Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra, to take forward the process as per the Supreme Court’s orders.

Background
The Supreme Court mandated three-month deadline to set up a trust was to end on February 9, a day after Delhi votes.

About the trust
- The Ministry of Home Affairs notified the trust.
- There would be 15 trustees, out of which one would always be from the Dalit society.
- The government had decided to transfer the entire 67.703 acres to the trust.
- This trust will be fully autonomous to take any decision regarding the construction of temple.
- The Uttar Pradesh government had approved the Supreme Court’s direction to grant 5 acres to the Central Sunni Wakf Board.