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Trimbakeshwar Temple

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Maharashtra: ASI discovers Shivling from Amrit Kund in Trimbakeshwar

Trimbakeshwar Temple: The ASI has uncovered a centuries-old Shivling at the bottom of the Amrit Kund during a conservation project,...



Why in News: A centuries-old hidden Shivling was recently discovered in the Amrit Kund within the Trimbakeshwar Temple Complex in Maharashtra.



Religious Significance

- Trimbakeshwar Temple is an ancient temple dedicated to Lord Shiva.
- It is one of the 12 Jyotirlingas of India.
- The temple is mentioned in the Shiva Purana, Skanda Purana, and Padma Purana.

Geographical Importance

- It is located at Trimbak village, Nashik district, Maharashtra.
- The temple is situated near Brahmagiri Hill, the origin point of the Godavari River.
- Kushavarta Kund within the complex is regarded as the sacred source of the Godavari.

Historical Legacy


- The present structure was constructed by Peshwa Balaji Bajirao (1740-1760).
- It was built on the site of an older temple of great antiquity.

Architectural Features

- The temple is built in the Hemadpanthi architectural style.


- It is constructed entirely of **black basalt stone**.
- The sanctum contains a unique **three-faced Jyotirlinga** adorned with a jewelled crown.

eSARAS Platform

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[eSARAS: Expanding Markets, Empowering Rural Women](#)

From weavers and potters to women-led cooperatives, rural artisans are powering India's inclusive growth story. Through the eSARAS platform,...



Why in News: More than **8.62 crore** women **Self-Help Group (SHG) members** now have access to a digital marketplace through **eSARAS**.

Governance Framework

- **eSARAS** has been developed by the **Ministry of Rural Development** under **DAY-NRLM (Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana–National Rural Livelihoods Mission)**.
- It serves as the official e-commerce platform for products made by **women SHGs and their federations**.



Digital Inclusion Dimensions

- The platform integrates the objectives of Digital India with rural entrepreneurship.
- It enables direct producer-to-consumer transactions by reducing intermediary dependence.

Platform Features

- It is integrated with the **Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)**.
- It is also connected with the **UMANG Platform** for wider accessibility.

- Products include food items, apparel, personal care products, home décor, and toys.

Economic Significance

- The premium **SARAS Shakti Collection** targets institutional and corporate buyers.
- The platform strengthens market access for rural artisans while preserving traditional crafts.

Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA)

News On AIR

MPEDA Concludes Second National Skill Olympiad on Seafood Value Addition at Seafood Expo Bharat 2026

The grand finale of the second edition of the National Skill Olympiad on Seafood Value Addition was held yesterday during Seafood Expo...



Why in News: MPEDA recently concluded the **2nd National Skill Olympiad on Seafood Value Addition** during **Seafood Expo Bharat 2026** in Kochi.

Institutional Profile

- **MPEDA** is a statutory body established under an **Act of Parliament in 1972**.
- It is responsible for the promotion and regulation of **marine product exports** from India.
- It functions under the **Ministry of Commerce and Industry**.



Regulatory Functions

- It registers exporters, fishing vessels, processing plants, storage units, and transport facilities.
- It prescribes standards and specifications for export-quality marine products.
- It regulates exports and promotes conservation of offshore and deep-sea fisheries.

Organisational Network

- Its headquarters are located in **Kochi, Kerala**.
- It operates **18 Regional/Sub-Regional Offices** across India.
- It maintains trade promotion offices in **New Delhi, Tokyo, and New York**.

Infrastructure Support

- MPEDA has established five Quality Control Laboratories at **Kochi, Nellore, Bhimavaram, Bhubaneswar, and Porbandar**.

International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)

 Down To Earth

[Renewables save \\$480 billion in fossil fuel costs in 2025 as price advantage widens: IRENA](#)

Existing solar and wind fleets act as a financial buffer during gas price spikes, with China, US and Brazil leading global savings.



Why in News: A recent IRENA report stated that renewable energy projects commissioned in **2025** avoided approximately **\$480 billion** in global fossil fuel costs.

Institutional Framework

- IRENA (**International Renewable Energy Agency**) is an intergovernmental organisation established in **2009**.
- It supports countries in transitioning towards sustainable and renewable energy systems.
- India is a **founding member** of IRENA.

Global Energy Governance

- It serves as the principal platform for international cooperation on renewable energy.

Key Facts for Prelims

- Headquarters: **Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates**.
- Membership: **170 Members (169 States + European Union)**.
- It is the world's only intergovernmental organisation dedicated exclusively to **renewable energy**.

- It acts as a repository of policy, technological, financial, and resource-related knowledge.
- It enjoys the status of an **Official Observer to the United Nations**.

Organisational Structure

- The **Assembly** is the supreme decision-making body comprising all members.
- The **Council** consists of **21 Member States** elected for two-year terms.
- The **Secretariat** is headed by the **Director-General** and provides technical and administrative support.

Hul Diwas

News On AIR

Jharkhand Observes Hul Diwas, Pays Tribute to Hul Rebellion Heroes

On the occasion of Hul Diwas, special programmes were organised today across Jharkhand, including the state capital Ranchi, to pay tribute...



Why in News: Jharkhand recently observed **Hul Diwas** to honour the heroes of the **Santhal Rebellion of 1855**.

Historical Context

- **Hul Diwas** is observed annually on **30 June**.
- In the Santhali language, "Hul" means **revolution, uprising, or resistance**.

Resistance Against Colonial Rule

- The **Santhal Rebellion (1855–56)** was among the earliest tribal revolts against **British rule and the zamindari system**.
- The movement began at **Bhognadih village, Sahibganj district (Jharkhand)** on **30 June 1855**.
- It spread across present-day **Jharkhand, Bihar, and West Bengal**.

Leadership & Causes

- The rebellion was led by **Sidho Murmu** and **Kanhu Murmu**, with active participation from **Phulo Murmu** and **Jhano Murmu**.

- Major causes included land alienation, exploitative taxation, usurious lending, and erosion of tribal autonomy.


Legislative Legacy

- The uprising led to the enactment of the **Santhal Pargana Tenancy Act, 1876 (SPT Act)**.
- The Act restricts transfer of **Adivasi land to non-Adivasis**, providing legal protection to tribal land rights.

Other Important News of the day

Defence

INS Trikand

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INS Trikand foils piracy attempt on foreign-flagged merchant ship in Gulf of Aden

New Delhi, Jul 2 (PTI) Indian Navy stealth frigate INS Trikand thwarted a piracy attempt on a foreign-flagged merchant vessel,...



Why in News: INS Trikand recently thwarted a piracy attempt in the **Gulf of Aden**.

Strategic Profile

- **INS Trikand** is a frontline **guided missile frigate** of the Indian Navy.
- It is the third vessel of the second batch of **Talwar-class frigates**.

Operational Background


- It was built at **Yantar Shipyard, Kaliningrad, Russia**.
- It was commissioned on **29 June 2013**.
- It operates under the **Western Fleet** of the **Western Naval Command**, headquartered in **Mumbai**.

Combat Capabilities

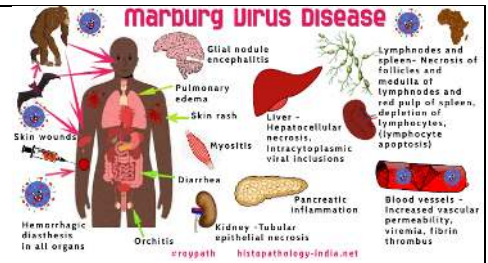
- It is a **4,035-tonne stealth warship** powered by four gas turbines with speeds exceeding **30 knots**.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It carries BRAHMOS missiles, Shtil air-defence missiles, A190 gun, torpedoes, rockets, and electronic warfare systems. • The Trebovanie-M Combat Management System enables simultaneous engagement of multiple threats. <p>Technological Significance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The vessel incorporates reduced radar, magnetic, and acoustic signatures, earning the designation of a stealth frigate. • It can operate a Kamov-31 helicopter for airborne early warning missions.
Environment	<p style="background-color: #e0f2f1; padding: 5px;">Caspian Cobra</p> <p>Why in News: A rare Caspian Cobra was recently sighted in the Upper Forest Range of Chamba district, Himachal Pradesh.</p> <p>Taxonomic Profile</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific Name: Naja oxiana. • It belongs to the family Elapidae and is regarded as the most venomous cobra species. <p>Distributional Significance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is native to Central Asia and occurs in Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Afghanistan, Iran, Pakistan, and north-western India. • In India, its range extends up to Himachal Pradesh and the Kashmir region. <p>Morphological Features</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It averages 1–1.2 m in length and can reach 175 cm.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It possesses a plain hood without markings and displays colours ranging from light brown to black. • The species has a large head, rounded snout, and lighter coloured underside. <p>Habitat & Conservation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It prefers arid and semi-arid habitats, including rocky slopes and scrublands. • IUCN Status: Near Threatened.
Health	<p style="text-align: center;">Marburg Virus Disease (MVD)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p><small>Moneycontrol.com</small></p> <p><u>Marburg disease detected in Uganda: What to know about deadly Ebola-like virus with up to 88% fatality...</u></p> <p><small>World Health Organization has confirmed a case of Marburg virus disease in Uganda, triggering close monitoring by health authorities and...</small></p> </div>  <p>Why in News: The World Health Organization (WHO) recently confirmed a case of Marburg Virus Disease in Uganda.</p> <p>Virological Profile</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MVD is a severe haemorrhagic fever caused by the Marburg virus. • The virus belongs to the Filoviridae family, which also includes the Ebola virus. • The disease was first identified in Marburg, Germany, in 1967. <p>Transmission Dynamics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The natural reservoir is the Egyptian fruit bat (Rousettus aegyptiacus).

- Human infection occurs through exposure to bat-inhabited caves and direct contact with infected bodily fluids.
- The disease is not airborne and requires direct exposure for transmission.



Clinical Features

- The incubation period ranges from 2–21 days.
- Symptoms include fever, chills, headache, muscle pain, rash, vomiting, diarrhoea, and sore throat.
- Severe cases may lead to haemorrhage, liver failure, shock, and multi-organ dysfunction.

Public Health Concerns

- The average case fatality rate is around 50%, ranging from 24% to 88% in outbreaks.
- There is currently no approved vaccine or specific antiviral treatment.
- Management relies on supportive care, hydration, and symptom control.

Space

Vikram-1 Rocket

ET The Economic Times

[Skyroot lines up more rockets as Vikram-1 gets a launch window](#)

Even before the maiden flight of Vikram-1, Skyroot Aerospace is planning a second orbital launch later this year, as the spacetech unicorn...



Why in News: India's first privately developed orbital-class rocket **Vikram-1** is preparing for its maiden launch mission.

Space Sector Significance

- **Vikram-1** is India's first privately developed orbital launch vehicle.
- It has been developed by **Skyroot Aerospace**.
- Its maiden orbital mission is named **Mission Aagaman**.

Technological Features

- It is a four-stage launch vehicle with the first three stages powered by solid fuel.
- The fourth stage uses a cluster of four **Raman Engines**.
- The engines use **MMH (Monomethylhydrazine)** and **NTO (Nitrogen Tetroxide)** hypergolic propellants.

Design Innovations

- The rocket is built using an **all-carbon composite structure**.
- It incorporates **3D-printed engines**, advanced avionics, and pneumatic separation systems.
- The design enables launch readiness within **24 hours** from any location.

Payload Capacity

- It can place **350 kg** into **Low Earth Orbit (LEO)**.
- It can carry **260 kg** into **Sun-Synchronous Orbit (SSO)**.
- It is designed primarily for the growing **small-satellite market**.

Uttar Pradesh in News

Kanpur–Kabrai Access–Controlled Greenfield Highway

Why in News: The CCEA approved the 117.7 km Kanpur–Kabrai Greenfield Highway in Uttar Pradesh at a cost of ₹7,145.14 crore, to be developed by NHA under BOT (Toll) mode.

DD India

[Cabinet approves Rs 7,145 crore Kanpur-Kabrai access-controlled highway under BOT mode](#)

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Wednesday approved the construction of a...



Strategic Connectivity

- It is a 4-lane (expandable to 6-lane) access-controlled highway and a key part of the Bhopal–Kanpur Economic Corridor.
- The corridor will connect with NH-34, NH-35, Bundelkhand Expressway, and Kanpur Ring Road.

Logistics & Economic Impact

- Travel time between Kanpur and Kabrai will reduce from 3.5 hours to 1.5 hours.
- It will improve movement of minerals, agricultural produce, and industrial goods across Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh.
- The project will strengthen the mineral-rich Kabrai mining belt and boost the Bundelkhand economy.

PM GatiShakti Integration

- The highway is aligned with the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan.
- It will connect 10 Logistics Nodes, 16 Economic Nodes, key railway stations, and Kanpur (Chakeri) and Khajuraho Airports.
- Major industrial areas linked include Unnao, Pankhi, Rania, Jainpur, Sumerpur, and Bhuragarh.

Key Facts

- **Length:** 117.7 km
- **Cost:** ₹7,145.14 crore
- **Implementing Agency:** NHA
- **Employment Generation:** Nearly 1.2 crore person-days
- **Projected Traffic:** 18,069 PCUs by FY 2028.