

# **The Indian Express**

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### **India's Cultural treasure are being re-established says PM (Page no. 3)**

#### **(GS Paper 1, Culture)**

Inaugurating the redeveloped Kalika Mata temple in Pavagadh by unfurling a flag on the superstructure where a dargah stood earlier and has been relocated next to it, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that India's "cultural treasures are being re-established".

Calling the renovated temple a "symbol of religious unity" due to the presence of Jain temples in the vicinity, Modi, who took a cable car to reach the temple atop a hill in Pavagadh in the Panchmahal district, said Gujarat has led the way for "preservation of India's spiritual history".

Today, after centuries, the temple of Goddess Kali is in its full glory before us. It makes us hold our heads high. This 'shikhar dhvaj' (flag on the spire top) is not just a symbol of our faith, it is a symbol that centuries pass by, generations go by, but faith remains unshakeable.

You have seen the grand Ram temple taking shape in Ayodhya or Vishwanath Dham in Kashi or the Kedar Baba Dham. Today, India's cultural treasures are being re-established. India is living its culture and ancient history and wearing its identity with as much vigour as the new aspirations she holds.

Every Indian is proud of this achievement. This renovated temple of Mahakali is a part of our Gaurav Abhiyaan. Where culture is preserved, art and talent also grows.

### **India will be critical driver of demand in next 30 yrs, international arrangements may change: Puri (Page no. 3)**

#### **(GS Paper 3, Economy)**

India will be a critical driver of demand in the next 30 years, said Hardeep Singh Puri, Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs and Petroleum and Natural Gas.

We have a population which is economically more active, and our per capita consumption is one-third of the global average. I have a feeling the international arrangements that are in place are going to fundamentally change.

Our biofuel blending in 2014 was 1.4 per cent, and today we are already blending 10 per cent. We had a target of 20 per cent for 2030 and we have brought that target forward to 2024-25.

E-20 or Ethanol 20 per cent blended will be available on our petrol pumps, according to our ministry's statement by April 1, 2023.

## **Economy**

### **Way short on resolving key issues, 'limits room' for future talks: Experts on WTO deal (Page no. 17)**

#### **(GS Paper 3, Economy)**

Even as the World Trade Organization (WTO) ratified an "unprecedented" package of trade deals spanning health, food security and data transfers, the outcome is at best a mixed bag for countries such as India.

Experts say the announcement by the government that it was happy with what it had been able to negotiate at Geneva could further limit the headroom for Indian negotiators in future parleys.

The biggest disappointment at the 12th Ministerial Conference — the highest decision-making body of the WTO — could be India's inability to wrangle an originally proposed 25-year carve-out period on continuing government support to fishermen to build fishing infrastructure for its own fishermen, especially since most developed nations have already invested heavily in their fishing infrastructure through subsidies and countries such as India have lots of catching up to do especially as it announced a comprehensive subsidy scheme for fishermen just three years back.

On vaccine patents, the final deal included patent waivers to combat the pandemic, limited just to the output and export of vaccines that New Delhi had earlier described as "too late in the day" to tackle the pandemic. Therapeutics and diagnostics have been left out for now.

### **'Security' issues likely behind new GST Council meet venue (Page no. 17)**

#### **(GS Paper 3, Economy)**

Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council meeting to be held in Srinagar, the venue was abruptly changed to Chandigarh.

Security concerns in the wake of recent targeted killings in Kashmir are learnt to have been one of the main concerns for rescheduling the meeting's venue, which would have seen participation of officials and ministers from 31 states/union territories and the Centre.

The 47th meeting of the GST Council will be held on June 28-29, 2022 (Tuesday & Wednesday) in Srinagar. The GST Council in a tweet announced that the meeting will now be held at Chandigarh instead of Srinagar. "The 47th meeting of the GST Council will be held on 28-29 June, 2022 at Chandigarh instead of Srinagar.