Trimbakeshwar Temple

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Recently, a stone Shivling was discovered at the Trimbakeshwar Jyotirling Mandir in Nashik, by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

- **Sacred Site –** ***One of the 12 Jyotirlingas,*** source of the Godavari River.
- **Location –** Nashik, Maharashtra.
- **Constructed by** – 3rd Peshwa, ***Balaji Bajirao (1740–1760),*** after Marathas reclaimed the site from Mughal control.
- **Unique Feature –** 3-faced Shivling representing the Trimurti (Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva).
- **Architecture –** Hemadpanthi style, crafted entirely from solid and unmortared black basalt stone by interlocking stone methodology.
- **Sacred Geography –** Includes Amrit Kund, Bilva Tirtha, Vishnu Tirtha, and Mukunda Tirtha.
- **Origin of the Godavari –** Kushavarta kund, sacred stone-lined water tank at the foothills of the Brahmagiri Mountains.
- **Kumbh Mela –** It is one of the 4 designated locations in India that hosts the ***Kumbh Mela every 12 years.***
- **Recent excavation –** A previously hidden Shivalinga was discovered at the bottom of the 65-foot-deep Amrit Kund inside the temple complex.

Reference

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