

Hanumanji Char Dham Project

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In news—On the occasion of Hanuman Jayanti (April 16), Prime Minister Narendra Modi has unveiled a 108 feet statue of Lord Hanuman in Gujarat's Morbi via video conferencing.

Key updates-

- The statue is the second of the four statues being built in the four directions across the country, as part of the 'Hanumanji Char Dham' project.
- The statue has been set up in the **west, at the Ashram of Bapu Keshvanand ji in Morbi.**
- The **first statue of the series was set up at the Jakhu hill in the north in Shimla** in 2010.
- Work on the statue in the **south at Rameswaram** has been started.

Hanuman Jayanti-

- Hanuman Jayanti is celebrated to commemorate the birth of Lord Hanuman, the ardent devotee of Lord Rama.
- The festival is celebrated on full moon day during the month of Chaitra.
- **His other names are Sankatmochan and Dukhbhanjan** as he is believed to help people get rid of their problems and sorrows.
- **Hanuman was born to Anjana who was a cursed apsara.** She was redeemed from the curse after giving birth to Hanuman.
- According to legend, **Anjana and her husband Kesari prayed to Rudra for a child** and by his direction, Vayu transferred his male energy to Anjana's womb and this is the reason Hanuman is known as the son of Vayu (Pavanputra).