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National Lok Adalat in Mumbai	<p>In News: National Lok Adalat in Mumbai awards ₹722 cr. to over 12,000 cases.</p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Lok Adalat has awarded over ₹722 crore by settling more than 12,000 cases here.• The cases included compoundable criminal offenses, cheque bouncing as well as matters under the Payment and Settlement Act. A total settlement amount of ₹722,82,71,891 was distributed to 12,472 cases. <p>Did you know?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Lok Adalat (NLA) is a forum for amicable settlement of disputes at national level.• It is organized by the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) in collaboration with the State Legal Services Authorities (SLSAs) and District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs).
Electric vehicles (EVs) in Maharashtra	<p>In News: Pune, Pimpri Chinchwad register 30% of all EV sales in state.</p> <p>Key facts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pune and Pimpri Chinchwad now have around 30% of the total number of electric vehicles (EVs) registered in the state, data from the ministry of road transportation.• In addition, a significant increase has also been seen in the registration of CNG vehicles in the twin cities.• Around 95,000 of the 3,22,225 EVs registered in the state are in Pune and Pimpri Chinchwad alone.
Empower Thane with 24-hour power	<p>In News: Rs 4,500 crore plan to empower Thane with 24-hour power</p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A plan has been drawn to upgrade the power distribution system with a budget of Rs4,500 crore for uninterrupted and round-the-clock power supply to Thane district, said union minister Kapil Patil.• Under the plan, the power distribution network will be strengthened in the 850 villages of Thane district.• Work worth Rs1,200 crore will be done in the first two years and the remaining will be completed in next five years.



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Key points:

- With a seed fund of \$10 million, the IIT Council on behalf of all higher educational institutes in India has entered into an MoU with the Association of American Universities (AAU) to establish the Indo-US Global Challenges Institute.
- The intent of the institute was announced in June this year, during the US visit of PM Modi.
- This institute will seek to address some of the "consequential" economic, environmental and technological challenges "that have the potential to affect the security, prosperity, and stability of both countries."

National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)

In News: Education dept takes serious note of poor response to NAAC


- The poor response from universities in Maharashtra to their participation in National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has got the state education department taking a serious view about its implementation.
- Director of higher and technical education in Maharashtra Shailendra Deolankar had sent three reminders to universities in Maharashtra to submit data about colleges that have been poor in responding to the NAAC gradation which was also not submitted by the universities

About NAAC:

- The NATIONAL ASSESSMENT AND ACCREDITATION COUNCIL (NAAC) conducts assessment and accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions (HEI) such as colleges, universities or other recognised institutions to derive an understanding of the 'Quality Status' of the institution.
- NAAC evaluates the institutions for its conformance to the standards of quality in terms of its performance related to the educational processes and outcomes, curriculum coverage, teaching-learning processes, faculty, research, infrastructure, learning resources, organisation, governance, financial well being and student services.



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<p>Vultures breeding: 50 captive vultures will be released in the wild soon</p>	<p>In News: 50 of 650 vultures bred over 20 yrs to be released in wild in Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh.</p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over the next one year, 50 captive vultures will be released in the wild in Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh. • These vultures are part of the 650 that have been bred over the last 20 years at four Conservation Breeding Centres by the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) with funding by the Royal Society for Protection of Birds, UK, and later by the state forest department where the centers are located. <p>Did you know?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The chief cause for the decline in vulture population was the use of diclofenac injections in cattle. • The Panna tiger reserve has a large number of wild vultures.
<p>BNHS members explore Amboli's Biodiversity and Bioluminescent Fungus</p>	<p>In news: Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) recently discovered hundreds of species of native plants in a small forest patch in Devrai (Sacred Groves) near Amboli.</p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BNHS members spotted endemic herpetofauna, including the Malabar Pit Viper, Amboli Bush Frog, Malabar Gliding Frog, and the Critically Endangered Amboli Tiger Toad. • They witnessed bioluminescent fungus during one of the night trails.
<p>Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS)</p> 	<p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is a Non-Governmental Organisation in India engaged in conservation and biodiversity research. • It was founded on 15 September 1883. • BNHS is the partner of BirdLife International in India. It has been designated as a 'Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation' by the Department of Science and Technology. • Logo: The BNHS logo is the great hornbill. • Internet of Birds platform: IT consultancy firm Accenture and the Bombay Natural History Society have developed Internet of Birds platform that identifies bird species found in India using Artificial Intelligence technology, including machine learning and computer vision, from digital photos that are uploaded by the public.

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