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### Maharashtra State Specific News

<p><b>First integrated solid waste management project - in Badlapur</b></p>	<p><b>In News:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Mumbai's first integrated solid waste management project will be set up in <b>Badlapur to treat waste from three cities, with a capacity of 641 tonnes per day.</b></li></ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The project is expected to be completed in nine months.</li><li>● MMRDA has contributed ₹128 crore for the project</li><li>● The company will segregate garbage and sell waste materials to manufacturers, reducing waste disposal costs.</li></ul> <p><b>About Integrated Solid Waste Management (ISWM):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Integrated solid waste management (ISWM) is a strategic approach to solid waste management that considers <b>all aspects of the waste stream, from generation to disposal.</b></li><li>● ISWM aims to <b>reduce the amount of waste generated, maximize the recovery of recyclable and reusable materials, and dispose of remaining waste in an environmentally sound manner.</b></li></ul>
<p><b>NMMC to use smart lighting technology</b></p>	<p><b>In News:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● NMMC(Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation) to use smart lighting technology to beautify the city</li></ul> <p><b>Key Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The lighting will be based on different occasions and themes.</li><li>● The initiative aims to <b>improve the city's ranking in the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.</b></li><li>● In addition, decorative lights will be installed on trees along <b>Palm Beach road.</b></li></ul>



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### Global Maritime India Summit 2023

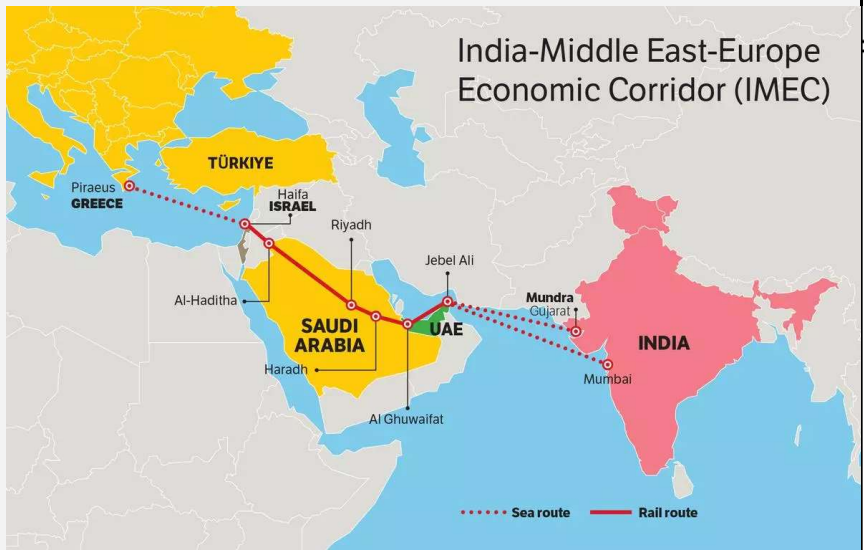
### India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor.

**In News:** World looking at us with new aspirations: PM

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi said India is gaining economic strength and will **soon be among the top three global economies.**

**Key Points:**

- He emphasized the importance of the **maritime sector** and highlighted the potential benefits of the **India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor.**
- Modi also announced projects worth over ₹23,000 crore and unveiled the '**Amrit Kaal Vision 2047**' for the Indian **maritime blue economy.**
- The Global Maritime India Summit aims to attract investment in the maritime sector and will discuss various key issues in the industry.
- The India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) is a planned economic corridor that aims to bolster economic development by **fostering connectivity and economic integration between Asia, the Persian Gulf and Europe.**
- The corridor is proposed to stretch from **India to Europe through the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Israel and Greece.**
- It will encompass a vast network of roads, railways, seaports and airports, as well as digital infrastructure.
- IMEC was first announced in **2023**, and is still in its early stages of development.
- However, it has the potential to be a major transformative project, with the potential to **boost trade, investment and economic growth across the region.**
- The corridor is seen as a complement to **China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)**, but with a focus on promoting democratic and market-based values.
- It is also seen as a way to counter China's growing influence in the region.



### Amrit kaal Vision 2037

- Prime Minister unveiled '**Amrit Kaal Vision 2047**', the long-term blueprint for the Indian maritime blue economy.
- The blueprint outlines strategic initiatives aimed at **enhancing port facilities, promoting sustainable practices, and facilitating international collaboration.**
- In line with this futuristic plan, the Prime Minister inaugurated, dedicated to the nation and laid the foundation stone of projects worth more than Rs 23,000 crores that are aligned with the '**Amrit Kaal Vision 2047**' for the Indian maritime blue economy.

### Maha state universities to soon offer undergraduate courses

**In News:** Maha state universities to soon offer undergraduate courses to increase campus enrolment

- Campuses of state universities, which are **primarily known for their postgraduate (PG) education, will soon start offering a plethora of undergraduate (UG) courses.**

#### Key Points:

- Currently, UG courses are mainly offered at affiliated colleges of state universities.
- With university campuses recording poor enrolment across PG courses in their departments, the Maharashtra government is pushing all state universities to add more UG programmes.
- This is also **in line with the University Grants Commission (UGC) guidelines for National Education Policy (NEP)** which expects universities to offer **multi-disciplinary education from UG to PhD.**

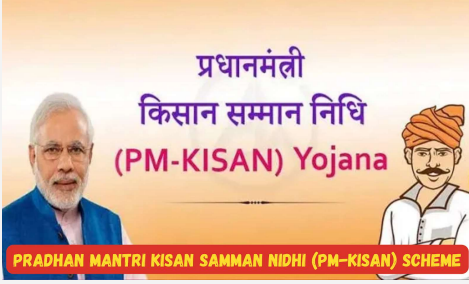


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### PM Kisan Yojna



#### In News:

- Just 85 lakh farmers in Maharashtra beneficiaries of PM Kisan Yojna
- There is a steady decline in the number of farmer beneficiaries under the much-publicized **PM Kisan Yojna in Maharashtra.**

#### Key Points:

- The scheme aims to **provide financial assistance of Rs 6,000 per year** to each of the eligible farmers.
- It was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in February 2019 to enhance their economic status and tackle the agrarian crisis.
- According to official records, 1.17 crore farmers had registered their names on the **PM Kisan Yojna portal**, of whom 97 lakh were declared as eligible for financial assistance while 85 lakh received the funds as the rest had failed to comply with the norms.

#### Think:

- Read about PM Kisan Yojana

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