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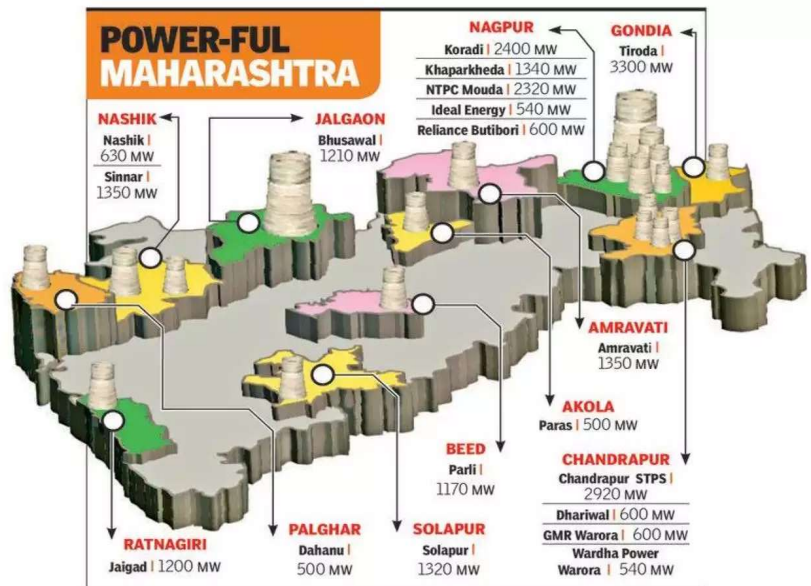
Maharashtra State Specific News

Two 660MW units at Koradi Power Station

In News: Chief minister Eknath Shinde announced that the cabinet has given its approval for **setting up of two 660 MW coal-based supercritical units at the Koradi thermal power station.**

Key Points:

- Located at **Koradi near Nagpur, Maharashtra.**
- This will ensure more power is generated in **Maharashtra** and can meet any shortfall in power distribution in future.
- The project costs Rs 10,625 crore.





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<p>Five air quality monitoring stations starts functioning in MH</p>	<p>In News:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Five more Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring System (CAAQMS) stations, set up and established by the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), are now functional in the city. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mumbaikars will have a total of 25 air quality measuring stations in the city.• The air pollutants measured are as follows: SO2, NO, NO2, NH3, CO, O3, CO3, VOC, PM10, and PM2. <p>Significance: CAAQMS stations are important because they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Help calculate the air quality index• Issue health advisories• Formulate action plans to meet standards• Enable small-scale environmental data monitoring• Can be deployed in large numbers across urban and rural areas• Make environmental monitoring possible even in remote areas
<p>Increase in VAT on liquor</p>	<p>In News:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Starting November 1, the cost of liquor in hotels, bars, lounges and clubs in Maharashtra will rise due to a 5 per cent increase in the Value Added Tax (VAT) announced by the state government. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The VAT rate for permit room liquor services will now be 10 per cent, up from the previous 5 per cent.• Furthermore, the government is considering implementing a new excise policy that links pricing to the alcohol content of beverages and permits the sale of bottled liquors in bars and permit rooms.



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No coastal zone authority nod needed to construct structures up to 300 sqm

In News:

- MCZMA informs urban planning bodies in coastal districts that no permission is needed for **less than 300 sqm construction or redevelopment.**

Key Points:

- So far, owners of such properties had to get permission from MCZMA or district coastal zone management authorities and it took a significant time before applicants got permission.
- Now, the applicants will have to apply to the respective municipal councils, corporations or district-level authorities.

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