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Maharashtra State Specific News

<p>Fort Raigad</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The flow of Shiva lovers and tourists has increased at Raigad fort. <p>About Raigad Fort:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Raigad Fort is a majestic hill fortress located in the Sahyadri Mountains of Maharashtra, India.• It served as the capital of the Maratha Empire during the 17th century, under the rule of the legendary Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.• Its construction dates back to the 10th century, but it was during Shivaji's reign that Raigad Fort gained prominence.• The fort was surrounded by strong walls and bastions, making it difficult for enemies to breach its defenses.• The fort had an ingenious water supply system, with cisterns and tunnels ensuring a reliable source of water even during sieges.• Raigad Fort represented the rise and dominance of the Maratha Empire under Shivaji's leadership.• The fort served as the administrative hub of the Maratha Empire, where Shivaji and his successors oversaw the kingdom's affairs.
<p>Pollution on Konkan coast at hazardous levels</p>	<p>Context: As per Study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The state's 720-km Konkan coastline has reached dangerous levels due to pollution.• Coastal pollutants include microplastics, chemicals from pharmaceuticals, and this pollution poses a threat to marine life and human health.• Czech University of Life Sciences in Prague and Maharashtra College in Mumbai conducted research on pollution along the state's west coast.



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<p>AI used to translate Bombay High Court judgments</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A project has been started to translate Bombay High Court judgments from English to Marathi, Konkani and Gujarati with the help of Artificial Intelligence (AI). • Marathi - Official language of Maharashtra • Konkani - Official language of Goa • Gujarati - Official language of Gujrat
<p>Sikander Sheikh becomes 66th Maharashtra Kesari</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MH Sikander Sheikh, a renowned wrestler from Maharashtra, has been named the 66th Maharashtra Kesari. • The title of Maharashtra Kesari is awarded annually to the winner of the Maharashtra Kesari wrestling tournament, one of the most prestigious wrestling tournaments in India.
<p>Amendment of 'Maharashtra glory' scheme by state government</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 'Maharashtra Vaibhav – State Protected Monument Scheme' has been revised to preserve the state's heritage such as ancient monuments, forts, caves, inscriptions, and traditional art. • Only organizations will be allowed to take care of protected monuments, guardianship of protected monuments can be taken for 10 years, facilities and light and sound programs, exhibitions in the area of protected monuments will have to be organized with the permission of the Department of Archaeology. • Accordingly, this scheme is applicable to all the monuments, sites declared as protected monuments by the Department of Archaeology.
<p>The Maharashtra Vaibhav-State Protected Monument Care Scheme</p> 	<p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Maharashtra Vaibhav-State Protected Monument Care Scheme is a government-sponsored initiative aimed at preserving, restoring, and maintaining the state's rich historical and cultural heritage. • The scheme was launched in 2007 to address the growing concerns regarding the deterioration of several state-protected monuments across Maharashtra. <p>Objectives of the Scheme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preserve and restore the state's protected monuments to their former glory • Promote public awareness about the importance of preserving historical and cultural heritage • Encourage public participation in the conservation efforts • Facilitate the development of tourism and cultural activities around the protected monuments



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