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## Maharashtra State Specific News

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| **Shiv Sena MP bags Sansad Ratna award** | **Context:**<br>● **Dr Shrikant Eknath Shinde**, Shiv Sena MP from Kalyan, **received the Sansad Ratna award at Maharashtra Sadan in New Delhi** for his active participation in **17th Lok Sabha proceedings.**<br>● He **raised 556 questions, participated in 67 discussions, and works tirelessly for the** betterment of his constituency.<br>**About:**<br>● The **Sansad Ratna Awards are presented annually** to the **top performing Parliamentarians based** on their performance including r**aising questions on crucial issues including those related to their respective constituencies, participating in discussions, presence in the House, among others**. |
| **23/9 floods: State clears ₹204cr special package** | **Context:**<br><br>● The state government has announced a **special package of ₹204.72 crore** to provide **relief to the people affected by the recent floods that occurred on September 23.**<br>● The floods caused **widespread damage to property and infrastructure**.<br>● The relief package will be **used to provide financial assistance to the affected families**, as well as to rebuild damaged homes and infrastructure. |
| **Maha to be first state to start digital health course** | **Context:**<br><br>● **Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS), which oversees 450 medical colleges and 40,000 medical students**, will **launch the country's first foundation course for digital health.**<br>**About:**<br>● The course, **developed along with not-for-profit Koita Foundation**, will not **only cover hospital management information systems, electronic medical records**, but also the **use of sensors and wearables in gathering health data.** \<br>● Modules on the use of **artificial intelligence and machine learning in healthcare will also be covered.**<br>● The **digital health foundation course will be launched by governor Mahesh Bais medical education minister Hasan Mushrif**. |

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| **World Peace and Understanding Day** | **Context:**<br><br>● **World Peace and Understanding Day is observed on February 23** every year, promoting harmony and goodwill among individuals from different religions, cultures and geography<br>● The **day commemorates the first meeting of Rotary International**, an **NGO dedicated to humanitarian service, peace, and goodwill across the world** that took place in Chicago, US.<br>● Every year, **this Special Day is observed to remind people of the ways that they can bring peace, harmony and goodwill to the world and contribute positively.** |
| **Veteran actor Ashok Saraf presented Maharashtra Bhushan Award**<br> | **Context:**<br><br>● **Veteran actor Ashok Saraf** was presented with the **prestigious Maharashtra Bhushan Award,** the highest civilian honor bestowed by the Maharashtra state government.<br>● This **recognition celebrates his remarkable contributions to the field of entertainment over a career spanning nearly five decades.**<br>● He was joined by other distinguished honorees including **Suresh Wadkar, Aruna Irani, Mithun Chakraborty**, and many more, who were **recognized for their contributions to the film industry.** |