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### Maharashtra State Specific News

<p><b>7 stations to monitor noise in Pune, Pimpri Chinchwad</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The <b>Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB)</b> is setting up <b>seven real-time noise monitoring stations across Pune and Pimpri Chinchwad</b> under <b>Phase II of the Centre's National Ambient Noise Monitoring Network (NANMN)</b>.</li><li>• The stations will <b>monitor noise levels, generate reports, and help mitigate issues like traffic congestion, sleep problems, and noise from industrial and construction activities.</b></li><li>• The stations will be located at:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>A) Pune:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Karve Road</li><li>○ near Katraj Dairy</li><li>○ Hadapsar Industrial Area near Honeywell Industries</li><li>○ Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU) campus</li></ul></li><li><b>B) Pimpri Chinchwad:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Jagtap Dairy in Pimple Nilakh</li><li>○ Dange Chowk</li><li>○ Rose Garden near Bhosari</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>
<p><b>Zero Discrimination Day</b></p> 	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Zero Discrimination Day</b>, observed annually on <b>March 1st</b>, is a global initiative to <b>promote equality and combat discrimination in all its forms.</b></li><li>• <b>UNAIDS</b> had launched its <b>Zero Discrimination Campaign on 'World AIDS Day' in December 2013.</b></li><li>• The day was <b>first celebrated on March 1, 2014</b></li><li>• The day <b>emphasizes everyone's right to live a dignified and fulfilling life free from prejudice and bias.</b></li><li>• This year marks the <b>10th anniversary of Zero Discrimination Day</b></li></ul> <p><b>Theme:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Theme of <b>Zero Discrimination Day 2024</b> is <b>"To protect everyone's health, protect everyone's rights."</b></li><li>• It emphasizes upon <b>building association with human rights and public health and achieving the goal of eliminating AIDS by 2030.</b></li></ul>



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<p><b>Pavana river now among most polluted in country</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>Pavana River</b> has earned the <b>dubious distinction of being one of the most polluted rivers in India.</b></li> <li>• This alarming development is a <b>consequence of</b> water quality readings, with <b>Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)</b> levels <b>exceeding 30 mg/L</b> in recent tests conducted between November 2023 and January 2024.</li> <li>• Previously <b>categorized as 'priority 2'</b> by the Central Pollution Control Board (<b>CPCB</b>), the river's <b>current state</b> has necessitated an <b>upgrade to 'priority 1,'</b> signifying the urgent need for intervention.</li> </ul> <p><b>Did you Know?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Origin:</b> The river originates from the Western Ghats, about 6 km south of Lonavala.</li> <li>• <b>Course:</b> It flows eastwards initially, then turns southbound and passes through the suburbs of Ravet, Thergaon, Chinchwad, Pimpri, and Dapodi before its confluence with the Mula river near Sangvi.</li> <li>• <b>Length:</b> The total length of the river is nearly 60 kilometers</li> <li>• The Pavana river is the main source of water for the twin cities, with the Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC) sourcing <b>80% of drinking water for its citizens from this waterbody.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Indo Count, Germany's GIZ in deal to strengthen organic cotton project AVANI in MH</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Indo Count Industries Limited (ICIL), a textile company, has partnered with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, a German development agency, to bolster their AVANI project in Maharashtra</b></li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This initiative is <b>implemented</b> through an Integrated Development Partnership (<b>IDPP</b>), <b>funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).</b></li> <li>• The collaboration intends to:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Encourage the adoption of organic farming practices among cotton growers.</li> <li>2. Strengthen sustainable organic cotton production under the AVANI project.</li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p><b>Did you Know?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Project AVANI was launched in 2021</b></li> <li>• <b>It aims to promote organic cotton farming in the state.</b></li> </ul>



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## Daily Current Affairs Encyclopedia

### World Civil Defence Day



#### Context:

- **World Civil Defence Day** is an annual event observed on **March 1st** to raise awareness about the importance of civil defence and emergency preparedness.
- This day highlights the crucial role of civil defence organizations in protecting communities from natural disasters, conflicts, and other emergencies.
- It also encourages individuals to be prepared for various crises.
- It was established by the **International Civil Defence Organisation (ICDO)** in December 6, 1990

#### Theme:

- The theme of World Civil Defense Day 2024 is "**Honor Heroes and Promote Safety Skills.**"

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