



# Daily Current Affairs Encyclopedia

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# **Maharashtra State Specific News**

7 stations to monitor noise in Pune,
Pimpri Chinchwad

### Context:

- The Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) is setting up seven real-time noise monitoring stations across Pune and Pimpri Chinchwad under Phase II of the Centre's National Ambient Noise Monitoring Network (NANMN).
- The stations will monitor noise levels, generate reports, and help mitigate issues like traffic congestion, sleep problems, and noise from industrial and construction activities.
- The stations will be located at:

## A) Pune:

- Karve Road
- near Katraj Dairy
- Hadapsar Industrial Area near Honeywell Industries
- Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU) campus

## B) Pimpri Chinchwad:

- Jagtap Dairy in Pimple Nilakh
- Dange Chowk
- Rose Garden near Bhosari

# **Zero Discrimination Day**



#### Context:

- Zero Discrimination Day, observed annually on March 1st, is a global initiative to promote equality and combat discrimination in all its forms.
- UNAIDS had launched its Zero Discrimination Campaign on 'World AIDS Day' in December 2013.
- The day was first celebrated on March 1, 2014
- The day emphasizes everyone's right to live a dignified and fulfilling life free from prejudice and bias.
- This year marks the 10th anniversary of Zero Discrimination
  Day

#### Theme:

- The Theme of **Zero Discrimination Day** 2024 is "**To protect** everyone's health, protect everyone's rights."
- It emphasizes upon building association with human rights and public health and achieving the goal of eliminating AIDS by 2030.





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#### Context:

- The Pavana River has earned the dubious distinction of being one of the most polluted rivers in India.
- This alarming development is a consequence of water quality readings, with Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) levels exceeding 30 mg/L in recent tests conducted between November 2023 and January 2024.
- Previously categorized as 'priority 2' by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), the river's current state has necessitated an upgrade to 'priority 1,' signifying the urgent need for intervention.

# Did you Know?

- **Origin:** The river originates from the Western Ghats, about 6 km south of Lonavala.
- Course: 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.
- Length: The total length of the river is nearly 60 kilometers
- The Pavana river is the main source of water for the twin cities, with the Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC) sourcing 80% of drinking water for its citizens from this waterbody.

# Indo Count, Germany's GIZ in deal to strengthen organic cotton project AVANI in MH

#### Context:

 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

#### About:

- This initiative is implemented through an Integrated Development Partnership (IDPP), funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).
- The collaboration intends to:
- 1. Encourage the adoption of organic farming practices among cotton growers.
- 2. Strengthen sustainable organic cotton production under the AVANI project.

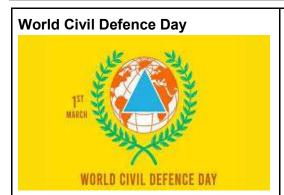
#### Did you Know?

- Project AVANI was launched in 2021
- It aims to promote organic cotton farming in the state.





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#### 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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