



## Daily Current Affairs Encyclopedia

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### **Maharashtra State Specific News**

MH issues GR for suo moto disclosure of information under RTI Act	<ul> <li>The MH govt issued a Government Resolution (GR) urging departments to proactively disclose information as mandated by Section 4 of the Right to Information (RTI) Act.</li> <li>This move aligns with the recent Supreme Court emphasis on the importance of "suo motu" disclosures, where public authorities share information without waiting for individual RTI applications.</li> <li>This initiative by the Maharashtra government is a positive step towards promoting transparency and citizen empowerment through the RTI Act.</li> <li>Implementing Section 4 effectively is seen as crucial for:         <ol> <li>Reducing RTI application backlog</li> <li>Increasing transparency</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
BMC initiates final launch of girders to connect Coastal Road with Bandra Worli Sea Link	<ul> <li>The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has begun installing the final section of the bridge connecting the Mumbai Coastal Road Project (MCRP) to the Bandra Worli Sea Link (BWSL).</li> <li>The project involves launching girders to bridge the 850-meter gap between the Worli interchange of the MCRP and the BWSL.</li> <li>Almost two girders, measuring 44 and 46 meters each, have already been successfully installed.</li> <li>This development brings the MCRP closer to completion, aiming to improve traffic flow and connectivity in Mumbai.</li> </ul>
Maharashtra, Gujarat and Karnataka have met less than 50% of capex target in FY24	<ul> <li>As of January 2024, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Karnataka have reportedly spent less than 50% of their allocated capital expenditure (capex) budget for the financial year 2023-24 (FY24).</li> <li>Maharashtra: 37.49%</li> <li>Karnataka: 41%</li> <li>Gujarat: 46.4%</li> <li>These figures suggest that these states may not be able to fully utilize their planned investments in infrastructure and other development projects during the current fiscal year.</li> </ul>





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## Wildlife board concern over ESZ provision violations by states

#### Context:

- The Wildlife Board has expressed significant concern regarding violations of Essential Standard Zone (ESZ) provisions by several states.
- These provisions, established within the framework of (mention the relevant legislation/regulation), aim to protect critical habitats and ensure the well-being of wildlife populations.
- The issue was raised in the 78th Standing Committee meeting chaired by Union environment minister Bhupender Yadav.
- The Board's concerns stem from reports of (mention specific examples of violations, e.g., development projects exceeding permitted limits, inadequate conservation measures).
- These violations, if left unchecked, could have detrimental consequences for (mention potential consequences, e.g., habitat loss, species endangerment).

# Yadava dynasty-era pots found during Satara temple restoration



#### Context:

- Centuries-old clay pots have been unearthed during the restoration and conservation works at Katreshwar's Shivling temple in the Katarkhatav village of Satara's Khatav tehsil.
- The pots could be **800-900** years old.
- The "jirnoddhar" work of the temple has been undertaken by state govt, which has sanctioned Rs 3 crore for the first phase of the work.

#### **About:**

- The Yadava dynasty was a Hindu dynasty that ruled parts of western India from the 9th to the 14th centuries.
- The dynasty is known for its patronage of the arts and architecture, and many temples were built during their reign.

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