20 March 2024
Maharashtra State Specific News

International Day of Happiness	Context:
International Day of Happiness 2024	● Every **March 20th**, the world **celebrates the International Day of Happiness**. ● It was established by **the United Nations in 2012** ● **I**t recognizes **happiness as a fundamental human goal** and the importance of well-being for all. ● It **highlights the link between happiness, sustainable development, and a balanced approach to economic growth**. ● The world **first celebrated** the International Day of Happiness **on March 20th, 2013.** **Theme 2024:** ● This year's theme is- **"Reconnecting for Happiness: Building Resilient Communities"**
Maharashtra introduces dress code for school teachers; t-shirts, jeans not allowed	**Context:** ● The Maharashtra government introduced a **new dress code for teachers in the state.** ● **T-shirts, jeans, and shirts with designs or pictures are no longer allowed.** **About:** ● Schools have the **flexibility to choose specific colors, but recommendations include light-colored shirts and dark trousers for male teachers and sarees or salwar kameez for female teachers.** ● This dress code **applies to all schools, including private institutions.** ● Also, the government **also allows teachers to use the prefix "Tr" before their names, similar to doctors and lawyers.**

AI-based chatbot to help power consumers	**Context:** ● **Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co Ltd (MSEDCL)** has **launched a chatbot service, 'Urja', based on artificial intelligence (AI)** to h**elp consumers with grievance redressal, bill payment and new connection.** ● The service is **available on MSEDCL's website www.mahadiscom.in and will soon be on the mobile phone application as well.** ● The chatbot will come handy as many consumers face issues with the services provided.
Cabinet okays AI use by cops, ₹23cr for 'MARVEL' project	**Context:** ● The **state cabinet approved a proposal for the use of artificial intelligence in the police force.** ● A **special purpose vehicle (SPV) is to be set up for the creation of artificial intelligence in the police force**. ● To be **called Maharashtra Advanced Research and Vigilance for Advanced Law Enforcement (MARVEL)**, govt will **invest Rs 23 crore in the project** and **partner with Indian Institute of Management, Nagpur, and Pinaka Technologies**
World Oral Health Day **World Oral Health Day** 20 March	**Context:** ● **World Oral Health Day is observed annually on March 20th** ● **This day** raises **awareness about the critical role oral hygiene plays in overall health**. ● This day **aims to empower individuals with the knowledge and tools to maintain good oral health through:** ● Brushing and flossing regularly ● Limiting sugary drinks and unhealthy foods ● Scheduling regular dental checkups **Theme:** ● The 2024 theme is **"A Happy Mouth is a Happy Body"** ● It emphasizes the **connection between oral health and well-being.**