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Discovery of Two Temple Bases in Ambajogai Excavation



Context:

- The Maharashtra Archaeology Department made a significant discovery during excavation activities near Ambajogai in Beed district.
- Two temple bases were unearthed within the Sakaleshwar temple premises, also known as the Barakhambi temple, which dates back to 1228 AD and was constructed by the Yadava dynasty.

Key points:

- The excavation, which commenced on March 15, involved the creation of 14 trenches, each measuring 100 square feet.
- Amot Gote, Assistant Director of State Archaeology, stated that among the findings were the bases of two temples, one identified as Kholeshwar, named after a Yadava general.
- Evidence such as bricks and sculpture fragments, including hands and feet, indicate that the temples once possessed shikhars.
- The project also includes plans for a survey of ancient monuments in Ambajogai, with the intention of granting the area the status of a "heritage village."
- Ambajogai, historically known by various names including Amrapur, Jayantipur, and Jogaiambe, was also referred to as Mominabad during the Hyderabad Nizam Era.
- The town boasts other notable monuments such as Hatthikhana, Dasopant Temple, and Yogeshwari temple, enriching its historical and cultural significance.



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Maharashtra Govt. announced 1 day paid leave for workers on poll duty

Context:

- The Maharashtra government has announced one day of paid leave for workers, government officials, and employees on polling days within the state.
- The decision aims to facilitate the exercise of voting rights, as per a government circular issued on Tuesday.
- With elections scheduled in five phases, this initiative ensures individuals have ample opportunity to participate in the electoral process.
- Additionally, the leave provision extends to individuals residing outside their constituency, enabling them to vote in their respective areas.
- The holiday entitlement encompasses various sectors, including industrial groups, corporations, companies, institutions, as well as industrial undertakings falling under the purview of the industry department.

Note:

- The Election Commission of India (ECI) on March 16 announced general elections to the 18th Lok Sabha as well as four states - Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha and Sikkim.
- The Lok Sabha polls will be held in seven phases over the months of April and May, with over 90 crore eligible citizens voting for 543 seats of the Lower House. Results will be declared on June 4.

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Power Demand Peaks to 3,500 MW,
Marking the Highest Yet

Context:

- Power demand rises in maharashtra, which is all-time highest.

About:

- Peak power demand in **Mumbai surged to 3,500 MW on Tuesday, marking a notable increase.**
- Across Maharashtra, the overall peak demand exceeded **28,000 MW, making it the second occurrence within a week and the highest peak demand recorded this year.**
- The previous similar peak demand was observed on March 22.
- Sources indicate that the Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company **Limited (MSEDCL) procured power of up to 10,000 MW from the exchange at prevailing market rates.**
- However, power generation from thermal plants across the state did not surpass 7,300 MW on Tuesday.

Note:

- Maharashtra's largest thermal power plant is the **Chandrapur Super thermal power station.**
- It has the capacity of producing **2920 MW of power.**
- **Five generators of 500 MW capacity and two generators of 210 MW** are present at this power plant.
- Here, water is sourced from **Chargaon and Erai dams, while the fuel supply is sourced from the nearest coal mines.**



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Wind Monitoring Safety Devices to Be Installed Along Bullet Train Corridor

Context:

An initiative has been launched to install wind monitoring safety devices, known as anemometers, at 14 locations spanning the 508 km corridor.

About:

- The National High-Speed Rail Corridor Ltd (NHSRCL) is taking proactive measures to address strong winds along the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail corridor.
- Anemometers are devices designed to track wind speeds, ensuring enhanced passenger safety and operational efficiency once the Bullet train service commences.
- According to NHSRCL officials, Bullet trains will adjust their speed when wind speeds fall within the range of 72 to 130 kmph.
- These 14 locations include five in Maharashtra and nine in Gujarat, strategically positioned to monitor wind patterns effectively.
- In Maharashtra, installations will be situated near Desai Khadi, Ulhas River, Bangla Pada in Thane, Vaitarna River, and Dahanu.
- Anemometers serve as Disaster Prevention Systems, providing real-time wind speed data ranging from 0 to 252 kmph and covering 0 to 360 degrees.
- The Operation Control Centre (OCC) will oversee wind speed monitoring using anemometers at various locations, ensuring timely adjustments in train speeds.
- Additionally, earthquake monitoring devices will also be deployed along the route to monitor seismic activity.
- Seismometers will be strategically placed in traction sub-stations and switching posts, with six inland seismometers earmarked for installation in earthquake-prone areas across both states.

Note on Bullet Train:

- Mumbai–Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Corridor (MAHSR) or Mumbai–Ahmedabad HSR is an under-construction high-speed rail line, which will connect Mumbai, the financial hub of India, with Ahmedabad, the largest city in the state of Gujarat. When completed, it will be India's first high-speed rail line.
- Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw addressed the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit earlier when he declared the construction on the bullet train project will be done by 2026.



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World Theatre Day



Context:

- World Theatre Day raises the importance of theatre arts, how they play an important role in the field of entertainment and the changes that theatre brings to life

About:

International Theatre Institute (ITI) was initiated in 1961 to celebrate World Theatre Day across the world and the value and importance of theatre. The goals of World Theatre Day, as with International Dance Day are:

- To highlight the **importance of art forms around the world.**
- **To make people aware of the importance of the value of art form.**
- To enable the dance and theatre communities to promote their work on a broad scale. To make opinion leaders aware of the value of these forms and support them.
- **To enjoy the art form for its own sake.**

Theme:

- The theme for World Theatre Day 2024 is '**Theatre and a Culture of Peace**'.

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