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Maharashtra State Specific News

3% of India's population affected by autism: IAP	**Context:** ● According to the **Indian Academy of Pediatrics (IAP**), an **estimated 3% of India's population is affected by Autism.** ● To address this growing concern, the **IAP launched a nationwide campaign called 'IAP Ki Baat Community Ke Saath'** (IAP Speaks with the Community) on World Autism Day (April 2). **About:** ● The **Indian Academy of Pediatrics** was formed after amalgamating the Association of Pediatricians in India based at **Mumbai** and the Indian Pediatric Society based at **Calcutta** during its joint meeting at Hyderabad in 1963. ● The **IAP Secretariat is situated at Mumbai**.
ECI appoints special observers to oversee elections in Maharashtra, five more states	**Context:** ● The **Election Commission of India (ECI**) had **appointed special observers (general and police) in six states, including Maharashtra,** to "ensure a level-playing field" in the upcoming Lok Sabha and assembly elections. ● **Maharashtra, retired IAS officer Dharmendra S Gangwar was made the general special observer, while former IPS officer NK Mishra would be the police special observer.** **About:** ● **Special observers (general and police) had been deployed in West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Bihar** since the **population was over seven crore each.** ● In case of **Andhra Pradesh and Odisha**, the decision was taken keeping in view, **simultaneous polling for assemblies.**

Clean up marshals re-introduced on Mumbai streets	**Context:** ● **Mumbai's Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC)** has relaunched its **"Clean up Marshal" scheme**, from **April 2,** to combat littering and public hygiene issues. **About:** ● It will **focus on high footfall areas such as the Gateway of India, Marine Drive, and CSMT.** ● **Fines** for littering can range from **₹200 to ₹1,000.** ● **Marshals will use a mobile app to issue penalty receipts electronically.** ● Also, now there is **an option for online payment of penalties by scanning the QR code.** **Did you know?** ● The **first clean-up marshal scheme launched in 2007 was discontinued by the BMC in 2011.**
World Cloud Security Day 	**Context:** ● **World Cloud Security Day,** celebrated annually on **April 3rd.** ● **It i**s a **reminder of the importance of securing data stored in the cloud.** ● As **cloud technology becomes increasingly integrated into our lives, this day highlights the potential security risks and emphasizes the need for vigilance.** **About:** ● **Cloud storage is a cloud computing model** that **enables storing data and files on the internet through a cloud computing provider t**hat you a**ccess either through the public internet or a dedicated private network connection.** ● **Cloud storage leverages several key technologies to function:** 1. Remote Servers 2. Virtualization 3. Data Distribution 4. Networking 5. APIs (Application Programming Interfaces) **Theme:** ● The theme for World Cloud Security Day 2024 is **"Evaluate the security of your digital identity"**