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Maharashtra State Specific News

<p>Child rights panel calls for reform to better enforce RTE</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Maharashtra State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (MSCPCR) said that the policy of private education institutions getting concessions by opting for minority status needs to be reformed at government level.• It was in view that many schools in Mumbai city and suburbs were denying admission to children citing minority status.• They proposed to fix a minimum percentage for minority students while granting licenses to such schools• Aim is to keep Central rules in place for minority education institutions to ensure "no child is deprived of education".
<p>Voting from home made easy for seniors aged 85+</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Every registered voter aged above 85 years in Mumbai will be given a choice to either visit the polling stations or would like election officials to visit them at home to secure their vote. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A special document, called Form 12D, is being given to them.• It is in that form that they are supposed to communicate their choice: booth or home.• The forms will be collected by April 26• Those who choose home voting will be visited by poll officials between May 9 and May 19 so that they can exercise their franchise. <p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mumbai's city district has 55,766 people in the age group and suburban 98,124.



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20 EV charging stations to come up in Nashik by July

Context:

- Nashik is set to see a significant improvement in its electric vehicle (EV) charging network.
- A contract has been awarded to **Servotech Power Systems** to install **20 EV charging stations** across the Nashik Municipal Corporation area.
- This initiative aims to address the growing demand for EVs by providing convenient and accessible charging facilities.

About:

- These stations are expected to be **operational by July 2024** and will cater to both four-wheeler and two/three-wheeler EVs.
- This expansion will significantly bolster Nashik's EV infrastructure and support the city's transition towards sustainable transportation.

World Voice Day



Context:

- World Voice Day is commemorated every year on April 16th.
- It is dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of our voices.
- World Voice Day promotes voice care for everyone, from singers and teachers to business professionals and everyday individuals.
- By taking steps to protect our voices, we can ensure clear and effective communication throughout our lives.

Theme:

- The theme for World Voice Day 2024 is "**Resonate, Educate, Celebrate.**"
- This theme was chosen by the **American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery**
- It emphasizes the importance of vocal health in our lives.

Did you Know?

- World Voice Day originated in **Brazil in 1999** and has now become a global event.



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<p>CM Eknath Shinde announces Rs 3,500 crore project to prevent flooding in Kolhapur</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">MH CM has declared that the state government has approved an allocation of Rs 3,500 crore for the comprehensive development of Kolhapur, which has been grappling with persistent flooding. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">This allocation aims to address the longstanding flooding issue in Kolhapur, ensuring its permanent resolution.
<p>State to get 1st welfare centre for veterans of Assam Rifles</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Maharashtra is set to inaugurate its first Assam Rifles Ex-Servicemen Association (ARESA) Centre on April 21st, 2024.This initiative aims to provide much-needed welfare facilities and support services to veterans of the Assam Rifles residing in the state.The establishment of this centre coincides with the first-ever Assam Rifles Veterans Day celebrated on March 23rd, 2024.This marks a significant step forward in recognizing the contributions of Assam Rifles veterans in Maharashtra, which has over 107 ex-servicemen.The inauguration ceremony will be followed by an Ex-Servicemen Rally, fostering a sense of community and celebrating the veterans' service.

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