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Maharashtra State Specific News

Jivhala Scheme	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Jivhala scheme has been launched by the Maharashtra Department of Prisons.• The scheme is for the inmates who are serving sentences in various jails across Maharashtra. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bank Offering the Scheme: Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank• Scheme Details: Jivhala is a newly launched credit scheme. It is a first-of-its-kind scheme in India launched for prisoners.• Purpose: Unlike existing loan initiatives provided by banks for inmates, which are for rehabilitation after they complete their prison terms, Jivhala is available to inmates while they are still serving their sentences.
Faceless Regional Transport Offices (RTOs)	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The government of Maharashtra launched the faceless Regional Transport Offices (RTOs).• The initiative was launched by the Minister of State for Transport. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The faceless RTOs aim to help citizens avail certain facilities without the need to be physically present at the RTOs.• Six services will be available online via the faceless RTOs. These include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Duplicate driving license○ Driving license renewal○ Change of address on a licence○ Change of address on the issued RC book of an individual○ Duplicate RC book○ No-objection certificate of a licence• The six faceless services will be Aadhar based, reducing the chance of cheating or duplication.• Citizens will have to link their Aadhaar number with their mobile phones to take part in the Faceless RTO scheme.



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<p>Use concrete polymer to repair road cracks, potholes</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation has collaborated with IIT Bombay experts for the first time to improve road quality.• The experts recommend using concrete polymer for the repair of future cracks and maintenance of roads. <p>About concrete polymer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fast-Curing and High-Strength: Polymer concrete can provide a fast-curing, high-strength patching material suitable for use in the repair of hydraulic cement concrete structures.• Durable and Wear Resistant: Overlays of polymer concrete can provide a durable and wear-resistant surface for hydraulic cement concrete.• Widely Used: Polymer-modified mortars, which include concrete polymer, are widely used as tile adhesives, coatings, waterproofing, and road repair worksg.• Improved Lifespan: The use of concrete polymer can extend the lifespan of road cement beyond the typical Defect Liability Period of 10 years to at least 20 years.
<p>Maharashtra Gene Bank Project</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maharashtra government has approved the 'Maharashtra Gene Bank'. <p>About Maharashtra Gene Bank Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project Name: Maharashtra Gene Bank• Approval: Recently approved by the Maharashtra Cabinet• Uniqueness: It's a first-of-its-kind project in India• Objective: The project aims to conserve genetic resources in Maharashtra, including marine diversity, seeds of local crops, and animal diversity• The project will work on seven themes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Marine biodiversity○ Local crop/seed varieties○ Indigenous cattle breeds○ Freshwater biodiversity○ Grassland, scrubland, and animal grazing land biodiversity○ Conservation and management plans for areas under forest right○ Rejuvenation of forest areas



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Migration Tracking System

Why in news?

- The **Maharashtra government** has developed a **website-based Migration Tracking System (MTS)**.
- It is designed to **track the movement of vulnerable seasonal migrant workers** through **individual unique identification numbers**.

Key points:

- **Launch:** The **Women and Child Development (WCD) department** of the state government **launched the MTS**.
- **Services:** The MTS project **aims to maintain the continuity of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS)** such as **immunization, nutrition supply, and health check-ups for migrant beneficiaries**.
- **Beneficiaries:** The beneficiaries include **lactating mothers, children aged up to 18 years, and pregnant women registered with Anganwadi centres**.
- **Tracking:** The migration of these beneficiaries will be tracked to ensure that ICDS services are portable for their families in their destination districts, whether within or outside the state, until they return to their native places.

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