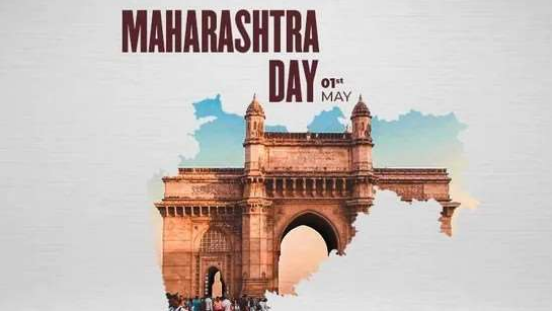




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Maharashtra State Specific News

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| <p>Maharashtra Diwas</p>  | <p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Maharashtra Day, also known as Maharashtra Diwas, is celebrated annually on May 1 to commemorate the formation of the state of Maharashtra.● Maharashtra, established in 1960 through the Bombay Reorganization Act. <p>About Formation of Maharashtra:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The Samyukta Maharashtra Samiti (United Maharashtra Committee) was established in 1956 to advocate for a separate state for Marathi-speaking individuals.● In 1959, the Indian government created a panel to reorganise states along linguistic lines.● The panel advocated for a distinct Marathi-speaking state that would include Bombay City and other Marathi-speaking territories within the state of Bombay. |
| <p>Fast-track courts under POCSO</p> | <p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The Bombay High Court (HC) directed its administrative department and the state government's law and judiciary department to collaborate.● The collaboration is to determine the requirements to establish 138 fast-track courts under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act in the state. <p>About Fast-track courts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Fast-track courts are specialised establishments aimed at expediting the trial process for cases related to sexual offences, particularly those involving rape and violations of the POCSO Act. <p>About POCSO Act:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, established in 2012 in India, is designed to protect children from sexual exploitation and abuse.● Objective: The primary goal of the POCSO Act is to safeguard children under the age of 18 from offences like sexual assault, sexual harassment, and pornography. |



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| <p>District Good Governance Index (DGGI)</p> | <p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Raigad district topped the list in the recent District Good Governance Index (DGGI) of Maharashtra.● The DGGI evaluates 10 governance sectors with 161 indicators and over 300 data points. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The index is the first of its kind carried out by the department of administrative reforms and organisation and methods.● Maharashtra has become the fifth state in the country to implement such an exercise.● In terms of citizen-centric governance and human resources development, Nashik district stood second, followed by Gondia and Pune districts, respectively.● Raigad district topped the list with 529 points, followed by Gondia with 518 points. |
| <p>Shakti Criminal Laws</p> | <p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Maharashtra State Home Minister presented a report on the Shakti Bill.● The committee submitted the amendments to the Shakti Bill, which was sent to the joint committee.● The Shakti Criminal Laws (Maharashtra Amendment) Bill, 2020 is a bill on crimes against women and children. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The bill has recommended capital punishment for rape cases.● It also recommends a time-limit of 30 days for completing the probe since the day of registration of the complaint.● The amendment has put the onus on social media platforms and companies providing Internet data to share data for police investigation. |



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Daily Current Affairs Encyclopedia

Majhi Vasundhara (MV) Curriculum

Why in news?

- The Maharashtra Government is introducing a **comprehensive curriculum for Grades I-VIII**.
- The aim is to **inculcate climate-consciousness and green values** in the next generation.

Key points:

- The **new curriculum has been developed by the Department of Environment and Climate Change and UNICEF**.
- The curriculum is named the **“Majhi Vasundhara (MV) Curriculum”**.
- The **curriculum aims to inculcate application-based awareness on issues like climate change** among students from Grades I-VIII.
- The curriculum will raise awareness among students by **keeping a balance between traditional and local knowledge**.

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