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Maharashtra State Specific News

Narendra Dabholkar

Why in news?

- The **verdict in the murder case of Dr. Narendra Dabholkar**, a well-known **rationalist and anti-superstition crusader**, has been **delivered by a special court** in Pune.
- **Two accused**, Sachin Andure and Sharad Kalaskar, were **found guilty and have been sentenced to life imprisonment**.

About Narendra Dabholkar:

- **Birth:** November 1, 1945, in **Satara, Maharashtra**.
- He was a **prominent anti-superstition and rationalist leader in Maharashtra**.
- **Founder of Maharashtra Andhashraddha Nirmoolan Samiti (MANS)**, an organization **dedicated to fighting superstition**.
- **Advocacy:** Dabholkar campaigned against harmful superstitions, black magic, and fraudulent practices by godmen that exploited people.
- **Legislative Efforts:** He was **instrumental in drafting the Anti-Superstition and Black Magic Bill in Maharashtra**, which was aimed at curbing harmful superstitious practices.
- **Death:** He was **assassinated on August 20, 2013, in Pune, Maharashtra**, while on his morning walk, likely **due to his anti-superstition activism**.
- Posthumously, the **Anti-Superstition and Black Magic Act was passed in Maharashtra, largely seen as a tribute to his efforts**.



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<p>National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Maharashtra State Cabinet has approved the transfer of Mahanand Dairy to the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) for a period of five years.• This decision was made to strengthen the apex organization in the cooperative milk sector. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mahanand Dairy, a venture of the Maharashtra State Cooperative Milk Federation Ltd (MSCMFL), has suffered heavy losses recently and struggled to sustain its brand.• The NDDB is expected to revitalize and empower Mahanand Dairy by adopting a commercial approach and cooperative principles. <p>About National Dairy Development Board (NDDB):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) is a statutory body set up by an Act of the Parliament of India and is an Institution of National Importance.• It is under the ownership of the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying of the Government of India.
<p>World Migratory Birds Day</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Environmental groups plan to form a human chain to protect a wetland in Navi Mumbai.• This event is planned for World Migratory Birds Day on May 11, 2024. <p>About World Migratory Birds Day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Purpose: WMBD is dedicated to raising global awareness of the threats faced by migratory birds, their ecological importance, and the need for international cooperation to conserve them.• Origination: The day was initiated in 2006 by the United Nations via the Secretariat of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) and the Secretariat of the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA).• Observance Dates: It is celebrated twice a year, on the second Saturday in May and in October, to highlight the cyclical nature of bird migration and the different seasonal challenges birds face during their migration.• 2024 Theme: Protect Insects, Protect Birds.



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Maharashtra State Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Why in news?

- The Maharashtra State Food and Drug Administration (FDA) collects spice samples from 50 manufacturing units.
- This action is part of a national initiative commissioned by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

Key points:

- The initiative was taken in response to the suspension of sales of certain spice blends from two prominent companies by Singapore and Hong Kong, allegedly due to elevated levels of the pesticide ethylene oxide, a known carcinogenic.

About Maharashtra State Food and Drug Administration (FDA):

- The Maharashtra State Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is a government agency responsible for consumer protection and regulating food and drug-related issues in Maharashtra.
- It is under the control of the Department of Medical Education and Drugs, Government of Maharashtra.
- The FDA's primary objective is to implement various Acts for the control of quality of Drugs & Cosmetics and Safety of Food.
- The headquarters of the FDA - Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai.

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Maharashtra Human Rights Commission

Why in news?

- The **Maharashtra Human Rights Commission** has taken notice of colleges not complying with a **Government Resolution (GR)** that provides tuition fee waivers to students from drought-affected areas of the state.
- The **Chief Secretary of the state** and the **Principal Secretary from the Education Department** have been **summoned to appear before the panel on May 13**.

About Maharashtra Human Rights Commission:

- **Establishment:** The Maharashtra Human Rights Commission was established under the provisions of the **Human Rights Act of 1993**.
- **Purpose:** The commission's primary purpose is to **protect and promote human rights in the state of Maharashtra**.
- **Jurisdiction:** It has jurisdiction over the **state of Maharashtra and addresses human rights violations within this area**.
- **Composition:** The commission typically comprises a **chairperson**, who has been a **Chief Justice of a High Court**, and **one or more members who have knowledge of, or practical experience in, matters relating to human rights**.
- **Powers:** It has the **powers of a civil court** trying a suit under the **Code of Civil Procedure, 1908**, and **can summon and enforce the attendance of witnesses, receive evidence on affidavits, requisition any public record, produce documents, etc.**
- **Reporting:** The commission **presents an annual report to the state government**, which is then placed before the state legislature.

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