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### Addapedia Maharashtra Current Affairs

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<p><b>Drought crisis</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>drought crisis</b> escalates in <b>Maharashtra</b>.</li> <li>• The <b>water crisis in Maharashtra</b> is deepening as <b>dam levels</b> have plummeted to <b>alarming lows</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>About drought crisis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Geographical Impact:</b> The drought crisis in <b>Maharashtra</b> primarily <b>affects the Marathwada, Vidarbha, and parts of Western Maharashtra regions</b>.</li> <li>• <b>Causes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Climate Change:</b> Irregular monsoon patterns and reduced rainfall.</li> <li>○ <b>Water Mismanagement:</b> Inefficient water management practices and over-extraction of groundwater.</li> <li>○ <b>Agricultural Practices:</b> Dependence on water-intensive crops such as sugarcane.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Two new gecko species discovered in Maharashtra</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Two new gecko species</b> have been <b>discovered at Kalsubai, Maharashtra's highest peak, and Ratangad fort</b>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Species Names:</b> The <b>species from Ratangad Fort</b> is named <b>Cnemaspis basalticola</b> or <b>Ratangad dwarf gecko</b>, and the one from <b>Kalsubai</b> is named <b>Cnemaspis kalsubaiensis</b> aka <b>Kalsubai dwarf gecko</b>.</li> <li>• <b>Habitat:</b> Both species are found in <b>semi-evergreen forests</b> and <b>on basalt boulders in mountains</b> above 1,100m.</li> <li>• <b>Biodiversity Highlighted:</b> The discovery of these endemic geckos <b>highlights the biodiversity of the region</b>.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Additional Locations:</b> The <b>Kalsubai dwarf gecko</b> is also found in <b>Alang-Malang-Kulang Forts</b> in the Western Ghats and Peninsular India.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Kalsubai</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Two new gecko species</b> have been <b>discovered at Kalsubai, Maharashtra's highest peak, and Ratangad fort.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>About Kalsubai:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Location:</b> Kalsubai is located in the <b>Western Ghats of Maharashtra, India, in Ahmednagar district in Akole Taluka.</b></li> <li>• <b>Elevation:</b> It is the <b>highest peak in Maharashtra, with an elevation of 1,646 meters (5,400 feet) above sea level.</b></li> <li>• <b>Significance:</b> Kalsubai is often referred to as the <b>"Everest of Maharashtra".</b></li> <li>• The mountain range lies within the <b>Kalsubai-Harishchandragad Wildlife Sanctuary.</b></li> <li>• The mountain range was formed by the same geological events that gave birth to the Western Ghats.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Dharmveer Swarajya Rakshak Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj Coastal Road</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maharashtra Chief Minister <b>inaugurated the second phase of Dharmveer Swarajya Rakshak Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj Coastal Road.</b></li> <li>• The road <b>connects Marine Lines in the south to Kandivali in the north</b> and it <b>also connects Mumbai's Worli to Marine Drive.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>About Coastal Road:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Name:</b> Dharmveer Swarajya Rakshak Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj Coastal Road</li> <li>• <b>Purpose:</b> To provide a <b>seamless coastal connection and reduce traffic congestion in Mumbai</b></li> <li>• <b>Connecting Points:</b> Nariman Point to Kandivali</li> <li>• <b>Key Features:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Includes tunnels, bridges, interchanges, and elevated roads</li> <li>○ Designed to <b>improve connectivity along Mumbai's western coastline</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Aims to significantly <b>reduce travel time between South Mumbai and the western suburbs</b></li><li>● <b>Significance:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Named in <b>honor of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj</b>, a revered Maratha ruler</li><li>○ Aims to <b>boost economic activity</b></li></ul></li></ul>
Ratangad fort	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Two new gecko species</b> have been <b>discovered at Kalsubai</b>, Maharashtra's highest peak, and <b>Ratangad fort</b>.</li></ul> <p><b>About Ratangad fort:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Location:</b> Ratangad Fort is located in the <b>Ahmednagar district of Maharashtra</b>, India, <b>near the Bhandardara dam</b>.</li><li>● <b>Altitude:</b> The fort is situated at an elevation of approximately <b>1,295 meters</b> above sea level.</li><li>● <b>Historical Significance:</b> Ratangad Fort is over <b>2000 years old</b> and holds <b>historical importance due to its connection with the Maratha Empire</b>, particularly under the rule of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.</li><li>● <b>Architecture:</b> The fort showcases <b>ancient Indian architecture with its caves, water cisterns, and rock-cut steps</b>.</li><li>● <b>Main Attractions:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Nedhe or Needle Hole:</b> A natural rock cavity in the fort that resembles a needle hole, offering panoramic views of the surrounding area.</li><li>○ <b>Amruteshwar Temple:</b> An ancient temple at the base of the fort, dedicated to <b>Lord Shiva</b>, known for its <b>Hemadpanthi architectural style</b>.</li><li>○ <b>Trimbak Darwaza:</b> The main entrance gate of the fort, featuring intricate carvings and inscriptions.</li></ul></li></ul>

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