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| <p>Sahyadri Tiger Reserve</p> | <p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The state government's approval to divert 340 hectares of reserved forest land in Satara district for the relocation of villagers from two villages, Vele and Male.• These villages are currently located in the core area of the Sahyadri Tiger Reserve. <p>About Sahyadri Tiger Reserve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Sahyadri Tiger Reserve is a significant wildlife reserve located in the state of Maharashtra.• It was established by the Indian government in 2008.• The reserve is situated in the Sahyadri Ranges of the Western Ghats of Maharashtra.• It is part of the ecoregions of North Western Ghats moist deciduous forests and North Western Ghats montane rain forests.• The reserve spreads over Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary, Chandoli National Park, and Radhanagari Wildlife Sanctuary. |
| <p>Maharashtra State Commission for Backward Classes</p> | <p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Maharashtra government's response to allegations regarding the Maratha population figure used in the report by the Maharashtra State Commission for Backward Classes.• The state denies allegations of inflating the Maratha population percentage and emphasizes the exhaustive study done by the commission. <p>About Maharashtra State Commission for Backward Classes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establishment: The Maharashtra State Commission for Backward Classes (MSCBC) was established to address issues related to the backward classes in the state.• Objective: The primary objective of the MSCBC is to identify and recommend measures for the welfare and development of backward classes in Maharashtra.• The commission is responsible for examining and recommending requests for inclusion or exclusion in the lists of other backward classes of citizens.• It also advises the State Government on complaints of over-inclusion or under-inclusion in such lists. |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The commission conducts studies to prepare the basis for changing the socio-economic status of different classes of citizens. |
| Maharashtra State Human Rights Commission (MSHRC) | <p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Maharashtra State Human Rights Commission (MSHRC) seeking a reply from the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) on its hoardings policy, the number of permissions issued since January 2023, and information about unauthorized billboards. <p>About MSHRC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment: The Maharashtra State Human Rights Commission (MSHRC) was established in accordance with the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993. Objective: The primary objective of the MSHRC is to protect and promote human rights, including civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights. Composition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MSHRC consists of a Chairperson and other members appointed by the Governor of Maharashtra. The Chairperson is typically a retired Chief Justice of a High Court. Other members include individuals with knowledge or practical experience in human rights matters. |
| Slum Rehabilitation Authority (SRA) | <p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Bombay High Court made observations on the Maharashtra government's slum policy. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This policy allows for the conversion of private and public lands into free tenements for encroachers, once it is recognised as a slum rehabilitation area. The court also commented that if the Slum Rehabilitation Authority (SRA) and the official machinery had acted according to the law, Mumbai would not be known for its slums on private and public land. <p>About Slum Rehabilitation Authority (SRA):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment: The Slum Rehabilitation Authority (SRA) was established to implement slum rehabilitation schemes and improve the living conditions of slum dwellers. Objective: The main objective of the SRA is to provide housing to slum dwellers by redeveloping slum areas and rehabilitating slum dwellers into newly constructed residential complexes. Legal Framework: The SRA operates under the provisions of the Maharashtra Slum Areas (Improvement, Clearance, and |



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| | Redevelopment) Act, 1971. |
| Dengue | <p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maharashtra reports 1755 dengue cases till May, state increases surveillance ahead of monsoon. <p>About dengue:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Definition: Dengue is a mosquito-borne viral infection causing a severe flu-like illness and, sometimes, a potentially lethal complication called severe dengue or dengue hemorrhagic fever.• Causing Agent: Dengue is caused by the dengue virus (DENV), which has four distinct serotypes (DENV-1, DENV-2, DENV-3, and DENV-4).• Transmission: The virus is transmitted to humans through the bites of infected female mosquitoes, primarily the Aedes aegypti and, to a lesser extent, Aedes albopictus. |

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