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World's Best School Prizes 2024

Why in the news?

- 5 Indian schools on shortlist for World's Best School Prizes 2024.
- **Mumbai Public School L K Waghji International (IGCSE)**, a state kindergarten and primary school in Maharashtra, has been **recognized for "Supporting Healthy Lives" due to its efforts to promote healthy lifestyles among students by eliminating junk food.**

Key points:

- The school empowers students from disadvantaged backgrounds through education and sports.
- It has been **recognized in the Top 10 shortlist for the World's Best School Prize for "Community Collaboration."**

About World's Best School Prizes 2024:

- **Event:** World's Best School Prizes 2024
- **Organized by:** T4 Education, UK
- **Purpose:** To celebrate schools worldwide for their **contributions to society's progress**, especially in the wake of COVID-19.
- **Prize Fund:** USD 50,000 shared among the winners of five categories.
- **Indian Schools in Top 10 Shortlists:**
 - **Mumbai Public School L K Waghji International (IGCSE), Mumbai (Maharashtra)**
 - Category: Supporting Healthy Lives
 - Government CM RISE Model HSS, Jhabua (**Madhya Pradesh**)
 - Category: Community Collaboration
 - Ryan International School, Vasant Kunj (**Delhi**)
 - Category: Environmental Action
 - G H S S Vinoba Ambedakar Nagar, Ratlam (**Madhya Pradesh**)
 - Category: Innovation
 - Kalvi International Public School, Madurai (**Tamil Nadu**)



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■ Category: Community Collaboration

Trimbakeshwar temple

Why in the news?

- A controversy has emerged in **Trimbakeshwar** over an initiative to issue an 'Om certificate' to shops selling Prasad.

About Trimbakeshwar temple:

- **Location:** Trimbak, Nashik District, Maharashtra.
- **Deity:** Lord Shiva.
- **Significance:** **One of the twelve Jyotirlingas in India**, which are considered to be the most sacred abodes of Lord Shiva.
- **Architecture:** The temple is built in the **Nagara style** of architecture and features **black stone construction with intricate carvings**.
- **Historical Background:** The current temple structure was **built by the third Peshwa Balaji Bajirao (also known as Nana Saheb)** in the **18th century**.
- **Kund (Sacred Pond):** **Kushavarta Kund**, a holy pond in the temple complex, is considered the **source of the Godavari River**.
- **Pilgrimage:** It is a prominent pilgrimage site, especially during the **Kumbh Mela**, which **occurs every 12 years**.



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**Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Jan
Arogya Abhiyan (MJPJAY)**

Why in the news?

- The **Maharashtra government** is launching a **health scheme** in July, which will **come with a 60% increase in premiums**.
- The annual premium for the state's revamped **flagship health scheme, Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Jan Arogya Abhiyan (MJPJAY)**, has surged by 60% to over Rs 3,000 crore.

About MJPJAY:

- MJPJAY is a **health insurance scheme** launched by the **Government of Maharashtra**.
- It aims to **provide quality medical care to economically weaker sections** of society.
- **Objective:**
 - **To improve access to healthcare services** for low-income families.
 - **To reduce out-of-pocket expenses** for healthcare.
- **Eligibility:**
 - Residents of Maharashtra who possess an **Antyodaya card, Annapurna card, yellow ration card, or orange ration card**.
 - **All farmers in 14 agriculturally distressed districts** of the state.
 - **White ration cardholders** are eligible for coverage under specific conditions.



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<p>Juvenile Justice Board (JJB)</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Two members of the Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) have received notices for improper conduct in relation to a Porsche case. <p>About JJB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Establishment:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Formed under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.○ Constituted in each district by the state government.● Composition:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Consists of a Metropolitan Magistrate or a Judicial Magistrate of First Class.○ Two social workers, at least one of whom should be a woman.● Functions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Deals with children in conflict with the law.○ Conducts inquiry and passes orders for rehabilitation and reintegration.○ Ensures the legal rights of juveniles are protected.● Jurisdiction:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Handles cases of juveniles alleged to have committed a crime.○ Excludes cases involving heinous offences by juveniles aged 16-18, which can be transferred to Children's Court.
<p>The Shaktipeeth Expressway</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Farmers opposing the Shaktipeeth Expressway. <p>About Shaktipeeth Expressway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Name: Shaktipeeth Expressway, also known as Nagpur–Goa Expressway.● Length: Approximately 760 km.● Lanes: Six-lane access-controlled expressway.● Connectivity: Connects Nagpur in Maharashtra to Goa.● Passes Through: 12 districts of Maharashtra and one district of Goa.● Shaktipeeths on Route: Mahalaxmi, Tuljabhavani, and Patradevi.● Significance: Aims to revolutionize travel and connectivity between Nagpur and Goa, fostering development in Vidarbha, Marathwada, and Konkan regions.

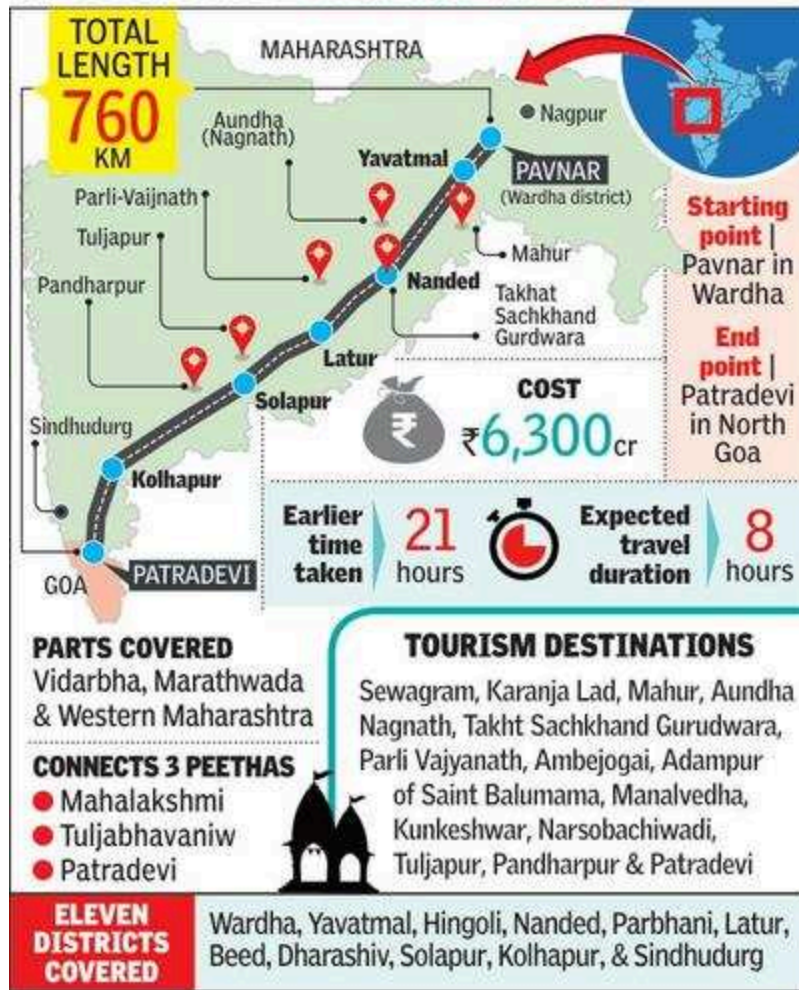


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