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Maharashtra State Specific News

Rajarshi Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj

Why in the news?

- **Shahu Maharaj's 150th birth anniversary** was celebrated in Kolhapur city.
- **Guardian minister** Hasan Mushrif has **advocated for awarding the Bharat Ratna to Rajarshi Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj** in recognition of his philanthropic contributions.

About Rajarshi Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj:

- **Full Name:** Shahuji Maharaj of Kolhapur
- **Birth:** June 26, 1874
- **Death:** May 6, 1922
- **Title:** Rajarshi (meaning Royal Sage)
- **Reign:** Ruled the princely state of Kolhapur from 1894 to 1922.
- Known for his **progressive policies and social reforms.**
- **Social Reforms:**
 - **Championed the cause of the underprivileged** and backward classes.
 - **Implemented reservation policies in education and government jobs** for backward classes.
 - **Established hostels** for students from marginalized communities.
 - **Promoted education for girls** and opened several schools for them.
- **Economic Reforms:**
 - Advocated for **agricultural reforms** and the **welfare of farmers.**
 - Encouraged cooperative farming and the **establishment of cooperative societies.**
 - Introduced measures to improve the economic status of the rural population.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Political Contributions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Worked towards eradicating the caste system and untouchability.○ Supported Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in his efforts to uplift the Dalit community.○ Played a crucial role in the establishment of the Satya Shodhak Samaj, founded by Jyotirao Phule.
Zika virus	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The Zika virus has once again surfaced in Pune. <p>About Zika virus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Zika virus is a mosquito-borne flavivirus.● First identified in monkeys in Uganda in 1947 and in humans in 1952.● Transmitted primarily by Aedes mosquitoes, particularly Aedes aegypti.● Transmission:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Mosquito bites.○ From mother to fetus during pregnancy, leading to congenital Zika syndrome.○ Sexual transmission.○ Blood transfusion (rare cases).



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World Bank

Why in the news?

- **World Bank officials** recently **visited the flood-affected areas in Sangli, Miraj, and Kupwad Municipal Corporation** limits.
- To address the floods, the municipal corporation submitted a proposal of ₹476 crores to the government for financial **assistance from the World Bank.**

About World Bank:

- The World Bank is an **international financial institution.**
- Founded in **1944** during the **Bretton Woods Conference.**
- **Objectives:**
 - Reduce poverty and support development.
 - **Provide financial and technical assistance to developing countries** for development programs (e.g., bridges, roads, schools, and other infrastructure).
- **Structure:**
 - **Comprises two main institutions:** the **International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)** and the **International Development Association (IDA).**
 - Part of the World Bank Group, which also includes the **International Finance Corporation (IFC)**, the **Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)**, and the **International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID).**
- **Headquartered:** Washington, D.C., USA.



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Article 371 (2) of the Constitution of India

Why in the news?

- The **Nagpur bench of the Bombay High Court** strongly criticized the **Government of India (GoI)** for its **failure to reconstitute the statutory development boards in Maharashtra.**

About Article 371 (2) of the Constitution of India:

- **Special Provisions:** Article 371 (2) provides special provisions for the states of **Maharashtra** and **Gujarat.**
- **Governor's Special Responsibilities:**
 - **Establishment of Development Boards:** The Governor has the special **responsibility to establish separate development boards for Vidarbha, Marathwada, and the rest of Maharashtra;** and Saurashtra, Kutch, and the rest of Gujarat.
 - **Equitable Allocation of Funds:** Ensuring equitable allocation of funds for development across the regions.
 - **Equitable Arrangements for Technical Education:** Ensuring equitable arrangements for providing adequate facilities for technical education and vocational training.
- **Legislative Safeguard:** The provisions under Article 371 (2) **aim to address the regional disparities within the states and ensure balanced development.**
- **Historical Context:** Article 371 (2) was inserted by the **Constitution (Seventh Amendment) Act, 1956,** and later amended by the Constitution (**Forty-second Amendment**) Act, 1976.
- **Scope and Impact:** It is designed to provide a framework for addressing developmental imbalances within the states of Maharashtra and Gujarat, **focusing on backward regions to promote social and economic equality.**



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Mhadei river

Why in the news?

- State water resources minister of Goa announced that the **Mahadayi Prawah (Mhadei Water Management Authority)** will conduct **site inspections** along the **Mhadei river** in Goa, Karnataka, and Maharashtra from July 4 to 8.

About Mhadei river:

- **Location:** The Mhadei River, also known as the **Mandovi River**.
- It flows through the states of **Karnataka, Maharashtra, and Goa**.
- **Source:** The **river originates in the Western Ghats**, from the **Bhingad Wildlife Sanctuary** in the **Belagavi district of Karnataka**.
- The **river flows through the dense forests of the Western Ghats** in Karnataka.
- It then **enters Goa**, where it is known as the Mandovi River and ultimately **merges with the Arabian Sea near Panaji**.
- **Tributaries:** Key tributaries include the Surla, Ragada, and Kotra rivers.

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