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Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">In response to the recent surge in drowning incidents, the forest department, on Monday, restricted the entry of tourists into Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary. <p>About Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Location: Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary is located in the Western Ghats, in the state of Maharashtra.Established: The sanctuary was established in 1984 to protect the habitat of the Indian Giant Squirrel.Rivers: The Bhima River, which is a major tributary of the Krishna River, originates from this sanctuary.Cultural Significance: The Bhimashankar Temple, an ancient Shiva temple and one of the twelve Jyotirlingas, is located within the sanctuary.
Tamhini Wildlife sanctuary	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">After Tamhini sanctuary, tourist entry is restricted to Bhimashankar till Sept 30. <p>About Tamhini Wildlife sanctuary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Location: Situated in the Sahyadri mountain range, Tamhini Wildlife Sanctuary spans the regions of Pune and Raigad districts in Maharashtra.Established: The sanctuary was officially established in 2013 to preserve the rich biodiversity of the area.Flora: The sanctuary is characterized by dense evergreen forests, semi-evergreen forests, and grasslands. Notable plant species include teak, bamboo, and various medicinal plants.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Fauna: Home to a diverse range of wildlife, including leopards, barking deer, Indian giant squirrels, and various species of birds such as the Malabar whistling thrush and the Indian paradise flycatcher.● Waterfalls and Streams: The sanctuary is dotted with numerous waterfalls and streams, adding to its scenic beauty and attracting tourists.● Conservation Efforts: Managed by the Maharashtra Forest Department, with ongoing efforts to protect and conserve the natural habitat and wildlife of the sanctuary.
<p>Education and Town related bills introduced in Maharashtra assembly</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The Maharashtra Legislative Assembly introduced three significant Bills. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Maharashtra Public Universities (Amendment) Act, 2024:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ It aims to enhance and amend provisions related to public universities in Maharashtra.○ Specific changes and updates are yet to be disclosed, but this legislative move signifies a commitment to education and academic development.● Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2024:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The second Bill introduced focuses on regulating admissions and fees in private professional educational institutions.○ The government's intent is to ensure transparency and accessibility in private education.● Maharashtra Regional and Town Planning (Amendment) Act, 2024:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The third Bill pertains to amendments in regional and town planning.○ While specifics are yet to be unveiled, it underscores the state's commitment to efficient urban planning and development.



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