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Maharashtra State Specific News

Brown Palm Civet



Why in the news?

- The Discover Koyna group, known for its findings of rare owls and butterflies, recently **spotted a rare brown palm civet** in the **Koyna Wildlife Sanctuary**.

About Brown Palm Civet:

- **Endemic Region:** Western Ghats
- **Ecological Role:** Seed dispersers
- **Behavior:**
 - Solitary and **nocturnal**
 - Small carnivores
 - Thrive in high-altitude tropical rainforests
- **Distribution:**
 - **Range:** Castle Rock in Goa to Kalakkad Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve
 - **Elevation:** 500–1,300 meters
- **Diet:**
 - Predominantly **frugivorous**
 - Forages over a wide range
 - One of the smallest diet ranges among South Asia's small carnivores
- **Conservation Status:**
 - **IUCN:** Least Concern
 - **CITES:** Appendix III

Panchganga River

Why in the news?

- The **Panchganga River water level is rising** and is expected to soon cross the warning level of 39 feet.

About Panchganga River:

- **Ancient River:** Tributary of the **Krishna River**.
- **Origin:** Emerges from the **Sahyadri mountain ranges** of Maharashtra.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Source: Originates from Prayag Sangam in Chikhlee Taluka, Kolhapur district, Maharashtra.● Formation: Formed by the confluence of five rivers - Kasari, Kumbhi, Tulsi, Bhogawati, and Saraswati at Prayag Sangam.● Confluence: Merges with the Krishna River at Kurundvad, Maharashtra.● Valley: The valley of the Panchganga River is very fertile and yields rich crops during the winter season.● Pollution: Pollution levels have been increasing rapidly over the last decade due to the disposal of untreated municipal sewage from Kolhapur town.
Best Agriculture State Award	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Maharashtra has been honored with the Best Agriculture State Award for 2024 by the 15th Agriculture Leadership Awards Committee. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The announcement was made by the committee, chaired by former Chief Justice of India, Justice P. Sathasivam.● The committee recognized Maharashtra's sustainable development policies focusing on environmental protection and food security.● Initiatives such as bamboo cultivation, the Shri Anna Abhiyan for cereals, and biomass utilization in thermal power generation contributed to this prestigious recognition.
Renaming of seven stations on the Mumbai local train network	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The Maharashtra legislative council has unanimously passed a resolution to rename seven stations on the Mumbai local train network.● The aim is to tackle the colonial legacy associated with some station names.



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Key points:

- **Currey Road** will become **Lalbaug**.
- **Sandhurst Road** will be renamed **Dongri**.
- **Marine Lines** will now be **Mumbadevi**.
- **Charni Road** will take on the name **Girgaon**.
- **Cotton Green** station will be **Kalachowki**.
- **Dockyard Road** will change to **Mazgaon**.
- **King's Circle** will be known as **Tirthankar Parswanath**.
- This move reflects a trend toward culturally resonant names for public spaces in Mumbai.
- Notably, iconic stations like **Victoria Terminus (VT)** were **previously renamed to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT)**, and **Elphinstone Road** became **Prabhadevi**.

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