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## Maharashtra State News

<p><b>Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Jan Arogya Yojana (MPJAY)</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>Maharashtra government</b> has <b>increased package rates for critical treatments</b> under the <b>Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Jan Arogya Yojana (MPJAY)</b> to improve healthcare facilities for patients.</li> </ul> <p><b>About MPJAY:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Jan Arogya Yojana (MPJAY) is a <b>flagship health insurance scheme</b> by the Government of <b>Maharashtra</b>.</li> <li>Initially <b>launched as the Rajiv Gandhi Jeevandayee Arogya Yojana (RGJAY) in 2012</b>, it was <b>renamed to MPJAY in 2017</b>.</li> <li><b>Key Features:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Objective:</b> To <b>provide cashless quality medical care</b> for catastrophic illnesses requiring hospitalization for surgeries and therapies.</li> <li><b>Coverage:</b> <b>Up to ₹1,50,000 per family per year</b>, with an <b>enhanced limit of ₹2,50,000</b> for renal transplants.</li> <li><b>Beneficiaries:</b> Families holding <b>Antyodaya card, Annapurna card, yellow ration card, or orange ration card</b>.</li> <li><b>Services:</b> Covers <b>996 medical and surgical procedures</b> across <b>34 specialties</b>, including <b>cardiology, oncology, neurology, and more</b>.</li> <li><b>Network:</b> Includes both <b>government and private</b> healthcare providers.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Family Courts</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>Bombay High Court</b> has <b>advised family courts to adopt a realistic approach</b> and <b>consider waiving the six-month "cooling off period"</b> for <b>divorce</b> once they are convinced that the parties have made a conscious decision to separate and</li> </ul>



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	<p>move forward.</p> <p><b>About Family Courts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Family Courts in India are <b>specialized courts</b> established to <b>handle cases related to family disputes, such as marriage, divorce, child custody, and maintenance.</b></li><li>• These courts were set up under the <b>Family Courts Act, 1984</b>, with the primary objective of <b>promoting conciliation and ensuring the speedy settlement of family disputes.</b></li><li>• <b>Establishment:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Family Courts are <b>established by the State Governments in consultation with the High Courts.</b></li><li>○ It is <b>mandatory to set up a Family Court in every city or town with a population exceeding one million.</b></li></ul></li><li>• <b>Objective:</b> The main aim is to <b>provide a platform for resolving family conflicts in a conciliatory manner</b>, focusing on mediation and quick resolution.</li><li>• <b>Jurisdiction:</b> These courts handle cases related to marriage, divorce, child custody, maintenance, and other family-related issues.</li></ul>
<p><b>Ecologically sensitive areas (ESA) in Maharashtra</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>2,515 villages in 13 districts of Maharashtra</b> included in the <b>ecologically sensitive areas (ESA)</b> list along the <b>Western Ghats.</b></li></ul> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Prohibitions:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Complete ban on mining, quarrying, and sand mining</b> in these eco-sensitive areas.</li><li>○ <b>Prohibition on new thermal power projects</b> and expansion of highly polluting industries.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Western Ghats ESA:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Total Area:</b> 56,825 sq km across <b>six states.</b></li><li>○ <b>Maharashtra's Share:</b> 17,340 sq km.</li><li>○ <b>MMR Villages:</b> Mostly in tehsils like Shahapur, Murbad, Wada, Mokhada, and Jawhar in Thane and Palghar districts.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Historical Context:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>2011 Gadgil Committee:</b> Recommended <b>75% of the 129,037 sq km Western Ghats area as environmentally sensitive.</b></li></ul></li></ul>



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- **2014 Kasturirangan Panel:** Scaled down the ESA to 50%.
- **2018 Draft Notification:** Further scaled down the area to 37%.
- **Previous Notifications:** None were finalized due to objections from state governments.

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