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Maharashtra State News

<p>Vadhvan Port project</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Prime Minister will lay the foundation for construction of the Vadhvan Port project, estimated to cost around Rs 76,000 crore, in Maharashtra's Palghar. <p>About Vadhvan Port:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project Overview: Proposed ₹75,000 crore container port project at Vadhavan, Maharashtra.• Development Partnership: Joint venture by Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) and Maharashtra Maritime Board (MMB).• Natural Draft: The port has a natural draft of approximately 20 metres close to the shore, allowing it to handle larger vessels.• Vessel Capacity: Capable of accommodating container vessels with capacities of 16,000-25,000 TEUs, enabling economies of scale and reducing logistics costs.• Cargo Handling Capacity: Designed to handle around 254 million tonnes (MT) of cargo.• Green Port Initiative: Will be developed as a Green Port, with plans to provide green fuel to ships and conduct environmentally-conscious construction and operations.
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Student suicides in Maharashtra

State	2022 Suicides	Percentage of Total (2022)	2021 Suicides	Percentage of Total (2021)
Maharashtra	1,764	14%	1,834	14%
Tamil Nadu	1,416	11%	1,246	10%
Madhya Pradesh	1,340	10%	1,308	10%
Uttar Pradesh	1,060	8%	-	5.30%
Jharkhand	824	6%	716	5%
Karnataka	-	-	855	7%
Odisha	-	-	834	6%

Why in the news?

- A new report by the non-profit IC3 highlights the alarming rise in student suicides in India.
- Maharashtra has been identified as the state with the highest number of student suicides.

Key Risk Factors Behind High Suicide Rates Among Students in India:

- Academic Distress
- Forced Career Choices
- Lack of Institutional Support
- Ragging and Bullying
- Discrimination
- Financial Stress

Public interest litigation (PIL) petition

Why in the news?

- The Bombay High Court on PIL petition directed all municipal corporations in Maharashtra to urgently consider and decide on representations made by various charitable trusts of the Jain community seeking temporary ban on animal slaughter as well as sale of meat during Paryushan Parva.

About PIL petition:

- **Public Interest Litigation (PIL)** is a legal action initiated in a court of law for the enforcement of public interest or general interest, in which the public or a specific section of the community is affected.
- **Objective:** The main objective of PIL is to provide access to justice to the marginalized sections of society, who might not otherwise have the resources or ability to approach the courts for their rights.
- **Origin in India:** The concept of PIL was introduced in India in the 1980s by Justice P.N. Bhagwati and Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer of the Supreme Court of India.
- **Legal Provision:** PILs are generally filed under Article 32 of the Indian Constitution in the Supreme Court, under Article 226 in High Courts, or under Section 133 of the Criminal Procedure Code.
- **Judicial Activism:** PILs have been instrumental in expanding the reach of judicial activism in India, allowing the judiciary to address a wider range of social issues.



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- **Landmark Cases:** Some notable PILs include the **Vishaka case** (guidelines against sexual harassment), the **MC Mehta cases** (environmental protection), and the **Olga Tellis case** (right to livelihood).

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