

Maharashtra Weekly Current Affairs 03 to 09 September 2023 (Maharashtra Specific)

Hinglaj Devi Temple

- Hinglaj Devi Temple at Hinglajwadi Dharashiv taluka has a seventeenth century temple of Lord Shiva Shankar and the Idol of Shiva Shankar in this temple moves round.
- It was built in 1694.
- Circular rotating idol of Lord Shiva Shankar is made of stone.
- At the entrance of the temple, the idol of Hanumanta is carved with excellent craftsmanship

Sushila Devi Salunke

- Founder Sushiladevi's work is inspiring for today's generation, Prof. Dr. Machindra Nagare.

Key Points:

- Sushila Devi Salunke was an Indian educationist and social worker.
- Shri Swami Vivekananda Education Institute, Kolhapur run Ramakrishna Paramahansa College, Osmanabad, the birth anniversary of Institution Mata Sushila Devi Salunke was celebrated with great enthusiasm.
- Mata Sushila Devi Salunke played a major role in setting up Swami Vivekananda Education Institute.

Committee to explore reservation for Marathas

- Maharashtra Govt. forms a committee to explore reservation for Marathas.

Key Points:

- CM Eknath Shinde said his government has constituted a panel that will submit a report telling how Marathas from Marathwada region can be included in the OBC category and given the Kunbi Caste Certificate.
- The Kunbi is a generic term applied to castes of traditional farmers in Western India. They are largely found in the state of Maharashtra but also exist in the states of Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala and Goa.

Expedite redevelopment proposals of old buildings

- The self-redevelopment of old buildings in Maharashtra will now be expedited as the State government recently instructed its authorities to approve such proposals within three months.
- The resolution was passed by Maharashtra Housing Department
- The resolution says: "Once resolution is passed by the housing societies within a majority, the competent authority shall issue notice to landowner or builder to expedite the process of self- development"

Ayushman Bhava Arogya yojancha

- It was launched by Sarpanch Didi Kale of the rural hospital.
- Ayushman Bhava Yojana is a new health care program launched by the Government of India in September 2023.

- The program aims to provide health insurance coverage of up to Rs. 5 lakhs per family per year to all Indian citizens.

International Vulture Awareness Day:

- International Vulture Awareness Day: Maharashtra's first vulture conservation and breeding center to come up near Pune.
- For the first time in Maharashtra, a vulture conservation and breeding center will be set up at Pingori near Pune.
- IVAD is celebrated on the first Saturday in September each year.
- The aim of IVAD is to raise awareness about the plight of vultures and the threats they face.

National Award to Teachers 2023 for Higher Education.

- IITB 'night teacher' to receive national award to teachers 2023 for higher education.
- Night teacher Raghavan Sunoj from the India Institute of Technology Bombay will go on to accept the National Award to Teachers 2023 for Higher Education.
- The National Award to Teachers carries a cash prize of Rs. 50,000, a certificate of merit, and a silver medal.
- The awardees are also invited to the award ceremony by the President of India.

Soybean Crop Insurance

- Soybean Crop Insurance: 21 more circles have been included for Soybean Advances after earlier 52.

Key Points:

- Soybean advance crop insurance has been approved in 73 out of 86 circles.
- Now in 73 out of 86 circles it has been decided to get advance crop insurance for the soybean crop and the survey of remaining 13 circles is still going on.
- Soybean crop insurance is a type of crop insurance that protects farmers against financial losses due to crop failures caused by natural calamities such as drought, flood, hailstorm, and pests

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Manoj Jarange

- Manoj Jarange Patil's hunger strike continues.

Key Points:

- Maratha protester Manoj Jarange Patil's hunger strike continues. Today is the ninth day of his fast.
- The protestors are aggressive due to the non-resolution of the reservation.
- Maratha reservation is likely to have repercussions across the state even today.
- More than 3515 winners of the 4082 house draw of the Mumbai Board of MHADA were distributed online by the Mumbai Board on Monday.

Shiromani Akali Dal

- Shiromani Akali Dal to join India alliance; Big events in Delhi.

Key Points:

- Shiromani Akali Dal will join the India Alliance. A meeting in this regard will be held at the residence of NCP chief Sharad Pawar in Delhi and the entry of Shiromani Akali Dal into India Aghadi will be sealed.
- Sharad Pawar is an Indian Politician. He is a member of the Rajya Sabha.

Double- Deck Buses

- Mumbai's iconic double- deck buses to shut operations in October.

Key Points:

- The iconic double - deck buses are set to bid abide on September 15.
- The Open- Double - deckers, which are hit with tourists for joy rides to Gateway of India and Marine drive, will also be phased out by 15 October.
- BEST is currently operating 16 air - conditioned e-double- decker buses manufactured by Switch Mobility.

Nutritional Status of MH Children

- According to the survey, Over 63,000 children are suffering from moderate and severe anaemia,
- Over 8,137 were obese,
- Over 7,800 children are suffering from severe acute malnutrition (SAM)
- Over 1,000 have goitre and
- Over 22,000 are Vitamin A deficient.
- As per recent survey by MH State health department-
- Nutritional deficiency found in many children across Maharashtra.
- Of 2.25 crore children screened, 1.76 lakh found to be deficient in some or the other nutrient.
- Anaemia, Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM), goitre obesity and Vitamin A deficiency were among the top five issues.

POSHAN Abhiyaan

- It is the central government's flagship initiative.
- POSHAN Abhiyaan focuses on the nutritional needs of pregnant women, lactating mothers, adolescent girls and children under the age of six years in a comprehensive manner.

Do you know?

- Union ministry of women and child development is observing month-long POSHAN Abhiyaan event - **6th Rashtriya Poshan Maah (National Nutrition Month)**

MH declares Silver Pomfret as its State Fish

- Maharashtra government on Sept 5, 2023 declared the silver pomfret (a.k.a sarangi or paplet) as the state fish.

Key Points:

- As per International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the population of silver pomfret are declining.
- Major objective for declaring it as state fish - to conserve the fish as its numbers are declining in the region.
- Silver pomfret is mainly found in the coastal areas of MH and Gujarat.

Maharashtra to implement cyber security project at Rs 837 crore

- MH govt. decides to implement a cyber security project worth Rs 837 crore.
- Objective - to curb cyber crime and make the state a "cyber safe" state.

Patgaon village of Maharashtra

- It is the only village from Maharashtra selected in the 'Best Rural Tourism Village' competition organized by the Union Ministry of Tourism.

Key Points:

- The village is implementing a pilot project of sustainable development through their initiative 'Madhache Gaon Patgaon' in five village panchayats.
- It helped the locals to be self-reliant and employed through the production, sale and tourism of pure and natural honey.

Do you know?

- To make Patgaon and surrounding villages self-sufficient by employing women including honey producers and sellers, 'Patgaon Madhutpadak Shetkari Company' has been established at this place with the cooperation of NABARD.

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Maharashtra to set up 5 international ITIs

- It will be established in Govandi, Sambhajinagar, Pune, Nagpur and Nashik.
- Maha govt. to set up **5 international Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs)**
- It helps to meet global demand for skilled labour
- Maharashtra's ministry of skills, employment, entrepreneurship and innovation has set up an international placement centre, called **Maharashtra International**.

Maharashtra govt. approves Rs 837 crore cyber safety project

- MH's cyber safety project aims to bring all modern technologies under one umbrella, which will also include a control and command centre, technology-assisted investigation, a centre of excellence, a Computer Emergency Response Team, a cloud-based data centre, a security operations centre, the government said in a statement.

12-member panel for Nag River Pollution Abatement project headed by Satish Wate

- Maharashtra government approved the decision to appoint a 12-member panel of environmentalists.
- The panel is headed by former NEERI director **Satish Wate**, for monitoring Nag, Pora and Pili rivers pollution abatement programme.
- The panel of experts will provide suggestions and guide the NMC for implementing ₹1,923.99 crore Nag River Pollution Abatement project.

Do you know?

- For implementing the project, the government is taking loan from **Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)**.
- The expert panel, which will work free of cost, would provide advice and guidance from an environmental perspective for controlling pollution at all the three rivers of Nagpur.

Shivaji Maharaj's Wagh Nakh to return to India

- UK to give back the dagger shaped like tiger claws —used by Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj to kill Afzal Khan, general of the Bijapur sultanate, in 1659.

Do you know?

- Shivarai's Jagadamba Talwar and Vaghankhe are in London.
- The tiger claws is kept in the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.

Vijayawada railway station gets coveted Platinum rating of IGBC

- In an incredible achievement, Vijayawada Railway Station was certified with a Platinum rating by IGBC (Indian Green Building Council) in September.
- In the recertification process this year, Vijayawada railway station outperformed and immensely improvised its amenities in almost all aspects compared to the 2019 Gold Standard Rating and clinched the Platinum standard IGBC Rating.

'Arpita' of Aurangabad's Siddharth Zoo gave birth to three calves

- Three cubs have been born to a pair of tigers Veer and Arpita of Aurangabad Municipal Corporation's Siddharth Zoo.
- The white tigress, Arpita, of the Siddharth Zoo of the Municipal Corporation gave birth to three white calves
- Arpita the tigress and the calf have been examined by the zoo veterinarian.

Pandharpur Temples Act doesn't affect religious rights

- Pandharpur Temples Act doesn't affect religious rights: Maharashtra to HC
- The Maharashtra government told the Bombay High Court that the Vitthal and Rukmini temples in Solapur are open to people of all faiths and that the Pandharpur Temples Act of 1973, does not impair or curtail the rights of the devotees or pilgrims but was introduced in the interest of the general public.
- The Pandharpur Temples Act, 1973 is an Act of the Maharashtra legislature that was enacted to provide for the better administration and management of the Pandharpur temples.

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