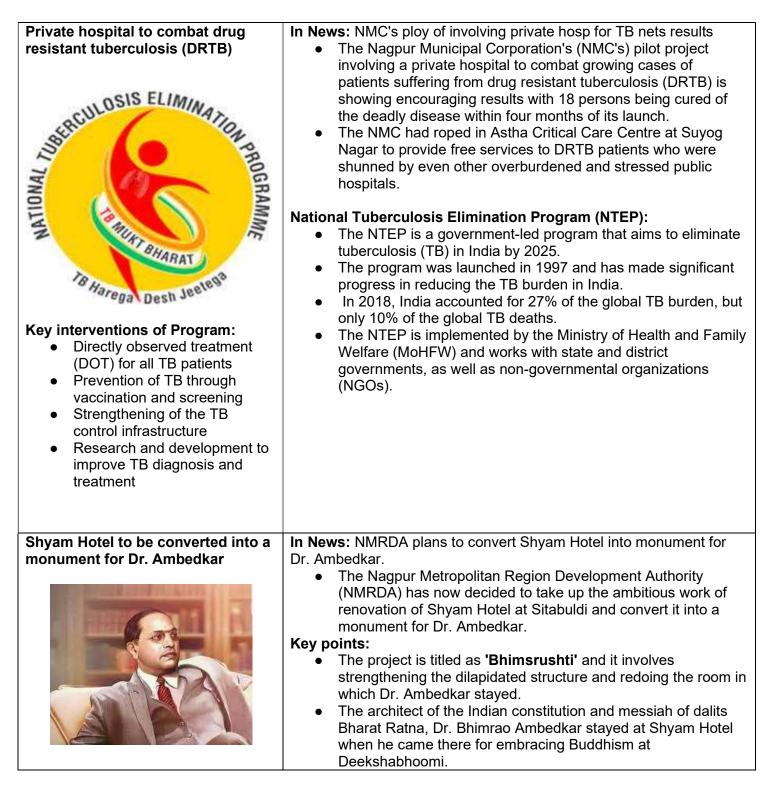




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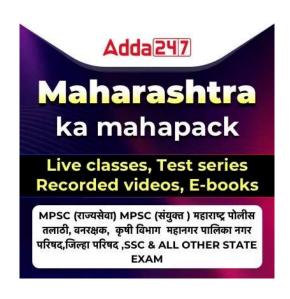
Aquifer Mapping	<ul> <li>In News: Water literacy lessons for 200 villages with aquifer mapping</li> <li>The aquifer mapping of 200 villages in Maharashtra project is launched at the Gokhale Institute of Economics and Politics (GIPE), Pune.</li> <li>Key Points: <ul> <li>It is a part of Mission Easy Water Literacy and hopes to address water scarcity and drought-related challenges.</li> <li>This initiative is a collaboration between the Dr Dhananjayrao Gadgil Centre for Sustainable Village Development at GIPE and Sahaj Jalbodh to involve the public in aquifer mapping to improve water management.</li> <li>Significant water scarcity issues has lead to farmer suicides and rural-to-urban migration in search of livelihoods.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Shivaji's Wagh Nakh	<ul> <li>In News: Shivaji's Wagh Nakh may be displayed in 5 Indian cities; will fuel research: V&amp;A <ul> <li>London's Victoria and Albert Museum which will soon return the wagh nakh (a dagger resembling tiger claws).</li> </ul> </li> <li>Key Points: <ul> <li>It was used by Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj to kill Afzal Khan</li> <li>The state government has said that the wagh nakh's display in India may enable new research into their history.</li> <li>Adrian Grant Duff was given the tiger claws when he was resident of Satara by the Prime Minister of the Peshwas of the Marathas.</li> <li>Duff took it to Britain with him and his descendants donated the weapon to the V&amp;A Museum</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Pola Festival	<ul> <li>In News: Pola 2023: Date, Rituals and Significance</li> <li>Key Points: <ul> <li>Pola is a traditional and one of the most famous festivals of Maharashtra.</li> <li>People of Maharashtra celebrate Pola at the end of monsoon season and beginning of agricultural year</li> <li>On this auspicious day, they worship cattles especially bulls who have a big contribution in farming activities.</li> <li>It is the day when farmers seek blessings for a bountiful harvest.</li> <li>This year, the festival of Pola is being celebrated on the Amavasya Tithi of Bhadrapada Month i.e., September 14, 2023.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>





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IIT-Bombay makes AI, Data Science must for undergrad students	<ul> <li>Context:         <ul> <li>The Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay (IIT-B) has decided to introduce Artificial Intelligence and Data Science (AI-DS) as a mandatory course for undergraduate students — BTech as well as Bachelor of Science (BS) — from this academic year.</li> <li>Earlier, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Biology used to be common courses which everybody had to learn, now AI-DS is a new addition to that list in our curriculum.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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