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Maharashtra State Specific News

Maharashtra Speaker Begins Hearing Disqualification Petitions	<p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Supreme Court had stated that “the Speaker must decide on the disqualification petitions within a reasonable period”.• Maharashtra Assembly Speaker Rahul Narwekar began hearing the disqualification petitions filed against each other by the two rival Shiv Sena factions led by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Sena (UBT) chief and former CM Uddhav Thackeray. <p>Disqualification Powers of Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Tenth Schedule or the anti-defection law, introduced in 1985, gives the Speaker of the House the power to disqualify legislators who ‘defect’ from the party.• In 1992, the Supreme Court ruled that the decision of the Speaker in this regard is subject to judicial review.
'Divyanga Ke Dari' campaign by Maha Govt	<p>In news:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maharashtra’s Disability Welfare Department is implementing the campaign 'Divyanga Ke Dari'.• Aim - To provide the benefits of various government schemes to the disabled and also to obtain the necessary documents.• This campaign will be held on Thursday 21 September 2023 at Chayadeep Mangal Office, Aurangabad Road, Osmanabad.• In this campaign, the disabled beneficiaries will be registered online in a category-wise manner. It is planned to take appropriate action on the applications of disabled beneficiaries received from Asha Sevika and Anganwadi Sevika as well as the applications pending earlier.
Nawegaon-Nagzira Tiger Reserve	<p>In news: A young male tiger died in a road hit near Murdoli village in the buffer zone of the Nawegaon-Nagzira Tiger Reserve.</p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nawegaon-Nagzira Tiger Reserve is located in the Gondia, Maharashtra.• Navegaon is also a home to almost 60% of the bird species found in entire Maharashtra. It was notified as the 46th Tiger Reserve of India in December 2013.



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Facts: India's top sugarcane-growing states and Maharashtra's performance

Did you know?

- India's top sugarcane-growing states are Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Gujarat, and Tamil Nadu.
- The first three account for 85-90% of the sugar produced in the country.



World's largest film industry in terms of viewership - Bollywood is based out of Mumbai



Largest producer of crude oil (offshore) in India at Bombay High



Largest Producer of Gram, Arhar and Soyabean; 2nd largest producer of total pulses, cotton, sugarcane and third largest producer of nutri/coarse cereals in

Maharashtra - first position in attracting FDI

Key points:

- Maharashtra has once again surged ahead of other states to regain its first position in terms of attracting foreign direct investments (FDIs) in the country.
- Over the last one year the state has successfully attracted around Rs 1.25 lakh foreign direct investment taking Maharashtra ahead of Karnataka and Gujarat.

Did you know?

- Foreign direct investment (FDI) is an investment made by a company or an individual in one country into business interests located in another country. FDI is an important driver of economic growth.



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TReDS platforms

Context:

- The Reserve Bank of India has recently announced a new initiative to boost the liquidity and credit availability for MSMEs by allowing insurance companies to participate in the trade receivable discounting system (TReDS), an online platform for financing trade receivables.

Key Points:

- TReDS stands for Trade Receivables Discounting System.
- It is an electronic platform that facilitates the discounting of trade receivables of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) by multiple financiers.
- The TReDS platform is a centralized marketplace where buyers and sellers of trade receivables can interact with each other

Committee to study lacunae in private farm market

In News: Maha Govt sets up committee to study lacunae in private farm market.

Key points:

- The Maharashtra government has appointed a ten-member committee to study the lacunae in the present private farm markets in the state and provide recommendations to overcome it.
- The move comes after the central government repealed three farm-laws following sustained agitation by farmers across the country in 2021
- Out of the three laws, The Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act had provided for setting up a mechanism allowing the farmers to sell their farm produce outside the Agriculture Produce Market Committees (APMCs).

What the 3 farm bills aim at?

01

End the monopoly of government-regulated markets and allow farmers to sell their produce directly to private players.

02

Ensure a legal framework for farmers to enter into written pacts with companies and produce for them.

03

Allow agri-businesses to stock food articles and remove the government's ability to impose restrictions arbitrarily.



Indian Parliament in September 2020 passed the three farm laws:

- The Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020
- The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020
- The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020



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These laws were passed with the aim of reforming the agricultural sector in India and giving farmers more freedom to sell their produce. However, the laws have been met with widespread protests from farmers, who fear that they will lead to exploitation by big corporations and lower prices for their crops.

- The Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2020, allows farmers to sell their produce outside of the regulated markets, known as mandis. This is intended to give farmers more freedom to choose where to sell their produce and get better prices.
- The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, 2020, allows farmers to enter into contracts with buyers for the sale of their produce. This is intended to give farmers more certainty about the price they will receive for their crops.

The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2020, removes some of the restrictions on the storage and movement of essential commodities, such as wheat and rice. This is intended to make it easier for traders to store and transport these commodities, which could lead to lower prices for consumers

New India Literacy Programme



In News: New India Literacy Programme sets target of educating over 12 lakh illiterate people by 2024

- The New India Literacy Programme (NILP), a centrally sponsored scheme aimed at eradicating illiteracy among those above 15 years of age, is in full swing in Maharashtra.
- The course material prepared by Maharashtra State Council for Educational Research and Training (SCERT) is ready and available online in Marathi, English, Hindi among other languages on the DIKSHA portal.

Key points:

- The New India Literacy Programme (NILP) is launched by the Government of India in 2022.
- It aims to cover 5.00 crore non-literates in the age group of 15 years and above in five years, i.e., 2022-2027.
- The programme has been implemented in all the states and union territories of India.
- The NILP is a convergence programme, which means that it will be implemented in partnership with other government departments and agencies, such as the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Rural Development, and the Ministry of Women and Child Development.



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DIKSHA portal



Key Points:

- DIKSHA stands for Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing.
- It is a national digital platform for sharing educational resources and content.
- The platform was launched by the Ministry of Education, Government of India in 2017.
- The DIKSHA platform is available in 12 languages and can be accessed by anyone with an internet connection.

DIKSHA provides access to a variety of educational resources, including:

1. Textbooks and other teaching materials
2. Audio and video lectures
3. Interactive exercises
4. Assessment tools
5. Teacher training modules

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