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Maharashtra State Specific News

New species of house lizard discovered



In News:

A wildlife conservationist and researcher, Tejas Thackeray and his team have **discovered a new species of house lizard also known as common house gecko.**

Key facts

- The information about this has been **published in the German research journal Vertebrate Zoology.**
- These are **Two rare species** of house lizard
- They are named as **Cnemaspis cavernicola and C. Pacamalienses**
- Tejas Thackeray has discovered more than 20 species of palis through his foundation Thackeray Wildlife in the five years from 2019 to 2023.

Rajnish Seth appointed as chairman of MPSC



In News:

Rajnish Seth, an IPS officer from batch 1988 has been appointed as the **new chairman of the Maharashtra Public Service Commission(MPSC).**

Key Points:

- Rajnish Seth previously served as the DGP of Maharashtra Police.
- Now, **Rashmi Shukla, 1988 batch IPS officer, has been appointed as new DGP in his place.**

About MPSC

- Maharashtra Public Service Commission (MPSC) is a state agency responsible for conducting competitive examinations for recruitment to various government jobs in Maharashtra.



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MoU to be signed to bring tigers from Victoria and Albert Museum in London



Context

Recently the cultural minister of Maharashtra and the Albert museum in London have decided to **sign a MoU to bring Vaghanakhe(tiger paws) of Shivaji Maharaj to Maharashtra.**

Key facts

- **The agreement will be of three years.**
- Cultural Affairs Minister Sudhir Mungantiwar left Mumbai to **bring Vaghnakhe(tigers paws) of Shivaji Maharaj from Victoria and Albert Museum.**
- The MoU will be signed in London on october 7 and then the Vaghanakhe will come to Maharashtra on November 16.
- Vaghanakhe will **first be deposited in the architectural Museum of Satara.**
- Nagpur, Kolhapur and Mumbai are Other places where it will be deposited at architectural museum
- Then on October 16, 2026,Vaghnakhe will again leave for the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.

Did you know?

The Vaghanakhe were used to kill Afzal khan.

3 thousand crores 'booster' to Neera Deoghar

In News

Three thousand crores has recently been approved to expand Neera Deoghar dam.

Key facts

- The investment approval committee of the Union Jal Shakti Ministry has approved the expansion of the 'Neera Deoghar' dam canal.
- **Rs 3000 cr has been sanctioned** for the expansion work.
- It will be a boon for agriculture as well as drinking water in Pune, Satara, Solapur districts.
- This project will get 'booster' funds from the **Pradhan Mantri Krishi Irrigation Yojana.**
- **An area of about 43 thousand hectares in three districts will come under irrigation due to this expansion.**

About Neera Deoghar:

- Neera Deoghar is an **earthfill dam** on the **Niira river** near Bhor, **Pune district in Maharashtra**
- It was **constructed in 2000**
- It has a total capacity of **332,130 km³ (79,680 cu mi).**
- The dam is used for irrigation, drinking water supply, and hydroelectric power generation.



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Latadidi Award



In News:

Pt. Satyasheel Deshpande was awarded the Latadidi Award by Bharti Hridaynath Mangeshkar.

Key Points:

- The Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award is a lifetime achievement award instituted by the Mangeshkar family in honor of their late Lata Mangeshkar, also known as Latadidi.
- It is a prestigious award that **recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the arts, culture, and society.**
- It is a fitting tribute to Lata Mangeshkar, who was one of the most celebrated and influential singers in Indian history.

Did you Know?

- **PM Modi was the first recipient** of the Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award
- It was presented to him on April 24, 2023.

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