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Maharashtra State Specific News

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| <p>Announcements on the occasion of Diwali celebrations</p> | <p>In News:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Maharashtra govt announces food kits for Diwali celebrations at Rs 100.● The other Provisions were also announced which included agricultural pump electrification, scholarship schemes for minority students pursuing higher education abroad, and an expansion of the judiciary system. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The Ration kit is named as Anandacha Shidha.● It typically includes semolina, sugar, pulses, and cooking oil.● maida (refined flour) and Poha (flattened rice) will also be distributed along with the kit.● Each kit will contain 1 kg of sugar, 1 liter of cooking oil, half a kilogram of semolina, split chickpea dal, poha, and refined flour. |
| <p>'Maharashtra Rural High Voltage Distribution System' extended</p> | <p>In News:</p> <p>The Maharashtra cabinet decided to extend the 'Maharashtra Rural High Voltage Distribution System' programme till March 31, 2024.</p> <p>Key facts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● It is to expedite agriculture pump power connections to farmers.● The programme is aimed at providing uninterrupted power supply to farmers through Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (MSEDCL).● The programme will benefit over two lakh farmers.● Every second or third agricultural pump will be provided with a separate high-pressure transformer.● All pending applications for the connections would be completed through the scheme in Vidarbha and Marathwada |



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Increasing air toxicity in Mumbai

In News:

Mumbai's air quality has been on a concerning trend of deterioration.

Key facts

- An analysis **conducted by Respirometer Reports**, a part of Respirometer Living Sciences in Pune.
- The report has assessed the **levels of carcinogenic PM2.5 concentrations**, representing the toxicity in the air.
- The analysis was conducted **from 2019 to 2023 in six major Indian capital cities facing air pollution** challenges
 1. Delhi
 2. Mumbai
 3. Bengaluru
 4. Kolkata
 5. Lucknow and Patna
- While both Delhi and Lucknow experienced worse air quality levels than Mumbai, they showed signs of improvement during this period.
- In contrast, **Mumbai, along with Bengaluru and Kolkata, witnessed a steady rise in pollution levels**, indicating a deterioration in air

Maharashtra hosts Ajanta Ellora Arts Residency



In News:

Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, the tourism capital of Maharashtra is hosting its maiden Ajanta Ellora Arts Residency.

Key facts

- Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar is the **only place in the country to house two world heritage sites of Ajanta and Ellora caves**.
- The aim of Ajanta Ellora Arts Residency is **to create an artist residency for national and international artists**.
- It is to make art on the theme of ecology and conservation of cultural heritage.
- It helps to promote international, cross-cultural exchange and social change through multidisciplinary arts.

Did you Know?

- The first edition of the Ajanta Ellora Arts Residency was held in 2023 **at Soneri Mahal**, a heritage building in Aurangabad.



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Nikushta Mitra initiative

In News:

The Nikushta Mitra initiative was started in the district of Raigarh on Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti under the Ayushman Bhava Campaign.

Key facts

- The initiative is on the line of the central government's Nikshay Mitra initiative.
- Raigad Nikushta Mitra, is being implemented in Raigad district for **leprosy patients**.
- The main objective of this initiative is **to reduce the discrimination against leprosy due to ignorance**
- The target of eradication of leprosy has been set till **2027**.
- **845 new leprosy patients have been detected and treated in Raigad district in 2022-23.**

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