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Maharashtra State Specific News

Spirit of Juvenile Justice: Nullified

In news:

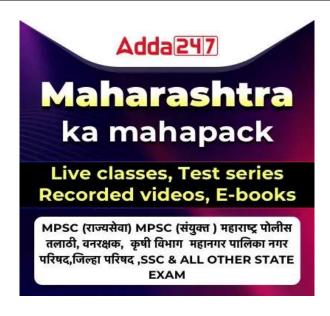
 The Bombay High Court highlights the backlog of over 40,000 cases in Maharashtra related to juvenile justice boards (JJBs) and CWCs under Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.

Key Points:

- Justices Nitin Jamdar and Manjusha Deshpande expressed worry - having 10,008 cases pending before JJBs and 30,043 cases before CWCs(Child welfare committies) undermines the spirit of the Act.
- This issue was brought to the court's attention through a public interest litigation (PIL) submitted by the NGO Bachpan Bachao Andolan

Key facts:

- Juvenile justice is a legal framework that addresses crimes committed by minors, typically under the age of 18.
- A/c to 2015 act JJBs and CWCs have a 4 month time for inquiries with a max potential extension of 2 months.







Amended IT rules against Fake news on Social media



In news:

 The Bombay High Court concerns that amended Information Technology (IT) Rules related to fake news on social media has no clear guidelines and safeguards.

Key points:

- The court questioned the need for a separate Fact Checking Unit (FCU) when the Press Information Bureau (PIB) already conducts fact-checking on social media.
- The government argued that the **PIB was inadequate**.

Key facts:

 On April 6, 2023, the Union government promulgated certain amendments to the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, including a provision for a Fact Checking Unit to flag fake, false or misleading online content related to the government.







Arogya Vardhini Kendras	In news: • Govt orders local bodies for setting up 1300 Arogya Vardhini Kendras.		
	 Key points: Funds to be allotted from 15th Finance Commission. 400 AVK's to be set up by Nov 1. Result of Nanded death tragedy. 50 to 60 centers will be set up for a municipality depending on population. These are similar to clinics. Govt already has a scheme called Aapla Dawakhana for health care. 		
Aapla Dawakhana	 Aapla Dawakhana Yojana is the major health care scheme of Maharashtra Government. Scheme was announced in Oct 2022. It was started in the name of Late Sh. Balasaheb Thackery to pay tribute to him. 1 hospital for the general population of 25 thousand to 30 thousand. Aim: provide basic medical facilities free of cost to people of Maharashtra. 		
IOC and Reliance sign deal to boost Olympic sports	In news: • The International Olympic Committee (IOC), the Olympic Museum, and Reliance Foundation have announced an agreement to promote Olympic values among children in Mumbai.		
	 Key Points: The agreement will involve grade-specific activities in selected schools, sessions between athletes and students to encourage physical activity, and initiatives to raise awareness about Olympism and Olympic values. This initiative primarily benefits underprivileged children, offering them access to sports for the first time, and. This marks a significant step in implementing major IOC projects in India, such as the Olympics Value Education Program (OVEP) launched in Odisha last year. 		





A new Railway	station	between	Badlapur-
Ambernath			

In news:

 New railway station called Chikhloli on the Kalyan -Badlapur route in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region has received approval.

Key points:

• The Mumbai Rail Vikas Corporation (MRVC) will build the Chikhloli station at a cost of ₹82 crore.

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