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### **Maharashtra State Specific News**

City's AQI continues to be 'moderate', 7 of 23 stations record 'poor'

In News: A majority of the city's air quality monitoring stations continued to record 'moderate' air pollution levels with seven of 23 locations experiencing 'poor' air.

#### **Key Points:**

- An AQI level between 101 and 200 falls under the 'moderate' category, and from 201-300 is categorized as 'poor'.
- Environmentalists and meteorologists have attributed the drop in air quality levels to natural factors such as early monsoon withdrawal this year and low wind speed that is essential to the dispersal of pollutants, as well as anthropogenic activities in the form of large-scale construction across the city, vehicular exhaust emissions and resuspension of road dust.

#### Think:

Read about AQI.

Ram Temple at Ayodhya to open from January 22:

**In News: Sri Rama** Temple at Ayodhya to open from January 22:

#### **Key Points:**

- Lord Rama (idol) will be installed at the temple on January 22..
- The Sri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust will formally invite Prime Minister Modi for the consecration ceremony during which the idol of Ram Lalla will be installed in the sanctum sanctorum of the temple





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#### MahaMADAT app to assess drought

**In News:** MahaMADAT app to assess drought faulty: BJP MLA Gore

#### **Key Points:**

- The assessment of drought is done through Maharashtra Monitoring and Assessment of Drought Using Advanced Technology (MahaMADAT)
- It is the remote sensing application developed by the state government jointly with the National Remote Sensing Centre, Hyderabad and Maharashtra Remote Sensing Applications Centre.
- The state government had told the district administrations to carry out 'ground-truthing' in 42 tehsils of Maharashtra to declare them as Trigger 2 drought.

#### **About MahaMADAT:**

- MahaMADAT is a web-based geo-portal developed by the Maharashtra Remote Sensing Applications Centre (MRSAC)
- Aim is to provide real-time monitoring and assessment of agricultural drought in Maharashtra.
- The portal uses a variety of data sources, including remote sensing data, meteorological data, and agricultural data, to generate drought maps and other products that can be used by farmers, government officials, and other stakeholders to make informed decisions about drought management.

# Nerul lad breaks Asian pyraminx cubing record

**In News:** 11-year-old Nerul lad breaks Asian pyraminx cubing record

 11-year-old Imaad Sohel Ajani from Navi Mumbai becomes the first Asian record holder in unscrambling a Pyraminx Cube, with a time of 1.02 seconds.

### **Key Points:**

- He aims to break the world record of 0.75 seconds.
- The Asian Pyraminx is a **4-sided puzzle** similar to the Pyraminx, but with a different shape and mechanism.
- The Asian Pyraminx is also known as the Chinese Pyraminx, the Japanese Pyraminx, or the Korean Pyraminx.
- The Asian Pyraminx is made up of four layers, with each layer containing four triangular pieces.
- The goal of the puzzle is to twist and turn the layers until all of the pieces are in the same position, with the same color on each side.







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