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Maharashtra State Specific News

PM Kusum Scheme benefits 72 thousand farmers



Context:

- 'PM Kusum Yojana' is being implemented to provide **transmissionless solar agricultural pumps** for agricultural use to the farmers of the state to make it possible for the farmers to irrigate during the day.

About PM Kusum Yojana:

- PM-KUSUM Scheme (**Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan**) is a government-funded scheme launched in India in **2019**.
- Aim is to provide farmers with access to solar-powered irrigation pumps and to promote the installation of grid-connected solar and other renewable energy power plants on barren land.
- It also aims to ensure energy security for farmers, reduce their reliance on diesel-powered irrigation pumps, and contribute to the country's renewable energy goals.

Key components:

- **Component A:** Setting up of 10,000 MW of Decentralized Grid Connected Renewable Energy Power Plants on barren land.
- **Component B:** Installation of stand-alone solar agriculture pumps of capacity up to 7.5 HP.
- **Component C:** Solarisation of existing grid connected agriculture pumps of capacity up to 7.5 HP.

37th National Games: Maharashtra clinches the overall championship

Context:

- **Maharashtra topped the medal table and took the Raja Bhalindra Singh Trophy** for the overall championship in the 37th National Games held in Goa
- MH won **228 medals including 80 golds**

Final medal tally (top 5, read as State, gold, silver, bronze and total):


1. Maharashtra (80, 69, 79 = 228)
2. Services (66, 27, 33 = 126)
3. Haryana (62, 55, 75 = 192)
4. Madhya Pradesh (37, 36, 39 = 112)
5. Kerala (36, 24, 27 = 87).



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<p>India-America 2+2 Dialogue Meeting</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Against the backdrop of China's struggle for superpower and China trying to support American dominance in the 'Indo-Pacific region' by going beyond West Asia, the unique importance of the 'Two Plus Two' dialogue meeting was held between India and the US• China's struggle for superpower, the Russia-Ukraine War and the current Israel-Hamas conflict seem to be affecting the post-Cold War global restructuring.• China's plan to attack Taiwan is also well known.• Thus, the 'Two Plus Two' dialogue meeting is trying to give a new direction and new energy to mutual cooperation.
<p>Ranibaug records highest number of visitors</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Veermata Jijabai Bhosale Zoo and Botanical Garden, commonly referred to as Ranibaug, experienced its highest visitor turnout of the year.• A total of 39,793 individuals visited Ranibaug during the day, resulting in ticket sales amounting to Rs 14.41 lakh• Humboldt Penguins and tigers are among the attractions of the zoo
<p>Manjhi Kanya Bhagyashree Scheme</p>  <p>Manjhi Kanya Bhagyashree Scheme पाये जानकारी हिन्दी में</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Manjhi Kanya Bhagyashree Scheme is a government scheme launched by the Government of Maharashtra to provide financial assistance to the parents of girl children.• The assistance is provided in the form of a monthly stipend of Rs. 2,000 for each girl child.• The stipend is paid directly into the bank account of the mother of the girl child.• The scheme was launched on 1st August 2017. <p>Objectives of the scheme:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Reduce the financial burden on parents of girl children2. Encourage parents to send their daughters to school3. Prevent child marriage

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