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Smart cities to get a fund of 130 crores



Context:

- Central government has announced a 'Cities 2.0' campaign for **100 cities** across the country.
- Out of this, **18 cities will get funds of 120 to 130 crores.**
- Although the term of Smart City campaign has expired, the **new term 'Cities 2.0' has been given till 2024.**

About 'Cities 2.0' campaign:

- It is a flagship initiative launched by the **Government of Maharashtra in 2022**

Aim -

- to transform and modernize 100 cities across the state into smart, sustainable, and inclusive urban centers.
- to enhance the quality of life for urban residents, promote economic growth, and make cities more livable and resilient.

Key Objectives:

- Enhance urban infrastructure and connectivity
- Improve urban governance and service delivery
- Promote sustainable urban development practices
- Foster economic development and job creation
- Enhance citizen participation and engagement

Birsa Munda Krishi Kranti Yojana



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Key Points:

- Under the scheme financial assistance is provided in the form of **100 per cent subsidy to ST farmers** holding land **0.20 ha to 6 ha** and having annual income **upto ₹ 1.50 lakh**, with an objective to provide sustainable irrigation facility such as new well (for new well minimum 0.40 ha land is essential), old well repairing, plastification of farm pond, inwell boring, pumpset, electric connection charges, HDPE/PVC pipe, micro irrigation set, kitchen garden, etc.



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Still no dam on Vashishti river

Context:

- MIDC in 2017 sanctioned 25 crores for construction of Kolhapur style dam on **Vashishti river**.
- But, even after six years there is no progress in construction of Kolhapur style dam



About Vashishti River:

- It is a prominent river in the Konkan region of Maharashtra, India.
- It **originates in the Sahyadri Mountains, also known as the Western Ghats** and meanders its way westward towards the **Arabian Sea**.
- The river plays a crucial role in the ecology and economy of the region, supporting agriculture, fisheries, and tourism.
- It flows through the scenic valleys and lush greenery of the Konkan region, passing through towns like Chiplun, Alore, and Khed before finally merging into the Arabian Sea near Dabhol.

MMRC gets 'Tunneling project of the year' award

Context:

- Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation (MMRC) has been conferred with the '**Tunneling project of the year**' and '**Safety initiative of the year**' awards **by the Tunnelling Association of India (TAI)**.

Key points:

- TAI is the Indian Chapter of the International Tunnelling and Underground Space Association (ITA) and was **established in the year 1991** under the aegis of the Central Board of Irrigation and Power, GOI.
- MMRC is presently executing the **32.5-km-long Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ Metro 3 underground corridor**.



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Jalyukta Shivar Abhiyan 2.0



Key Points:

- **Jalyukta Shivar Abhiyan 2.0** is being implemented in the State from **January, 2023**.
- **Implement soil and water conservation** works in villages where the first phase of Jalyukt Shivar Abhiyan and other watershed development programmes were not previously implemented, **provided they meet the village selection criteria**.
- Undertake **watershed development** works in villages where the first phase of Jalyukt Shivar Abhiyan and other watershed development programmes were already implemented, particularly in areas still needing water and where gaps exist.
- Focus on **ensuring water availability and its efficient use in villages through water literacy initiatives**.
- Promote sustainable development in watershed areas by utilizing available groundwater resources as part of the abhiyan (campaign).

ST Corporation to start a stall for women's self-help groups

Context:

- CM directed the **ST Corporation to start a stall for women's self-help groups at every bus stand** in the state, to **open a clinic** at the bus stand in the district and to give a stall at the bus stand to the **widows and wives of ex-servicemen** and the disabled in 10 percent places.
- He also approved the introduction of 3 thousand 495 ST buses in the Corporation for the better convenience of the passengers.

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