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### Maharashtra State Specific News

<p>Postal dept begins its survey in Marathwada for Surya Ghar scheme</p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Postal Department has initiated a survey in Marathwada to assess the feasibility of the Surya Ghar scheme.</li><li>• This scheme aims to provide solar powered homes to residents in the area.</li><li>• During the survey, postal department officials will visit households to gather information about their electricity needs and assess their suitability for solar panel installation.</li><li>• The collected data will be used to determine the scope of the Surya Ghar scheme in Marathwada.</li></ul> <p><b>About Surya Ghar Scheme</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Launched in February 2024, it aims to promote rooftop solar panels and provide free electricity to Indian households.</li></ul> <p><b>Key features:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Target: Equip 1 crore (10 million) homes with rooftop solar systems.</li><li>• Benefit: Up to 300 units of free electricity per month.</li><li>• Subsidy: Up to 60% of system cost for 2 kW systems, 40% for additional costs in 2-3 kW systems (capped at 3 kW).</li></ul>
<p>Maharashtra's GSDP has expanded by 10%, govt focus on farmers</p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Finance Minister Ajit Pawar said that Maharashtra's gross state domestic product (GSDP) has grown by 10 per cent in the current fiscal year and the government is committed to ensure that revenue deficit doesn't cross the prescribed limit</li><li>• He also said that the fiscal deficit has been restricted at 2.32 per cent of state GDP.</li><li>• Also the GST revenue has increased 19.9 per cent, which is the highest for a state in the country.</li></ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GSDP indicates total economic output generated within a state's boundaries over a specified period, typically a fiscal year.</li><li>• Pawar said the state's current debt is 18.02 per cent of the GSDP and added the prescribed limit should be 25 per cent.</li></ul>



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<p><b>Diversion of 18 lakh tonne of sugar for ethanol production</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The <b>National Federation of Cooperative Sugar Mills</b> has demanded to divert 18 lakh tonnes of sugar for ethanol production</li><li>• It has also demanded an increase in <b>MSP of sugar and removal of the 90% mandatory sale</b> of the monthly quota order.</li></ul> <p><b>Did you Know?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>National Federation of Cooperative Sugar Mills</b> is the apex body of cooperative sugar mills in India.</li></ul>
<p><b>'Trafficking of women has increased post-Covid'</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Rupali Chakankar</b>, chairperson of <b>Maharashtra State Commission for Women</b> said that cases of <b>trafficking of women and girls have increased post-Covid</b>, and the commission has <b>traced nearly 1,750 of them so far</b>.</li><li>• She said some of them have already been brought back to India, and the rest are in the process of being brought back.</li><li>• Reason is being stated that during Covid, many <b>girls and young women lost their fathers and brothers who were the backbone of the family</b>.</li></ul>
<p><b>Modi inaugurates projects worth over ₹4,900 crore in MH</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PM Modi inaugurated and dedicated to the nation multiple development projects related to rail, road and irrigation worth more than <b>₹4900 crores</b> at <b>Yavatmal in Maharashtra recently</b>.</li><li>• He also <b>released benefits under PM KISAN</b> and other schemes during the program</li><li>• Modi also <b>initiated the distribution of 1 crore Ayushman cards across Maharashtra</b></li><li>• The PM <b>launched the Modi Awaas Gharkul Yojana for OBC category beneficiaries</b> and also <b>flagged off two train services</b>.</li><li>• Lamenting the leakage in the financial assistance to farmers, tribals and the needy during the previous governments, the <b>PM highlighted the contrast during today's occasion of disbursal of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi worth ₹21,000 crores</b> and deemed the <b>gesture as Modi ki Guarantee</b>.</li></ul>

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