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Maharashtra State Specific News

<p>Borivali's Historic Mandapeshwar Caves</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Borivali's historic Mandapeshwar Caves, known for their intricate rock-cut carvings, are set to receive a new addition - a 12-Kg silver Shivling.• The installation of the Shivling is a significant development for the cave temple, which holds cultural and religious significance for the local community. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Mandapeshwar Caves were originally built around the 6th century as Buddhist viharas (monasteries)• These caves were later transformed into a Hindu temple dedicated to Shiva.• During the 16th century, the Portuguese converted the caves into a Christian chapel, adding a cross that is still visible today.
<p>Government Initiates Farmer-Focused Schemes with Ambitious Goal of Doubling Income</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maharashtra CM stated that the State government has implemented several schemes to double farmers' income.• He highlighted the ongoing support for agriculturists during challenges like drought and excess rain. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Mahayuti government, driven by Balasaheb Thackeray's ideology, has allocated a substantial financial aid of ₹35,000 crore to farmers over the past 17 to 24 months.• The Maharashtra government introduced crop insurance at an unprecedented cost of only ₹1 for farmers.• Similarly, govt have implemented various other schemes that are aimed at doubling farmers' income.



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<p>MH CM lays foundation of Metro Line-12 in Mumbai metropolitan region</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maharashtra CM laid the foundation stone for Metro Line-12 that will connect Kalyan to Taloja in Navi Mumbai. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Metro Line-12 is one of the several Metro lines that are strategically being developed across the Mumbai metropolitan region (MMR) to complement the exceptional transportation services of the Mumbai metro. ● Metro Line-12 acts as an extension of Metro Line-5 from Kalyan, thereby playing a crucial role in enforcing interconnectivity within the intricate and extensive Metro network. ● Metro Line-12 incorporates a completely elevated structure composed of 19 elevated stations and it constitutes a total length of about 22.173 km. ● The estimated cost of this project is around ₹5,865 crores, and it is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2027.
<p>700 proposals for cluster schools under govt review</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Maharashtra government is currently reviewing around 700 proposals from 1,900 institutions for establishing cluster schools in the state. ● These schools aim to improve educational access and quality, particularly in rural areas. ● Schools with less than 20 enrolments could be merged with nearby schools so that students get good facilities and quality education.
<p>World Obesity Day</p> 	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● World Obesity Day, held annually on March 4th, is a unified day of action to raise awareness and encourage solutions to address the global obesity crisis. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The inaugural World Obesity Day was held on March 4th, 2015. ● It was established by the World Obesity Federation ● It aimed to bring global attention to the rising issue of obesity and encourage collaborative efforts to address it <p>Theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The World Obesity Day 2024 theme is “Let's Talk About Obesity and...” ● This theme emphasizes to encourage people to start conversations that address obesity from a cross-cutting perspective. ● The idea is to look at health, youth, and the world as a whole in order to find ways to combat obesity together.



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**Mastermind of 26/11 Mumbai Attacks,
LeT Terrorist Azam Cheema, Passes
Away in Pakistan**

Context:

- **Azam Cheema**, a key conspirator in the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks, reportedly died of a heart attack in Pakistan on **March 2, 2024**.
- He was 70 years old.

Key Points:

- He was also involved in the 2006 Mumbai train bombings that killed 188 people and injured more than 800 people.
- The **United States** had accused him of training terrorists involved in the 26/11 attacks.

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