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Sunrays event at the Ellora Caves on Sun



Context:

- Every year, citizens eagerly await a unique celestial phenomenon at the Ellora Caves.
- On a specific day, the sun's rays penetrate through the cave entrance and illuminate the face of a Lord Buddha sculpture located inside Cave number 10.
- This year the phenomenon is most likely to occur on March 10 and 11
- This remarkable event is a popular tourist attraction
- The Sun Rays are expected to illuminate Lord Buddha's face between 4:30 pm and 5:15 pm for two days.

Maharashtra's 4th Women's Policy unveiled

Context:

- Maharashtra has launched its fourth Women's Policy, outlining a roadmap for women's empowerment
- The policy, the fourth after the ones announced in 1994, 2001 and 2014, aims for comprehensive and all-inclusive development of women with focus on eight areas.

These are:

1. Health, nutrition and wellbeing
2. Education and skill development
3. Ending sexual and gender-based violence
4. Gender responsive livelihood enhancement, gender inclusive infrastructure.
5. Gender responsive governance and political participation
6. Gender sensitive natural resource management,
7. Climate change adaptation and disaster management
8. Exclusive sports policy.

Three committees will oversee implementation:

- **High-Power Committee:** Chaired by the Chief Minister for high-level oversight.
- **State Task Force:** Led by the Women and Child Development Minister for strategic guidance.
- **District Committees:** Headed by Guardian Ministers for local-level monitoring.



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Electricity Price Hike in Mumbai	Context: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mumbai residents can expect to see a significant increase in their electricity bills starting in April.• The Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (MERC) approved an average tariff increase of around 24% for Tata Power customers.• This hike comes after a stay on a previous tariff revision meant to recover costs.• The increase will vary depending on electricity usage, with bills going up by 27-44% for residential consumers.
SWAMIH allocates Rs 160 cr to Stans Buildtech Homes for stalled project	Context: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Government-backed SWAMIH fund allocates ₹160 crore to Stans Buildtech Homes for completion of their stalled Sky Annex project in Chembur, Mumbai.• This Slum Rehabilitation Authority (SRA) project faced delays due to issues with tenants, approvals, and financing.• With SWAMIH funding, the project is expected to be completed by the end of 2026.

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