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### Maharashtra State Specific News

<p>All schools told to register for 25% RTE quota admissions</p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Maharashtra School Education and Support Department has mandated that all schools in the state register for the 25% Right To Education (RTE) quota admissions.</li><li>• This initiative ensures free education for eligible students from disadvantaged backgrounds in private schools, from entry level up to grade eight.</li></ul>
<p>80 villages, towns in MH named after Muslim kings; 32 after Aurangzeb</p> 	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Around 80 villages and towns in Maharashtra bear the names of Muslim rulers who governed parts of the state.</li><li>• These rulers include Mughals, Adilshahis, and Nizamshahis. Interestingly, Aurangzeb, often seen as a controversial figure, has the most named places (32) after him, followed by Jahangir (21).</li></ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• These names reflect the long and complex history of MH. where Muslim rule left a lasting imprint.</li><li>• The naming styles are often combinations, with some places named directly after rulers (Aurangabad) and others incorporating the ruler's name with a descriptive term (Shahjahanpur Chakla)</li></ul>
<p>“Now”: The energy chatbot to assist MSEDCL consumers</p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MSEDCL has introduced an innovative chatbot service named "Now" to empower its consumers with a user-friendly and interactive platform for managing their electricity accounts.</li><li>• This chatbot leverages artificial intelligence to provide real-time support and address consumer queries efficiently.</li></ul> <p><b>Key functionalities of Now:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 24/7 Accessibility</li><li>• Multilingual Support</li><li>• Simplified Bill Management</li><li>• Prompt Outage Reporting</li><li>• Informative Q&amp;A Support</li></ul>



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**State to bear 50% cost of rail route in Buldhana**

**Context:**

- The MH state cabinet gave its approval to bear 50% cost share of the new rail route between Jalna and Khamgaon in Buldhana district.

**About:**

- The 162-km-long route has a total financial outlay of Rs 4,907 crore, of which Rs 2,453 crore will be paid by the Maharashtra govt.
- The Central Railway has submitted a DPR for laying a broad-gauge line from Jalna to Khamgaon.

**World Consumer Rights Day**



**Context:**

- World Consumer Rights Day is an annual event held on March 15th.
- It's a day to raise awareness about consumer rights and empower consumers around the world.

**Theme 2024:**

- This year's theme is "Fair and Responsible AI for Consumers".
- It focuses on the impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on consumers and the need for ethical and transparent practices.

**History:**

- Inspired by a 1962 speech by President John F. Kennedy on consumer rights, the consumer movement began marking World Consumer Rights Day in 1983.

**Significance:**

- The day promotes informed consumer choices, fights against unfair business practices, and educates consumers about their rights.



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### World Kidney Day 2024



#### Key points:

- Observed on the **second Thursday of March annually i.e., on March 14th 2024.**

#### Objective:

- Aimed at **educating individuals about reducing the incidence and impact of kidney diseases.**
- Healthcare professionals and nephrologists play a pivotal role in spreading awareness.

#### History:

- Originated from a collaboration between the International Society of Nephrology and the International Federation of Kidney Foundation.
- First observed in 2006 with the theme '**Are your kidneys okay?**'

#### Theme of World Kidney Day 2024:

- '**Kidney Health for All - Advancing Equitable Access to Care and Optimal Medication Practice.**'
- Chosen in a meeting of the World Kidney Day Steering Committee in September 2023.

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