

Maharashtra State News

State to become \$2 trillion economy by 2035: Dy CM

- MH Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis said that the **state government was planning** to fast track **economic growth to achieve \$2 trillion (around Rs 165 lakh crore) gross domestic product (GDP) by 2035** through various investment and policy measures.

Key Strategies:

Boost Manufacturing:

- Prioritize sectors with high growth potential, like textiles, pharmaceuticals, and information technology. Incentivize domestic manufacturing and attract foreign investment.

Infrastructure Development:

- Invest heavily in infrastructure projects like roads, bridges, and high-speed rail to improve connectivity and facilitate trade.

MSMEs and Startups:

- Foster a supportive environment for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and startups. Provide access to credit, simplify regulations, and promote innovation.

Human Capital Development:

- Invest in education and skill development programs to create a skilled workforce that can meet the demands of the evolving economy

Sustainable Growth:

- Ensure that economic growth is environmentally sustainable. Promote renewable energy sources and adopt green technologies.

Maharashtra has got more FDI than Gujarat, Karnataka or UP

- MH deputy CM said that the **state is the engine of the country's economy**.
- MH has **garnered more Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) than Gujarat, Karnataka or Uttar Pradesh**.
- He was **addressing a 'Viksit Bharat' (developed India) event at Pune's Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute**.

About:

- Earlier, **FDI inflow was low** due to policy paralysis.

- However, PM Modi has started taking the country on the path of progress by **emphasizing the 'perform, reform and transform' model**.
- Now, Maharashtra is **the engine of the Indian economy** and the nation cannot make any development without Maharashtra.

10,000-yr-old' rock art carvings found in Maharashtra's Ratnagiri villages

- Eight geoglyphs**, which an anthropologist said could be around **10,000 years old**, have been **discovered in Ratnagiri district**.
- While **seven of them—of which one is about 17ft long**—have been found in **Umbarle village in Dapoli taluka**, the eighth is in **Borkhat village in Mandangad taluka**.

About:

- Geoglyphs are a form of prehistoric rock art carvings**.
- Clusters of them are spread across **900km of the Konkan coast in Maharashtra and Goa**.
- Ratnagiri district has **more than 1,500 pieces of such art across 70 sites**.
- Seven of these sites are on Unesco's tentative world heritage list**.

Mumbai Coastal Road inauguration

- The **south-bound corridor of the coastal road between Worli and Marine Drive**, also known as **Mumbai Coastal Road Project Phase 1**, in south Mumbai is set to be **opened for traffic on Monday, March 11**.

Mumbai Coastal Road Project Phase 1

- The construction work of the Mumbai Coastal Road had started on October 13, 2018, and its projected cost was ₹12,721 crore.
- Ek Nath Shinde has said a world-class central park spread over 320 acres will come up **along the 'Dharmaveer Sambhaji Maharaj Coastal Road'**.
- The **10.5-kilometer-long stretch** will be opened for traffic in the first phase. Motorists can enter the coastal road from Worli Seaface, Haji Ali interchange and Amarnon's interchange points, and exit at Marine Lines.

Key Points:

Speed Limits:

- Straight road: 80 km/hr
- Tunnel: 60 km/hr
- Entry/exit points & turns: 40 km/hr

Traffic Restrictions:

- Open weekdays (Mon-Fri) only, 6 AM to 8 PM
- No stopping, getting out of vehicles, or taking pictures on the route.

National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

- **March 10** is celebrated as **National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NWGHAAD)**.
- This day highlights the **impact of HIV/AIDS on women and girls**, and the importance of prevention, testing, care, and treatment.
- **This day was first observed in 2005.**

Theme:

- The theme for NWGHAAD 2024 is: **“Prevention and Testing at Every Age. Care and Treatment at Every Stage”.**

Maharashtra Makes Mother's Name Mandatory on All Govt Documents

- The Maharashtra cabinet has **decided to make including a mother's name mandatory on all government documents.**
- This rule will take effect from **May 1, 2024.**
- The new requirement applies to a **wide range of documents including birth certificates, school records, property papers, Aadhaar cards, and PAN cards.**
- This move is seen as a **step towards promoting gender equality.**

Dharavi Redevelopment Project Initiates Comprehensive Survey

- The **Dharavi Redevelopment Project** will initiate a **major survey on March 18th.**
- This initiative **aims to gather details on every residence in Dharavi to determine eligibility for the project's rehabilitation program.**
- The survey will **begin in Kamala Raman Nagar** and involve numbering each hut followed by laser mapping of the entire area.
- **Information will be digitally collected** using a mobile app to ensure efficiency and **create a digital archive – the first of its kind for Dharavi.**

- The **State Government** will use the survey data to **decide resident eligibility for the project's rehabilitation benefits.**

MH govt approves extension of metro rail to Chandni Chowk and Wagholi in Pune

- The **Maharashtra government** has approved the **extension of the Pune metro rail to Chandni Chowk and Wagholi.**
- This expansion **aims to improve traffic congestion** and offer a more eco-friendly commute for residents.
- **Two Branches:**
 - **Vanaz to Chandni Chowk (1.12 km) with 2 stations**
 - **Ramwadi to Wagholi (11.63 km) with 11 stations**
- **Total Length: 12.75 km, fully elevated**
- **Estimated Cost: Rs 3,756.58 crore**
- This project is **expected to significantly benefit Pune's transportation system.**

MH cabinet gives nod to 300-acre park in Mumbai; guesthouse for pilgrims in Ayodhya

- The **Maharashtra cabinet** recently approved **two proposals aimed at public wellbeing.**
- One is the **development of a massive 300-acre park in Mumbai, modeled after New York's Central Park.**
- This could provide much-needed **green space for the city's residents.**
- The other initiative involves **building a guesthouse in Ayodhya, a holy town in Uttar Pradesh, to serve pilgrims from Maharashtra visiting the recently opened Ram temple there.**

Project 'Mukhyamantri Saurya Udyog Utthan Prakalp' announced

- Industries in Maharashtra will **receive rooftop solar projects through a public-private partnership,** as announced by the Government.
- This initiative comes after the **recent launch of a 400 MW solarisation project** for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) by the state's CM and DY CM
- The project, known as **'Mukhyamatri Saurya Udyog Utthan Prakalp',** is being implemented by the **Mahatma Phule**

Renewable Energy and Infrastructure Technology Limited (MAHAPREIT).

- CM has emphasized the importance of solar rooftop projects for industries in the state as a way to cut down on power expenses.
- The initiative is expected to bring significant benefits to industries in Maharashtra by reducing their reliance on traditional grid-supplied power and lowering their overall electricity costs.

Soumya Swaminathan receives Yashwantrao Chavan National Award

- Dr. Soumya Swaminathan was recently honored with the Yashwantrao Chavan National Award.
- This prestigious award recognizes individuals who significantly contribute to India's national integration, constitutional values, and social and economic development.
- Swaminathan's extensive work in HIV and tuberculosis research, along with her leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic, made her a deserving recipient of this award.
- The award ceremony was held in Mumbai.

Did you know?

- She is a renowned pediatrician and was a former Chief Scientist of the World Health Organization.

Maharashtra govt to avail Rs 15,000 crore loan from NABARD

- The Maharashtra government plans to borrow Rs 15,000 crore from NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development) to expedite irrigation projects in the state.
- This loan will be used to complete 75 irrigation projects and construct canals and distributaries for an additional 155 projects.

About:

- The project aims to improve irrigation capacity and benefit farmers by bringing more land under irrigation.
- The loan will be availed in phases, with Rs 7,500 crore sanctioned in the first phase for completing 37 irrigation projects.

- This initiative is expected to create additional irrigation potential for around 28.7 lakh hectares of land.

Ashram schools to have mandatory sickle cell test

- Union minister of state for tribal affairs Dr Bharati Pawar said that soon sickle cell tests will be made compulsory in the ashram schools across the Nasik district.
- It comes in view that Sickle cell anemia is mostly found among tribals and, therefore, the tests are being carried out for free in the district hospital.

About:

- Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd (Trifed), under the ministry of tribal affairs.

Sickle Cell Disease (SCD)

- Inherited blood disorder affecting red blood cells.
- Abnormal hemoglobin causes red blood cells to become stiff and sickle-shaped.
- Sickle cells block blood flow, leading to pain, fatigue, and organ damage.
- Treatments aim to manage symptoms and prevent complications.
- Bone marrow transplant is the only cure for SCD as of now.

National Good Samaritan Day

- National Good Samaritan Day is celebrated on March 13th each year.
- It's a day to recognize people who help others in need, without expecting anything in return.
- The day is named after the parable of the Good Samaritan in the Bible, which tells the story of a traveler who helps a wounded stranger.
- The day was first recognized by the United States White House in 1996 in honour of the life of sports journalist and humanitarian Chad Powellin.

Key points:

- Promotes kindness and charity: It encourages people to be more helpful and compassionate towards others.
- Honors selfless acts: Recognizes those who go out of their way to assist strangers.

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All schools told to register for 25% RTE quota admissions

- 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.**
- This **initiative ensures free education for eligible students** from disadvantaged backgrounds in private schools, from **entry level up to grade eight.**

80 villages, towns in MH named after Muslim kings; 32 after Aurangzeb

- Around **80 villages and towns in Maharashtra** bear the names of **Muslim rulers who governed parts of the state.**
- 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).

About:

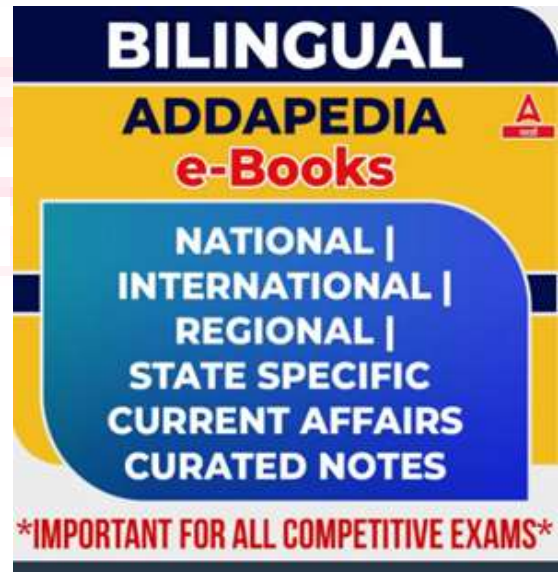
- These names reflect the long and complex history of MH. where Muslim rule left a lasting imprint.
- The naming styles are often combinations, with some places named directly after rulers (Aurangabad) and others incorporating the ruler's name with a descriptive term (Shahjahanpur Chakla).

“Now”: The energy chatbot to assist MSEDCL consumers

- **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.
- This chatbot **leverages artificial intelligence to provide real-time support and address consumer queries efficiently.**

Key functionalities of Now:

- 24/7 Accessibility
- Multilingual Support
- Simplified Bill Management
- Prompt Outage Reporting
- Informative Q&A Support



World Consumer Rights Day

- 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.**

World Kidney Day 2024

- 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.

Transgender cell made mandatory in colleges, to ensure inclusivity, prevent bias

- The **Maharashtra government's 2024 guidelines** mandate the creation of transgender cells in all colleges.
- This aims to **foster a more inclusive learning environment and prevent discrimination against transgender students.**
- **University-level cells will provide a comprehensive approach,** with dedicated coordinators offering counselling, career guidance, and academic support.

- **College-level cells will act as watchdogs,** ensuring a prejudice-free atmosphere and addressing issues like mental harassment.

Country's first LNG buses roll in Mumbai

- The **Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation (MSRTC)** is introducing **Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) buses in Mumbai.**

This initiative aims to achieve a two-fold benefit:

1. Reduced Carbon Emissions:

- LNG burns cleaner than diesel, leading to a projected 10% decrease in CO2 emissions.
- This helps combat air pollution and contributes to a greener Mumbai.

2. Cost Savings:

- MSRTC expects significant fuel cost savings by switching to LNG.
- They project an annual saving of Rs 235 crore by converting their fleet of 5,000 buses from diesel to LNG.

Air India building transferred to Maharashtra Govt.

- The **Indian government transferred ownership of the iconic Air India building in Mumbai to the Maharashtra state government.**
- The deal involved a **payment of ₹1,601 crore by Maharashtra and waived dues of ₹298.42 crore owed by Air India Assets Holding Company Ltd (AIAHL).**
- This decision marks the **culmination of a long process and benefits both parties.**
- Maharashtra acquires a prime property near the state secretariat, while the central government clears dues and sheds a non-core asset.

About:

- Air India's roots trace back to **1932**, when it was **founded as Tata Airlines by JRD Tata,** making it
- It began with a **single-engine aircraft carrying airmail.**
- After **World War II**, it became a public company and was renamed **Air India.**

World Sleep Day

- World Sleep Day is observed on the Friday before the March equinox (This year it is 15th March)
- It is a global event raising awareness about the importance of sleep.

Key Points:

- It is organized by the World Sleep Day Committee of the World Sleep Society, formerly World Association of Sleep Medicine (WASM)
- The first World Sleep Day was held on 14 March 2008.

Theme:

- The theme for this World Sleep Day is "Sleep Equity for Global Health"
- The day promotes the benefits of adequate sleep and the negative consequences of sleep disorders.
- It aims to educate people about sleep medicine, prevention, and management of sleep problems.

About:

- The March equinox or northward equinox is the equinox on the Earth when the subsolar point appears to leave the Southern Hemisphere and cross the celestial equator, heading northward as seen from Earth.
- The March equinox is known as the vernal equinox (spring equinox) in the Northern Hemisphere and as the autumnal equinox (autumn equinox) or fall equinox in the Southern Hemisphere.

National Vaccination Day

- On 16 March 1995, the government of India started the pulse polio Immunization Programme as the first attempt of eradicating the disease from the country.
- Since then, March 16 has been celebrated as National Vaccination Day.

About:

- National Vaccination Day aims to raise awareness about the importance of vaccines.
- It recognizes the life-saving benefits of vaccination in preventing serious diseases.
- This day encourages people to get vaccinated and stay up-to-date on their immunizations.

Key Points:

- The vaccination campaign, "Do Boond Zindagi Ki," has targeted children between the ages of 0 and 5, and two drops of the vaccine orally are administered at public health centers.

Theme:

- The theme for National Vaccination Day 2024 is "Vaccines Work For All"

Maharashtra cabinet approves renaming of Ahmednagar to Ahilyanagar

- The Maharashtra cabinet has approved the renaming of Ahmednagar city and district to Ahilyanagar.
- This decision honors Ahilyabai Holkar, a revered 18th-century Maratha queen known for her strong leadership and progressive policies.
- This renaming reflects a trend in the state towards reevaluating cultural ties and celebrating historical figures.
- The move aligns with previous initiatives to rename cities and landmarks.

Maharashtra Cabinet Approves Renaming Of 8 Mumbai Railway Stations

- The Maharashtra cabinet decided to rename eight railway stations in Mumbai that have names from the British colonial era.
- This aims to reflect Indian history and culture.
- These Railway stations include:
 1. Currey Road becomes Lalbaug
 2. Sandhurst Road becomes Dongri
 3. Marine Lines becomes Mumbadevi
 4. Charni Road becomes Girgaon
 5. Cotton Green becomes Kalachowki
 6. Dockyard Road becomes Mazgaon
 7. King Circle becomes Tirthakar Parshivnath
 8. Mumbai Central Station to Nana Jagannath Shankarsheth Station,

Note:

Changing name of Mumbai Central Station to Nana Jagannath Shankarsheth Station, requires approval from the Railways Ministry.

Maharashtra to borrow over Rs 17,000 crore

- The Maharashtra state cabinet has approved borrowing Rs 17,000 crore to

strengthen the network of agricultural solar pumps across the state.

- This **initiative aims to improve irrigation** and reduce dependence on grid-supplied electricity for farmers.
- **Funds will come from two institutions:**
- **Asian Development Bank (ADB) - Rs 8,109 crore**
- **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) - Rs 9,020 crore**
- **The project aims to:**
 - Distribute solar powered agricultural pumps
 - Solarize agricultural power lines

Airports Council International Names Mumbai Airport Best in Asia Pacific Region

- **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) in Mumbai** has been recognized as the best airport in the Asia-Pacific region for handling over 40 million passengers annually.
- This **prestigious title, awarded by the Airports Council International (ACI), marks CSMIA's seventh consecutive year** receiving this recognition.
- **Passenger feedback through the ACI's Airport Service Quality (ASQ) program** determines the winner.
- This **award highlights CSMIA's commitment** to providing exceptional customer experiences and its dedication to continuous improvement.
- **Catalysis:** Exhibit remarkable catalytic activity in various chemical transformations.
- **Electronics:** Used in nanoelectronic devices, conductive inks, and sensors.
- **Environmental Remediation:** Employed in detecting and removing pollutants from water and soil.

Nyepi day

- Nyepi Day is also known as **Bali's Day of Silence.**
- It marks the **Hindu New Year according to the Balinese calendar.**
- The majority of Bali's population follows Hinduism.


Significance

- Nyepi Day is a holy day aimed at purifying the island from the previous year's negativity.

- It sets the tone for a positive and prosperous new year.

Observance

- Nyepi is observed with **silence, fasting, and meditation.**
- All lights and sounds are turned off, and all activities cease.
- The day is spent in silence, self-reflection, and meditation.
- Traffic comes to a halt, and the island appears deserted.



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