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Maharashtra State Specific News

International Day of Mine Awareness



Context:

- The **International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action** is **observed annually on April 4th**.
- It's a day to raise awareness about the dangers of **landmines and other explosive remnants of war (ERW)** on civilians, particularly in conflict zones.

About:

- On **8 December 2005**, the **General Assembly** declared that **4 April** of each year shall be observed as the **International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action**.

Theme:

- The theme for **International Day for Mine Awareness & Assistance in Mine Action 2024** is **'Protecting Lives, Building Peace.'**
- It focuses on the needs and rights of people with **disabilities in areas affected by conflict**.
- The **United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS)** is **highlighting the importance of including people with disabilities in mine action efforts** and ensuring their safety and access to assistance.

Crisis in state as dam water levels down to 37.52%

About:

- **Water levels** in the MH state's dams have **plunged to a critical level of 37.52%**, raising serious concerns about water scarcity.
- This situation is likely to have a significant impact on various sectors, including agriculture, industry, and households.
- **Impact on Agriculture:** Agriculture is the backbone of many states in India, and irrigation plays a vital role in ensuring crop yields. With depleted dam water, farmers may be forced to reduce cultivation or switch to crops that require less water. This could lead to a decline in agricultural output and potentially impact food security.
- **Impact on Industry:** Industries also rely on water for various processes.
- A water shortage could force industries to cut back on production or even shut down operations entirely. This could have a negative impact on the state's economy and lead to job losses.
- **Impact on Households:** Water scarcity can also severely impact households. With limited water availability, people may face challenges in meeting their daily needs for drinking, cooking, and sanitation. This could lead to health problems and a decline in the quality of life.



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**Indian Navy Brings 9 Pirates Caught Off Somalia to Mumbai During Anti-Piracy Operations**

**Context:**

- In a **successful anti-piracy operation**, the Indian Navy apprehended nine pirates off the coast of Somalia in late March.
- The pirates had hijacked an Iranian fishing vessel with Pakistani crew.

**About:**

- Following a 12-hour operation, the Indian Navy rescued the crew and captured the pirates.
- The pirates were brought to Mumbai and handed over to the Mumbai Police.
- The arrested individuals now face **legal action under the Maritime Anti-Piracy Act of 2022**.
- This incident highlights the Indian Navy's commitment to protecting seafarers in the Indian Ocean Region.

**e-Mulakat brings ease of visitation across MH state prisons**

**Context:**

- Maharashtra Prison Department data shows that altogether 21,963 of the total 1,38,672, which is around 16 per cent of the total meetings of inmates with their families and lawyers, have happened over the video conferencing system through e-Mulakat system.
- Since January this year, the system became fully functional across 60 prisons in Maharashtra.

**About:**

- The e-Mulakat platform is part of the e-prisons system under the Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) launched by the Union government in 2022
- The ICJS comprises a dedicated and secure cloud-based infrastructure operated by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) and National Informatics Centre (NIC).



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### Independent Artist Day

#### Context:

- Independent Artist Day is celebrated annually on April 3rd.
- It recognizes the contributions of artists who create and share their work outside the constraints of mainstream galleries, labels, or publishers.

#### About:

- It was established by the online art platform Minted in 2022.
- They announced the day to mark their 15th-anniversary celebration.
- This day highlights the unique voice and vision independent artists bring to the world.
- It's a chance to appreciate their creativity and support them directly.

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