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Maharashtra State Specific News

Dand patta



Why in news?

- The 'dand patta' or gauntlet sword, reportedly used by **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj** and other Maratha warriors, has been **declared as the state weapon of Maharashtra**.
- The announcement was made by Chief Minister at a function in the **Shivneri fort**.

About Dand patta:

- The 'dand patta' is a gauntlet that includes a **90-centimetre sharp blade attached to a glove-like metal extension** designed to fit the knuckles and back of the hand.
- Over the centuries, the 'dand patta' became a legendary weapon associated with the bravery and **martial traditions of Maratha warriors**.

'Mangrove Clean-Up drive' on Sarsole Jetty along Navi Mumbai

Why in news?

- The **Environment Life Foundation (ELF)** started its '**Mangrove Clean-Up drive**' on Sarsole Jetty along Navi Mumbai.
- **ELF**, in **coordination with the Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation (NMMC)** and the **forest department**, has collected about 450 tons of trash accumulated around mangroves from Nerul to Panvel.

About Mangroves:

- Mangroves are unique ecosystems that thrive in **coastal intertidal zones**.
- Mangroves are **salt-tolerant forest ecosystems found along coastlines, river mouths, and estuaries**.
- They are **prevalent in tropical and subtropical regions**.
- Mangrove trees have adapted to their saline environments with **specialized root systems**, such as **prop roots or pneumatophores**, which **help in stabilization and oxygen intake**.



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<p>India Meteorological Department (IMD)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The India Meteorological Department (IMD) issued a heatwave alert.• The alert is for eight districts in Maharashtra: Mumbai, Thane, Raigad, Palghar, Nashik, Jalgaon, Dhule, and Nandurbar.• Malegaon has been the hottest zone in Maharashtra so far, with a temperature of 43°C. <p>About India Meteorological Department (IMD):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The IMD was established in 1875 under the British Raj and is one of the oldest meteorological organizations in the world.• Its primary function is to provide meteorological observations, weather forecasts, and seismology reports. It is an agency of the Ministry of Earth Sciences of the Government of India.• The headquarters of IMD is located in New Delhi, India.
<p>Professor Shireesh Kedare</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professor Shireesh Kedare was appointed as the director of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay.• He is an Institute Chair Professor from the Energy Science and Engineering department of IIT Bombay.



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BMC to double property tax for shops without Marathi signboard

Why in news?

- The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) is planning to double the property tax for shops and establishments that have not set up signboards in the Marathi language, effective from May 1.
- The BMC will cancel the license of the illuminated (glow sign) boards that have not adhered to the Devnagri script, effective immediately.

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