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Maharashtra State Specific News

Ellora Ajanta International Festival 2024	 Why in news: The Ellora Ajanta International Festival 2024 is a significant event spanning over 3 days. The festival is organized by the District Collector-Chatrapati Sambhaji Nagar, in association with the Directorate of Tourism, Government of Maharashtra. The event celebrates the art, architecture, and culture of the region. A special focus of the festival is on the iconic Ellora and Ajanta Caves, which are recognized as UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The festival aims to promote local tourism through the celebration of these cultural landmarks.
India's first Dark Sky Park	 Why in news: Maharashtra's Pench Tiger Reserve has made history by becoming India's first Dark Sky Park. It has secured the fifth position in Asia. The International Union for Conservation of Nature recognizes the night sky as a vital natural, cultural, and historical resource. The establishment of 'Dark Sky Parks' is actively promoted by the International Astronomical Union.
Apart from citizens residing in India, NRIs also have the provision to cast their votes. Prior to 2010, NRIs were not permitted to participate in elections, but an amendment to the Representation of People Act in 2010 granted them this right Total Female Male "Where the total exceeds the sum of male and female voters, transgender voters are present 7,065 7,033 2,217 1,492 5,539 2,845 871 525 2,151 2,153 386 1,128 386 1,215 331 1,202 397 344 523 Kerala Maha AP K'taka Punjab Guj Hry	 Why in news: Maharashtra ranks second in terms of overseas voters. However, Kerala is far ahead of all other states, including Maharashtra, in this regard. Key points: The right to vote for Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) and Indian citizens was granted through a pre-2010 amendment. Overseas electors can enroll in constituencies that match their Indian residential address specified in their passports. Any changes in their overseas residential address, including those due to employment or education alterations, must be updated with the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO).



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Atpadi Conservation Reserve	Why in news:
	 A new reserve has been established that links the Maini Conservation Area with the Maldhok Bird Sanctuary. The Atpadi Conservation Reserve has been set up to safeguard the habitat of various wildlife species including wolves, deer, foxes, and civets. The reserve is located in the Atpadi region of Sangli district.
BP Technical Solutions India	 Why in news? British Petroleum (BP) has announced the establishment of BP Technical Solutions India (BP TSI) in Pune, Maharashtra. The aim of this initiative is to enhance BP's global technical and engineering capabilities. The BP-owned center will provide high-quality services to both hydrocarbons and new energy businesses worldwide. The center is expected to open in Q2 2024. Molyama Kromah has been appointed as the Head of BP Technical Solutions India.

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