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<p>Article 39 (b) of the Indian Constitution</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Solicitor General, representing the Union and Maharashtra governments, stated in the Supreme Court that the application of Article 39 (b) mandates state policies to aim for an egalitarian society by distributing material resources of the community to subserve common good.• It was limited by the laws framed by Parliament and assemblies to enact appropriate legislation to achieve the goal.• The term 'community', used in Article 39 (b), must be understood not in the colloquial way but in its wider sense of society in general. <p>About Article 39 (b):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Article 39(b) of the Indian Constitution is part of the Directive Principles of State Policy, which guides the State in formulating policies and laws.• Article 39(b) mandates that the State should ensure that the ownership and control over the community's material resources are distributed in a manner that best serves the common good.
<p>Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY)</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mangroves in Thane district, Maharashtra, are being cleared for the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PM Awaas scheme).• Activists have raised an alarm over this issue, as mangroves play a crucial role in maintaining the ecological balance. <p>About PMAY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The main goal of PMAY is to provide affordable housing to the urban poor and economically weaker sections.• Target Group: The scheme targets the economically weaker sections (EWS), low-income groups (LIG), and middle-income groups (MIG) of the society. It also specifically targets women, Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), and other backward classes.• PMAY includes four major components:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ In-situ Slum Redevelopment using land as a resource with private sector participation.○ Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS) for EWS, LIG, and MIG categories.○ Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP) with public and private sectors.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Subsidy for Beneficiary-led Individual House Construction/Enhancement. <p>Think: Read about Mangroves.</p>
Maharashtra Rural Connectivity Improvement Project	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The Indian government and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a 300-million-dollar loan on September 8, 2021.● The loan agreement was signed as additional financing to scale up the improvement of rural connectivity in Maharashtra. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The additional financing for the “Maharashtra Rural Connectivity Improvement Project” will help in improving an additional 1,100 rural roads and 230 bridges.● Under the project, a gender action plan has been prepared to focus on capacity development of women workers so that they can benefit from semi-skilled and unskilled labour opportunities.
Atmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY)	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Atmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY) was introduced during the COVID-19 pandemic with the aim of generating jobs.● The scheme had a target of spending Rs 22810 crores till March 31, 2024.● Maharashtra has the highest number of beneficiaries under this scheme, making it the top state.● Following Maharashtra, Gujarat and Karnataka are the states with the next highest number of beneficiaries.
Mission Vatsalya	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The Maharashtra government has launched a special initiative named “Mission Vatsalya”.● Mission Vatsalya is designed to provide a range of services and approximately 18 benefits under a single platform. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The mission has been specifically designed for widows, with a particular emphasis on those from rural areas, poor backgrounds, and deprived sections.● Schemes such as the Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Yojana and Gharkul Yojana will be included in this mission to benefit these women.● This mission is being implemented by the women and child development (WCD) Department.



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