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Maharashtra State Specific News

<p>Operation Monday Hold</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A big customs operation was launched at Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority.• 122 shipping containers were seized in this operation.• These containers are suspected to have contraband from China.• The contraband includes banned Chinese fireworks, electronic items, microchips, and more.• The operation is referred to as the 'Monday Hold' operation.• The operation was carried out by the Custom Central Intelligence Unit (CIU) of Jawaharlal Nehru Custom House (JNCH).
<p>Ujani Dam</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water has been released from the Ujani Dam into the Bhima river at a capacity of 1500 cusecs to help alleviate the severe water shortage in Solapur. <p>About Ujani Dam:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Location: Ujani Dam is located on the Bhima River in Madha taluka of Solapur district in Maharashtra.• Purpose: The dam primarily serves purposes of irrigation, hydroelectric power generation, and water supply.• Reservoir: The dam creates a large reservoir, also known as Bhima Reservoir or Ujani Lake.• Capacity: The reservoir has a total storage capacity of about 117 TMC (Thousand Million Cubic Feet).• Area Served: Ujani Dam provides irrigation facilities to the Solapur, Pune, and Ahmednagar districts.



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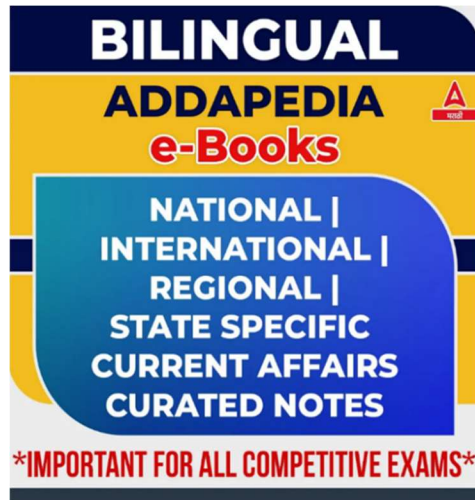
The Maternity Benefit Act 1961

Why in news?

- The **Bombay High Court** recently made a significant **ruling in favor of maternity benefits**.
- The **court upheld the right of a woman to receive maternity benefits for her third child**, setting aside the Airports Authority of India's (AAI) denial of these benefits.

About the Maternity Benefit Act:

- The Maternity Benefit Act is designed to **protect the employment of women during the time of her maternity** and **entitles her to a 'maternity benefit'** – which is **fully paid absence from work** – to take care for her child.
- **Eligibility:** The Act **applies to all women employed**, in factories, mines, plantations, shops and **establishments employing 10 or more employees**.
- **Duration of Benefit:** Eligible women are entitled to **maternity leave of 26 weeks**. This can be **availed 8 weeks before the expected date of delivery** and the remaining post childbirth. For **women with two or more children**, the duration of **maternity leave is 12 weeks**.
- **Payment:** The **maternity benefit is payable at the rate of the woman's daily wage** for the period of her actual absence.
- **No Dismissal:** The Act prohibits the dismissal or discharge of a woman during her maternity leave.
- **Creche Facility:** **Establishments employing 50 or more employees must provide creche facilities for children aged six months to six years**.
- **Work from Home Option:** Post maternity leave, depending on the nature of work, a woman may be able to work from home if the employer and the woman mutually agree.





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<p>Renaming of district or city names</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Bombay High Court upheld the Maharashtra government's notifications about renaming Aurangabad and its revenue areas as Chatrapati Sambhajnagar and Osmanabad was renamed as Dharashiv.• The Bench stated that the government's notifications for the name changes were not in violation of the constitution. <p>About renaming of district or city names:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• At the State Level:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The process begins with a resolution proposed by any Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) that suggests the renaming of a particular district or city.○ Following this, the resolution is put to vote. If it garners a majority of votes, it is deemed to have been passed.• At the Central Level:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The central government receives the proposals from the state and they will be scrutinized by the central Home Ministry based on the existing guidelines in consultations with the agencies concerned.○ The Ministry approves the proposal after taking no objections from the Department of Posts and Survey of India and the Ministry of Railways, which confirms that there is no such village, town, or city in their records with a name similar to the proposed one.○ Then an executive order is passed on the renaming of cities.
<p>Switch EiV 22</p>	<p>Why in news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Switch Mobility Ltd has unveiled and launched India's first Double-decker Electric Bus, named Switch EiV 22, in Mumbai. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The bus has been designed with a new-age low-floor design, accommodating a higher number of passengers while keeping the overall footprint on the floor.• The double-decker bus is based on the iconic double-decker BEST buses from Mumbai.• The bus has been developed by Switch Mobility, a subsidiary of Ashok Leyland.

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