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### Maharashtra State Specific News

Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)

#### Why in the news?

- The **Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)** in **Mumbai** is taking steps to **curb the illegal trading of endangered species of wildlife fauna and flora on social media platforms.**
- The **Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)** has already recognised the connection between **illegal wildlife trade and the internet.**

#### About CITES:

- CITES is an **international agreement** between governments aimed at **ensuring that international trade in specimens of wild animals and plants** does not threaten their survival.
- **The convention has three appendices**, each providing a different level of protection:
  - **Appendix I:** Species threatened with extinction. Trade in specimens of these species is permitted only in exceptional circumstances.
  - **Appendix II:** Species not necessarily threatened with extinction, but trade must be controlled to avoid utilization incompatible with their survival.
  - **Appendix III:** Species that are protected in at least one country, which has asked other CITES Parties for assistance in controlling trade.
- CITES is administered through a **Secretariat**, which is based in **Geneva, Switzerland.**



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<p><b>Green Budget book</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The <b>Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC)</b> has published its <b>first-ever Climate Budget Report</b>, also known as the <b>Green Budget book</b>, for the <b>financial year 2024-25</b>.</li><li>• This is a significant step as <b>Mumbai becomes the fourth city globally, after Oslo, London, and New York, to launch a climate budget.</b></li></ul> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The budget <b>aims to strengthen the governance system to deal with the challenges of climate change in Mumbai.</b></li><li>• The BMC is also <b>updating Mumbai's greenhouse gas emissions inventory</b> as per its commitments in the <b>Mumbai Climate Action Plan (MCAP).</b></li><li>• This initiative by the BMC is a significant step towards <b>tackling climate change and its impacts on the city.</b></li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Targets:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Net-Zero Emissions:</b> Aim to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by <b>2050</b>.</li><li>○ <b>Renewable Energy:</b> Increase the share of renewable energy in the city's energy mix.</li><li>○ <b>Public Transport Usage:</b> Boost public transport usage to reduce reliance on private vehicles.</li><li>○ <b>Green Cover:</b> Increase the city's green cover significantly to improve air quality and urban biodiversity.</li></ul></li></ul>
<p>Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalay (KGBV)</p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The <b>Maharashtra Primary Education Council (MPSP)</b> has proposed the closure of <b>43 government-run 'Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalay' (KGBV) girls' schools</b>.</li></ul> <p><b>About KGBV:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● KGBV is a <b>residential school scheme</b> launched by the <b>Government of India to promote education among girls from disadvantaged backgrounds, particularly from SC, ST, OBC, and minority communities</b>.</li><li>● <b>Launch Year:</b> The scheme was launched in <b>July 2004</b>.</li><li>● <b>Objective:</b> To <b>provide quality education and residential facilities to girls in educationally backward blocks</b> where female literacy is low.</li><li>● <b>Target Group:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Girls from <b>disadvantaged sections</b> of society.</li><li>○ Girls belonging to <b>SC, ST, OBC, and minority communities</b>.</li><li>○ <b>Girls who are out of school or have dropped out</b> before completing elementary education.</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Grade Levels Covered:</b> Classes <b>6 to 12</b>.</li><li>● <b>Implementation:</b> The scheme is implemented by the <b>Ministry of Education in collaboration with state governments</b>.</li></ul>



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**Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA)**

### Why in the news?

- The **Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA)** is facing significant challenges in acquiring land for the expansion of **Metro 6** beyond the Kanjurmarg depot.

### About MMRDA:

- **Established:** 1975
- **Jurisdiction:** Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR)
- **Headquarters:** **Bandra-Kurla Complex**, Mumbai
- **Chairperson:** Chief Minister of Maharashtra
- **Objective:** To plan, promote, and implement policies and projects for the development of the Mumbai Metropolitan Region.
- **Functions:**
  - Urban planning and development
  - Infrastructure development (roads, bridges, metro, etc.)

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