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Maharashtra State Specific News

Daulatabad Fort

Why in the news?

- The **Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)** has recently denied permission for puja and rituals at the **Bharat Mata temple** within the 11th-century **Daulatabad Fort**.

About Daulatabad Fort:

- **Location:** Situated near **Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar** in **Maharashtra**.
- **Original Name:** Known as **Devagiri** or **Deogiri** before being renamed **Daulatabad**.
- **Historical Significance:**
  - Originally built in the **12th century** by the **Yadava dynasty**.
  - **Renamed and developed by Sultan Muhammad bin Tughlaq** in the **14th century** when he briefly **shifted his capital from Delhi to Daulatabad**.
- **Architecture:**
  - Contains a massive cannon called "**Mendha Toph**" or "**Ram Cannon**."
- **Structures Inside the Fort:**
  - **Chand Minar:** A 210-foot high tower **built by Ala-ud-din Bahmani**.
  - **Chini Mahal:** A palace where the last Qutb Shahi king of Golconda, Abul Hasan Tana Shah, was imprisoned by Aurangzeb.
  - **Baradari:** A grand pavilion within the fort.
  - **Elephant Tank:** A large water reservoir.
- **Significance in Indian History:**
  - **Witnessed the rule of several dynasties** including the **Yadavas**, Khilji dynasty, Tughlaqs, Bahmani Sultanate, Nizam Shahis, Mughals, and the Marathas.
  - Known for the **strategic location** and its use as a formidable **defense outpost**.



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<p>leopard disaster-prone areas</p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The <b>District Collector of Pune</b> has declared 233 highly sensitive villages in Junnar as potential <b>leopard disaster-prone areas</b>.</li><li>• These villages, located in <b>Junnar, Ambegaon, Shirur, and Khed</b> talukas, have been designated as potential <b>leopard disaster-prone areas</b> under Section (30) (2) (iii) and (iv) of the <b>Disaster Management Act, 2005</b>.</li><li>• The <b>total number of leopards</b> in Junnar, Ambegaon, Khed, and Shirur talukas is <b>estimated to be around 400 to 450</b>.</li></ul>
<p>Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Maharashtra</p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Despite facing stiff competition from other states, <b>Maharashtra has retained its top position in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows in India</b>.</li><li>• According to the <b>State Economic Survey 2023-24, Maharashtra's FDI equity inflow during</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 2023-24 was ₹1,25,101 crore</li><li>○ 2022-23 was ₹1,18,422 crore.</li></ul></li><li>• However, the <b>overall quantum of FDI inflow has declined by 15% in the state, with total inflows of ₹1 lakh crore for 2023-24, down from ₹1.18 lakh crore in the previous fiscal year</b>.</li></ul>
<p>Maharashtra's economic survey</p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Maharashtra</b> has taken the <b>lead in approved industrial projects</b> for the period between April and December 2023.</li></ul> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Maharashtra</b> recorded <b>264 approved projects</b> with a total investment of ₹59,551 crore.</li><li>• However, <b>Gujarat reported a higher investment amount</b> with 190 projects totaling ₹62,535 crore.</li><li>• <b>Maharashtra boasts the highest share of recognized startups (19%)</b> by the Government of India as of March 2024.</li><li>• The <b>estimated industrial growth rate for Maharashtra in 2023-24</b> is set to rise to <b>7.6%</b>.</li><li>• <b>Maharashtra's per capita income is expected to increase from ₹2.5 lakh to ₹2.7 lakh</b> between 2022-23 and 2023-24.</li></ul>



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