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Maharashtra State Specific News

Zika virus

Why in the news?

- The Centre has issued an **advisory to all states**, including **Maharashtra**, to **maintain vigilance due to the spread of the Zika virus**.
- As of July 2, Maharashtra has reported eight **cases of Zika**.

About Zika virus:

- **Origin and Spread:**
 - First identified in **1947** in **Uganda's Zika Forest**.
 - Primarily spread by **Aedes mosquitoes** (*Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus*).
- **Transmission:**
 - Mosquito bites.
 - Mother to fetus during pregnancy.
 - Sexual contact.
 - Blood transfusions (though rare).
- **Symptoms:**
 - Mild fever.
 - Rash.
 - Joint pain.
 - Conjunctivitis (red eyes).
 - Muscle pain and headache.
 - Symptoms typically last for 2-7 days.
- **Complications:**
 - **Microcephaly:** Birth defect where a baby's head is smaller than expected.
 - **Guillain-Barré Syndrome:** A rare neurological disorder causing muscle weakness and sometimes paralysis.



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<p>Mahasamruddhi Renewable Energy Limited (MREL)</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation, through its special purpose vehicle - Mahasamruddhi Renewable Energy Limited - plans to implement green energy by setting up solar power plants at interchanges along the Samruddhi Mahamarg. <p>About MREL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mahasamruddhi Renewable Energy Limited (MREL) is a public limited state government company incorporated in Mumbai, Maharashtra.• It was established on September 7, 2020.• MREL operates as a special purpose vehicle of the Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation (MSRDC).• Their primary goal is to implement green energy initiatives by setting up solar power plants at interchanges along the Samruddhi Mahamarg—a highway connecting Nagpur to Mumbai.• The proposed project aims to generate 150 to 200 megawatts of solar power.• This initiative is expected to significantly reduce monthly power bills for each interchange open for traffic on Samruddhi Mahamarg and contribute to the state's renewable energy.
<p>Atal Bamboo Samruddhi Yojna</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Maharashtra government in its 2024-25 budget announced Atal Bamboo Samruddhi Yojna. <p>About Atal Bamboo Samruddhi Yojna:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Objective: Combat rising temperatures due to climate change.• Inclusion in Budget: First time included in the state's annual budget for 2024-25.• Scope: Bamboos will be planted on 10,000 hectares of land across the state.• Financial Assistance: Farmers will receive Rs 7 lakh over three years for plantation and maintenance.• Funding:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 90% by the central government○ 10% by the state government○ 100% centrally funded in tribal areas



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Maharashtra Right to Public Services Act, 2015

Why in the news?

- **Maharashtra** govt to **enhance Right to Services** mechanism for **timely delivery of 662 government services** ahead of Assembly polls.
- **Pilot project in Kolhapur** to be launched.

About act:

- The **Maharashtra Right to Public Services Act, 2015** ensures that **notified services are provided to citizens in a transparent, speedy, and time-bound manner** by various government departments and public authorities within the state.
- It **applies to the entire state of Maharashtra**.
- **Eligible Persons:**
 - The act **defines an "eligible person"** as someone who is entitled to obtain a public service.
 - This includes **both individuals and legal entities**.
- **Services Covered:**
 - The act **covers various services provided by state government departments and public authorities**.
 - These services must be delivered transparently, efficiently, and within stipulated time limits.
- **Appellate Authorities:**
 - The act establishes Appellate Authorities to address grievances related to service delivery.
 - **Citizens can appeal** if services are not provided within the specified time frame.
- **Maharashtra State Commission for Right to Service:**
 - The commission **oversees the effective implementation of the act**.
 - It **ensures that eligible persons receive services** promptly and transparently.

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