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Maharashtra State Specific News

**Maharashtra
Competitive
Examination
(Prevention of Unfair
Means) Act, 2024**

Why in the news?

- **Maharashtra** tables bill to **prevent unfair means in competitive exams.**

About Maharashtra Competitive Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024:

● **Objective:**

- The **primary objective of this legislation is to enhance transparency, credibility, and fairness in the competitive examination** system.
- It **aims to address malpractices** and ensure that sincere efforts by aspirants are rewarded.

● **Provisions:**

- **Duties of Paper Setters:** The bill specifies the responsibilities of paper setters, ensuring the quality and relevance of exam questions.
- **Liability on Service Providers:** Service providers involved in conducting exams will be held accountable for any malpractices.
- **Punishment for Offences:**
 - Individuals committing offences under this act may face **imprisonment ranging from three to five years.**
 - A **fine of up to ₹10 lakh** can be imposed on offenders.
- **Stringent Measures for Organized Crimes:**
 - The bill **empowers officers** (not below the rank of deputy superintendent of police or assistant commissioner of police) **to investigate such offences.**
 - **Service providers may face fines up to ₹1 crore**, and the cost of the exam will be recovered from them.
 - The **responsible person from the service provider could be jailed for up to 10 years** and **fined not less than ₹1 crore.**




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<p>Red Sanders wood</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) has made a significant seizure at the Nhava Sheva Port in Navi Mumbai.• A group attempted to smuggle Red Sanders wood out of India by falsely labeling it as granite marble slabs. <p>About Red Sanders wood:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scientific Name: Pterocarpus santalinus• Common Names: Red Sanders, Red Sandalwood, Lal Chandan• Family: Fabaceae• Native Range: Primarily found in the southern parts of India, especially in Andhra Pradesh.• Conservation Status: Endangered (IUCN Red List)• Conservation Efforts:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Regulated under CITES Appendix II to control international trade.○ Indian government and state authorities have strict regulations and monitoring for its conservation.• Habitat: Grows in rocky and dry deciduous forests.
<p>Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Shahuwadi tahsildar has imposed Section 144 at five waterfall sites in Shahuwadi tehsil, including Manoli, Ukhalu, Pawankhind, Kerle, and Kandwan. <p>About Section 144:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Definition: Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), 1973, empowers a Magistrate to prohibit an assembly of more than four people in an area.• Purpose: The main objective of Section 144 is to prevent and address urgent cases of apprehended danger or nuisance of any kind.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Authority: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Imposed by: District Magistrate, Sub-divisional Magistrate, or any other Executive Magistrate specially empowered by the state government. ○ Jurisdiction: Can be applied within the local limits of the jurisdiction of the magistrate. ● Duration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Initially imposed for a period not exceeding two months. ○ The state government can extend it up to six months.
<p>Common leopard or spotted rustic butterfly</p> 	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Naturalists have observed an explosion in the number of common leopard or spotted rustic butterflies at the Kanakeshwar hillock in Alibaug. <p>About Spotted rustic butterfly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The common leopard (Phalanta phalantha)—also known as the spotted rustic—is a sun-loving butterfly belonging to the nymphalid or brush-footed butterfly family. ● Distribution: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The common leopard is widely distributed across Sub Saharan Africa and southern Asia, including India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and Myanmar.

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