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### Maharashtra State Specific News

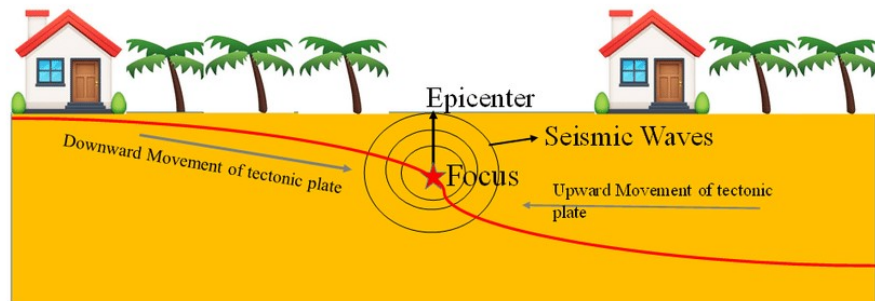
#### Earthquake

#### Why in the news?

- An **earthquake** of **magnitude 4.5** on the **Richter Scale** struck **Hingoli**, Maharashtra.

#### About Earthquake:

- **Earthquake:** A **sudden and violent shaking of the ground**, often causing great destruction, as a **result of movements within the earth's crust or volcanic action**.
- **Causes:** Most earthquakes are caused by the **sudden release of energy in the Earth's crust** due to **tectonic plate movements**. They can also be caused by **volcanic activity, landslides, or human activities like mining or reservoir-induced seismicity**.
- **Measurement:**
  - **Magnitude:** The **amount of energy** released by an earthquake, **measured using the Richter scale** or the moment magnitude scale (Mw).
  - **Intensity:** The **effects and damage** caused by an earthquake, **measured using the Modified Mercalli Intensity scale (MMI)**.
- **Key Components:**
  - **Epicenter:** The point on the Earth's surface directly above the focus (hypocenter) where the earthquake originates.
  - **Focus (Hypocenter):** The location within the Earth where the earthquake rupture starts.
  - **Seismic Waves:** Waves of energy that travel through the Earth's layers, categorized as primary (P-waves), secondary (S-waves), and surface waves (Love and Rayleigh waves).





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**Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016**

**Why in the news?**

- The **Bombay High Court** has **criticized the Maharashtra government for not filling vacancies** in the **state advisory board for policies related to disabled persons**, rendering it non-functional since 2020.
- According to the **Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016**, states must form a board with ex-officio and non-official members, including experts.

**About Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016:**

- **Purpose:** To **uphold the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities** and ensure their full and effective participation in society.
- **Key Provisions:**
  - **Definition of Disability:** Expanded to include **21 conditions**, such as autism, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, and mental illness.
  - **Reservations:** Increased **reservation in government jobs from 3% to 4%** for persons with disabilities.
  - **Education:** Ensures the **right to free education for children with disabilities aged 6 to 18 years** in an appropriate environment.
  - **Accessibility:**
    - **Public Buildings:** Mandates that all public buildings, both government and private, must be made accessible.
    - **Transport and Communication:** Ensures that transport systems, ICT, and other services are made accessible to persons with disabilities.



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### Yojana doots

### Why in the news?

- State government plans to **appoint 50,000 youths as 'Yojana doots'** ahead of assembly elections.
- **Purpose:** To **publicize government-launched schemes**, focusing on direct benefit ones from the state budget.
- **Role:** **Ensure publicity and help citizens avail benefits** of welfare schemes.

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