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### Maharashtra State Specific News

#### Wagh Nakh



#### Why in the news?

- **State government clarifies** that 'wagh nakh' from London's museum **belonged to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj**.

#### About Wagh Nakh:

- The **Wagh Nakh**, also known as the **tiger claw dagger**, is a **unique weapon originating from the Indian subcontinent**.
- **Designed to fit over the knuckles or be concealed under the palm**, it consists of four or five curved blades affixed to a crossbar or glove.
- The term "wagh nakh" itself means "**tiger's claw**" in marathi, reflecting its inspiration from the armament of big cats.
- **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj**, the first Maratha leader, famously used a bichuwa (another type of dagger) and the Wagh Nakh to **kill the Bijapur general Afzal Khan**.

#### Preventive detention

#### Why in the news?

- The **Bombay High Court** recently asked authorities to pass **preventive detention** orders with extreme care as "any casual approach may deprive citizens of a most precious fundamental **right of liberty**".

#### About Preventive detention:

- Preventive detention refers to the **act of detaining an individual to prevent them from committing a potential crime or threat to national security**.
- It is **not based on a specific offense** already committed but on the **anticipation of potential harm**.
- **Constitutional Provision:**
  - **Article 22** of the Indian Constitution provides for preventive detention.
  - It lays down the **rights of individuals who are detained under such laws**.

- **Grounds for Detention:** Preventive detention can be **invoked for reasons related to national security, public order, maintenance**



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of supplies and services essential to the community, defense, foreign affairs, and security of India.

- **Maximum Period of Detention:**
  - Initially, an individual can be detained for a maximum period of **three months without** obtaining the **opinion of an Advisory Board**.
  - This **period can be extended if the Advisory Board**, consisting of judges or persons qualified to be judges of a High Court, **reports sufficient cause for the extension**.
- **Advisory Board:**
  - The Advisory Board must consist of persons who are, or have been, or are **qualified to be appointed as judges of a High Court**.
  - **The detainee must be provided the opportunity to make a representation against the detention**.
- **Right to Representation:**
  - The **detained individual** has the **right to be informed of the grounds for detention** as soon as possible and has the **right to make a representation against the order of detention**.
- **Exceptions:**
  - The rights under **Article 22(1) and 22(2)** (to be informed of the grounds of arrest and to consult and be defended by a legal practitioner) **are not available to persons detained under preventive detention laws**.
- **Judicial Review:** Although the judiciary generally does not interfere with the subjective satisfaction of the detaining authority, it **can review whether the procedural safeguards under Article 22 have been followed and whether the detention is mala fide (in bad faith)**.

**National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)**

**Why in the news?**

- **National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) deploys 11 teams in coastal Maharashtra as IMD issues heavy rain warning.**

**About NDRF:**

- **Establishment:**
  - The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) was established in **2006**.
  - It was constituted under the **Disaster Management Act, 2005**.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Purpose:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The NDRF is <b>responsible for responding to natural and man-made disasters.</b></li><li>○ It aims to <b>provide specialized response during disasters.</b></li></ul></li><li>● <b>Structure:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The NDRF is composed of <b>12 battalions.</b></li><li>○ Each battalion is equipped with specialized equipment and trained personnel for disaster response.</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Organization:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The force <b>functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.</b></li><li>○ Each battalion consists of 1149 personnel and is capable of dealing with all types of disasters.</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Training:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Training includes specialized courses in <b>collapsed structure search and rescue, flood rescue, chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) emergencies.</b></li></ul></li><li>● <b>Operations:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The NDRF has been <b>actively involved in rescue and relief operations</b> during <b>major disasters like earthquakes, cyclones, floods, and landslides.</b></li><li>○ Notable operations include the <b>Uttarakhand floods (2013), Nepal earthquake (2015), Kerala floods (2018), and more.</b></li></ul></li></ul>
<p><b>'Bhag Machchar Bhag' campaign</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The <b>Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC)</b> launches <b>'Bhag Machchar Bhag' campaign</b> to combat <b>dengue.</b></li></ul> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Campaign Launch:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has initiated a special campaign, "Bhag Machchar Bhag," <b>to raise awareness about mosquito control measures.</b></li></ul></li><li>● <b>Disease Surge:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ There has been a <b>significant increase in mosquito-borne diseases</b> like <b>dengue, leptospirosis, and H1N1</b> in Mumbai in the first half of July 2024.</li></ul></li></ul>



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