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### Maharashtra State News

<p><b>Indian Coast Guard</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The <b>Indian Coast Guard</b> recently carried out a <b>successful rescue operation off the Alibag coast in Maharashtra.</b></li></ul> <p><b>About Indian Coast Guard:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Establishment:</b> The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) was formally established on 1 February <b>1977</b> by the <b>Coast Guard Act, 1978.</b></li><li>• <b>Motto:</b> "Vayam Rakshamah" (We Protect).</li><li>• <b>Role and Responsibilities:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Maritime Safety and Security:</b> Ensuring the safety and security of India's maritime zones.</li><li>○ <b>Search and Rescue:</b> Conducting search and rescue operations in India's maritime zones.</li><li>○ <b>Marine Environment Protection:</b> Preventing and responding to marine pollution.</li><li>○ <b>Law Enforcement:</b> Enforcing maritime laws and regulations, including anti-smuggling and anti-piracy operations.</li><li>○ <b>Aid to Mariners:</b> Providing navigational aid and assistance to mariners in distress.</li><li>○ <b>Defence Operations:</b> Assisting the Indian Navy in defence operations during hostilities.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Organizational Structure:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Headquarters:</b> New Delhi.</li><li>○ <b>Regions:</b> The ICG is divided into <b>five regions:</b> North-West, West, East, North-East, and Andaman &amp; Nicobar.</li><li>○ <b>Bases:</b> Numerous stations, air stations, and air enclaves along the Indian coastline.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Collaborations:</b> The ICG collaborates with various national and international agencies for maritime safety, security, and environmental protection, including the <b>Indian Navy, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Shipping, and International Maritime Organization (IMO).</b></li><li>• <b>Operations:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>SAR Operations:</b> Regularly conducts search and rescue operations for distressed vessels and people at sea.</li></ul></li></ul>
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- **Anti-Smuggling:** Conducts operations to prevent smuggling of goods, drugs, and other contraband.
- **Environmental Protection:** Responds to oil spills and other maritime environmental hazards.
- **Aid to Civil Authorities:** Provides assistance to civil authorities during natural disasters and other emergencies.
- **Significance:** The ICG plays a crucial role in maintaining India's maritime security, safeguarding its marine resources, and ensuring the safety of its maritime boundaries.

## Landslide

## Why in the news?

- Traffic on the **Tamhini Ghat** route between Raigad and Pune has been halted due to a **landslide**.

## About Landslide:

- Landslides are the **movement of rock, earth, or debris down a slope due to gravity**.
- **Types of Landslides:**
  - **Falls:** Sudden drop of rock or soil from a steep slope or cliff.
  - **Slides:** Movement of a mass of rock or soil along a defined surface.
  - **Flows:** Fluid-like movement of fine-grained materials, often mixed with water.
  - **Creep:** Slow, steady downward movement of soil or rock.
- **Causes:**
  - **Natural Causes:** Heavy rainfall, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, rapid snowmelt, and erosion.
  - **Human Activities:** Deforestation, mining, construction, and changes in land use.
- **Prevention and Mitigation:**
  - **Engineering Solutions:** Retaining walls, drainage control, slope reinforcement.
  - **Vegetation:** Planting trees and shrubs to stabilize slopes.
  - **Land Use Planning:** Avoiding construction in high-risk areas.
  - **Early Warning Systems:** Monitoring rainfall, slope movement, and geological conditions.

## Tamhini Ghat

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## About Tamhini Ghat:



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- **Location:** Tamhini Ghat is located in the **Sahyadri mountain range in Maharashtra, connecting the Mulshi and Tamhini regions, Pune.**
- **Climate:** The region **experiences heavy rainfall** during the monsoon season.
- **Historical Significance:** The ghat has historical importance as it was a **significant trade route during ancient times.**

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