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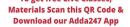
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Maharashtra State News

| Ceropegia Shivrayiana | Why in the news? A new flowering plant species from the 'Ceropegia' genus, named Ceropegia Shivrayiana, has been discovered within the Vishalgad premises in Maharashtra. About Ceropegia Shivrayiana: Species Name: A flowering plant species named in honor of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. Discovery: Found on Vishalgad, one of the renowned forts of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. Flower Characteristics: Features unique, tubular flowers adapted to attract moths for pollination. Habitat: Thrives in rocky terrains and can grow in nutrient-poor soils. Family: Belongs to the Asclepiadaceae family, known for its medicinal plants and ecological significance. |
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| Vishalgad | Why in the news? A new flowering plant species from the 'Ceropegia' genus, named Ceropegia Shivrayiana, has been discovered within the Vishalgad premises in Maharashtra. About Vishalgad: Location: Vishalgad village, Kolhapur district, Maharashtra. Alternate Names: Also known as Khelna or Khilna by the locals. Historical Significance: Built in 1058 by Shilahara king Marsinh, originally called Khilgil. The fort was under the rule of several dynasties: Seuna Yadavas of Devagiri, Allauddin Khilji, Vijayanagar Empire, and Adil Shahi. In 1659, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj captured the fort from Adil Shah and renamed it Vishalgad. |







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| | Famous Structures: Dargah: The Dargah of Hazrat Sayed Malik Rehan Meera Saheb, a popular tourist attraction. Temples: Amruteshwar Temple, Shri Nrusinha Temple, and Sati's Vrindavan are located within the fort. |
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| Har Ghar Tiranga campaign | Why in the news? Under the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign, a Tricolor rally was organized in all 227 wards of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC). The campaign, running from August 9 to 15, 2024, aims to instill a sense of national pride across the country. About Har Ghar Tiranga campaign: Objective: To encourage citizens to bring the national flag, the Tiranga, into their homes and hoist it to mark the 75th anniversary of India's independence. Launch Year: 2022 Initiated By: The Government of India under the aegis of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav initiative. Significance: Promotes a sense of patriotism and unity among the citizens. Aims to strengthen the connection of the people with the national flag. |
| Geoglyphs and Petroglyphs in Ratnagiri | Why in the news? The Maharashtra state government has notified geoglyphs and petroglyphs in Ratnagiri as 'protected monuments' under the Maharashtra Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1960. About Geoglyphs and Petroglyphs: The petroglyphs at Deud, Ratnagiri, date back to the Mesolithic era (approximately 20,000-10,000 years ago), according to a notification by the culture department. Art Forms: Geoglyphs and petroglyphs are ancient art forms involving images or designs on the earth's or rock surfaces. Petroglyphs in Konkan: Depict animals like rhino, deer, monkey, donkey, and footprints. Represent creations of Mesolithic humans. |





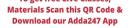


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| Umbarle village, Dapoli taluka: Seven petroglyphs |
| discovered, one of which is 17-ft long. |
| Borkhat village, Mandangad taluka: Eighth |
| petroglyph discovered. |
| llyph Clusters: |
| Spread along 900 km of the Konkan coast in |
| Maharashtra and Goa. |
| Ratnagiri district alone has over 1,500 geoglyphs |
| across 70 sites. |
| Seven sites in Ratnagiri are on UNESCO's tentative |
| World Heritage list. |
| ue Features: |
| Geoglyphs on the laterite plateaus (Sada) in Konkan |
| are unique open-air ensembles of prehistoric human |
| expression. |
| Representations include marine and riverine life, |
| mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and avian life. |
| ervation Concerns: Conservationists warn that a |
| osed oil refinery in Barsu could damage the |
| lyphs in the area. |
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