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Maharashtra State News

Purandar Figs

Why in the news?

- India's first ready-to-drink fig juice, made from GI-tagged Purandar figs, was recently exported to Poland with the facilitation of the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA).

About Purandar Figs:

- Known as one of India's finest figs, renowned for their sweet taste, size, and nutritional benefits.
- Cultivated in various villages of Purandar taluk, Pune district, Maharashtra.
- Agro-Climatic Factors:
 - Requires dry weather, hilly slopes, and well-drained medium land for cultivation.
 - Purandar has red and black soil rich in Calcium and Potassium, contributing to the fig's violet color and size.
- GI Tag: Awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) Tag in 2016.
- Features:
 - Bell-shaped and larger in size compared to other fig varieties.
 - Distinctive violet skin color.
 - Rich source of vitamins and minerals.



<p>Maharashtra Govt to Fast-Track Senior Citizens Scheme Implementation</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Maharashtra government has announced that the Chief Minister's Office will manage the CM Vayoshree Scheme, a dedicated assistance program for senior citizens. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The scheme will now be administered through district collectors and municipal commissioners.• The CM Vayoshree Scheme provides a one-time payment of Rs 3,000 to senior citizens, which will be deposited directly into their Aadhaar-linked bank accounts.• Previously, Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) were responsible for beneficiary selection, document verification, and collecting Aadhaar and bank account data.
<p>Chief Minister Vayoshree Scheme</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Maharashtra government has announced that the Chief Minister's Office will manage the CM Vayoshree Scheme, a dedicated assistance program for senior citizens. <p>About CM Vayoshree Scheme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Chief Minister Vayoshree Scheme is an initiative by the Maharashtra government aimed at supporting senior citizens aged 65 and above.• Objective: To provide financial aid and support to elderly citizens, particularly those with disabilities.



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Financial Assistance: Eligible beneficiaries receive ₹3,000 annually, directly deposited into their bank accounts. ● Eligibility Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Age: 65 years and above ○ Residency: Maharashtra ○ Family income: Below ₹2 lakh/year ● Benefits: The scheme helps senior citizens purchase necessary aids and devices to improve their quality of life. This includes items like glasses, walkers, hearing aids, and more.
Manyachiwadi, first solar village in Maharashtra		<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maharashtra inaugurated its first solar village, Manyachiwadi, with rooftop solar panels for 97 residential connections. ● The project, under PM Suryaghar Muft Bijali Yojana, offers zero electricity bills for up to 300 MW per month. ● The initiative aims to solarise 100 villages, supporting households and farmers with free power and additional income opportunities.
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electricity to households in India through the installation of rooftop solar panels.

- **Launched by the Prime Minister** on February 15, 2024, the **scheme offers a subsidy covering up to 40% of the cost of solar panels.**
- **Key Features:**
 - **Free Electricity:** Households can receive up to **300 units of electricity per month at no cost.**
 - **Subsidy:** The subsidy amount varies based on the capacity of the solar plant installed.
 - **Eligibility:** **Indian citizens owning a house with a suitable roof** and a valid electricity connection can apply.

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