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Maharashtra State Specific News

CPCB orders 45 of 105 Maharashtra sugar units shut 	**In News**: ● In a major setback to sugar barons in the state, the **Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)** has ordered closure of 45 cooperative sugar factories in Maharashtra for blatant violation of the **Environmental Protection Act.** **Key points:** ● Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB) has issued closure directions to the non-complying sugar industries under **section 5 of the Environmental Protection Act** ● It was done on account of **non-installation/non-connectivity of Online Continuous Emission/Effluent Monitoring Systems (OCEMS)** or for non-compliance with the notified standards/other shortcomings observed during inspections conducted by CPCB. **What is CEMS?** ● **Continuous emission monitoring system (CEMS)** is a real time air and water pollution monitoring system. ● It is a system that comprises **sampling, conditioning, and analytical components** and software that is designed to provide **direct, real time, continuous measurements of pollution** by analyzing representative samples of **air and water.** ● It is an important tool for **pollution monitoring, control and reporting**. ● The system ensures data accuracy, higher monitoring frequency, minimal manual intervention, firm regulatory monitoring and better transparency to strengthen the pollution control regime.

Idol of Lord Ram to be installed at Ayodhya temple	**In News:** Idol of Lord Ram to be installed at Ayodhya temple on Jan 22: Mohan Bhagwat ● RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat said that the idol of Lord Ram will be installed at the Ayodhya temple on January 22,. **Key Points:** ● He added that on that day, Indians can organize programmes at the temples across the country to celebrate. ● Bhagwat also said that the world is today looking at India to overcome its problems.
October records third-highest temperature in a decade	**Context:** ● Saturday witnessed Mumbai experiencing its highest daytime temperature of the season at 37.4 degrees, ranking as the **third-highest October daytime temperature** in the past decade ● In 2018, the highest October temperature reached 38 degrees on October 29, while in 2015, daytime temperatures reached a scorching 38.6 degrees on October 17. ● Weather officials attributed this **temperature rise to a delayed sea breeze and the influence of Cyclone Tej**, which formed in the Arabian Sea, further contributing to the delay in the onset of the sea breeze.
GRP to launch safety app for women	**In News:** ● **Government Railway Police (GRP) has tied up with a women's app called the Coto Community**, urging them to express their views on security issues and experiences within an ecosystem of fellow women travelers on the app. **Key Points:** ● Women experience incidents of chain-snatching, harassment, or eve-teasing; ● In order to provide them with a safe space and strengthen their security, the GRP will launch women's app called the **Coto Community** ● The programme, named **'Sakhi in Khaki',** aims to bring the women in the city to consider railway police women personnel as their 'sakhis' (friends) and express their safety concerns and the unpleasant experiences they face while commuting by local trains.

Parents concerned as APAAR ID consent form requires students' personal information **APAAR ID Card** **One Nation, One Student ID** brauss.in • Registration Process • Benefits • Download • ABC Card Learn all about APAAR ID Card @brauss.in	**In News:** ● Parents have raised concerns about the consent forms of the new **Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry (APAAR)** student identity system as it requests that parents grant access to students' personal information, including their name, address, age, date of birth, gender, and photograph, to educational institutions and recruitment agencies. **Key Points:** ● The state has mandated that schools seek parental consent for the **creation of APAAR IDs.** ● The unique student identity system is part of the central government's ambitious **"One National, One Student" project.** ● These IDs are designed to track students' educational progress, achievements, and personal details.