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Maharashtra State Specific News

The first edition of Mumbai Festival



Context:

- The **first edition of Mumbai Festival** will be held from **January 20 to 28, 2024**
- It will showcase the city's cultural kaleidoscope(A constantly changing pattern or sequence of elements)
- **Theme: "Everyone's United"**
- This theme will emphasize the inclusivity of Mumbai as the melting pot that welcomes and embraces everyone in the city of dreams, **Sapno Ka Gateway**.
- The festival will feature cultural and musical events, food festivals, and more.

U-19 Asia Cup



Context:

- Maharashtra's Star batsman Sachin Dhas has made up to the final list of players for U-19 Asia Cup.

Asia Cup

- This year **Dubai** will host the under-19 Asia cup Tournament
- It will start on 8th December 2023, and finals will be on 17th December 2023.
- **Uday Saharan from Punjab** will be captain of this team



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A Colombian spider named after an Indian arachnologist



Context:

- **Tenedos calebi**, an ant-eating Colombian spider is named after an Indian arachnologist T.D. John Caleb
- Dr. Caleb's contributions to the field, with a **specific focus on the taxonomy of Indian Salticidae (jumping spiders)**, have been substantial.
- Taxonomy is a scientific discipline of naming, defining and classifying groups of biological organisms based on shared characteristics

Did you Know?

- The **Swedish botanist Carl Linnaeus** is regarded as the **father of modern taxonomy**

20 New boats to boost Coastal Security

Context:

- The Konkan Coast in Maharashtra spans **720 km**, bordered by the **Western Ghats, Arabian Sea, Daman Ganga, and Gangavalli rivers**.
- With numerous beaches, this coastline is a popular retreat for Pune and Mumbai residents.
- The region boasts **53 ports**, comprising 2 Major and 51 Minor/Intermediate ports.
- Coastal security has become due importance after 26/11 attacks.

Did you know?

- **Gujarat** has the longest coastline in India, at 1,600 kilometers.
- The second longest coastline in India is 975 km long and is located in **Andhra Pradesh**.

Maharashtra to conduct caste survey

Context:

- The **Maharashtra State Backward Class Commission** will carry out a comprehensive survey of all castes in the State to **ensure fool-proof implementation of reservation to Marathas**.
- Through this survey, the social, economic and educational backwardness of all castes will be examined and recorded by the commission on a **total of 20 criteria** in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.



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Changes in Retirement Age

Context:

- As the retirement age of **central govt employees is 60** years, **MH govt.** to be on same lines announced to **increase** the retirement age for state employees from **58 to 60** years.

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