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Maharashtra State Specific News

International Mother language Day



Context:

- **International Mother Language Day (IMLD)**, annually celebrated on **February 21st**, serves as a crucial reminder of the **importance of linguistic and cultural diversity**.
- It was **initiated by Bangladesh and formally recognized by UNESCO in 1999**, aiming to:
 1. **Promote awareness:** Highlight the value of linguistic and cultural diversity for sustainable societies.
 2. **Preserve languages:** Encourage the protection and revitalization of endangered languages.
 3. **Promote multilingualism:** Advocate for using and learning multiple languages for individual and societal benefits.

Theme for 2024:

- **"Multilingual education is a pillar of intergenerational learning."**
- This theme emphasizes the role of mother tongue-based education in fostering learning, literacy, and the transmission of traditional knowledge across generations.

Did you Know?

- On **21st February 2000**, the **first International Mother language Day** was observed.

Maharashtra Water Crisis

Context:

- **Maharashtra is facing a severe water crisis**, with many **reservoirs shrinking to critical levels in February 2024**.
- This has raised concerns about water shortages for drinking, irrigation, and industrial use.

About:

- **Most of the dams in the state have reached the bottom**, with an average of **21.61 percent less water stock left than last year**.
- The state's **12 projects are currently in minus storage**, with **15 dams having barely 10 percent storage**.
- The situation in **Marathwada is alarming**. **Marathwada has only 26 percent water stock left**. Last year, it was **72 percent**.
- The storage in **138 major dams in the state has come down to 50.37 percent from 74.34 percent last year**.



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<p>Nashik stands 3rd in Maha dist good governance index</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Nashik district stood third in the recent District Good Governance Index (DGGI) of Maharashtra that encompasses 10 governance sectors with 161 indicators and over 300 data points.• It is the first time that the department of administrative reforms and organization and methods carried out such an exercise.• Maharashtra has become the fifth state in the country to implement such an exercise.
<p>MH has attracted highest FDI at 38.78 per cent of total investment in country</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maharashtra has emerged as the top recipient of foreign direct investment (FDI) in the country• The state has attracted highest FDI at Rs 65,500 crore, which accounts for 38.78 percent of total investment in country• This achievement underscores the state's robust infrastructure, favorable business environment, and strategic initiatives to attract global investors.• Maharashtra will achieve its target of one-trillion-dollar economy by 2027-28
<p>Nutrition scheme for leprosy patients in the state</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The number of new leprosy patients is increasing inspite of the efforts made by the health department to eradicate leprosy at various levels.• In the past three years, the number of leprosy patients has been continuously increasing in this research campaign and Health Minister Tanaji Sawant has decided to provide nutritional food to these leprosy patients during treatment.• Rs 500 nutritional food will be given to leprosy patients. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• According to the information available from the Department of Health (Leprosy and Tuberculosis), 14,520 leprosy patients were detected in 2021-22. In 2022-23, this increased to 19,860 leprosy patients and in the search campaign till December 2023-24, 20 thousand leprosy patients were found.• The proportion of newly diagnosed patients is 9.55 percent, 11.14 percent and 15.58 percent respectively.

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