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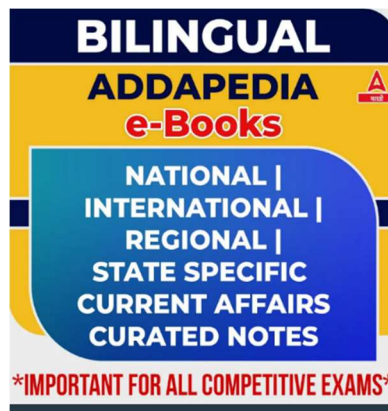


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Maharashtra State Specific News

<p>Survey to identify divyangs in 30 districts of state</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) welfare department of the state ordered a survey to identify divyangs in different districts of MH. A total of 21 disabilities have been identified based on which the population of divyangs will be recorded. While sanctioning Rs 25 lakh for the survey work, additional secretary Adhikrao Budhe has asked for accomplishing the survey work within the next two months. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The exercise will be carried out as per enabling provisions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (RPWD Act) It was passed by the Parliament in the year 2016 and implemented from 2017.
<p>MH allocates Rs 50 crore for establishment of welfare board for auto, taxi drivers</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The state government has announced the establishment of a welfare board for auto rickshaw and metered taxi drivers The state allocated Rs 50 crore for the purpose. The welfare board will have the headquarters in Mumbai. <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In addition to the establishment of a welfare board, drivers and their relatives can also avail benefits from extended schemes under the welfare board. Schemes such as health insurance, scholarships for the drivers' children, and financial insurance up to Rs 50,000 will be listed under the welfare board.





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Schools in Maha to be graded from A+ to C	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The state education department has ordered that schools in Maharashtra, like higher educational institutions, will now be given grades from A+ to C to indicate the quality of education being imparted by them.• The schools will have to display these grades and the state, too, will develop a dedicated website of aggregated data on these gradings so that the information is easily accessible to parents.• Furthermore, schools will have to be evaluated (graded) periodically based on their performance under various parameters such as basic infrastructure, teaching-learning standards, safety and security of children, and campus inclusiveness and gender equality <p>Key Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The state school education department has introduced the School Quality Assurance and Accreditation Framework (SQAAP).• This framework outlines a set of parameters for evaluating schools.• By acting as a benchmark, SQAAP helps schools identify areas of strength and weakness, ultimately guiding them towards continuous improvement.• This aligns with the National Education Policy's (NEP) emphasis on enhancing educational quality.
VU collaborates with IIT-B to set up innovation cell	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) has collaborated with the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT-B) to establish an innovation cell.• This cell will focus on fostering a culture of creativity and entrepreneurship among students and faculty at both institutions.• The innovation cell will provide resources and support for developing new ideas and bringing them to market.• It is expected to play a key role in driving technological advancements and creating new businesses.

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