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<p><b>World Water Day</b></p>  <p>World Water Day logo featuring a heart with a water drop and ripples, with text 'WORLD WATER DAY 2024' and 'WATER FOR PEACE'.</p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>World Water Day is an annual United Nations observance day held on 22 March</li><li>It highlights the importance of freshwater and advocates for the sustainable management of freshwater resources.</li></ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The first World Water Day was celebrated in 1993</li><li>The theme for the first World Water Day in 1993 was 'Water for Life.'</li></ul> <p><b>Theme 2024:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>This year's theme is "Water for Peace."</li><li>It highlights the potential of water as a resource for cooperation and stability.</li><li>By managing water resources sustainably and ensuring equitable access, we can foster peace and prosperity for all.</li></ul> <p><b>SDG:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Clean water and sanitation is SDG 5 out of 17 SDGs</li></ul>
<p><b>41% water in Maharashtra's dams</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Despite recent rains, Maharashtra's dams only hold around 41% of their total water storage capacity.</li><li>This marks a significant decline from the 56.5% capacity recorded last year at the same time.</li><li>This is a significant concern, as over 70% of the state's talukas are facing drought conditions.</li><li>The arid Marathwada region, known for its water scarcity, is particularly hard-hit, with dam water storage plummeting to 21.3% of capacity compared to 46% during the same period last year.</li></ul>



### ICMAI Sambhajinagar chapter wins award at national level



#### Context:

- The **Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI)**, local chapter, has won the award for the best chapter of the year for **2022-23**.
- This prestigious recognition was presented at the **Western India Regional Cost Conference-2024** held in **Indore, Madhya Pradesh**.
- The chapter's dedication to **servicing students, members, and the wider community for the past 35 years** in the **Marathwada and Khandesh regions** was highlighted.
- Their efforts to **promote the cost and management accountancy profession** and raise awareness about career prospects in both government and private sectors were acknowledged.

### BMC gets a new municipal commissioner

#### Context:

- **IAS Bhushan Gagrani** was appointed the **new Municipal Commissioner of Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC)**
- This appointment follows the **Election Commission of India's directive for the Maharashtra government to fill the position**.
- Gagrani, previously serving as **Additional Chief Secretary in the Chief Minister's Office**, brings experience in urban development to the role.

### Pune Auto Expo to showcase vintage vehicles used in World War II



#### Context:

- The upcoming **Pune Auto Expo**, happening **April 18th to 21st** at **Creaticity in Yerwada**, will feature a **special exhibit: vintage vehicles used in World War II**
- This **"Vintage and Classic"** pavilion promises a **unique opportunity to see these historic machines alongside other classic cars from Pune's past**.
- Motorcycles such as the **Norton 500** and **vintage editions of Volkswagen**, which played crucial roles during the **1930s-1940s war period**, will be **exhibited in Pune next month**.
- The expo will also **boast vintage cars once owned by prominent figures**.



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'Nagmoney 2024' to bring alive history through coins

Context:

- The Numismatic Research Institute (NRI) Nagpur is once again organizing a three-day 'All India Competitive Numismatic Exhibition' called 'Nagmoney 2024' at Ramgopal Maheshwari Sanskrutik Sabhagruha on Jan 26, 27, and 28.
- The Institute aims at preserving the ancient heritage, culture and history through the medium of coins to make people aware of the importance of Numismatics

Did you Know?

- Numismatics is the study of coins

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