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Maharashtra State Specific News

Maharashtra to Revise RTE Admission Rules



Context:

- The Maharashtra government has announced plans to issue a revised circular regarding the **Right to Education (RTE) Act admissions, following an interim decision by the Bombay High Court on May 6.**

Key points:

- The new guidelines will restrict the **25% reservation quota to self-financed, police welfare (unaided), and municipal corporation-run schools.**
- This decision comes after the High Court stayed a February notification exempting private unaided schools within a one-kilometer radius of government or aided schools from the RTE quota.
- In response to the High Court's stay, self-financed and unaided schools highlighted ongoing issues with delayed **reimbursements from the state, which have accumulated to over Rs 2,000 crore.**
- This financial strain has been exacerbated by the government's previous failure to pay, leading to significant operational challenges for these institutions.

Infrastructure Development Initiatives in Mumbai Metropolitan Region.



Context:

- **Maharashtra's government has enabled the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) to raise significant loans** for infrastructural development, aiming to transform Mumbai into a future-ready metropolitan.
- **The authority plans to secure up to ₹60,000 crore for various projects including metro lines, road tunnels, and solid waste management.**
- This initiative is part of a broader strategy to increase **Mumbai's GDP from \$140 billion to \$300 billion by 2030.**
- Additionally, the MMRDA's budget for 2024-25 is set at **₹39,453.04 crore, with planned expenditures of ₹46,921.29 crore, focusing on enhancing public infrastructure across the Mumbai metropolitan region.**
- These developments are expected to alleviate pressure on the real estate market and foster growth in both residential and commercial sectors



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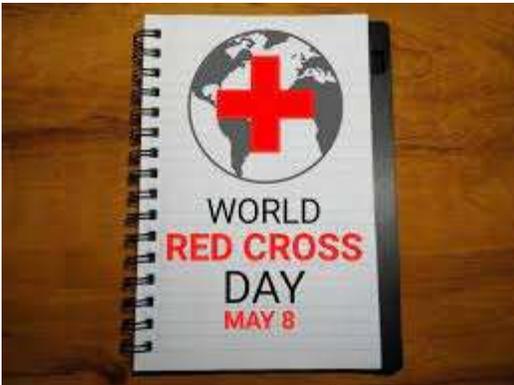
Maharashtra Election Update: Voter Turnout and Incidents



Context:

- In the latest Maharashtra elections, **Baramati reported the lowest voter turnout at 56.07%**, despite hosting a notable contest between Supriya Sule of the NCP (SP) and Sunetra Pawar of the Ajit Pawar-led NCP.
- **In contrast, Kolhapur saw the highest turnout at 68.03%**, with Shahu Maharaj Chhatrapati of Congress competing against Sanjay Mandalik of Shiv Sena.
- The third phase of polling was marked by scattered incidents of violence and alleged electoral malpractices across multiple constituencies including Hatkanangle, Osmanabad, Raigad, and Baramati.
- Significant incidents included a fatal altercation in Osmanabad and an attempt to damage an EVM in Solapur.
- These elections **involved 258 candidates across eleven constituencies in the regions of western Maharashtra, Marathwada, and Konkan.**
- The results of these polls **will notably impact the political landscape of the state, following closely watched contests in several key areas.**

World Red Cross Day: A Global Tribute to Humanitarian Efforts



Significance of World Red Cross Day

- World Red Cross Day, celebrated annually on May 8, marks the birth of Henry Dunant, founder of the Red Cross and first Nobel Peace Prize winner.
- This day honors the organization's pivotal role in global humanitarian efforts.

Historical Background

- Originating from the 1859 Battle of Solferino, the Red Cross was formalized in 1863 by Dunant.
- It focuses on non-partisan aid to the wounded in wars and conflicts and upholds the Geneva Conventions—principles ratified globally for the treatment of wartime individuals.

2024 Celebrations and Theme

- The 2024 theme, **"I give with joy, and the joy I give is a reward,"** highlights the joy of giving through service.
- Activities include blood drives, first aid sessions, and public awareness campaigns, emphasizing community and volunteerism.

Global Impact

- Today, the Red Cross operates worldwide, advocating for peace and supporting those in crisis zones, symbolizing a beacon of hope and humanity.



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