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<p><b>Wagh Nakh</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The legendary 'Wagh Nakh' or <b>tiger claw dagger of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj</b> is set to be prominently displayed in a new gallery at the <b>Satara museum</b>.</li></ul> <p><b>About Wagh Nakh:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wagh Nakh, meaning "tiger's claw" in Marathi, is a <b>weapon designed to fit over the knuckles or be held in the palm</b>, with blades resembling the claws of a tiger.</li><li>• <b>Historical Significance:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Maratha Empire:</b> Famously used by the Maratha warrior king, <b>Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj</b>, in the <b>assassination of Afzal Khan in 1659</b>.</li><li>○ <b>Symbol of Valor:</b> Represents the bravery and martial prowess of the Maratha warriors.</li></ul></li></ul>
<p><b>Swine Flu</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Swine Flu</b> Claims Ninth Life in Nashik; 31 Cases Reported Amid Monsoon Season.</li></ul> <p><b>About Swine Flu:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Swine Flu, also known as <b>H1N1 flu</b>, is a <b>respiratory disease</b> caused by the <b>influenza A virus that primarily affects pigs</b> but can be transmitted to humans.</li><li>• <b>Transmission:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Animal to Human:</b> Through contact with infected pigs or environments contaminated with the virus.</li><li>○ <b>Human to Human:</b> Via respiratory droplets from coughs and sneezes, and by touching surfaces contaminated with the virus and then touching the face.</li></ul></li></ul>
<p><b>Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs)</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A relative of Shiv Sena leader Ravindra Waikar has been <b>booked for allegedly carrying a mobile phone inside a Lok Sabha vote counting centre</b>.</li><li>• The incident has raised concerns as the <b>phone was reportedly connected to the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs)</b>.</li></ul> <p><b>About EVM:</b></p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) are <b>devices used to record votes in an electronic format</b> during elections.</li> <li>• <b>Components:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Control Unit:</b> Managed by the polling officer, it controls the polling process and stores voting data.</li> <li>○ <b>Ballot Unit:</b> Used by voters to cast their vote, connected to the control unit via a cable.</li> <li>○ <b>Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT):</b> Optional component that provides a printed record of the vote cast for verification.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Development and Implementation:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Introduced:</b> First used in <b>1982</b> in <b>Kerala</b> on a <b>trial basis</b>.</li> <li>○ <b>Full Adoption:</b> Widely adopted in Indian elections since <b>1999</b>.</li> <li>○ <b>Manufacturers:</b> Primarily produced by <b>Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)</b> and <b>Electronics Corporation of India Limited (ECIL)</b>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Conference on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Maharashtra's first conference on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)</b> set by the <b>United Nations</b> is scheduled to be held in <b>Kolhapur</b> on June 25.</li> <li>• The one-day conference <b>will see participation from various sectors</b> including <b>industrialists, developers, bar associations, doctors, teachers, and farmers' representatives</b>.</li> <li>• The conference <b>aims to discuss and navigate the implementation of the UN's 17 SDGs</b>.</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="width: 30%; text-align: center;"></div> <div style="width: 30%; text-align: center;"></div> <div style="width: 30%; text-align: center;"></div> <div style="width: 30%; text-align: center;"></div> <div style="width: 30%; text-align: center;"></div> <div style="width: 30%; text-align: center;"></div> <div style="width: 30%; text-align: center;"></div> <div style="width: 30%; text-align: center;"></div> <div style="width: 30%; text-align: center;"></div> <div style="width: 30%; text-align: center;"></div> <div style="width: 30%; text-align: center;"></div> <div style="width: 30%; text-align: center;"></div> <div style="width: 30%; text-align: center;"></div> <div style="width: 30%; text-align: center;"></div> <div style="width: 30%; text-align: center;"></div> <div style="width: 30%; text-align: center;"></div> <div style="width: 30%; text-align: center;"></div> <div style="width: 30%; text-align: center;"></div> </div>
<p><b>Sarsole mangrove forest</b></p>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In <b>Navi Mumbai</b>, a significant <b>cleanup drive</b> was organized in the <b>Sarsole mangrove forest</b> on <b>Nerul Palm Beach Road</b>.</li> </ul>



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### Key points:

- This initiative was a collaboration between the Maharashtra Forest Department, Environment Life Foundation, Beach Please, Mazi Vasundhara, and Vanashakti NGO.
- The drive is part of ongoing efforts to restore and preserve the 35-kilometre mangrove forest along the Navi Mumbai coastline.

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