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Maharashtra State Specific News

Statistical Yearbook-2023

OVER 14K TEACHING STAFF

Highest 148 nursing colleges affiliated to MUHS in the state, followed by ayurveda colleges (33), physiotherapy (80), allopathy (49) and dental (29)



FACULTY COUNT

14,295 teaching faculty in the MUHS-affiliated colleges. These include 2,520 professors, 4,407 associate professors and 7,368 assistant professors

PUNE'S AFMC SHINES

> In MBBS first-year results of winter 2022 examination, Pune's Armed Forces Medical College (AFMC) has been ranked first
> In MBBS second-year examination, Rajiv Gandhi Medical College in Thane secured the first position
> In MBBS third year, AFMC is again ranked first, while in MBBS final-year exam, Rajiv Gandhi Medical College in Thane topped the list
(Source: MUHS's 'Statistical Yearbook-2023' booklet)

Why in the news?

- According to the **Statistical Yearbook-2023** published by the **Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS)**, **Pune district boasts the highest number of health science colleges** affiliated to MUHS in the state.

Key points:

- Specifically, **Pune has 48 such colleges**, followed by **Mumbai with 38 and Nashik with 37**.
- **Gadchiroli is the only district without any health science college**.
- The **yearbook provides valuable insights into students' enrollment, exam results, and welfare schemes related to these colleges**.

Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016

Why in the news?

- The **Bombay High Court expressed displeasure** and directed the Maharashtra government to **make the state advisory board**, which is constituted to frame policies under the **Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016**.

About Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016:

- **Date of Enactment:** December 27, 2016.
- **Objective:** To **uphold the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities** and ensure their full and effective **participation and inclusion in society**.
- **Key Features:**
 - **Definition Expansion:**
 - Increased the number of **recognized disabilities from 7 to 21**, including conditions like autism spectrum disorder, cerebral palsy, and multiple sclerosis.
 - **Provision to add more disabilities** in the future as needed.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Rights and Entitlements:<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Guarantees equality and non-discrimination in education, employment, health care, and social security.■ Right to free education for children with disabilities aged 6 to 18 years.■ Reservations in higher education institutions, government jobs, and allocation of land.
Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG)	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● In a report tabled in the Maharashtra legislature, the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) criticised the state government for fiscal stress caused by a mismatch between receipts and expenditure. <p>About CAG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Constitutional Authority:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Established under Article 148 of the Constitution of India.○ Independent authority responsible for auditing government expenditure.● Appointment:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Appointed by the President of India.○ Holds office for a term of six years or until the age of 65, whichever is earlier.● Duties and Powers:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Audits all receipts and expenditure of the Government of India and the state governments.○ Audits accounts of bodies and authorities substantially financed by the government.○ Audits the accounts of government companies as per the Companies Act, 2013.○ Audits all transactions of the Union and State Governments related to debt, deposits, and remittances.○ Ensures that public funds are used efficiently and for the intended purposes.



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- **Reports:**

- **Submits audit reports to the President and Governors of states**, who then lay these reports before the Parliament and state legislatures, respectively.
- Reports include Performance Audits, Compliance Audits, and Financial Audits.

- **Independence:**

- The **CAG is not eligible for further office**, either under the Government of India or any state government, after retirement.
- The **salary and other conditions of service are determined by the Parliament and cannot be altered to the disadvantage of the CAG after appointment.**
- **Legal Provisions:** The duties and powers of the CAG are defined by the **Comptroller and Auditor-General's (Duties, Powers, and Conditions of Service) Act, 1971.**

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