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<p>Mukhyamantri Teerth Darshan Yojana</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Maharashtra government has identified 139 religious sites, under the Mukhyamantri Teerth Darshan Yojana. <p>About Mukhyamantri Teerth Darshan Yojana:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Objective: Free pilgrimages for senior citizens above 60 years.• Number of Sites: 139 religious sites identified.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ National Sites: 73 from across the country.○ Within Maharashtra: 66 sites.• Prominent National Sites:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Vaishno Devi temple○ Amarnath Caves○ Golden Temple, Amritsar○ Char Dham Yatra○ Ram Temple, Ayodhya○ Somnath Temple, Dwarka○ Jagannath Puri, Odisha• Additional Locations:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Religious places in Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Karnataka○ Significant Buddhist and Jain sites• Prominent Sites within Maharashtra:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 15 locations in Mumbai, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Siddhivinayak temple■ Chaityabhoomi (associated with B.R. Ambedkar)■ Vipassana pagoda■ A synagogue■ Mount Mary Church, Bandra■ St Andrews Church○ Jain Temple in Nashik○ Dikshabhoomi, Nagpur (where Ambedkar embraced Buddhism)• Eligibility:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Annual income up to Rs 2.5 lakh○ Entitled to Rs 30,000 for travel, accommodation, and food expenses.
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<p>'Maha Connect' Rally 2024</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The 'Maha Connect' Rally 2024, organized by the Maharashtra Naval Area of the Indian Navy's Western Naval Command. <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The rally, which aims to inspire and encourage youth to join the Indian Navy.• This initiative not only promotes the Indian Navy and its values but also fosters a sense of maritime awareness and environmental consciousness among the youth of Maharashtra, especially in the Vidarbha region.
<p>Green municipal bonds</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC) earns AA+ stable rating for green municipal bonds. <p>About Green municipal bonds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Green municipal bonds are debt securities issued by municipalities to finance projects that provide environmental benefits and promote sustainability.• Environmental Focus:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Funds are typically allocated to projects related to<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Renewable energy,■ Energy efficiency,■ Pollution prevention,■ Sustainable water,■ Wastewater management, and■ Sustainable transportation.• Financial Advantages:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Often come with tax incentives, making them attractive to investors.○ Can result in lower borrowing costs for the issuing municipality due to investor demand for sustainable investments.



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Indrayani River

Why in the news?

- The Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC) has been actively **addressing the pollution in the Indrayani River.**

About Indrayani River:

- **Location and Origin:**
 - The Indrayani River is located in **Maharashtra.**
 - It originates near **Lonavala** in the **Western Ghats.**
- **Course:** Flows through important towns such as **Dehu** and **Alandi** before joining the **Bhima River near Tulapur.**
- **Cultural and Religious Significance:**
 - Holds significant **religious importance for the followers of Saint Tukaram, a renowned Marathi saint.**
 - The **towns of Dehu and Alandi**, situated along its banks, are major pilgrimage sites.
- **Length and Tributaries:**
 - The river stretches over a length of approximately 80 kilometers.
 - Key tributaries include the **Pavana River.**
- **Environmental Issues:**
 - Faces pollution challenges due to industrial discharge, domestic sewage, and religious activities.
 - Efforts are ongoing to clean and rejuvenate the river.

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