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Maharashtra State News

Pratapgad



Why in the news?

- The Maharashtra government has recently declared Pratapgad, as a state-protected monument and site.

About Pratapgad:

- **Location:** Satara
- **Purpose:** Constructed to defend the banks of the Nira and the Koyna rivers, and to control the Par pass.
- This historic fort was built by Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in 1656.
- Notably, the Battle of Pratapgad took place here in 1659, where Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj is said to have killed Bijapur's General Afzal Khan during a historic meeting at the base of the fort.
- The area surrounding Pratapgad, covering about nine hectares, now falls under this protective category.

Daulatabad fort

Why in the news?

- Police and officials from the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) recently thwarted an attempt to construct a "Swarajya Stambh" (a commemorative pillar) on the 11th-century Daulatabad fort premises.
- The ASI denied permission for building the memorial pillar due to the fort's protected monument status.

About Daulatabad fort:

- **Location:** Daulatabad, near Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar (Aurangabad), Maharashtra.
- **Historical Significance:**
 - Originally known as Devagiri.
 - Built by the Yadava king Bhillama V in 1187.
 - Renamed Daulatabad by Sultan Muhammad bin Tughlaq in 1327.
- **Key Structures:**
 - **Chand Minar:** A 30-meter high victory tower.
 - **Baradari:** A twelve-pillared pavilion.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chini Mahal: The palace where the last Qutb Shahi king of Golconda, Abul Hasan Tana Shah, was imprisoned. ● Historical Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Muhammad bin Tughlaq famously moved his capital from Delhi to Daulatabad, leading to significant hardship. ○ The fort has changed hands multiple times, including the Bahmani Sultanate, Nizam Shahis, Mughals, and Marathas.
<p>Maharashtra Legislative Council (MLC)</p>	<p>Why in the news?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● India's President Droupadi Murmu will unveil the book titled "Necessity and Importance of Upper House" at the state legislature's Central Hall on July 29. ● This launch commemorates the 100th anniversary of the Maharashtra Legislative Council (MLC). ● The book aims to highlight the Council's significant legislative contributions and discussions spanning from 1921 to 2021. <p>About Maharashtra Legislative Council (MLC):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Type: Upper house of the bicameral legislature of Maharashtra. ● Establishment: Formed under Article 169 of the Constitution of India. ● Members: Consists of 78 members. ● Election Process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Graduate Constituencies: 7 members elected by graduates. ○ Teacher Constituencies: 7 members elected by teachers. ○ Local Authorities: 24 members elected by members of local authorities. ○ Governor's Nomination: 12 members nominated by the Governor of Maharashtra. ○ Legislative Assembly Members: 30 members elected by the members of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly. ● Term: Members serve a term of 6 years. ● Leadership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chairman: Elected by the members of the council from among themselves. ○ Deputy Chairman: Assists the Chairman and is also elected from the council members. ● Role and Functions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Legislative Functions: Reviews and suggests amendments to bills passed by the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly.



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- **Deliberative Functions:** Debates issues of public interest and state policies.
- **Financial Powers:** Can discuss the budget but cannot vote on demands for grants.
- **Control and Supervision:** Exercises control over the executive by asking questions, raising debates, and discussing policy matters.
- **Committees:** Various standing and ad-hoc committees handle detailed scrutiny of legislation and policies.
- **Significance: Acts as a revising chamber** to ensure thorough discussion and analysis of legislative proposals.

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