



## Maharashtra

<b>Capital</b>	<b>Mumbai</b>
<b>Chief Minister</b>	<b>Devendra Fadnavis</b>
<b>Governor</b>	<b>Bhagat Singh Koshyari</b>

### March

#### India's first LGBTQ clinic and HIV treatment centre inaugurated in Mumbai

- The country's first HIV treatment centre and holistic clinic for the for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) community has been inaugurated in Mumbai. A patient gets tested at India's first holistic LGBTQ clinic and community-based HIV clinic at Humsafar Trust, Santacruz, Mumbai.
- The centre will give free counselling and provide Anti-Retroviral Therapy (ART). ART is the use of HIV medicines to treat the infection, and is recommended for everyone who is infected with virus and delays the progression of the disease.

#### EC comes up with PWD app for over two lakhs Divyang voters in Maharashtra

- In Maharashtra, Election Commission has come up with a mobile application called 'PWD' for making voting easier and implement the poll body's slogan of Accessible Elections for over two lakhs Divyang voters across the state.
- The app would facilitate Divyang voters special facilities including wheelchairs, ramps and transport from home at polling booths during the Lok Sabha elections.

#### Second joint logistics node become operational in Mumbai

- The second joint logistics node of tri-services has become operational at Naval base in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- It will provide logistical support to all three defence services and improve utilisation of resources, manpower and remove duplication. The first JLN consisting of the three services was set up at Andaman and Nicobar Islands in 2018. The third logistic node is in process and is likely to come up in Guwahati, Assam and it will only be among Indian Army and Air Force.

#### Maharashtra government launched 'Atal Aahar Yojana' to provide cheap hygienic food for construction workers

- The Maharashtra government has launched the "Atal Aahar Yojana" for construction workers in the state that will provide good quality and hygienic food to construction workers at a highly subsidised rate.
- In the 1<sup>st</sup> phase, the target is to cover 20,000 workers and provide them with good quality food at a nominal cost of Rs. 5
- Under the Shramev Jayate Yojana, a pension of Rs. 3,000 is given to construction workers above the age of 60 years.

### April

#### EsselWorld Launches India's First Foreign Interactive Bird Park in Mumbai

- India's first exotic Bird Park 'EsselWorld Bird Park' was launched by EsselWorld Leisure Pvt. Ltd., the family entertainment arm of the \$6-billion Essel Group in Mumbai. It is home to over 500 exotic birds from more than 60 species of flying, terrestrial and aquatic birds and has 200 species of special plants and trees for the birds.
- The star attractions at the Bird Park are the African Grey Parrot, Blue Gold Macaw, Cockatiel, Rainbow Lorikeet, Toucan, Black Lory, Violet Turaco and many other varieties of bird. EsselWorld is the largest amusement park in the country



## May

### Mumbai most vulnerable to cyberattacks, Delhi, B'luru next

- Mumbai topped the 15-city list of the most vulnerable cities to cyberattacks in 2019, followed by Delhi, Bengaluru and Kolkata, Quick Heal Security Labs revealed.
- The 'Annual Threat Report 2019' put Maharashtra, Delhi and West Bengal as the top three states at most risk. The report compiled data from several cyberattacks that took place in 2018 on Windows and Android.

## June

### Police station in Satara tops SMART survey

- Rahimatpur police station in Satara district in western Maharashtra has emerged as the State topper in a survey based on the 'SMART' policing concept
- 'SMART' — strict and sensitive, modern and mobile, alert and accountable, reliable and responsive, techno-savvy and trained
- The Quality Council of India (QCI), which executed the survey, assessed 87 shortlisted police stations across the country on a number of parameters like performance in controlling crime, infrastructure of the police building, mess and optimal use of technology, and citizen feedback.

## July

### Maharashtra ranks first in NITI Aayog's ease of doing farm business

- Maharashtra achieved first rank in NITI Aayog launched "Agricultural Marketing and Farmer Friendly Reforms Index (AMFFRI), which ranks states based on the degree of reforms they have undertaken in agricultural marketing.
- Gujarat ranks second with a score of 71.5 out of 100, closely followed by Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh.
- NITI Aayog launched in 2016 an index to rank States and UTs based on implementation of seven provisions proposed under model APMC Act like joining e-NAM initiative, special treatment to fruits and vegetables for marketing and level of taxes in mandis.

### Maharashtra raises aid for martyrs' kin to ₹1 crore from ₹25 lakh

- The Maharashtra Cabinet approved a four-fold increase in the financial assistance given to families of martyred and disabled soldiers hailing from the state.
- Kin of martyred soldiers will now get ₹1 crore as opposed to the current ₹25 lakh. The government will provide ₹60 lakh to soldiers left 51-100% disabled, instead of the current ₹15 lakh.

### Maharashtra police to launch high-tech biometric scanning system

- Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has launched the Automated Multi-modal Biometric Identification System (AMBIS) which is a special digitized policing system to identify and track down criminals.
- Under AMBIS, a digital database of criminals consisting of their fingerprints, irises, palms and facial features will be prepared, which will help to track a criminal having a single criminal record.
- The system is said to be first-of-its-kind in the country and Maharashtra.

## August

### Maharashtra government decides to waive off exam fees

- Maharashtra Government has decided to waive off the entire exam fees, including practical exam for class ten and twelve students hailing from drought-affected districts of the state.
- Maharashtra's education minister Mr. Ashish Shelar informed that the amount of the entire fee will be credited back into the bank accounts of students or their guardians.

### World's first hyperloop transportation system to come up at Maharashtra



- The Government of Maharashtra – one of the first proponents of hyperloop technology in the world – has deemed hyperloop a public infrastructure project, setting it up to be the first passenger hyperloop project in the world.
- The Maha IDEA Committee has also approved Virgin Hyperloop One-DP World (VHO-DPW) Consortium as the Original Project Proponent (OPP). This is a landmark announcement for building the Pune-Mumbai hyperloop transportation system, recognising hyperloop technology alongside other more traditional forms of mass transit.
- The hyperloop project will link central Pune to Mumbai in under 35 minutes, as opposed to the current three-and-a-half hours by road.
- The project will generate hundreds of thousands of new high tech jobs, bringing over \$36 billion in wider socio-economic benefits, and creating new hyperloop component and manufacturing opportunities for Maharashtra to export to India and the rest of the world.

### **Super 50: an initiative for tribal students to fulfil dreams**

- Maharashtra's Tribal Development Department in association with the Pace Educational Trust launched an academic programme for young tribal students aspiring to be doctors and engineers.
- State launches a residential programme for smart, young minds to prepare them for engineering and medical exams.