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## PM Condoles the Passing of Pramila Tai Medhe

### Why in News?

PM Narendra Modi expressed deep sorrow over the passing of **Smt. Pramila Tai Medhe**, the former **Pramukh Sanchalika** of **Rashtra Sevika Samiti**, at the age of 97.

- She was remembered for her lifelong dedication to social service, women's empowerment, and the growth of the Samiti.

### Key Facts About Pramila Tai Medhe

- Birth and Death:**
  - Birth:** 8th June 1929 (Nandurbar, Maharashtra)
  - Death:** 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025 (Nagpur)
- Pramila Tai Medhe** was a **Sevika** from childhood and served as the **Pramukh Sanchalika** of the **Rashtra Sevika Samiti** from 2006 to 2012.
  - She dedicated her life to the development of the Samiti, which is focused on empowering women through social reform and leadership training.
- She was known for her **selfless service** and was a pivotal figure in expanding the **Rashtra Sevika Samiti's** reach, both within India and internationally.
  - Her efforts led her to travel to countries like **England, America, Canada, and Sri Lanka** for Samiti work, earning recognition, including **Honorary Citizenship** from the **Mayor of New Jersey**.
- Pramila Tai's legacy includes her significant role in the **Bharat Parikrama**, where she traveled **28,000 km** across **32 states**, completing her resolve of visiting 107 places in **266 days**.
  - She remained deeply committed to the **Rashtra Sevika Samiti's** mission throughout her life.

### Key Facts About Rashtra Sevika Samiti

- Foundation:**
  - Year:** 1936, Vijayadashami (Dussehra)
  - Founder:** Late Mrs. Lakshmibai Kelkar (Mausiji)

- Headquarters:** Nagpur, India
- Objective:** To build a strong, radiant nation through the empowerment of women.
- Slogan:** "Women are the foundation of the nation."

### Key Activities:

- Daily and Weekly Shakhas (Meetings):** Focus on physical fitness, intellectual development, and morale-boosting activities for women.
- Health and Social Welfare Projects:** Initiatives such as health camps, hostels, women's self-help groups, and educational programs.
- National Movements Participation:** Active involvement in movements like **Quit India**, **Ram Janmabhoomi**, and **Jammu Kashmir Save Campaign**.

- Core Principle:** The Samiti believes in the upliftment and empowerment of women to contribute towards nation-building and preserving cultural heritage.

### Three Foundational Ideals:

- Matrutva (Universal Motherhood)
- Kartrutva (Efficiency and Social Activism)
- Netrutva (Leadership)

- Organizational Motto:** "Build the individual, build the nation"

## Maharashtra Startup, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation Policy 2025

### Why in News?

The Maharashtra state cabinet has approved the **Maharashtra Startup, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation Policy 2025**, aimed at fostering innovation and entrepreneurship across the state.

### Key Points

- About:** The policy focuses on creating **1.25 lakh entrepreneurs** and **50,000 startups** over the next five years.

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- ✦ Maharashtra is already leading the country with **29,146 startups** (18% of India's total), and seeks to build an even more robust ecosystem for innovation.

#### 💡 Key Objectives:

- ✦ **Create 1.25 lakh entrepreneurs and 50,000 startups** in 5 years.
- ✦ **Encourage startups led by women and youth** through targeted support.
- ✦ Enhance Maharashtra's position as a leading hub for **innovation and entrepreneurship**.

#### 💡 Financial and Infrastructure Support:

- ✦ **Maha-Fund (Rs 500 crore):** Financial assistance for **25,000 early-stage entrepreneurs** from a pool of 5 lakh youth. This will follow a **three-stage selection process** and will include mentoring, incubation, and funding support.
- ✦ **Maharashtra Innovation City:** A **300-acre innovation hub** bringing together **startups, corporates, educational institutions**, and the **government** to foster research and development.
- ✦ **Departmental Innovation Fund:** All state departments will be required to allocate **0.5% of their annual funds** towards promoting innovation and entrepreneurship.
- ✦ **Startup Week Incentives:** Startups selected during the **Maharashtra Startup Week** will get opportunities to work directly with government departments, with **pilot work orders** worth up to **Rs 25 lakh**.

#### 💡 Support for Incubators and Regional Hubs:

- ✦ **Micro-incubators** will be established in **ITIs, polytechnics, and educational institutions** across Maharashtra to ensure organized infrastructure for innovation.
- ✦ **Regional innovation hubs** will be set up in each administrative division to promote local entrepreneurial ecosystems.

#### 💡 Financial Assistance and Recognition:

- ✦ **Compensation for Patents & Certifications:** Financial support for **patent registration, product quality certifications**, and participation in **domestic and international exhibitions**.

- ✦ **Loan Assistance:** A special mechanism will be created for startups that have secured work orders from **public institutions** or **trusted customers**.

- 💡 **Implementation Agency:** The policy will be executed through the **Maharashtra State Innovation Society**.

#### Key Facts About Maharashtra

- 💡 It is the **most industrialised state** in India and has maintained its leading position in the industrial sector in the country.
- 💡 At current prices, Maharashtra's gross state domestic product was estimated at Rs. 49.39 trillion (USD 578.31 billion) in 2025-26.
- 💡 According to the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), between October 2019-December 2024, the **FDI inflow** in Maharashtra stood at Rs. 6,71,863 crore (USD 85.73 billion).
  - ✦ **Maharashtra ranked first** for the highest FDI reception.
- 💡 Maharashtra had **12 Special Economic Zones (SEZs)** with valid in-principal approvals, 51 SEZs with formal approvals, and 45 SEZs with notified approvals.
  - ✦ As of October 2020, the state had 37 exporting SEZs across diversified sectors, including textiles and apparel, food processing, footwear and leather products, multi-product, pharma, and IT SEZs.

## Quit India Movement Day

### Why in News?

India celebrates **8<sup>th</sup> August** every year as **Quit India Movement Day**, also known as **August Kranti Diwas**, to commemorate the **Quit India Movement (QIM)**, which demanded the immediate end of British rule in India.

- 💡 The **QIM (August Kranti)** was officially launched at **Gowalia Tank Maidan, Bombay (now Mumbai) Maharashtra**.

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## Quit India Movement

- 💡 **Launch:** By Mahatma Gandhi on 8<sup>th</sup> August 1942 to demand the immediate end of British rule following the failure of the **Cripps Mission**.
- 💡 **Gandhi's Call:** Gandhi gave the powerful call of “**Do or Die**” at the **Gowalia Tank Maidan** (now August Kranti Maidan).
- 💡 **Slogan and Symbolism:** The slogan “**Quit India**” was coined by **Yusuf Meherally**, a socialist and trade unionist from Mumbai, who had also created the earlier slogan “**Simon Go Back.**”
  - ✦ During the movement, **Aruna Asaf Ali** hoisted the **Indian flag at Gowalia Tank Maidan** as a symbol of defiance.
- 💡 **Rise of New Leaders:** New leaders like Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, Jayaprakash Narayan rose to prominence during this movement.
  - ✦ Women also played a significant role, leading protests and sacrificing their lives, such as **Matangini Hazra**, who died with the Tricolour in hand, and Sucheta Kripalani, who later became **India's first female Chief Minister (Uttar Pradesh)**.
- 💡 **Nature of the QIM:** The QIM was distinct from earlier peaceful protests like **Non-Cooperation** and **Civil Disobedience**, as it was a mass uprising demanding the complete withdrawal of British rule.
  - ✦ The movement had elements of **violence in self-defense** and spontaneous actions like **sabotage and guerrilla attacks against British properties**.
  - ✦ The **Muslim community** largely stayed absent from the QIM, it was seen as a **Hindu nationalist cause**, highlighting the growing communal divide and the Muslim League's push for a separate state.

## Events that Led to the Quit India Movement

- 💡 **Impact of World War II (1939-1945):** Britain involved India in **World War II** without consulting Indian leaders, causing widespread anger.
- 💡 **Failure of the Cripps Mission (March 1942):** The Cripps Mission was sent by the British in March

1942 to secure **India's support in World War II** and resolve the political crisis.

- ✦ **Stafford Cripps** proposed granting **India dominion status after the war**, with a **Constituent Assembly** where provinces and princely states could opt out.
- ✦ Gandhi called it a “**post-dated cheque on a crashing bank**”.
- 💡 **Nationalist Sentiment and Economic Hardships:** Due to Wartime exploitation and famines.
- 💡 **Fall of Burma (1942):** The **Japanese invasion of Burma** brought the war to India's doorstep, heightening invasion fears and urgency for British withdrawal.
  - ✦ Meanwhile, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose formation of the **Indian National Army** intensified the fight for independence.
- 💡 **Mahatma Gandhi's Leadership:** Facing rising demands for independence, Gandhi launched the Quit India call, declaring, “**We shall either free India or die in the attempt.**”
  - ✦ On **8<sup>th</sup> August 1942** the All-India Congress Committee passed the Quit India Resolution, urging non-violent mass resistance.

## Maharashtra Plans NCC-Style Training for Students

### Why in News?

Maharashtra's school education minister announced the introduction of training inspired by the National Cadet Corps (NCC) for students beginning in Class 1.

### Key Points

- 💡 **Objective:** The initiative aims to **foster discipline and patriotism** among students from the primary level, with a broader vision of developing well-disciplined and **nation-conscious citizens**.
- 💡 **Training Details:** The training will be **military-style** and NCC-inspired, focused on instilling discipline and patriotism.
  - ✦ The program will be introduced at the primary school level, starting with Class 1.

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💡 **Collaboration and Expansion Plans:** The state government will request the central government to **increase the number of NCC training centres** in Maharashtra.

- ✦ The state plans to collaborate with the ex-servicemen welfare board to enlist retired armed forces personnel for training.
- ✦ This year's Independence Day celebrations in schools will also include parade drills performed to patriotic songs.

💡 **Current NCC Framework in Maharashtra:**

- ✦ Maharashtra currently has 7 NCC groups and 63 active units, covering 1,726 schools and colleges with over 1.14 lakh cadets.
- ✦ There are plans to expand the NCC program by **adding 10 more NCC centres**, which will provide an opportunity for an additional 20,314 students to participate.

#### National Cadet Corps

💡 **About:** The NCC is a **voluntary Tri-Services organisation** (Army, Navy, and Air Force) under the Ministry of Defence, headquartered in New Delhi, established by the **NCC Act, 1948.**

- ✦ It is the **largest uniformed youth organisation** globally, with over 15 lakh cadets across the country.

💡 **Objective:** It aims to groom the youth into disciplined, patriotic, and responsible citizens.

💡 **Role in Wars & Reforms:** During the **1965 and 1971 Indo-Pak wars**, NCC cadets supported defence efforts by guarding vital areas, aiding in logistics, and assisting in rescue and traffic control.

- ✦ Post-1971, NCC reoriented towards leadership, social service, and nation-building, reducing its focus on combat training.

💡 **Structure & Training:** Headed by a **Director General (rank of Lieutenant General).**

- ✦ Enrolment from high schools, colleges, and universities across India.
- ✦ Cadets receive basic military training, and certificates (A, B, C) enhancing eligibility for military recruitment.

## India's First Private Maths Research Institute

### Why in News?

**India's first** privately funded mathematics research institute, the **Lodha Mathematical Sciences Institute (LMSI)**, was launched in Mumbai.

### Key Points

💡 **About:** LMSI seeks to **apply advanced mathematical techniques**, including data science, operations research, **machine learning**, and optimization, to tackle challenges in **infrastructure**, healthcare, and economics.

- ✦ The institute **aims to foster research** that transcends academia by addressing real-world issues with mathematical insights.

💡 **Director of LMSI:** The institute, supported by the Lodha Foundation and led by renowned mathematician Dr. V Kumar Murty, specializes in number theory and arithmetic geometry.

💡 **Inaugural Course:** Dr. Manjul Bhargava, a Princeton University professor and the **first Indian-origin** recipient of the **Fields Medal**, will lead an intensive seminar on arithmetic statistics and number theory.

💡 **Future Plans:** In the future, LMSI plans to establish the **Indian Congress of Mathematics**, with the first congress scheduled to take place by **December 2026.**

- ✦ This congress will celebrate the contributions of Indian-origin mathematicians worldwide.

## Inauguration of Circuit Bench of Bombay HC

### Why in News?

The **Chief Justice of India (CJI)** B.R. Gavai inaugurated the **new circuit bench** of the **Bombay High Court in Kolhapur**, making it the **fifth bench of the court.**

### Key Points

💡 **About:** The Kolhapur Bench will include a **Division Bench and two Single Benches** serving six districts

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namely, Satara, Sangli, Solapur, Kolhapur, Ratnagiri, Sindhudurg.

- ✦ The Division Bench will handle **public interest litigation** petitions, civil writ petitions, family court appeals, contempt appeals, and civil and criminal matters while the **single Bench will hear cases** including **criminal revision applications**, bail applications and other criminal matters.
- 💡 **Significance:** It will improve accessibility for citizens in the **Konkan and Western Maharashtra regions**.
- 💡 **Bombay HC Bench Structure:** One of India's oldest **Chartered High Courts**, it has jurisdiction over **Maharashtra, Goa, Daman & Diu, and Dadra & Nagar Haveli**. It already has **three main benches**:
  - ✦ Principal Bench in Mumbai.
  - ✦ Regional Benches in Nagpur (Vidarbha) and Aurangabad (Marathwada).
  - ✦ A separate Bench in Goa.

#### THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA



#### PART VI | THE STATES | THE HIGH COURTS

##### ARTICLES:

- Article 215** High Courts to be courts of record
- Article 222** Transfer of a Judge from one High Court to another
- Article 225** Jurisdiction of existing High Courts
- Article 226** Power of High Courts to issue certain writs
- Article 230** Extension of jurisdiction of High Courts to Union territories.
- Article 231** Establishment of a common High Court for two or more States.

#### Process of Establishment of High Court Benches

- 💡 **Establishment of High Court Benches:** Setting up of a Bench of a High Court is considered only if a complete proposal in terms of **section 51(2) of the States' Reorganisation Act, 1956** is received from the State Government concerned, including the consent of the **Chief Justice of the High Court** and the **Governor** of the State and also if it satisfies the broad guidelines and criteria recommended by the **Jaswant Singh Commission**.

- ✦ The State Government is responsible for **providing infrastructural facilities** and bearing the entire expenditure of the High Court and its Bench.

- 💡 **Justice Jaswant Singh Commission:** In 1981, a commission was appointed to consider demands for High Court Benches in Western districts of Uttar Pradesh.

- ✦ The commission recommended criteria including **characteristics of the region, population size, area**, means of travel and communication, distance for litigants, pendency rates, infrastructure availability, and legal talent.

- 💡 **Supreme Court's Position:** Decisions should be based on **rational, not emotional, sentimental, or parochial considerations**.

## Sword of Raghujai Bhonsle

### Why in News?

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Monday inaugurated the seven-day exhibition where the newly obtained **sword of Maratha commander Shrimant Raje Raghujai Bhonsle** will be exhibited.



### Key Points

- 💡 **Exhibition Details:** The exhibition will run from 18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> 2025 at the PL Deshpande Maharashtra Kala Academy and will include the sword and

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displays of **12 heritage forts** listed as **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.

💡 **Acquisition:** The Maharashtra government purchased the sword for Rs 45 crore at a London auction as part of a broader initiative to **reclaim historical artefacts** connected to the Maratha empire.

✦ The government has reclaimed important artifacts like the **'wagh nakh' (used by Shivaji Maharaj)** and is working on building memorials for Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj outside Maharashtra, with an initial project underway in **Agra, Uttar Pradesh**.

💡 **Significance of Sword:** Raghuj Bhosale was a **prominent Maratha commander** and the founder of the **Nagpur Bhosale dynasty**.

✦ The 18<sup>th</sup>-century Maratha-style 'firangi' sword combines a European blade with an Indian hilt, showcasing intricate ornamentation, including **gold inlay koftgiri work**.

✦ The spine of the blade features an inscription in **Devanagari script**, connecting it to Raghuj Bhosale's title given by Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj.

✦ The sword was used during military campaigns in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, including **battles against the Nawab of Bengal (1745 and 1755)** and in regions like **Chhattisgarh, Odisha, and southern India**.

#### Raghuj Bhosale I (1695 – 1755)

💡 **Founder:** He was the **founder of the Nagpur Bhosale dynasty** and a prominent commander in the Maratha army during **Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj's** reign.

💡 **Title:** Impressed by his bravery and military strategy, Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj conferred upon him the title **'Senasahib Subha'**.

💡 **Campaign:** He established control over **Chanda, Chhattisgarh, and Sambalpur** and defeated the **Nawabs of Cuddapah and Kurnool**, thereby asserting Maratha military and political dominance in southern India.

✦ His kingdom was abundant in iron and copper, which were used for both **manufacturing goods and crafting weapons**.

✦ In **1817**, the Nagpur Bhosales battled the **British East India Company** at **Sitabuldi (3<sup>rd</sup> Anglo-Maratha War (1817-19))**, and after the Company's victory, their treasury, including valuables, jewelry, and weapons, was looted.

📌 **After Nagpur was annexed, the British also received tribute and gifts from the Bhosales over time.**

📌 **Experts believe that Raghuj Bhosale's sword may have left India either as part of the war loot or as a gift to the British.**

## CM Inaugurates India's First ESG Lab

### Why in News?

Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis inaugurated India's first **ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) Lab** in Mumbai, urging students to prepare for a rapidly evolving world influenced by **climate change, artificial intelligence, and quantum computing**.

💡 The event also included the felicitation of **winners from the national robotics competition**, organized by **STEM Learning and Brilio (a Private Company)**.

### ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance)

💡 **About:** Environmental, social and governance (ESG) is a **set of standards** for how an institution operates in regard to the planet and its people.

### Importance of ESG for India

💡 **Climate:** India faces extreme weather events (e.g., floods, heatwaves, sea-level rise).

✦ In 2024, extreme weather occurred on **322 out of 366 days** (CSE report).

✦ Companies with strong environmental practices, clean energy, and reduced emissions can mitigate these risks.

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- 💡 **Social:** India struggles with **poverty, inequality,** and lack of basic needs.
  - ✦ Companies focusing on social responsibility can create a more inclusive economy and drive positive societal change.
- 💡 **Governance:** Strong **corporate governance** based on **transparency** and **ethics** rebuilds trust, attracts investments, and supports sustainable growth.

### India's ESG Initiatives

- 💡 **SEBI Mandate:** The top **1,000** listed companies must disclose **ESG performance** through the **Business Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting (BRSR) Framework**.
  - ✦ The framework aligns with **Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)** and the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB).

#### ESG Related Recommendations of Parliamentary Standing Committee

- 💡 **ESG Oversight Body:** Proposed within the **Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA)** to ensure genuine sustainability claims.
  - ✦ The body should include **forensic experts** and set **sector-specific ESG guidelines**.
  - ✦ Recommendations to support **Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)** in adopting ESG practices.
  - ✦ **Amend the Companies Act, 2013** to make ESG a core duty of directors and embed sustainability into business strategy.

- 💡 **Penalties for False Claims:** Stricter and faster penalties for **false ESG claims** to prevent **greenwashing**.
  - ✦ Strengthen **Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO)** and the **National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA)** to tackle **financial crimes** and improve **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) oversight**.

## Sindhudurg's Chipi Airport

### Why in News?

In a major boost to **Sindhudurg** and the **Konkan region**, the **Maharashtra government** has approved the **resumption of services at Chipi Airport** after a hiatus due to technical challenges.

### Key Points

- 💡 **Chipi Airport:** The **Chipi Airport** (inaugurated in **October 2021**), located in **Parule-Chipi village** in **Sindhudurg district**, was originally inaugurated to connect **Konkan** with major cities.
  - ✦ However, the suspension of flights had forced residents and tourists to rely on neighboring **Goa's** airports, causing inconvenience.
  - ✦ The resumption of services at **Chipi Airport** will significantly ease access to Konkan's famous beaches, temples, forts, and Malvani cuisine, making it more attractive to **domestic and international tourists**.



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