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1. Explained: World Bank's Poverty & Equity Brief — Extreme Poverty Falls to 2.6%

[Indian Express] | GS-II, GS-III

Context:

The World Bank's October 2026 Poverty & Equity Brief shows a steep fall in extreme poverty in India, while flagging stagnant real wages, high youth unemployment and a concentration of the remaining poor in a northern–eastern belt.

Key Highlights:

- **Extreme poverty:** At the $3.00/day line (2021 PPP), poverty fell to 2.6% in 2023 from 27.1% in 2011.
- **Higher line:** At $4.20/day it fell from 57.7% to 16.1%; rural poverty (19.3%) remains more than double urban (8.6%).
- **Inequality:** Consumption Gini dropped to 23.0 (2023) from 28.8 (2011-12), though the brief warns surveys under-capture the rich.
- **Jobs:** Employment rose by about 13.4 crore over 2017–2023, led by rural women, but real earnings have stagnated.
- **Where the poor are:** About 57% of the remaining poor live in a belt from Uttar Pradesh to West Bengal; youth unemployment rose to 15.9% (Q1 FY27).

Prelims Corner:

Term / Fact	Details
New WB lines (2025)	$3.00/day extreme poverty; $4.20/day lower-middle-income line (2021 PPP).
Gini coefficient	0 = perfect equality, 100 (or 1) = perfect inequality.
MPI	Global MPI by UNDP–OPHI; national MPI by NITI Aayog (health, education, living standards).
HCES 2022-23	Household Consumption Expenditure Survey by MoSPI/NSO.

Mains Facts:

Dimension	Key Points
Significance	Validates welfare delivery (DBT, food subsidy, housing, electrification).
Concerns	Vulnerability just above the line, regional concentration, wage stagnation, youth joblessness.
Way Forward	MSME and industrial corridors in the eastern belt, female labour in higher-productivity jobs, updated Census frame.
Probable Question (GS-III)	India has made rapid gains against extreme poverty, but the next phase is harder. Discuss. (250 words)

IN THE ESSENCE

India has largely conquered destitution; the task now is to conquer vulnerability. Productive jobs, rising real wages and targeted development of the eastern heartland will decide whether households that escaped poverty stay out of it.

2. Sardar Patel's 151st Birth Anniversary Observed as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas

[Both] | GS-I*

Context:

The nation marked Rashtriya Ekta Diwas on 31 October, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's 151st birth anniversary, with Run for Unity events and the ceremony at the Statue of Unity in Ekta Nagar, Gujarat.

Key Highlights:

- **Integration:** Patel, with V.P. Menon, integrated over 560 princely states through Instruments of Accession and merger agreements.
- **Hard cases:** Junagadh (plebiscite, 1948) and Hyderabad (Operation Polo, 1948).
- **Civil services:** He backed the all-India services, calling them the 'steel frame' of administration.
- **Police honours:** The MHA's Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak is announced on this date each year.
- **Run for Unity:** Run for Unity events and the Ekta Diwas pledge are held across the country every year on 31 October.

Prelims Corner:

Term / Fact	Details
Born	31 October 1875, Nadiad (Gujarat).
'Sardar' title	Earned during the Bardoli Satyagraha (1928).
Rashtriya Ekta Diwas	Observed since 2014.
Statue of Unity	182 m, Ekta Nagar (Kevadia), unveiled 2018.
Bharat Ratna	Conferred posthumously in 1991.

Mains Facts:

Dimension	Key Points
Significance	Model of pragmatic nation-building and administrative statesmanship; Cooperative federalism, neutral civil services, internal security.
Way Forward	Strengthen cooperative federalism and an impartial, professional civil service in Patel's spirit.
Probable Question (GS-I)	Evaluate Sardar Patel's role in the political integration of India. (150 words)

Conclusion: Patel's legacy is a reminder that national unity was built through negotiation, firmness and institutions — the civil services above all.

3. 1 November: Formation Day of Several States — The Story of Linguistic Reorganisation

[Both] | GS-I, GS-II*

Context:

1 November marks the formation day of Kerala, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab (reorganised) and Chhattisgarh — a reminder of how India redrew its internal map.

Key Highlights:

- **1956:** The States Reorganisation Act, 1956 took effect on 1 November, creating 14 States and 6 Union Territories largely on linguistic lines.
- **Andhra precedent:** Potti Sriramulu's fast unto death (1952) led to Andhra State (1953), the first linguistic State.
- **1966:** The Punjab Reorganisation Act created Haryana and reorganised Punjab on 1 November 1966.
- **2000:** Chhattisgarh was carved out of Madhya Pradesh on 1 November 2000.
- **Later reorganisations:** Gujarat and Maharashtra (1960), Nagaland (1963), Uttarakhand and Jharkhand (2000) and Telangana (2014) followed.

Prelims Corner:

Term / Fact	Details
Dhar Commission (1948)	Preferred administrative convenience over language.
JVP Committee (1948)	Nehru, Patel, Pattabhi Sitaramayya — rejected language as the basis then.
Fazl Ali Commission (1953)	Members: Fazl Ali, H.N. Kunzru, K.M. Panikkar; report 1955.
7th Amendment (1956)	Abolished Part A/B/C/D classification of States.
Article 3	Parliament can form new States and alter boundaries.

Mains Facts:

Dimension	Key Points
Significance	Linguistic States strengthened, not weakened, national unity and democratic participation.
Concerns	Fresh demands for smaller States, inter-State boundary and water disputes.
Way Forward	A standing commission with clear criteria (viability, administrative efficiency, consent) for new State demands.
Probable Question (GS-I)	Has the linguistic reorganisation of States strengthened Indian unity? Critically examine. (250 words)

Conclusion: Reorganisation showed that accommodating diversity is a source of national strength; any new demands deserve a principled, commission-based approach.

4. Centre Sets Up High-Level Committee on Banking for Viksit Bharat 2047

[Both] | GS-III*

Context:

Following a Budget 2026-27 announcement, the government has constituted a High-Level Committee on Banking for Viksit Bharat to recommend structural, regulatory and legislative reforms to make Indian banking globally competitive.

Key Highlights:

- **Chair:** Former Central Vigilance Commissioner Suresh N. Patel.
- **Members:** RBI Deputy Governor S. C. Murmu, ex-Indian Bank MD Padmaja Chunduru and ex-RBI Deputy Governor N. S. Vishwanathan; JS (Banking), DFS, as Member Secretary.
- **Tenure:** Six months.

- **Scope:** Prudential norms, legal and regulatory frameworks incl. Regional Rural Banks and Cooperative Banks; roadmap for AI and digital banking with cyber safeguards.
- **Budget link:** The committee was announced by the Finance Minister in the Budget 2026-27 speech.

Prelims Corner:

Term / Fact	Details
Narasimham Committees	1991 and 1998 — foundational banking-sector reforms.
P.J. Nayak Committee (2014)	Governance of PSU bank boards; led to Banks Board Bureau.
RRBs	Set up under the RRB Act, 1976; ownership Centre 50 : sponsor bank 35 : State 15.
DFS	Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance.

Mains Facts:

Dimension	Key Points
Significance	Viksit Bharat needs credit deepening (bank credit/GDP far below East Asian peers) and world-scale banks.
Concerns	Cooperative-bank governance, cyber-fraud, deposit growth lagging credit, NBFC interlinkages.
Way Forward	Consolidation, board autonomy, risk-based supervision, AI with accountability.
Probable Question (GS-III)	What reforms are needed to create globally competitive Indian banks by 2047? (150 words)

Conclusion: The committee is a chance to move from crisis-driven fixes to a forward-looking banking architecture suited to a $30-trillion economy.

5. SEBI Steps Up Measures Against Online Investment Fraud

[Both] | GS-III*

Context:

SEBI Chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey, speaking in Kolkata on 31 October, outlined new steps to shield retail investors from fake apps, social-media tips and impersonation frauds.

Key Highlights:

- **Verified apps:** SEBI is working with Google to show verified badges for genuine SEBI-registered entities' apps on the Play Store.
- **AI tool 'Sudarshan':** Scans social media for violations and suspicious investment promotions through a five-stage check.
- **Verification tools:** SEBI Check and the Saarthi app let investors confirm accounts and intermediaries before paying.
- **Outreach:** A WhatsApp awareness channel in eleven languages and the 'Samajh ke Investing Simple' campaign.
- **Grievances:** SCORES 2.0 handles complaints, including those on financial fraud.

Prelims Corner:

Term / Fact	Details
SEBI	Statutory body under the SEBI Act, 1992; HQ Mumbai.
SCORES	SEBI Complaints Redress System; version 2.0 launched 2024.
Finfluencers	SEBI bars regulated entities from associating with unregistered advisers making return claims.
Investor Protection Fund	Maintained by stock exchanges to compensate investors of defaulting brokers.

Mains Facts:

Dimension	Key Points
Significance	Over 10 crore demat accounts — many first-time and young investors — need protection.
Concerns	Fake trading apps, pump-and-dump via social media, cross-border fraud.
Way Forward	Platform liability, faster takedowns, financial literacy in schools, coordinated action with RBI and I4C.
Probable Question (GS-III)	Discuss the regulatory challenges posed by social-media-driven investment frauds. (150 words)

Conclusion: As retail participation surges, investor protection must move as fast as the fraudsters — onto the platforms where they operate.

6. BIMSTEC Holds Its First Maritime Security Exercise in the Bay of Bengal

[Both] | GS-II*

Context:

The inaugural BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise is under way in the Bay of Bengal, while at the 13th ADMM-Plus in Cebu (Philippines), India offered counter-terrorism cooperation, joint exercises and capacity building.

Key Highlights:

- **BIMSTEC exercise:** Announced by PM Modi at the 6th BIMSTEC Summit (Thailand); theme of 'Shared Seas, Shared Security, Shared Prosperity'.
- **Participants:** Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand.
- **ADMM-Plus:** India proposed intelligence sharing, joint drills and a 'Youth Bridge' for ASEAN–India ties; 2026 is the ASEAN–India Year of Maritime Cooperation.
- **Naval outreach:** INS Sahyadri (Shivalik-class stealth frigate) is in Busan for a bilateral exercise with South Korea's ROKS Munmu the Great.

Prelims Corner:

Term / Fact	Details
BIMSTEC	Bangkok Declaration, 6 June 1997; 7 members; Secretariat at Dhaka; Charter in force 2024.
ADMM-Plus	ASEAN defence ministers + 8 dialogue partners; first held Hanoi 2010; annual since 2017.
CT EWG	India and Malaysia co-chair ADMM-Plus Counter-Terrorism Experts' Working Group (2024–27).
INS Sahyadri	Project-17 frigate built by Mazagon Dock; commissioned 2012.

Mains Facts:

Dimension	Key Points
Significance	Strengthens India's Neighbourhood First, Act East and MAHASAGAR vision; counters extra-regional naval presence.
Concerns	Myanmar instability, India–Bangladesh frictions, slow BIMSTEC FTA.
Way Forward	Maritime domain awareness sharing (IFC-IOR), coordinated HADR, blue-economy projects.
Probable Question (GS-II)	Can BIMSTEC emerge as the primary platform for Bay of Bengal security? (150 words)

Conclusion: Operational maritime cooperation gives BIMSTEC the practical substance it has long lacked and anchors India as the Bay of Bengal's first responder.

7. Explained: Mekedatu Project — Karnataka Identifies Land; Tamil Nadu Objects

[Both] | GS-I, GS-II*

Context:

Karnataka has said 2,500 acres have been identified for the Mekedatu balancing reservoir on the Cauvery, of which only about 500 acres of private land need acquisition. Tamil Nadu, the lower riparian State, continues to oppose it.

Key Highlights:

- **Location:** Near Kanakapura (Ramanagara district) at the Cauvery–Arkavathi confluence, about 90 km from Bengaluru.
- **Design:** 99 m high, 735 m long concrete gravity dam; storage of about 67 tmcft.
- **Purpose:** About 4.75 TMC a year for Bengaluru drinking water and roughly 400 MW of hydropower.
- **Ecological cost:** Would submerge over 5,000 ha, including parts of the Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary.
- **Inter-State angle:** Tamil Nadu fears reduced flows at Biligundlu, the inter-State measuring point.

Prelims Corner:

Term / Fact	Details
Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal	Final award 2007; modified by SC in 2018.
SC verdict (2018)	Allocated 284.75 tmcft to Karnataka and 404.25 tmcft to Tamil Nadu (in a normal year).
CWMA	Cauvery Water Management Authority, set up 2018 under the SC-approved scheme.
Article 262	Parliament may bar courts' jurisdiction over inter-State river water disputes.

Mains Facts:

Dimension	Key Points
Significance	Urban water security for Bengaluru vs. downstream agrarian needs of the delta.
Concerns	Trust deficit, distress-year sharing formula, forest loss.
Way Forward	CWMA-approved operating rules, DPR scrutiny, demand management and wastewater reuse in Bengaluru.
Probable Question (GS-II)	Inter-State river disputes reflect failures of cooperative federalism. Discuss with reference to the Cauvery. (250 words)

Conclusion: Mekedatu can move forward only if it is embedded in a binding, transparent CWMA framework that assures Tamil Nadu its share in distress years.

8. Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit Takes Over as 29th IAF Chief; Unveils 'VAYU' Vision

[Both] | GS-III*

Context:

Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit has assumed charge as the 29th Chief of the Air Staff, succeeding Air Chief Marshal A.P. Singh, and outlined a strategic vision titled 'VAYU'.

Key Highlights:

- **V:** Vigilance, victory and readiness — arresting squadron decline and restoring fighter strength.
- **A:** Aatmanirbharta — indigenous platforms, sensors, precision weapons and spares.
- **Y:** Yukti — AI-enabled command and control, counter-drone systems, cyber, electronic and space capabilities.
- **U:** Unity of effort — tri-service jointness and interoperability.
- **Background:** A test pilot associated with Tejas Mk-1 clearances and upgrades of Jaguar and MiG-27.

Prelims Corner:

Term / Fact	Details
Chief of the Air Staff	Four-star rank; member of the Chiefs of Staff Committee.
Sanctioned strength	42 fighter squadrons (actual strength far lower).
Tejas	LCA designed by ADA, built by HAL.
CDS	Chief of Defence Staff post created in 2019; heads Department of Military Affairs.

Mains Facts:

Dimension	Key Points
Significance	Two-front threat; lessons of Operation Sindoor on drones, missiles and air defence.
Concerns	Squadron shortfall, delays in Tejas Mk-1A deliveries, engine dependence.
Way Forward	Theatre commands, faster indigenous production, AMCA and engine programmes.
Probable Question (GS-III)	Assess the challenges in modernising the Indian Air Force. (150 words)

Conclusion: The VAYU vision sets the right priorities; delivery depends on India's aerospace industry meeting timelines.

9. UN Ends Political Mission in Somalia After Three Decades

[The Hindu] | GS-II*

Context:

The UN Transitional Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNTMIS) ceased operations on 31 October 2026, ending more than 30 years of UN political missions in the country and handing its tasks to the Somali government and the UN Country Team.

Key Highlights:

- **Lineage:** UNOSOM (1992–95), UNPOS (1995–2013), UNSOM (2013–24) and finally UNTMIS.
- **Mandate:** Created by UNSC Resolution 2753 (October 2024) for a two-year transition requested by Somalia.
- **Work done:** Mediation between federal and member-state governments, electoral support, security-sector reform and human-rights monitoring.
- **Security:** African Union missions (ATMIS, now AUSSOM) continue to fight al-Shabaab.
- **India's link:** The Indian Navy has escorted ships off Somalia against piracy since 2008, and Somali officials train under ITEC.

Prelims Corner:

Term / Fact	Details
UNSOM	Established by UNSC Resolution 2102 (2013).
AUSSOM	AU Support and Stabilisation Mission in Somalia (from 2025).
Al-Shabaab	Al-Qaeda-linked militant group in Somalia.
Gulf of Aden	Indian Navy anti-piracy deployments since 2008.

Mains Facts:

Dimension	Key Points
Significance	Test of national ownership after long international tutelage.
Concerns	Fragile security, piracy risk, Red Sea and Horn of Africa instability affecting Indian shipping.
Way Forward	Sustained AU security support, Somali-led reconciliation and regional maritime cooperation against piracy.

Dimension	Key Points
Probable Question (GS-II)	Evaluate the effectiveness of UN political missions in fragile states. (150 words)

Conclusion: Somalia's transition will depend on security gains holding after the UN's political presence ends.

10. Digi Yatra Begins Trials for International Passengers at Seven Airports

[Both] | GS-II, GS-III*

Context:

The Ministry of Civil Aviation has started Digi Yatra trials for international departures at Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Chennai, Kochi and Amritsar airports.

Key Highlights:

- **Who can use it:** Indian nationals holding chip-based e-passports on select Air India and IndiGo international flights.
- **How it works:** Passport data read via MRZ scan and NFC chip; face recognition at e-gates replaces document checks.
- **Privacy design:** Credentials stay in the traveller's phone wallet; data shared with airports is deleted within 24 hours of departure.
- **Limits:** It does not replace passports, visas, immigration or airline checks.
- **Speed:** Verification at each e-gate is expected to take only seconds, shortening queues at entry and boarding.

Prelims Corner:

Term / Fact	Details
Digi Yatra Foundation	Section 8 not-for-profit JV of AAI and private airport operators.
Launch	Domestic launch 1 December 2022 (Delhi, Bengaluru, Varanasi).
e-passport	Indian passports with an embedded RFID chip, rolled out from 2024–25.
Standards	Aligned with IATA One ID and ICAO PKD.

Mains Facts:

Dimension	Key Points
Significance	Ease of travel, faster processing, a digital public infrastructure use case.
Concerns	Facial-recognition accuracy, consent, data protection under the DPDP Act.
Way Forward	Independent audits, opt-in by design, grievance redress and full compliance with the DPDP Act.
Probable Question (GS-III)	Weigh the benefits and privacy risks of facial-recognition systems in public services. (150 words)

Conclusion: Convenience must travel with consent; strong audits under the DPDP framework will decide public trust in Digi Yatra's expansion.

11. Sinhagad Fort to Get a 100-ft Saffron Flag — History of a Maratha Stronghold

[Indian Express] | GS-I

Context:

The Pune Municipal Corporation plans to erect a 100-foot saffron flag at Sinhagad Fort to honour Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, bringing the fort's history into focus.

Key Highlights:

- **Location:** On an isolated cliff of the Bhuleshwar range of the Sahyadris, near Pune.
- **Battle of Sinhagad (1670):** Tanaji Malusare scaled the cliffs at night to recapture the fort from the Mughals and died in the fight.
- **Name:** Earlier called Kondhana; the fort is associated with Shivaji's remark on gaining the fort but losing the 'lion'.
- **Later history:** Rajaram died here in 1700; the British took it after the Third Anglo-Maratha War (1818).
- **Features:** The fort has the Pune and Kalyan gates, a Kali temple and memorials to Tanaji Malusare and Rajaram.

Prelims Corner:

Term / Fact	Details
Treaty of Purandar (1665)	Shivaji ceded 23 forts, incl. Kondhana, to the Mughals under Jai Singh.
Third Anglo-Maratha War	1817–18; ended Peshwa rule.
Maratha forts	Twelve forts inscribed as UNESCO World Heritage 'Maratha Military Landscapes' (2025).
Tanaji Malusare	Commander (subedar) under Shivaji.

Mains Facts:

Dimension	Key Points
Significance	Heritage-led tourism and regional identity.
Concerns	Conservation of protected monuments, ASI/State Archaeology norms on construction.
Way Forward	Heritage management plans that balance commemoration with conservation norms.
Probable Question (GS-I)	Discuss the military architecture of Maratha hill forts. (150 words)

Conclusion: Commemoration should go hand in hand with conservation norms so that the fort's heritage value is protected.

12. NIPGR Scientists Identify Protein That Helps Plants Warn Their Leaves of Insect Attack

[The Hindu] | GS-III

Context:

Researchers at the National Institute of Plant Genome Research (NIPGR), New Delhi, have identified a little-studied protein, CNGC13, that helps a plant alert its undamaged leaves when one leaf is attacked by insects.

Key Highlights:

- **The finding:** CNGC13 helps carry a warning signal from a wounded leaf to distant, undamaged leaves.
- **What CNGCs are:** Cyclic nucleotide-gated channels — membrane channels that let ions such as calcium pass, triggering signalling.
- **Systemic defence:** Distant leaves 'prime' themselves by activating defence hormones such as jasmonic acid before insects reach them.
- **Applications:** Could help breed crops with faster, stronger natural defences, reducing pesticide use.
- **Institution:** NIPGR is an autonomous institute (est. 1998) now under DBT's BRIC umbrella.

Prelims Corner:

Term / Fact	Details
Jasmonic acid	Plant hormone central to defence against chewing insects.
Salicylic acid	Hormone linked to defence against pathogens (systemic acquired resistance).
BRIC	Biotechnology Research and Innovation Council — merged 14 DBT institutes.
Calcium signalling	Rapid calcium waves relay stress signals across plant tissues.

Mains Facts:

Dimension	Key Points
Significance	Basic plant science feeding into climate-resilient, low-chemical agriculture.
Concerns	Lab-to-field gap; regulatory path for gene-edited crops.
Way Forward	Genome editing (SDN-1/2 exempted from GM rules in 2022), field trials, farmer outreach.
Probable Question (GS-III)	How can advances in plant biology reduce India's dependence on chemical pesticides? (150 words)

Conclusion: Understanding how plants defend themselves is the first step towards crops that need fewer sprays.

Quick Revision: 10 Prelims One-Liners

1. The World Bank's extreme poverty line is now $3.00 per day (2021 PPP); India's rate was 2.6% in 2023.
2. The High-Level Committee on Banking for Viksit Bharat is chaired by ex-CVC Suresh N. Patel; tenure six months.
3. SEBI's AI tool 'Sudarshan' scans social media for market-related fraud.
4. BIMSTEC Secretariat: Dhaka; founded by the Bangkok Declaration of 6 June 1997.
5. Mekedatu is at the Cauvery–Arkavathi confluence near Kanakapura, Karnataka.
6. INS Kesari is a Shardul-class Landing Ship Tank built by GRSE, Kolkata (commissioned 2008).
7. UNTMIS was created by UNSC Resolution 2753 (2024) and closed on 31 October 2026.
8. Dysphaea assamensis is a newly described damselfly from Karbi Anglong, Assam.
9. Statue of Unity (182 m) stands at Ekta Nagar (Kevadia) on the Narmada, Gujarat.
10. Fazl Ali Commission members: Fazl Ali, H.N. Kunzru and K.M. Panikkar.

5 Practice MCQs

Q1. Consider: 1. The States Reorganisation Act came into force on 1 November 1956. 2. Andhra State (1953) was the first State formed on a linguistic basis. 3. The JVP Committee recommended immediate linguistic reorganisation. How many are correct?

(a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None

Answer: (b) - The JVP Committee (1948) rejected language as the basis for reorganisation at that time.

Q2. The title 'Sardar' was given to Vallabhbhai Patel during:

(a) Kheda Satyagraha (b) Bardoli Satyagraha (c) Champaran Satyagraha (d) Quit India Movement

Answer: (b) - Women of Bardoli conferred the title during the 1928 no-tax campaign.

Q3. Under the 2018 Supreme Court verdict on the Cauvery, Karnataka's annual share in a normal year is:

(a) 270 tmcft (b) 284.75 tmcft (c) 404.25 tmcft (d) 419 tmcft

Answer: (b) - The Court raised Karnataka's share to 284.75 tmcft; Tamil Nadu gets 404.25 tmcft.

Q4. Consider: 1. BIMSTEC was established by the Bangkok Declaration of 1997. 2. Its Secretariat is in Kathmandu. 3. Bhutan and Nepal are members. Which are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 and 3 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: (b) - BIMSTEC's Secretariat is in Dhaka; Kathmandu hosts SAARC's.

Q5. The Treaty of Purandar (1665) was signed between Shivaji and:

(a) Aurangzeb directly (b) Raja Jai Singh (c) Shaista Khan (d) Afzal Khan

Answer: (b) - Jai Singh, Aurangzeb's commander, negotiated the treaty; Shivaji ceded 23 forts.

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