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Maharashtra State Specific News

<p>Greens raise concern over part of lake drying</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Local environmentalists, often referred to as "Greens", are expressing concern over cracks that have developed in the bed of the partially dried-up DPS lake, Nerul.Experts believe that the reason behind this could be the uneven drying of the lakebed or a drop in the water table. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">DPS Lake is a 30-acre wetland located in Nerul, Navi Mumbai.It's known for attracting flamingos and other birds, making it a bit of a bird watcher's paradise.There have been efforts to conserve the lake as a habitat, and even plans to build watchtowers for visitor
<p>Regression among Marathas, 84% deserving of quota: Panel</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Maharashtra State Backward Class Commission said that the Marathas constitute 28% of the state population but display "exceptional backwardness" and 84% of them belong to the 'non-creamy layer' which deserves an adequate reservation in employment and education as held in Indra Sawhney" case. <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The report of the commission, headed by Justice (retd) Sunil Shukre, forms part of the state's reply in HC to petitions raising a constitutional challenge to the 10% Socially and Educationally Backward Class (SEBC) Act for a Maratha quota in Maharashtra, reports Swati Deshpande.
<p>One in five BEST buses now electric makeup 1.6% of all EVs in Mumbai</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mumbai has made significant progress in electrifying its public bus system.One in five of the city's BEST buses are now electric, representing 1.6% of all electric vehicles (EVs) in Mumbai.This shift towards electric buses helps reduce emissions and improve air quality in the city.



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CRPF Valour Day



Context:

- **CRPF Valour Day** is observed every year on **April 9th**.
- It honors the **exceptional courage displayed by CRPF personnel at Sardar Post in the Rann of Kutch, Gujarat, in 1965**.

About:

- It was on this day in 1965, a small contingent of CRPF created history by defeating an invading Pakistani army, several times larger, at the **Sardar Post located in the Rann of Kutch, Gujarat**.
- The CRPF men eliminated 34 Pakistani soldiers and captured four alive.

International Pageant Day

Context:

- **International Pageant Day** is celebrated annually on **April 8th**.
- It honors the **dedication and achievements of women who compete in pageants around the world**.
- It's a day to **recognize that pageants showcase not just beauty, but also personality, intelligence, and social awareness**.

About:

- India has a strong history in international beauty pageants, particularly the **"Big Four": Miss Universe, Miss World, Miss Earth, and Miss International**.

Key Points:

- **Victories:** A total of **ten crowns** across the **Big Four**, with the **most success in Miss World (six wins)**.
- **Recent win:** **Harnaaz Sandhu won Miss Universe 2021**.
- **Double win years:**
- **1994 (Sushmita Sen - Miss Universe, Aishwarya Rai - Miss World) and**
- **2000 (Lara Dutta - Miss Universe, Priyanka Chopra - Miss World)**.

Theme:

- The theme for International Pageant day 2024 is **"Promoting unity and global friendship"**

Did you know?

- The history of the **beauty pageant goes back as far as 1839**.

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