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#### **National Safety Day**



#### Context:

- Observed annually on March 4th, National Safety Day in India is a significant event dedicated to promoting safety awareness and preventing accidents.
- It coincides with the foundation day of the National Safety Council (NSC), established in 1966 to address workplace safety concerns.

#### Significance:

- Raises awareness about safety in workplaces, communities, and homes.
- Encourages adoption of safe practices and adherence to safety protocols.
- Serves as a platform for safety campaigns, rallies, and educational programs.

#### Theme:

 This year's theme is 'Focus on Safety Leadership for Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Excellence'.

## Did you Know?

National Safety day was first observed on March
4, 1972, on the foundation day of the council.

# Pallava-era sculpture found in Ulundurpet



#### Context:

- A recent archaeological discovery in Ulundurpet, Tamil Nadu, has unearthed a sculpture dating back to the Pallava era (c. 275-897 CE).
- The sculpture, identified as a depiction of the goddess Kotravai, is estimated to be 1,200 years old and stands at five feet tall and four feet wide.

#### About:

- Kotravai is a fierce and powerful Hindu goddess associated with war, victory, and disease.
- The sculpture **features eight arms**, which is a characteristic often associated with depictions of **Kotravai during the Pallava period**.
- Other notable details include intricate clothing and jewelry, suggesting the skill and craftsmanship of the Pallava artists.



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Two-day annual land bird census under way at Kodiyakarai sanctuary

#### Context:

- A two-day land bird census is currently underway at the Point Calimere Wildlife and Birds Sanctuary in Kodiyakarai, Tamil Nadu.
- The forest department is conducting the survey to record the presence and abundance of different land bird species in the sanctuary.
- This land bird census is part of a larger statewide initiative called the 'Tamil Nadu Synchronised Bird Census'.
- The water bird census for this year was conducted in January, and the land bird census is currently ongoing.
- This initiative helps track bird populations and their health within the state, providing valuable data for conservation efforts.

### **International HPV Awareness Day**



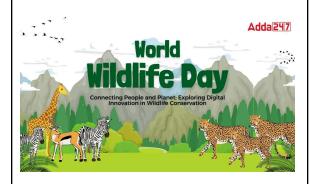
#### Context:

- International HPV Awareness Day is marked annually on March 4
- It was developed in 2018 by the International Papillomavirus Society (IPVS)
- It aims to raise awareness about the human papillomavirus (HPV), its associated cancers, and the available preventive measures.

#### About:

- HPV is the most common sexually transmitted infection globally.
- While most people clear the virus naturally, certain HPV strains can lead to several cancers, including cervical, anal, and head and neck cancers.

#### **World Wildlife Day**



#### Context:

- United Nations World Wildlife Day (WWD) is celebrated every year on March 3.
- It is a global event dedicated to raising awareness about the diverse and magnificent wildlife on our planet.
- It highlights the critical role these animals and plants play in maintaining healthy ecosystems and supporting human well-being.

#### About:

 On 20 December 2013, at its 68th session, the United Nations General Assembly, in its resolution UN 68/205, decided to proclaim 3 March, the international day of the adoption of



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the Convention on International Trade in **Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora** (CITES) on the planet raise awareness and benefits fauna and flora in 1973, as World Wildlife Day.

#### Theme:

This year's theme is, "Connecting People and Planet: Exploring Digital Innovation in Wildlife Conservation."

## Did you Know?

• The commemoration was proposed by Thailand

