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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.

IIT Madras sets up research foundation to spur patents, technology commercialisation

Context:

- The Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) has established a dedicated research foundation to accelerate innovation and entrepreneurship.
- This foundation will act as a catalyst for the institute's startups, patents, and technology transfer initiatives
- The IITM Research Foundation, led by CEO Thirumalai Madhav Narayan, aims to bridge the gap between cutting-edge research and real-world applications.
- This initiative aligns with India's aspirations to become a global leader in technological innovation and startup creation.

Migratory birds make a pit stop at Pulicat backwaters



Context:

- Several waders and flamingos have arrived at Pulicat.
- With the migratory season for waders coming to an end, a large number of them have now come to the Pulicat (Pazhaverkadu in Tamil) backwaters on the Tamil Nadu side to halt for a few days before heading back home.
- These waders will come back by Oct to various areas in Tamil Nadu to spend their winter period.

About:

- These birds utilize the backwaters for rest, refueling, and as a temporary home before continuing their migrations.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The rich ecosystem of the Pulicat backwaters provides an ideal habitat for these migratory birds.• The shallow waters and abundant plant life offer a plentiful food source, while the sheltered environment provides a safe haven from predators.• Some of the migratory birds that frequent the Pulicat backwaters include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Flamingos○ Pelicans○ Spoonbills○ Plovers○ Sandpipers
<p>CII-Govt forums to be formed in southern states</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) plans to establish consultative forums with all southern state governments.• This initiative aims to improve the ease of doing business in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana.• Southern states contribute 31.5% to the national GDP and these states would collectively emerge as a \$3 trillion economy by 2030.• CII will work with the state govts in bringing state level policies on manufacturing and industry 4.0 with focus on MSMEs <p>About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• These forums will provide a platform for collaboration between industry and government.• By working together, they can address challenges faced by businesses and develop strategies to promote industrial growth in the southern region.• CII will also organise the Mystic South Summit in Chennai during January next year to showcase south India's industry to global investors
<p>International Pageant Day</p>	<p>Context:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.



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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.**