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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"><li>• The rich ecosystem of the Pulicat backwaters provides an <b>ideal habitat for these migratory birds.</b></li><li>• The <b>shallow waters and abundant plant life offer a plentiful food source</b>, while the sheltered environment provides a safe haven from predators.</li><li>• <b>Some of the migratory birds that frequent the Pulicat backwaters include:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Flamingos</li><li>○ Pelicans</li><li>○ Spoonbills</li><li>○ Plovers</li><li>○ Sandpipers</li></ul></li></ul>   |
| <p><b>CII-Govt forums to be formed in southern states</b></p> | <p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The <b>Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)</b> plans to <b>establish consultative forums with all southern state governments.</b></li><li>• This initiative aims to improve the ease of doing business in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana.</li><li>• <b>Southern states contribute 31.5% to the national GDP</b> and these states would collectively emerge as a <b>\$3 trillion economy by 2030.</b></li><li>• CII will work with the state govts in bringing state level policies on manufacturing and industry 4.0 with focus on MSMEs</li></ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• These forums will provide a platform for collaboration between industry and government.</li><li>• By working together, they can address challenges faced by businesses and develop strategies to promote industrial growth in the southern region.</li><li>• CII will also organise the Mystic South Summit in Chennai during January next year to showcase south India's industry to global investors</li></ul> |
| <p><b>International Pageant Day</b></p>                       | <p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>International Pageant Day</b> is celebrated annually on <b>April 8th</b></li><li>• It honors the <b>dedication and achievements of women who compete in pageants around the world.</b></li><li>• It's a day to recognize that pageants showcase not just beauty, but also personality, intelligence, and social awareness.</li></ul>   |



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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.**