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News: Mugger Crocodile

- Recently, the Indian Railways has delivered water to Pali district in western Rajasthan to ensure survival of Mugger Crocodile or Marsh Crocodile as the region's water bodies have dried up due to a hot March.

Mugger Crocodile

- Mugger crocodiles are also called **marsh crocodile** or **broad-snouted crocodile**.
- It is **extinct in Myanmar and Bhutan, and possibly extinct in Bangladesh**.
- IUCN Status: Vulnerable
- CITES Status: Appendix I
- Wildlife Protection Act: Schedule I
- **Vadodara is the only city in India, where crocodiles live in their natural habitat amidst human population.**
- Mugger crocodiles are included in the **Indian Crocodile Conservation Project** as a target species along with **Saltwater Crocodiles and Gharials**.
- Recently, **Muggers from Sardar Sarovar dam were relocated to facilitate a seaplane service at the Statue of Unity.**