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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ HDFC Bank opened the first all-women branch in north Kerala.
- ❖ The governments of Punjab and Haryana took a decision to name the Chandigarh International Airport after Shaheed Bhagat Singh.
- ❖ The External Affairs Minister Jaishankar Subramanian unveiled a statue of Gandhi in Paraguay during his first official visit to South America.
- ❖ Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated the 'Rajiv Gandhi Centre of Advanced Technology' (R-CAT) in Jaipur.

NATIONAL

Grameen Udyami Project phase 2



GRAMEEN UDYAMI
PROJECT PHASE 02

The phase-II of the pilot project was launched in **Ranchi**

NSDC under the aegis of MSDE has supported in setting up of **labs and classrooms**

It aims to train **450 tribal students** in Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand





- ❖ The National Skill Development Corporation in partnership with Seva Bharti and Yuva Vikas Society recently launched Phase II of Grameen Udyami project.

- ❖ It aims to promote skill development and entrepreneurship among tribal youth and to promote Skill India Mission.
- ❖ In the first phase of this training, participants from rural and tribal areas of Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat were included.
- ❖ Currently, this project is being implemented in six states - Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Gujarat.

Coal Ministers award 2021-2022



- ❖ These awards were first introduced last year.
- ❖ They were given in three categories - safety, production & productivity and sustainability.
- ❖ Two new additional categories of quality and ERP implementation have been added this year.
- ❖ Mahanadi Coal Fields Limited (MCL) bagged the first prize in three categories, namely 'Safety', 'Production & Productivity' and 'Quality'.
- ❖ Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) bagged the second prize in safety category and third in sustainability category.
- ❖ Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) got the first prize in the category 'Sustainability'.
- ❖ Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) got the first prize in 'Implementation of ERP'.

- ❖ Central Coalfields Limited is a Category 1 Miniratna Company since the year 2007.
- ❖ It is the first coal controlling company in the country.
- ❖ Initially it had five subsidiaries.
- ❖ Whereas Coal India Limited currently has eight subsidiaries.

Rashtriya Puraskar Portal



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<https://www.awards.gov.in>

Bringing together all the Awards of the Govt. of India under one digital platform.

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR

- **Padma Awards**
01/05/2022 to 15/09/2022
- **Sardar Patel National Unity Award**
01/06/2022 to 31/07/2022
- **Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award**
18/05/2022 to 16/06/2022
- **Jeevan Raksha Padak series of Awards**
01/04/2022 to 30/09/2022
- **Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Telecom Skill Excellence Award**
10/03/2022 to 16/06/2022

The banner features a circular inset image of a woman in a saree receiving a golden award from a man in a dark suit. Below the text, there are three award medals: the Padma award (a lotus flower), the Sardar Patel National Unity Award (a circular medal with a portrait), and the Jeevan Raksha Padak award (a circular medal with a portrait).

- ❖ The central government launched the Rashtriya Puraskar Portal.
- ❖ It aims to bring together all the awards of various ministries, departments, agencies of the Government of India under one platform to ensure transparency and public partnership.
- ❖ This portal facilitates every citizen or organisation to nominate individuals/organizations for various Awards instituted by the Government of India.

- ❖ The three Padma awards - Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri Instituted in 1954.

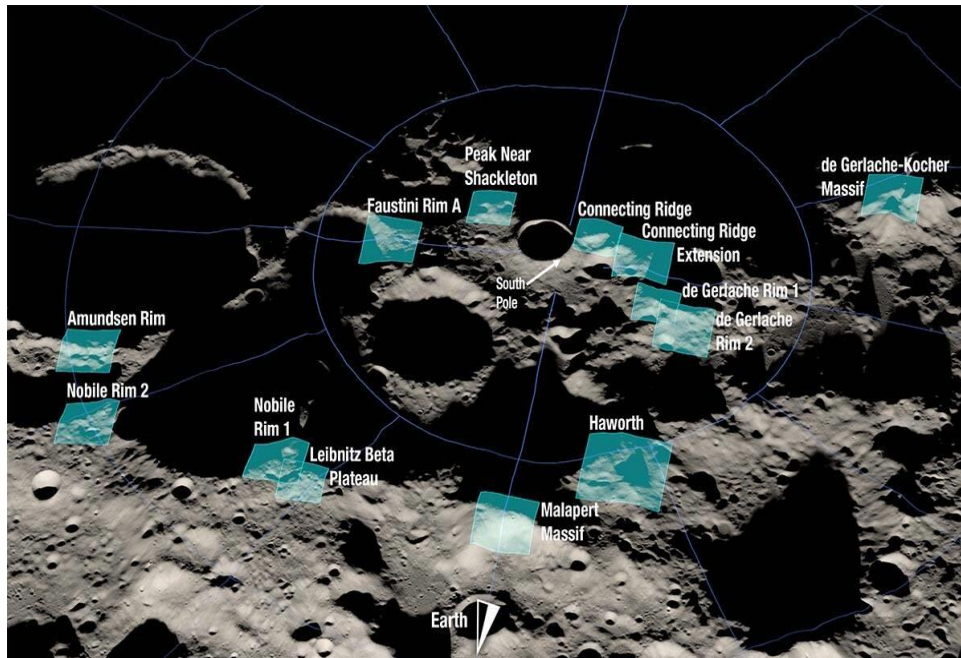
INTERNATIONAL

HAL first marketing abroad office

- ❖ The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) inked a MoU to establish its first international marketing and sales office in Kuala Lumpur.
- ❖ It anticipates a potential agreement for the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas in Malaysia.
- ❖ Tejas is being considered by Malaysia as a Fighter Lead-in Trainer (FLIT) aircraft for the Royal Malaysian Air Force.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Landing sites for Artemis III mission



- ❖ The US space agency is currently focusing on the launch of its Artemis I rocket.
- ❖ The main objective of the programme is to launch a manned mission to the south pole region of the moon by 2024.
- ❖ The programme is to be implemented in three parts.
- ❖ They are Artemis I, Artemis II and Artemis III.

- ❖ NASA has now identified multiple potential landing sites for Artemis III.
- ❖ It will be the first mission to bring crew to the lunar surface, including the first woman to set foot on the Moon.

India's first Hydrogen fuel cell bus

- ❖ India's first hydrogen fuel cell bus developed by KPIT-CSIR in Pune.
- ❖ The hydrogen fuel cell uses hydrogen and air to generate electricity.
- ❖ Moreover, it is producing only heat and water in the process.
- ❖ Hydrogen fuel cells like the one present in the bus produce electricity by combining hydrogen and oxygen atoms.
- ❖ The two gases react across an electrochemical cell similar to a conventional battery cell to produce electricity, water and small amounts of heat.
- ❖ This electricity is then used by electric motors to propel the vehicle forward.



ENVIRONMENT

Aravind's ground gecko

- ❖ A new species of bent-toed gecko discovered recently from the Agasthyamalai hills in the Western Ghats.
- ❖ The name of this new gecko has been given in the name of well-known malacologist N.A. Arvind as Aravind's ground gecko.
- ❖ The new species has been described based on its distinctness in the morphological and molecular DNA data.

- ❖ Its scientific name is *Cyrtodactylus aravindi*.
- ❖ Currently, Aravind's ground gecko has so far been found only at two locations, Muppandal and Thuckalay in Kanyakumari district.
- ❖ It is falling within the Agasthyamalai biosphere reserve in Tamil Nadu.
- ❖ Geckos are reptiles, that are found on all continents except Antarctica.
- ❖ Indian Golden Gecko, belonging to family Gekkonidae, is native to India states of Tamil Nadu, Orissa, Andhra Pradesh.
- ❖ Tokay Gecko, belonging to family Gekkonidae, is widespread in Indo-Malayan region.



IMPORTANT DAYS

World Water Week 2022 - 23 August to 1 September

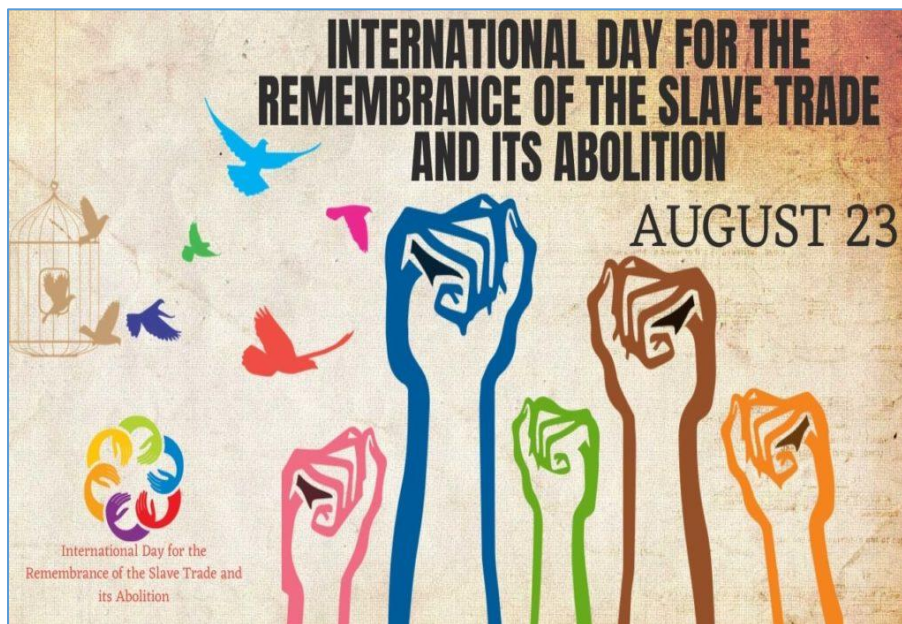


- ❖ The World Water Week is an annual event organized by Stockholm International Water Institute since 1991.

- ❖ It aims to address the global water issues and related concerns of international development.
- ❖ The theme of the 2022 World Water Week is: “Seeing the unseen: The value of water”.

International Day for the Remembrance of Slave Trade and Abolition - August 23

- ❖ The day is observed to memorialise the practice against millions of innocent lives who were the victims of the transatlantic slave trade during colonial rule.
- ❖ The day was given its first importance by UNESCO.
- ❖ The international slave trade was first eradicated in the year 1807.
- ❖ The day was first observed in countries like Haiti (August 23, 1998) and Goree Island in Senegal (August 23, 1999).
- ❖ The theme for this year's is 'Stories of Courage: Resistance to Slavery and Unity against Racism'.



Black Ribbon Day - August 23

- ❖ This is the European Day of Remembrance for Victims of Stalinism and Nazism remembers victims of totalitarian regimes.
- ❖ These include Stalinist, communist, Nazi and fascist regimes.
- ❖ The day is also known as Black Ribbon Day.

- ❖ August 23 was chosen as it commemorates the infamous Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact that occurred in 1939.
- ❖ This pact was between the Soviet Union and Germany.

