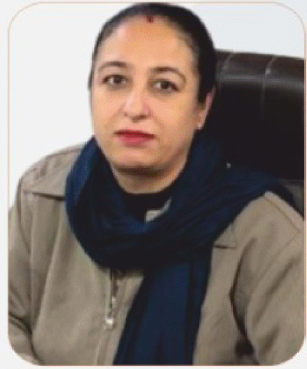




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## History of 23rd August

- ◆ **1875** : **Rajkumar Shukla**, a freedom fighter and one of the prominent people of Champaran Satyagraha, was born.
- ◆ **1918** : **Marathi poet Govind Vinayak Karandikar** (Vinda Karandikar), honored with the Jnanpith Award, was born.
- ◆ **1939** : A non-aggression pact was signed between the then **Soviet Union** and **Germany**.
- ◆ **1994** : India's famous female swimmer **Aarti Saha** passed away.
- ◆ **1947** : **Vallabhbhai Patel** became the **Deputy Prime Minister** of India.

## Current Affairs Related to 23rd August 2024

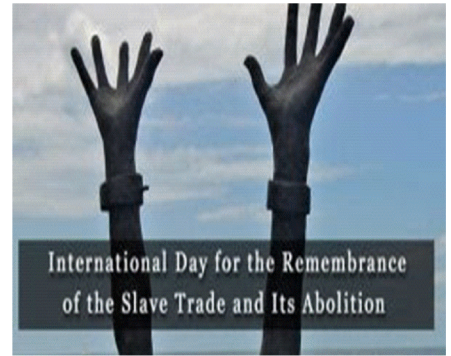
- ◆ **An MoU was signed between the Central Ground Water Board and Faridabad Metropolitan Development Authority** to address the estimated water supply gap for Faridabad Smart City by 2031. This is an important step towards enhancing the city's water supply through sustainable development of groundwater resources in the Yamuna flood plains. The scope of this MoU includes a comprehensive study to assess the groundwater potential and quality in the Yamuna flood plains. This study will result in a comprehensive groundwater management plan.
- ◆ **BRICS countries launched Industrial Efficiency Center in collaboration with United Nations Industrial Development Organization.** It will support the development of industrial skills and capabilities. This center will promote partnerships within the framework of the new industrial revolution. It will identify interests, challenges and opportunities in the rapidly evolving industrial landscape. This center will help in developing the industrial skills of its members. The UAE will help develop industry and advanced technological skills.
- ◆ **The Central Government issued the Offshore Area Mineral Trust Rules 2024 to oversee mineral exploration and production** in India offshore areas. According to the new rules, offshore mine holders will have to contribute 10 percent of their royalty payments to the government into the trust. This amount will be deposited in the public account of India. The rules also prescribe specific exploration criteria for various deposits and minerals including construction grade silica sand, non-construction grade calcareous sand, calcareous clay, phosphatic sediments etc.
- ◆ **The Central Government has decided to include the AYUSH package under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.** Package design, hospital onboarding, treatment guidelines, outcomes and financial implications are under discussion. AB PM JAY provides health coverage of Rs 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization.
- ◆ **The Union Cabinet has approved five major infrastructure projects.** These projects include three major metro rail projects as well as two new airport facilities across India. The Cabinet has approved the third phase of the Bangalore Metro Rail Project. When completed in 2029, Bengaluru's metro network will have a length of 220.20 kilometres. The first phase of Swargate to Katraj underground extension will strategically expand Pune's metro system.
- ◆ **The MoU was signed in the presence of Sansad TV CEO Rajit Punhani, Prasar Bharati CEO Gorav Dwivedi and senior officials of both the organizations.** The MoU will help in sharing of resources, training of personnel and cross channel promotion of each other's programs. The objective of this MoU is to share content and programmes, broadcast Sansad TV on Prasar Bharati's OTT platforms and utilize training facilities. They will also share human resources, technology and equipment.
- ◆ **India hosted the 3rd Voice of the Global South Summit in virtual format.** The theme of the summit was an empowered Global South for a sustainable future. The Global South Summit has served as a platform to expand on discussions held at previous summits on a variety of complex challenges affecting the world, such as conflict, food and energy security crises, and climate change.
- ◆ **The Center unveiled the Agriculture Decision Support System portal, a satellite-based geospatial platform.** The platform will provide information to farmers about weather, groundwater levels, soil health, reservoir storage levels, etc. and will also include data such as satellite images. Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Bhagirath Chaudhary launched the portal developed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. Agriculture DSS was launched during the National Conference on Space Driven Solutions for Agricultural Transformation in India organized by the Ministry of Agriculture.

## National & International Current Affairs

1. When is the International Day to Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition celebrated every year?

- (A) 20th August (B) 21st August  
(C) 22nd August (D) 23rd August

(D) International Day of Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition is observed every year on 23 August to remind all people of the tragedy of the transatlantic slave trade. It provides an opportunity to think about the historical causes and consequences of the slave trade.



2. When is the European Remembrance Day celebrated annually for the victims of Stalinism and Nazism?

- (A) 22 days (B) 23 days  
(C) 24 days (D) 25 days

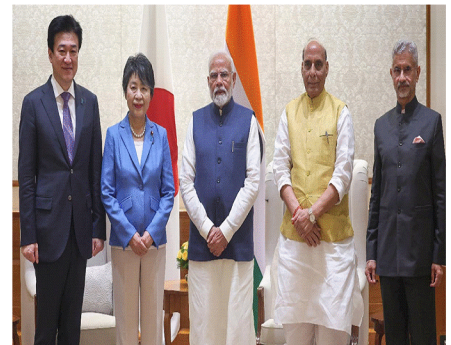
(B) The European Day of Remembrance for the Victims of Stalinism and Nazism is observed every year on 23 August in memory of the victims of totalitarian regimes. Mainly communism, fascism, nazism etc. It is also known as Black Ribbon Day in some countries. The day also symbolizes the rejection of extremism, intolerance and oppression.



3. Recently, 2+2 meeting between India and which country was held in New Delhi?

- (A) China (B) America  
(C) Sri Lanka (D) Japan

(D) Defense Minister Shri Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar hosted Defense Minister Kihara Minoru and Foreign Minister Ms Yoko Kamikawa of Japan for the third 2-2 ministerial-level talks in New Delhi. During the 2/2 talks, Shri Rajnath Singh also held a bilateral meeting with Japanese Defense Minister Shri Kihara Minoru.



4. Who has recently won the Best Actor Award at the 70th National Film Awards?

- (A) Ribhash Shetty (B) Rahul Naveen  
(C) Shubham Shukla (D) None of these

(A) Recently, the 70th National Film Awards have been announced. Actor Rishabh Shetty won the Best Actor award for his blockbuster film Kantara. The Best Actress honor was shared by Nithya Menen and Mansi Parekh. Nithya received the honor for her role in the Tamil film Thiruchitrabalam, while Manasi won the award for the Gujarati film Kutch Express.



5. How many new content sites have been announced in India recently?

- (A) 1 (B) 2  
(C) 3 (D) 4

(C) Recently, Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Bhupendra Yadav said that India has added three more sites to the Ramsar Sites Network. With this, the number of Ramsar sites in India has increased to 85, Nanjarayan Bird Sanctuary and Kajuveli Bird Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu and Tawa Reservoir in Madhya Pradesh have been added to this list.



6. Who has recently launched Kisan Ki Baat radio program to communicate with farmers?

- (A) Shivraj Singh Chauhan (B) Narendra Modi  
(C) S. Jaishankar (D) Amit Shah

(A) Recently, to connect with farmers and understand their problems, Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan has launched a monthly radio program named Kisan Se Baat. This program is inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's popular radio program Mann Ki Baat. Its objective is to give farmers an opportunity to interact with the minister, agricultural scientists and ministry officials.



7. Recently India and which country have discussed ways to increase maritime cooperation?

- (A) Sri Lanka (B) Maldives  
(C) Japan (D) Vietnam

(D) Recently, India and Vietnam held an important dialogue in which both sides discussed ways to enhance maritime cooperation and ways to cooperate in various international and regional forums for common objectives. The Ministry of External Affairs said that the fourth India-Vietnam Maritime Security Dialogue was held in Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam.



8. Where has North India's largest floating solar project been started recently?

- (A) Indore (B) Omkareshwar  
(C) Gwalior (D) None of these

(B) Recently, the largest floating solar project in Central and North India producing 90 MW energy has become operational in Omkareshwar, Madhya Pradesh. This information was given by a state minister. State Renewable Energy Minister Rakesh Shukla said in a statement that the Omkareshwar Floating Solar Project costing Rs 646 crore has become operational.



9. Who has recently joined Yes Bank as Retail Head?

- (A) Sumit Bali (B) Nalin Prabhat  
(C) Manoj Mittal (D) None of these

(A) Recently, former Axis Bank retail lending executive Sumit Bali is joining Yes Bank as the retail head of the private sector lender later this month. Sources aware of the development said Bali will join the bank and will report to Yes Bank Executive Director Rajan Paintal.



10. Recently India and which country have signed an agreement to establish a water technology center?

- (A) China (B) Sri Lanka  
(C) Israel (D) Russia

(C) India and Israel have signed an agreement to establish a new Center for Water Technology at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras. The Center is expected to act as a major contributor to India's efforts to achieve sustainable water supply for all. The Israel Embassy in India, in a statement, described the agreement as an important milestone in the ongoing cooperation between the two countries in the field of integrated water resources management.

