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### National and International News

<b>Bhoj Wetland</b>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The <b>Union Government</b> recently <b>denied any threat of delisting the Bhoj Wetland</b> from the <b>Ramsar Convention list of wetlands of international importance.</b></li></ul> <p><b>About Bhoj Wetland:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Location:</b> Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.</li><li>• <b>Structure:</b> Consists of two contiguous human-made reservoirs:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Upper Lake:</b> Also known as Bhojtal (Bada Talaab).</li><li>○ <b>Lower Lake:</b> Known as Chhota Talaab.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Upper Lake:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ South: <b>Van Vihar National Park.</b></li><li>○ East and North: Human settlements.</li><li>○ West: Agricultural fields.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>Importance:</b> Upper Lake is a <b>major source of potable water for Bhopal.</b></li></ul>
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### Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve

#### Why in the news?

- The Chhattisgarh government announced the establishment of a new tiger reserve, named Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve.

#### About Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve:

- **Location:** Northern part of Chhattisgarh, bordering Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand.
- **Tiger Reserve Status:** This is the fourth Tiger Reserve in Chhattisgarh, following Udanti-Sitanadi, Achanakmar, and Indravati Reserves.
- **Area Coverage:** Spread across Guru Ghasidas National Park and Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary in Chhattisgarh.
- **Rivers:**
  - Origin of significant rivers like Hasdeo Gopad and Baranga.
  - Catchment area for rivers such as Neur, Bijadhur, Banas, Rehand.
- **Connectivity:** Acts as a corridor for tigers to move between Bandhavgarh and Palamau Tiger Reserves.
- **Historical Background:**
  - Originally part of the Sanjay Dubri National Park.
  - Guru Ghasidas Park was established as a separate entity in Chhattisgarh's Sarguja region after the formation of the state in 2001.



## National Coastal Mission Scheme

## Why in the news?

- The **Minister of State for Environment, Forest, and Climate Change** recently informed the Lok Sabha about the **National Coastal Scheme**.

## About National Coastal Mission Scheme:

- **Launch Year:** 2014
- **Envisioned Under:** National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC)
- **Objective:** To address the impact of climate change on coastal and marine ecosystems, infrastructure, and communities in coastal areas through adaptation and mitigation measures.
- **Associated Program:** National Coastal Management Program
- **Key Components:**
  - **Management Action Plan:** Conservation of Mangroves and Coral Reefs.
  - **Research & Development:** Focused on Marine and Coastal ecosystems.
  - **Sustainable Development of Beaches:** Under the Beach Environment & Aesthetic Management Service (BEAMS).
  - **Capacity Building & Outreach:** Program for Coastal States/UTs on conservation, including beach cleaning drives.
- **Implementation:** **State Governments of Coastal States and Union Territory (UT) Administrations** are the implementing agencies.

**Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024****Why in the news?**

- **Waqf Bill** referred to the **joint parliamentary panel** after the Opposition calls it 'draconian' and an attack on the Constitution.

**What is Waqf?**

- Waqf refers to **properties designated exclusively for religious or charitable purposes** under **Islamic law**.
- Once established, a **waqf cannot be revoked**.
- **Significance:** Waqf boards are the **third-largest landowners in India, managing over 9 lakh acres of land valued at approximately Rs 1.2 lakh crore**.

**About Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024:**

- **Central Waqf Council:** The bill proposes the **establishment of a Central Waqf Council** alongside **state Waqf Boards**, with **representation from Muslim women and non-Muslims**.
- **District Collector's Role:** The bill proposes designating the **District Collector as the primary authority to determine whether a property is classified as waqf or government land, shifting responsibility from the Waqf Tribunal**. This is a contentious change, as critics fear it may lead to misuse of authority.
- **Board of Auqaf:** A **separate Board of Auqaf is proposed for the Boharas and Aghakhani**,



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	<p>ensuring representation for Shias, Sunnis, Bohras, and Aghakhanis within waqf boards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Central Government Authority:</b> The bill grants the central government the authority to initiate audits of waqf properties, with auditors appointed by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.</li><li>● <b>Waqfnama Requirement:</b> The bill mandates a valid waqfnama (official deed) to express one's intention to dedicate property as waqf, replacing the current allowance for oral agreements.</li></ul>
<b>Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar (RVP)</b>	<p><b>Why in the news?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The central government recently announced the full list of <b>awardees for the first-ever Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar (RVP) 2024.</b></li></ul> <p><b>About RVP:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Award Recipients:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <b>Vigyan Team Award:</b> <b>ISRO-Chandrayaan 3 Team</b> for their contribution in Space Science and Technology.</li><li>○ <b>Vigyan Ratna Puraskar:</b> Celebrated <b>biochemist Govindarajan Padmanabhan</b> as the first recipient.</li></ul></li><li>● <b>About Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar (RVP):</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ A new set of awards introduced by the <b>Government of India</b> in the field of <b>Science, Technology, and Innovation.</b></li></ul></li></ul>



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- **Objective:** To recognize notable and inspiring contributions by scientists, technologists, and innovators, individually or in teams, across various fields.
- **Significance:** It is one of the **highest recognitions in the field of science, technology, and innovation in India.**
- **Award Categories:**
  - **Vigyan Ratna (VR):** Recognizes **lifetime achievements** in any field of science and technology.
  - **Vigyan Shri (VS):** Recognizes **distinguished contributions in any field of science and technology.**
  - **Vigyan Yuva-Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar (VY-SSB):** Encourages **young scientists up to 45 years** for exceptional contributions in science and technology.
  - **Vigyan Team (VT):** Awarded to a **team of three or more scientists/researchers/innovators** for exceptional team contributions in science and technology.
- **Award Ceremony:** To be held on **23rd August (National Space Day).**



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