

Manipur black rice, Gorakhpur terracotta & Kovilpatti kadalai-mittai gets GI tag

Chak-Hao, the black rice of Manipur, the terracotta work of Gorakhpur & Kovilpatti kadalai-mittai has been granted with the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.



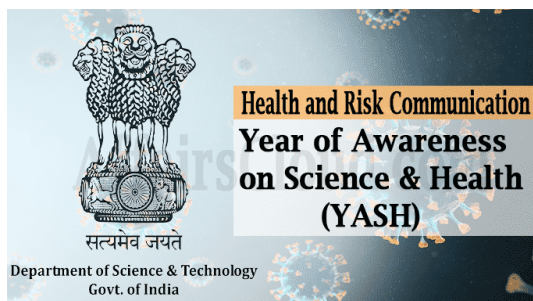
Chak-Hao- the Consortium of Producers of Chak-Hao (Black Rice), Manipur and was facilitated by the Department of Agriculture, Government of Manipur and the North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Limited

(NERAMAC).

Gorakhpur terracotta- Laxmi Terracotta Murtikala Kendra in Uttar Pradesh.

Kovilpatti kadalai mittai- the Kovilpatti Regional Kadalaimittai Manufacturers filed on July 3, 2014, the same was published in GI journal on November 29, 2019 inviting for objections if any.

DST launched 'Year of Awareness on Science & Health (YASH)' on health & risk communication focusing COVID-19



National Council for Science & Technology Communication (NCSTC), Department of Science & Technology (DST) has initiated a programme on health and risk communication focusing on COVID-19 titled "Year of Awareness on Science & Health (YASH)". Its aim is to convey authentic best practices to the

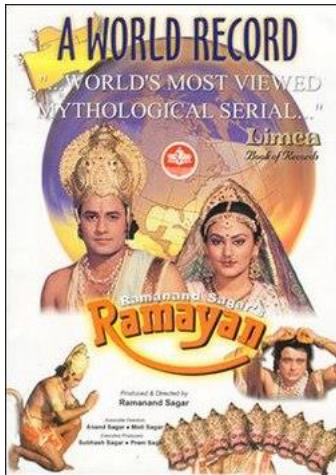
general public to minimize the risk of transmission of virus at all levels, in the absence of vaccines and cure for COVID-19.

About NCSTC: Established in 1982 under DST, NCSTC is a scientific programme of the Government of India for the popularisation of science, dissemination of scientific knowledge and inculcation of scientific temper.

TS Tirumurti Appointed India's Permanent Representative To United Nations

Senior diplomat T S Tirumurti has been appointed as the Ambassador/Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations at New York as of 30 April 2020. A 1985-batch Indian Foreign Service officer, Tirumurti was previously serving as Secretary in the the Ministry of External Affairs. He succeeds Syed Akbaruddin, who had been serving as India's Permanent Representative at the UN since January 2016.

Ramanand Sagar's Ramayan Scripts New World Record of becoming the most-watched TV show



The epic mythological show Ramayan, by Ramanand Sagar, has scripted new world wide record of becoming the most watched entertainment programme in the world in 2020 as of April 16.

This announcement was made by Doordharshan (DD) on its Twitter handle on 30 April 2020, based on the data released by Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC) India.

As per DD, Ramayan has also clocked the highest viewership record on a single day and has reported a viewership of 7.7 crore as of 16 April 2020.

The show Ramayan, based on the life of mythical character Lord Ram, was first aired on the DD channel, two decades ago, in **January 1987 and ended in July 1988.**

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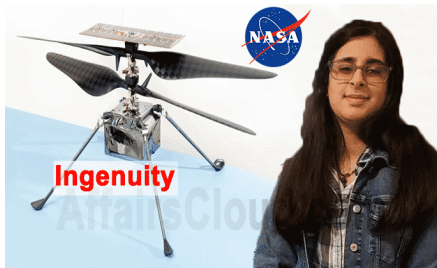


The Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IITM) Professor T Pradeep, has been selected for the Nikkei Asia Prizes 2020 in the "Science and Technology" category. The Padma Shri awardee T. Pradeep has been recognized for his pioneering work in nanotechnology-based water purification system that works without expensive filtration

membranes or electricity.

The Nikkei Asia Prizes are **annual awards conferred on individuals who have contributed to bring sustainable development in the region** and for the creation of a better future in Asia.

Indian-Origin Girl Vaneeza Rupani Credied to Name NASA’s First Mars Helicopter as ‘Ingenuity’



A 17-year-old Indian-origin girl Vaneeza Rupani has been earned the honour of naming the NASA’s first Mars helicopter, after she submitted her essay into NASA’s “Name the Rover” contest. Rupani, a high school junior from Northport, Alabama, has suggested the name ‘**INGENUITY**’ for the helicopter, which has been liked and accepted by NASA.

Australia deposes India for the first time since 2016 in Test ranking for men: ICC India slips to 3rd Position

ICC Test rankings	
1 - Australia	(116 points)
2 - New Zealand	(115)
3 - India	(114)
4 - England	(105)
5 - Sri Lanka	(91)
6 - South Africa	(90)
7 - Pakistan	(86)
8 - West Indies	(79)

India has lost its top spot & has slipped to the **3rd** position(114) for the first time since 2016 in the International Cricket Council (ICC) test rankings, as its record of 12 test victories and one Test defeat in 2016-17 was removed in the latest chart as per rules. **Australia**(116) **topped** the rank, followed by New Zealand(115).

About ICC:

Headquarters– Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE).

CEO (Chief Executive Officer)– Manu Sawhney

Chairman– Shashank Manohar.