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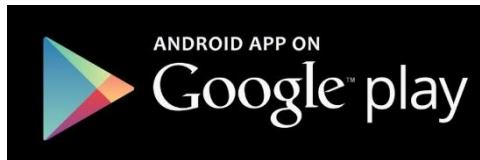
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- **SBI:** 2000 Posts of P.O. in SBI. Apply by: 13.05.18
- **PPSC:-** 207 posts by 04.04.2018
- **NABARD:-** 92 Assistant Manager Posts by 02.04.2018
- **Pb & Hr HC:-** 13 clerk Post by 01.05.2018

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **April 5** : National Maritime Day
- **April 7** : World Health Day
- **April 18** : World Heritage Day
- **April 21** : Secretaries Day
- **April 22** : Earth Day

NATIONAL EVENTS

- **Swachh Bharat Mission launches GOBAR-DHAN to promote wealth and energy from waste** On April 30, 2018, Union Minister for Drinking Water and Sanitation, Uma Bharti launched the GOBAR (Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources) – DHAN scheme at the National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI) in Karnal, Haryana. Ms. Bharti launched this scheme in presence of Haryana Chief Minister,

Manohar Lal Khattar. This scheme was announced by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley while presenting Union Budget 2018.. This scheme will be run by Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin). GOBAR-DHAN scheme will be a part of ODF-plus strategy, focusing on management of solid and liquid waste in villages. Under this scheme, bio-gas plants will be set up at individual or community level and also at the level of Self Help Groups and NGOs like Gaushalas. Government has set a target to setup nearly 700 bio-gas units in different states under the scheme during 2018-19.

- **PM Modi to launch Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan from MP** On April 24, 2018, on the occasion of National Panchayati Raj Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Madhya Pradesh's Mandla district and launched the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan at Ram Nagar. Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) is aimed at helping Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) to develop governance

capabilities to deliver on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through inclusive local governance with focus on optimum utilisation of available resources.

- **23rd meeting of Western Zonal Council in Gandhinagar** : On 26th April 2018, the 23rd meeting of the Western Zonal Council consisting of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli was held at Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The meeting was chaired by Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh. Chief Minister of Gujarat, Vijay Rupani was the Vice Chairman and host. Chief Ministers of all member States of Western Zonal Council and some Ministers, Chief Secretaries and senior officers from the State Governments and senior officers from Central Government also participated in the meeting.
- **The Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) under the NITI Aayog has launched the Atal New India Challenge on 26th April 2018** : The Atal New India Challenge will be run in collaboration with five ministries. Through the Atal New India Challenge, AIM will invite prospective innovators/MSMEs/start-ups to design market-ready products, using advanced technologies or prototypes in 17 focus areas like Climate Smart Agriculture, Smart Mobility, Predictive Maintenance of Rolling Stock, Waste Management etc. Applicants with capability, intent and potential to productize technologies will be granted up to Rs. 1 crore.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- **Six countries suspend membership in UNASUR** : Six countries of the **Union of South American Nations (UNASUR)** have suspended their memberships amid differences over who should lead the group. Six countries that have suspended their membership from UNASUR are **Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Paraguay and Peru. Owing to this, membership of UNASUR has reduced to half and now only Bolivia, Ecuador, Guyana, Surinam, Uruguay and Venezuela remain in the bloc.** UNASUR was promoted by late Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez. It was constituted in 2008 to counter US influence in the region.
- **Second edition of World Hindu Congress 2018**: will be held in Chicago, US from 7th – 9th September, 2018. The theme of World Hindu Congress 2018 is “Sumantrite Suvikrante” – “think collectively, achieve valiantly”. It is being organised by World Hindu Foundation to commemorate 125 years of Swami Vivekananda’s historic Chicago address on September 11, 1893. Tulsi Gabbard, the first Hindu lawmaker in the US Congress has been named Chairperson of WHC 2018. The event will be attended by Heads of several countries, top corporate leaders, religious leaders and more than 2000 Hindu delegates from over 50 countries. The inaugural World Hindu Congress was held in New Delhi in November 2014.

- **India, Pakistan to participate in SCO counter-terror exercise:** For the first time, India and Pakistan will be part of a multi-nation counter-terror exercise, schedule to be held in Russia in September 2018. This multi nation exercise will be **conducted under the framework of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)**. The exercise has been named **‘Peace Mission 2018’** and almost all SCO member countries including China will be a part of this exercise. Objective of conducting ‘Peace Mission 2018’ is to enhance counter-terror cooperation among the eight SCO member countries.
- **International Buddhist Conference 2018:** was held in Lumbini, Nepal on 28th and 29th April, 2018. Theme of International Buddhist Conference 2018 was ‘Lumbini Nepal: The birthplace of Lord Buddha and the fountain of Buddhism and world peace. Representatives from 24 nations, including reputed archaeologists, historians, Buddhist gurus and scholars participated in the International Buddhist Conference 2018.

PERSONS IN NEWS

- **KAVINDER GUPTA:** On 29th April 2018, Nirmal Singh resigned as Deputy Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir and Kavinder Gupta (Gandhinagar MLA) took oath as the Deputy Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir.
- **Rajiv Bakshi:** Intex Technologies has appointed Rajiv Bakshi as its Chief Marketing Officer (CMO). Before joining Intex, he worked with Discovery Networks India and South

Asia region as vice president and head of marketing and products.

- **Uday Kotak** The board of directors of Kotak Mahindra Bank has re-designated Uday Kotak as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer with effect from 1st May 2018. Earlier, Uday Kotak was executive Vice Chairman and Managing Director.
- On 26th April 2018, former footballer **Bhaichung Bhutia** launched his political party named “Hamro Sikkim” at the Press Club of India, New Delhi. He said that “Hamro Sikkim” will focus on corruption and unemployment in Sikkim.

PLACES IN NEWS

- **Mizoram :** A Cancer Screening Mela was organized in Mizoram by the Health Department of Mizoram jointly with Public Foundation of India and National Health Mission under the initiative of Swasth Uttar Purv. The event saw participation from a wide range of people belonging to various fields. Theme of the mela was: ‘Come on Mizoram, together let’s beat Cancer’. Over 1000 participants participated in the screening. The mela was conducted to create awareness on cancer prevention and early diagnosis, early detection and management.
- **New Delhi:** On April 24, 2018, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Dr. Harsh Vardhan inaugurated the four-day Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) in New Delhi. This four-day regional Workshop (April 24-27, 2018) is the fourth in a series of UNCCD Workshops held around the world and

the first one being co-hosted by India. Representatives from nearly 40 Asia-Pacific nations participated in this workshop.

- **Manipur:** Shirui Lily Festival 2018 is being held in Ukhrul district of Manipur from 24th to 28th April, 2018. The festival commemorates the significance of Manipur's state flower, the Shirui Lily. *Lilium Mackliniae* Sealy (locally known as Shirui Lily or Kashongwon) was discovered in 1946 by Frank Kingdon Ward, a botanist from United Kingdom. This flower is found only in Manipur's Shirui Kashong Peak.
- **Himachal Pradesh:** Government has decided to introduce free Heli-ambulance services in order to help patients in the far flung and inaccessible areas of the State. The free Heli-ambulance services will be operated by Heli-mission Switzerland with the assistance of Lady Willingdon Hospital, Manali in District Kullu.
- **Maharashtra:** On 25th April 2018, the Maharashtra government announced the launch of 'Startup Week 2018' from 25th June to 29th June 2018, with an aim to promote entrepreneurial eco-system. Sambhaji Patil Nilangekar, Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Maharashtra, said the startup week will offer new companies a platform to display their innovative products and services to the Maharashtra state government. The chosen start-ups will be given access to the government machinery and will receive mentoring from its institutional partners for 12 months.

AWARDS

- **Parijat Industries wins prestigious NSCI Sarvashrestha Suraksha Puraskar:** Parijat Industries (India) Pvt Ltd, an Indian agrochemical company, has been conferred the "Sarvashrestha Suraksha Puraskar" gold award for the year 2017. The award was given away by Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Minister of State in the Ministry of Labour and Employment, at an event in New Delhi. The award was given for consistent and effective operational safety, performance and executing occupational safety and health (OSH) management system procedures at Parijat Industries (India)'s manufacturing plant at Ambala.
- **Nadiya Shafi,** a video reporter from Srinagar, has received 2018's 'Martha Farrell Award for Excellence in Women's Empowerment', with a cash prize of Rs 1.50 lakh. This award is given in recognition of Nadiya Shafi's contribution to gender equality and leading gender discussion clubs in Srinagar. The award has been instituted in the memory of Dr. Martha Farrell, an eminent activist for gender equality and women's empowerment. The 'best organisation for gender equality' award, was awarded to Maharashtra-based Resource and Support Centre for Development (RSCD) for promoting inclusion of women in political processes in 30 districts of Maharashtra.

SPORTS

- **Rafael Nadal lifts 11th Barcelona Open tennis title:** On 29th April 2018, Rafael Nadal won the Barcelona Open tennis title for the 11th time in Barcelona, Spain. Rafael Nadal won the Barcelona Open tennis title by defeating

Greece's Stefanos Tsitsipas 6-2 6-1 in the final.

- **56th edition of Belgrade International Boxing Championship was held at Belgrade in Serbia from 24th to 28th April, 2018.** Indian boxers won three gold, five silver and five bronze medals at this championship. Among Gold medal winners, Sumit Sangwan won the final bout by defeating Ecuador's Castillo Torres in 91 kg category. Indian woman boxer Nikhat Zareen won Gold medal in 51 kg Himanshu Sharma (49 kg) too won Gold medal by defeating Algeria's Mohammed Touareg in the final bout.

MISCELLANEOUS

- On 26th April 2018, former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh released 'My Journey from Marxism-Leninism to Nehruvian Socialism', a book written by former Planning Commission and Finance Commission member C H Hanumantha Rao. C H Hanumantha Rao is a creative thinker, social activist, and distinguished economist.
- On 29th April 2018, International Dance Day was celebrated all over the world. International Dance Day was founded in 1982 by the Dance Committee of ITI (International Theatre Institute). International Dance Day is celebrated every year on 29th April, which marks the birthday of Jean-Georges Noverre, the creator of modern ballet.
- On April 25, 2018, Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, released a commemorative postage stamp on former Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Late Shri Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna.

Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna was the 9th Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh. He held office from November 8, 1973 to November 29, 1975.

- India has ranked 138th out of 180 countries in the 2018 'World Press Freedom Index' released by Reporters Sans Frontières (RSF), also known as Reporters Without Borders. Norway topped the index for second consecutive year, while North Korea at 180th spot remained the most repressive country.
- Human Resource Development Ministry Launches Unnat Bharat Abhiyan 2.0 On April 25, 2018, Union Human Resource Development Ministry launched Unnat Bharat Abhiyan 2.0 in New Delhi. Unnat Bharat Abhiyan is a flagship programme of the Ministry of Human Resources Development, which seeks to bring in transformational change in rural developmental process by leveraging knowledge base and resources of the Premier Institutions of India. Indian Institute of Technology – IIT Delhi has been designated as the National Coordinating Institute for this programme.

CURRENT AFFAIR QUIZE

1. Which state government has introduced 'Bhu Seva' (land hub) project aimed at offering integrated services related with land?
 1. Andhra Pradesh
 2. Telangana
 3. Chhattisgarh
 4. Jharkhand
2. Indian Government will soon launch a uniform and credible national-level disaster database on UNISDR's insistence to implement its commitment to the Sendai

- Framework. What does “S” represent in UNISDR?**
1. System
 2. Security
 3. Strategy
 4. Scheme
- 3. Name the Bank that has launched IRA 2.0, the second version of its interactive humanoid at the Koramangala branch in Bengaluru, Karnataka?**
1. HDFC Bank
 2. Axis Bank
 3. ICICI Bank
 4. Canara Bank
- 4. Which Indian agrochemical company, has been conferred the “Sarvashrestha Suraksha Puraskar” gold award for the year 2017?**
1. Parijat Industries (India) Pvt Ltd
 2. Parle agro Pvt Ltd
 3. Patanjali Group
 4. ITC Pvt Ltd
- 5. On 26th April 2018, former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh released ‘My Journey from Marxism-Leninism to Nehruvian Socialism’. Name the author of this book?**
1. Harpeet Mandavia
 2. C H Hanumantha Rao
 3. Tapas Kanval
 4. Ramaswamy Iyer
- 6. When was the International Dance Day celebrated all over the world?**
1. April 28
 2. April 26
 3. April 25
 4. April 29
- 7. Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare, Radha Mohan Singh addressed the National Kharif Conference 2018 in ____ on April 25, 2018?**
1. Chennai
 2. New Delhi
 3. Allahabad
 4. Dehradun
- 8. A Cancer Screening Mela was organized in Mizoram by the Health Department of Mizoram jointly with Public Foundation of India and National Health Mission under the initiative of Swasth Uttar Purv. What was the theme of the mela?**
1. Come on Mizoram, together let’s beat Cancer
 2. Let’s beat Cancer together, at Mizoram
 3. Fight against cancer at Mizoram
 4. Mizoram stands united against Mizoram
- 9. On April 25, 2018, Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, released a commemorative postage stamp on former Chief Minister of ____, Late Shri Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna?**
1. Madhya Pradesh
 2. Uttar Pradesh
 3. Maharashtra
 4. Himachal Pradesh
- 10. What is the rank of India out of 180 countries in the 2018 ‘World Press Freedom Index’ released by Reporters Sans Frontières (RSF), also known as Reporters Without Borders?**
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| 1. 133 | 2. 147 |
| 3. 138 | 4. 115 |

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