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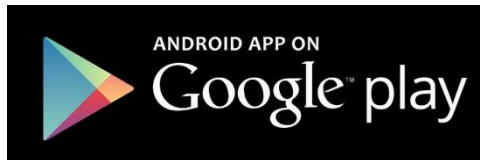
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- 4252 vacancies in IBPS Tentative Date: 14.08.18 to 04.09.18
- 414 vacancies in UPSC Combined Defence Service CDS-II Apply by 03.09.18
- 417 Posts in Indian Bank Apply by: 27.08.18
- SSC GD Constable Recruitment 2018 Last Date: 17.09.18

IMPORTANT DAYS

- August 6: Hiroshima Day
- August 8: World Senior Citizen's Day
- August 9: Quit India Day, Nagasaki Day

NATIONAL EVENTS

Seva Bhoj Yojna: New Scheme worth Rs.325 crore launched by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India On August 2, 2018, the Ministry of Culture, Government of India launched the new scheme Seva Bhoj Yojna. Total outlay of the scheme is **Rs. 325.00 Crores** for financial years 2018-19 and 2019-20. To reimburse the CGST and IGST to Religious / Charitable Institutions who provide Food free of cost without any discrimination to Public/ Devotees.

Textile ministry launches SAATHI initiative

On August 3, 2018 Ministry of Textiles and Ministry of Power have joined hands under the initiative SAATHI (Sustainable and Accelerated Adoption of efficient Textile technologies to Help Small Industries) in order to sustain and accelerate the adoption of

energy efficient textile technologies in the powerloom sector. These efficient equipments causes energy savings and cost savings to the unit owners. Under the administrative control of Ministry of Power, **Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)** will replace old inefficient electric motors with energy efficient IE3 motors which will result in energy and cost saving up to 10-15% in the first phase. Powerloom clusters at Ichalkaranji, Bhiwandi, Erode, Surat, Bhilwara and Panipat have been identified for pilot study.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- ❖ **Japan overtakes China to become world's second-largest stock market: Bloomberg** On August 5, 2018, according to Bloomberg's data Japan is now the world's **second-largest** stock market. It has overthrown China as its total equity is **\$6.17 trillion** and that of China's is **\$6.09 trillion**. The **United States** is the world's biggest market for stocks, with total worth just over **\$31 trillion**. Earlier, China overtook Japan in 2014.
- ❖ **World's First Intertidal Art Gallery Opened in Maldives** The Intertidal art gallery called Coralarium is located at the Fairmont Maldives Sirru Fen Fushi resort. The Art Gallery is filled with around 30 Sculptures acting as a habitat for coral and other marine species. It is Designed by British sculptor Jason deCaires Taylor. The frame of the gallery is made up of pH-neutral marine steel and designed to reflect the blue hues surrounding it.

PERSONS IN NEWS

- ❖ **Emmerson Mnangagwa:** On August 3, 2018, Incumbent **Emmerson Mnangagwa** has been re-elected as **Zimbabwe's president**. 75-year-old Mnangagwa, of the ruling **ZANU-PF** party, won 50.8 percent against Nelson Chamisa, of the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC) Alliance.
- ❖ **Deepak Parekh:** On 30th July 2018, Deepak Parekh was re-appointed as a Non-Executive Director on the board of HDFC. Also, **J.J. Irani** and **Keki Mistry** were reappointment as directors to HDFC's board.
- ❖ **C B Ananthakrishnan :** On 1st August 2018, C B Ananthakrishnan took charge as Director (Finance) of **Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL)**.

OBITUARY

- ❖ **Prof. Krishna Shripadrao Deshpande :** On August 4, 2018, eminent **library scientist** passed away at his residence in Malamaddi of Dharwad, **Karnataka**.
- ❖ **Rajinder Kumar Dhawan :** On 6th August 2018, **former Congress MP**, passed away due to old age related ailments, at a hospital in Delhi.
- ❖ **Mony K. Mathew:** On 7th August 2018, **Senior Financial Journalist** passed away following a heart attack. He served as chief of bureau and resident editor of The Financial Express, Chennai.

PLACES IN NEWS

- ❖ **Rajasthan:** On August 1, 2018, Rajasthan becomes the first state to implement Centre's 'Biofuel Policy.' For this Rajasthan has established a Centre of Excellence in Udaipur to promote research in alternate fuels and energy sources. To expand ethanol production, it has allowed using sugarcane juice and starch containing materials for production of ethanol.
- ❖ **Amaravati:** On August 6, 2018, Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu unveiled the world's first-ever thermal battery in Amravati, Andhra Pradesh state. It has been manufactured by the Bharat Energy Storage Technology Private Limited (BEST). It had an estimated cost of Rs 660 crore. It has a capacity of 1,000 MW and would be enhanced to 10 GW in the next six to seven years. The

plant in Andhra Pradesh is expected to start commercial operations by May 2019.

AWARDS

- ❖ **Anvar Sadath: the first Indian to win the International Contributions Award**
On August 4, 2018, K.Anvar Sadath is the first Indian to receive the International Contributions Award given by the Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT), USA. He is the vice chairman and executive director of the Kerala Infrastructure and Technology for Education (KITE) also known as IT@school Project.
- ❖ **Indian-origin prison guard Sashi Cheliah wins 10th MasterChef Australia 2018**
On August 4, 2018, Sashi Cheliah, A 39-year-old prison guard from Adelaide, won the title of MasterChef Australia 2018. It was the 10th Season. He got 93 out of 100 points on the final day. He defeated fellow contestant **Ben Borsht**, who scored 77 out of 100.
- ❖ **Javed Akhtar bestowed with Shalaka Samman, highest honour of Hindi Sahitya Academy**
Hindi Academy Delhi has given its **highest Shalaka Samman for 2017-18** to bollywood lyricist and poet Javed Akhtar. He is a father of Actor-filmmaker Farhan Akhtar.

SPORTS

- ❖ **Asian Nations Cup Chess Tournament 2018**
On July 28th to August 3, 2018, the **biennial Asian Nations Cup Chess Tournament** was held in **Hamadan, Iran**. It was organized by **Iran Chess Federation on behalf of Asian Chess Federation**. India won **5 medals**: 1 gold, 2 silver, 2 bronze. India ranked **2nd** in the overall ranking. The winning team of Gold consisted of : Grand Master **Harika Dronavalli** , International Master **Eesha Karavade**, International Master **Padmini Rout** and Women's International Masters (WIMs) **Vaishali R, Aakanksha Hagawane**. The hosts made it compulsory for all the women participants to wear a headscarf.
- ❖ **Women's Hockey World Cup 2018: Netherlands crowned world champions for record 8th time**
From 21st July to 5th August 2018, Women's Hockey World Cup 2018 was held in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, London. Defending champions **the Netherlands** defeated Ireland 6-0 in the finals

and won the **Women's Hockey World Cup 2018 title**. The Netherlands have emerged as the world champions in Women's hockey for a **record 8th time**. They have extended their unbeaten performance in all competitions to 32 matches.

- ❖ **Karman Kaur Thandi became the sixth Indian woman tennis player to crack the top-200 rankings in singles; ranked 200th in WTA** On August 3, 2018, **Karman Kaur Thandi** became the sixth Indian woman tennis player to crack the top-200 rankings in singles in the WTA chart. She is now ranked 200. She jumped 32 places to reach a career-best 200 in the WTA chart. She her maiden ITF singles title in Hong Kong and making the semifinals in two others in China.
- ❖ **A 10-year-old named Clark Kent beat a record that Michael Phelps held for 23 years** On August 1 2018, Ten-year-old swimmer Clark Kent Apuada of California placed first in all seven events at the Far West International Swimming Championship and broke **Olympian Michael Phelps** record.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

- ❖ **Apple has become the world's first publicly traded company to be valued at USD 1 trillion** On August 3 2018, Apple is the world's first publicly traded company to be valued at USD 1 trillion. It marks the latest triumph of a trend-setting company that two mavericks named Steve started in a Silicon Valley garage 42 years ago.
- ❖ **HDFC Life inks pact with Vijaya Bank to sell insurance products** On August 4, 2018, **HDFC Life Insurance** and **Vijaya Bank** signed an MoU where the bank will sell the insurer's products through its branches. This Mou is aimed at serving the semi urban rural regions where the insurance products don't have a reach. Apart from deposits and loans, the bank's customers will also get access to life insurance products.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- ❖ **Rashmi: India's first humanoid robot, can speak Hindi, Bhojpuri, Marathi** Ranjit Srivastava has developed **Rashmi**, India's first humanoid robot, which can speak **Hindi, Bhojpuri, Marathi** and **English**. Ranjit Srivastava hails from Ranchi. He is 38 years old. He has developed Rashmi,

which is said to be the Indian version of 'Sophia' (a social humanoid robot developed by a Hong Kong based company). Ranjit Srivastava claimed Rashmi as the world's first Hindi speaking realistic humanoid robot and India's first lip-synching robot.

- ❖ **China successfully tests first hypersonic aircraft: Xingkong-2 or Starry Sky-2** On 3rd August 2018, China successfully tested "**Xingkong-2**" or "**Starry Sky-2**", its first waverider hypersonic aircraft that could carry nuclear warheads and penetrate any current generation anti-missile defence systems.
- ❖ **Scutoid: Scientists discover new shape after studying human cells** American and Spanish scientists have discovered a new 3D shape called "**scutoid**" during a study on how tissues are moulded to form the skin, cavity linings and the building blocks of organs.

MISCELLANEOUS GK

- ❖ **Chhattisgarh CM & actress Kangana Ranaut launch mobile distribution scheme 'Mobile Tihar'** On 30th July 2018, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Raman Singh and actress Kangana Ranaut launched 'Mobile Tihar', a smartphone distribution scheme under the Sanchar Kranti Yojna (SKY) in Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
- ❖ **On 3rd August 2018, Ajay Data** was appointed member of the Country Code Names Supporting Organisation (**ccNSO**). Ajay Data has become the first Indian to be made member of the Country Code Names Supporting Organisation (**ccNSO**). He is the founder and CEO of Data XGen Plus. He will take up this position at ICANN's 63rd Annual General Meeting in Barcelona, Spain, in October 2018.
- ❖ **Rafael Nadal** maintained his top position in the men's Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) world singles rankings released on 6th August 2018.
- ❖ On August 7, 2018, the opening ceremony of Exercise Maitree, a joint military exercise between Indian Army and Royal Thai Army, was held in Chachoengsao province, Thailand. It will be conducted between August 6-19th 2018.
- ❖ On August 4, 2018, India was elected as the President of the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) for a period of **two** years. India won for the first time against Iran. Director General of All India

Radio F. Sheheryar was re-elected as chair of the executive board. Sri Lanka was elected as vice-chair.

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

1. How many amendments of GST Laws were approved in a Cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 1st August 2018?
 - 1.46
 - 2.35
 - 3.26
 - 4.15
2. On August 1,2018, the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, cleared the purchase of 51 % controlling stake in IDBI bank by which entity?
 - 1.Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)
 - 2.State Bank of India
 - 3.Reserve Bank of India
 - 4.Aditya Birla Insurance
3. Which state has released its final draft of National Registry of Citizens and 40 lakh declared 'illegal citizens' of India?
 1. Meghalaya
 2. Arunachal Pradesh
 3. Nagaland
 4. Assam
4. Which country based SBM Group became the first foreign lender has received Reserve Bank of India's approval to operate in the country as SBM Bank (India)?
 1. Maldives
 2. Bahamas
 3. Seychelles
 4. Mauritius
5. Name the Bank which surpasses YES Bank market capitalization and becomes 7th most valued bank.
 1. Bandhan Bank
 2. Dena Bank
 3. Allahabad Bank
 4. IDFC Bank
6. Which bank has signed an agreement with Reliance Jio Infocomm to integrate its digital banking solution YONO with MyJio application?
 - 1.ICICI Bank
 - 2.Axis Bank
 - 3.State Bank of India
 - 4.YES Bank
7. On August 3, 2018, Kadaknath chicken meat from Jhabua district of which state was awarded a Geographical Indication (GI) tag?
 - 1.Chhattisgarh
 - 2.Jharkhand
 - 3.Madhya Pradesh
 - 4.Uttarakhand
8. Name the mobile app launched by FICCI Ladies Organisation that is aimed at creating awareness on preventive healthcare?
 - 1.WOW (Wellness of Women)
 - 2.EOW (Empowerment of Women)
 - 3.Women Warriors (WW)
- 4.Rise of Women (ROW)
9. On August 7, 2018, the National Academy of Art, Lalit Kala Akademi (LKA) celebrated its 64th Foundation Day, in which the book "A Painter of Eloquent Silence" was launched. Name the author of the book?
 - 1.Anshul Agarwal
 - 2.Rajesh Vidyarthi
 - 3.Pranav Ranjan Ray
 - 4.Krishnamoorthy S
10. Name Goa Tourism's app-based taxi service flagged off by Goa Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar on 7th August 2018?
 - 1.Goamiles
 - 2.GoGoa
 - 3.GoaConnect
 - 4.GoaOnTheGo
11. Which country won the Under 16 West Asian Football Federation Cup (WAFF) held in Valencia, Spain?
 - 1.India
 - 2.Australia
 - 3.South Korea
 - 4.Malaysia
12. India and Sri Lanka will hold the _____ round of talks on free trade agreements and aims at concluding the negotiations by December 2018?
 - 1.3rd
 - 2.4th
 - 3.5th
 - 4.10th
13. _____ has launched the "Startup Academia Alliance programme", which is a special mentorship opportunity between academic scholars and startups working in similar domains?
 - 1.Startup India
 - 2.Skill India
 - 3.Innovate India
 - 4.Shine India
14. Name the Indian table tennis player who won a bronze medal in the junior girls' doubles along with Singapore's Jingyi Zhou in the 2018 Hang Seng Hong Kong Junior and Cadet Open, in Hong Kong, on 4th August 2018?
 - 1.Swastika Ghosh
 - 2.Apoorva Sen
 - 3.Mantra Singhvi
 - 4.Pooja Banerjee
15. Name the Indian-origin U.S. astronaut who has been selected by NASA as one among the 9 astronauts to fly the first missions into space on commercial spacecraft, starting in 2019?
 - 1.Sunita Williams
 - 2.Piyush Chawla
 - 3.Rahul Singh
 - 4.Karan Chatterjee

ANSWERS: 11441/ 33131/ 14111