

Weekly Current G.K.

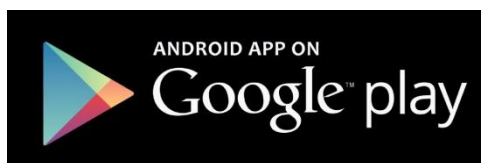
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- Reserve Bank Of India-Direct Recruitment Of Specialists In Grade 'B' Apply by: August 17, 2018 to September 7, 2018
- 4252 vacancies in IBPS Tentative Date: 14.08.18 to 04.09.18
- 414 vacancies in UPSC Combined Defence Service CDS-II Apply by 03.09.18
- 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
- August 15: Indian Independence Day

NATIONAL EVENTS

- India's first all-woman Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team for anti-terrorist operations inducted in Delhi Police On 10th August 2018, Delhi Police has inducted India's first all-woman Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team for anti-terrorist operations. The all-woman SWAT team was formally inducted by Home Minister Rajnath Singh. The team has undergone training for nearly 15 months. The team consists of 36 women commandos from the northeastern states. 13 of the members are from Assam. Remaining members are from Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Manipur.
- Operation 'Madad' by Southern Naval Command On 9th August 2018, Operation "Madad" was launched by the Southern

Naval Command (SNC) at Kochi, in Kerala, to assist the Kerala state administration and to carry out disaster relief operations due to the floods. Several parts of Kerala have been flooded due to continuous rainfall and release of excess water from Idukki and other dams. Naval helicopters are used for ferrying divers, power tools, axes and relief material to the flooded areas to speed up the relief operations.

“PARIVESH” – an environmental single window hub for Environment, Forest, Wildlife and CRZ clearances launched On 10th August 2018, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, launched PARIVESH (Pro-Active and Responsive facilitation by Interactive, Virtuous and Environmental Single-window Hub) on the occasion of World Biofuel Day. PARIVESH is a Single-Window Integrated Environmental Management System, developed in line with 'Digital India' initiative. It also follows the Minimum Government and Maximum Governance ideology. PARIVESH automates the complete process of submitting the application and tracking the status of proposals at every stage of processing.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- “Pacific Endeavor-2018 (PE-18)” started in Kathmandu, Nepal On 6th August 2018, Pacific Endeavor-2018 (PE-18), a communication exercise under the Multinational Communications Interoperability Program (MCIP) begun in Kathmandu, Nepal. Pacific Endeavor-2018 (PE-18) is held for 12 days. It was inaugurated by Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) of Nepal, Major General Prabhuram

Sharma **Main objective:** to develop common communications operating procedures to enable military forces in the Asia Pacific region to work together in times of disaster

- **2 day Nepal-India Literature Festival 2018 held in Birgunj, Nepal** On August 14, 2018, Chief Minister of Province 2 Mohammad Lalbabu Raut of Nepal inaugurated the **2 day Nepal-India Literature Festival 2018 in Birgunj**. The event was organised by **Nepal India Co-operation Forum**. This was a literary exchange programme that aims to strengthen the old religious, cultural and social relations between the two countries. Around 250 participants from India and Nepal participated in this event. On this occasion eminent writers from both the countries were also felicitated.

PERSONS IN NEWS

- **Harivansh Narayan Singh:** On 9th August 2018, NDA candidate and JD(U) member Harivansh was elected as Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman. The election process in Rajya Sabha was initiated by Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu. Harivansh secured 125 votes and defeated Congress MP B K Hariprasad who got 105 votes.
- **Ivan Duque:** On August 9, 2018, Colombia's President-elect 42-year-old Ivan Duque has been sworn in as the country's **60th** president.
- **Justice Gitta Mittal:** On August 11, 2018, **Justice Gita Mittal** became the first-ever woman **Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir High Court**.
- **Rekha Sharma:** **Rekha Sharma** has been appointed the chairperson of **National Commission for Women (NCW)**.

OBITUARY

- **Balramji Dass Tandon:** On 14th August 2018, **Chhattisgarh Governor Balramji Dass Tandon**, died following a heart attack, in Raipur, Chhattisgarh. In 1953, he became a Corporator in Amritsar Municipal Corporation. He was a six-time MLA.
- **Jarrold Lyle:** On 9th August 2018, **Australian golfer Jarrold Lyle** died after fighting cancer in Australia.
- **Nicholas Bett:** On 7th August 2018, former 400m hurdles world champion **Nicholas Bett of Kenya** died in a car accident. He had made

a Kenyan record of 47.79. In Commonwealth Games 2018 in Australia, he finished at 8th position in the 400m hurdles event.

PLACES IN NEWS

- **Vienna:** On August 14, 2018, **Vienna** for the **first time** topped the **Economist Intelligence Unit's Global Liveability Index** as '**world's most pleasant city to live in**'. Earlier the 1st spot was owned by Melbourne, Australia seven times which now ranked at 2nd spot. Osaka, Calgary and Sydney ranked 3rd, 4th and 5th. Among Indian Cities, **New Delhi** tops the Index by attaining **112th** Position, **Mumbai** Ranks next at **117th** Position.
- **Khangchendzonga Biosphere Reserve:** **11th Biosphere Reserve from India to be Included in the World Network of Biosphere Reserves of UNESCO** On August 9, 2018, **UNESCO designated World Network of Biosphere Reserves (WNBR)** included **Khangchendzonga Biosphere Reserve** in its list. This decision was taken at the 30th Session of International Coordinating Council (ICC) of Man and Biosphere (MAB) Programme of UNESCO held at Palembang, Indonesia, from July 23-27, 2018.

AWARDS

- **Indian-American among 3 women honoured at 19th IACCGH gala in Houston** Indian-American Aruna Vishwanathan was one of the 3 women honoured with '**Women in Business: Making a Difference Award**' at the **19th annual Indo-American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Houston (IACCGH) gala**, in Houston, United States. The 3 women honoured with 'Women in Business: Making a Difference Award' are:
 - **Aruna Vishwanathan (Indian)**
 - **Carlecia Wright (American)**
 - **Jewel Smith (American)**
- **Annie Zaidi wins The Hindu Playwright Award 2018** On 9th August 2018, **Annie Zaidi** was awarded the **Hindu Playwright Award 2018** for her play **Untitled-1**, at the launch of the 14th edition of The Hindu Theatre Fest at the Taj Coromandel, in Chennai.

- **President's Police Medal for Gallantry for CRPF Head Constable Mohd Tafail and CRPF Constable Sharief Ud Din Ganaie** On 14th August 2018, the government announced service medals for 942 state police and paramilitary personnel for the upcoming 72nd Independence Day. Constable **Sharief-ud-din Ganaie** and Head Constable **Mohd Tafail** of the **CRPF** (Central Reserve Police Force) have been conferred the **President's Police Medal for Gallantry (PPMG)** posthumously.

SPORTS

- **R Vaishali is now a Woman Grandmaster** On 12th August 2018, **R Vaishali** became India's latest **Woman Grandmaster (WGM)**. She is the elder sister of R. Praggnanandhaa, who became the second youngest Grand Master in the world in June 2018. She is 17 years old. She completed her third and final WGM norm in the Riga Technical University Open chess tournament in Riga, Latvia.
- **Viraj Madappa becomes youngest Indian golfer to win on Asian tour** On 12th August 2018, Indian golfer **Viraj Madappa** became the **youngest Indian to win on the Asian Tour**, as he won his first title on the Asian Tour at Take Solutions Masters in Bengaluru.
- **James Anderson becomes 1st bowler to take 100 wickets at Lord's** On 12th August 2018, English cricketer **James Anderson** became the **first player to take 100 wickets at Lord's**. James Anderson achieved this feat during the fourth day of the second Test against India. He took the wicket of Murali Vijay in the second over of India's second innings to achieve this feat. Also, this was his 550th Test wicket.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

- **IMF forecasts India's GDP to grow at 7.5% in 2019/20 fiscal year** On 7th August 2018, **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** has projected India's **GDP** (Gross Domestic Product) to grow at **7.5 %** in the **2019-2020** fiscal year.

■ **Amazon inked MoU with UP govt to boost MSME entrepreneurs under ODOP scheme** On August 11, 2018, as part of the **One**

District One Product (ODOP) scheme, Amazon partnered with **UP** government to provide support **MSME** entrepreneurs across nine districts. This will be a part of **Amazon India's Kala Haat programme** which aims to help traditional industries to enter in to ecommerce business. Under the programme, **300 MSME** sellers registered under **UP** government's **ODOP** scheme would be benefitted.

■ **SBI ranked as India's most patriotic brand: Survey by UK based YouGov** On August 13, 2018, the survey conducted by **UK-based** online market research and data analytics firm **YouGov** announced **SBI** to be the most patriotic brand.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **Chandrayaan-2 Lander to be named 'Vikram' after the father of Indian space programme** On August 13, 2018, the Space Commission has approved **ISRO's** proposal of naming the **Chandrayaan-2** lander '**Vikram**' after **Vikram Sarabhai**, the father of Indian space programme.
- **Fateh Mobin: Iran's next generation short-range ballistic missile** On 13th August 2018, **Iran** has successfully test fired and unveiled the latest generation of its **Fateh** ballistic missile named **Fateh Mobin** or **Bright Conqueror**. It is a short-range ballistic missile. It has a range between 300-500 kilometers.
It is capable of striking targets on land and sea. It has been indigenously designed. It is an agile, radar-evading and tactical missile with pinpoint accuracy.

MISCELLANEOUS GK

- **Allahabad Bank MD & CEO sacked on last day in office** On August 14, 2018, **Allahabad Bank's** MD and CEO **Usha Ananthasubramanian** was fired on her last day in office. She had served as the CEO and Managing Director of **PNB** from 2015 to 2017, Before that, she had also served as **PNB's** Executive Director from 2011 to 2013

- **Jodhpur emerged as the cleanest Railway station in India: survey by QCI** On August 13, 2018, railway minister **Piyush Goyal** announced that **Jodhpur in Rajasthan** topped in the **cleanest railway station** in the recent ranking of the ‘Swachh Rail’.
 - On August 12, 2018, **Santhali** has become the first Indian **tribal language** to get a **Wikipedia** edition in its own script. **Wikipedia contributors from India, Bangladesh and Nepal** generated the content. It has content of about **70,000** words.
 - **Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu releases the Book ‘Bebak Baat’** On 9th August 2018, Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu released the Book ‘**Bebak Baat**’ written by **Vijay Goel**, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Statistics & Programme Implementation, in New Delhi.
6. **Who was appointed as a member of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights recently?**
 1. Dr. R. G Anand 2. Mahendra Singh
 3. Aman Mittal 4. Sumit Rawat
 7. **Which country’s U-20 football team won Torneo Internacional de Fútbol Sub-20 de L’Alcúdia (L’Alcúdia International Under-20 Football Tournament) also known as COTIF Tournament, held at Valencia, Spain?**
 1. Brazil 2. Argentina
 3. Russia 4. France
 8. **Who won the FIFA eWorld Cup held at The O2 Arena in London, Britain, on 4th August 2018?**
 1. Rashid Ali Khan 2. Mosaad Aldossary
 3. Gregor Mendeleev 4. Peter Heinstejn
 9. **Which city was declared as India’s most polluted city by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) in its Air quality index (AQI), on 5th August 2018?**
 1. New Delhi 2. Varanasi
 3. Gurugram 4. Noida
 10. **Which country has emerged as the top source of inward remittances, according to Reserve Bank of India’s survey of inward remittances for 2016-17?**
 1. United Arab Emirates (UAE) 2. India
 3. United States 4. China

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

1. **PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) and Confederation of Nepalese Industries (CNI) have signed a MoU to establish India-Nepal Centre. Who is the President of PHDCCI?**
 1. Anil Khaitan 2. Arjun Rampal
 3. Surjit Singh 4. Karan Thapa
2. **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has launched integration & availability of TRAI Mobile Apps namely DND 2.0 & MyCall on which platform?**
 1. UMANG 2. BharatNet
 3. T App Folio 4. AppWare
3. **When was the 76th anniversary of Quit India movement named as August Kranti Day observed in India?**
 1. August 8 2. August 9
 3. August 10 4. August 7
4. **Which state has imposed a total ban on smoking and substance abuse by enthusiasts when they perform rafting, kayaking or canoeing in the state?**
 1. Himachal Pradesh 2. Uttarakhand
 3. Arunchal Pradesh 4. Uttarakhand
5. **The Parliament passed the National Sports University Bill 2018 on 9th August 2018. This Bill aims to set up a first-of-its-kind National Sports University in which state?**
 1. Manipur 2. Himachal Pradesh
 3. Andhra Pradesh 4. Telangana

ANSWERS: 11221/ 12231