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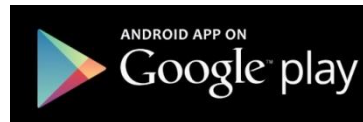
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NEW VACANCIES

- 8339 Posts of KVS for Principal, TGT, PGT, PRT Last Date for Apply Online: 13.09.2018
- 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

72nd Independence Day, in Mumbai. The festival was organized by Films Division, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. It was inaugurated by Smt. Rama Khandwala, a freedom fighter and Indian National Army (INA) veteran.

- **Chhattisgarh government pays tribute to Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Naya Raipur to be renamed Atal Nagar** On August 21, 2018 Chhattisgarh Cabinet approved the proposal to rename Naya Raipur, capital of Chhattisgarh as 'Atal Nagar'. Also, the Bilaspur University will be known as Atal Bihari Vajpayee University while Narrow Gauge Line will be called Atal Path. The Central Park, which is being constructed will be named as Atal Park.

For Vajpayee's contribution to Pokhran nuclear test, a police battalion will be known as 'Pokhran Battalion'. The Rajnandgaon Medical College will also be renamed after Vajpayee. Madhya Pradesh government decided to build two memorials in Gwalior and Bhopal after the former PM. Shivraj Singh Chouhan government also agreed to name the Global Skill Park after Vajpayee.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **August 15: 72nd Independence Day**
- **August 19: World Humanitarian Day**
- **August 19: World Photography Day**
- **August 20: Sadbhavana Day**
- **August 21: World Senior Citizen Day**

NATIONAL EVENTS

- **'North East Circuit: Imphal & Khongjom':** The First project under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme was inaugurated in Manipur On August 14, 2018, Governor of Manipur Dr. Najma A. Heptulla, inaugurated project "Development of North East Circuit: Imphal & Khongjom" implemented under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme of Ministry of Tourism in Imphal, Manipur.
- **Special film festival themed "Freedom Struggle & Freedom Fighters" held in Mumbai** On 15th August 2018, a special film festival on the theme "Freedom Struggle and Freedom Fighters" was held to mark India's

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- **First-ever IAF-RMAF joint air exercise begins in Malaysia** On August 20 2018, The first-ever joint air exercise involving the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) commenced at **Subang Air Base in Malaysia**. This is the inaugural bilateral exercise between IAF & RMAF.

- **24th World Congress of Philosophy held in Beijing, China for the first time**
On August 13, 2018, the **24th World Congress of Philosophy (WCP)** was held in **Beijing, China** for the first time. This event will continue till **Aug. 20, 2018**. The theme for this event is: **“Learning To Be Human”**. This event has been organized by the **International Federation of Philosophical Societies**, and **Peking University**.
- **11th World Hindi Conference held in Mauritius**
From 18th to 20th August 2018, the 11th World Hindi Conference (WHC) was held at Swami Vivekanand International Convention Centre in **Port Louis, Mauritius**. The Theme of the Conference was **“Hindi Vishwa Aur Bharatiy Sanskriti” (Hindi World and Indian Culture)**. Mauritius Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth also announced that Mauritius cyber tower, for which Atal Bihari Vajpayee had contributed, will be named as **Atal Bihari Vajpayee tower**.

PERSONS IN NEWS

- **Srikumar Menon:** On 20th August 2018, Srikumar Menon was appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe.
- **Mario Abdo Benítez:** On August 16, 2018, 46-year-old Mario Abdo Benítez has been sworn in as the new President of Paraguay.
- **Anandiben Patel:** On 15th August 2018, Madhya Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel was sworn in as Governor of Chhattisgarh.

OBITUARY

- **Chemmanam Chacko:** On August 15, 2018, 92 year old Malayalam poet and Sahitya Akademi awardee Chemmanam Chacko died in Kakkannad.
- **Atal Bihari Vajpayee:** On 16th August 2018, former Indian Prime Minister, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, passed away following a long term illness, at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi.

- **Ajit Wadeka:** On 15th August 2018, former Indian cricket captain Ajit Wadekar, died following a long term illness, at the Jaslok Hospital in South Mumbai
- **Kofi Annan:** On 18th August 2018, **former UN secretary general Kofi Annan**, passed away following a short term illness, at a hospital in Bern, Switzerland.

PLACES IN NEWS

- **Sri Lanka:** On 16th August 2018, the historic **Esala Maha Perheera festival** started in **Kandy, Sri Lanka**. The festival will be held for 10 days. It started with a grand procession from **Sri Dalada Maligawa**, the biggest Buddhist temple in Sri Lanka. This festival is held in the month of Esala (July or August). This month is believed to commemorate the first teaching of Buddha after his enlightenment.

AWARDS AND RECOGNISATION

- **Gopalkrishna Gandhi:** On 20th August 2018, **former West Bengal Governor Gopalkrishna Gandhi** was awarded the 24th Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award on the occasion of 74th birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, in New Delhi
- **General Dalbir Singh Suhag:** On August 19, 2018, the United States government awarded the Legion of Merit (Degree of Commander) to General Dalbir Singh Suhag (Retired) chief of the Army staff, Indian Army.
- **Godrej's Smitha Crishna:** **Smitha Crishna** has topped the **India's wealthiest women list** for 2018, prepared by Kotak Wealth-Hurun Report.

SPORTS

- **TNPL 2018 Final: Madurai Panthers win first title with dominant win over Dindigul Dragons**
On 12th August 2018, **Madurai Panthers** won their first **Tamil Nadu Premier League 2018 title**, at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai. Madurai Panthers beat Dindigul Dragons by seven wickets in the final and won the 2018 Tamil

Nadu Premier League title. Madurai Panthers' Arun Karthik scored his sixth fifty of this season and remained the highest run scorer in the tournament.

- **Cincinnati Masters 2018 or Western & Southern Open 2018** Cincinnati Masters also called Western & Southern Open for the year 2018 took place at the Lindner Family Tennis Center in **Mason, Ohio, a northern suburb of Cincinnati**, in the United States. It was **117th men's edition and the 90th women's edition** played in an outdoor hard courts from August 13 – 19, 2018. The list of winners is as follow:

Name of the title	Winner	Runner
Men's single	Novak Djokovic of Serbia	Switzerland's Roger Federer
Women's single	Kiki Bertens of Netherland	Romania's Simona Halep
Men's Doubles	Brazil's Bruno Soares and United Kingdom's Jamie Murray	Colombia's Juan Sebastian Cabal and Robert Farah
Women's Doubles	Czech Republic's Lucie Hradecka and Russia's Ekaterina Makarova	Belgium's Elise Mertens and Netherland's Demi Schuurs

- **Rishabh Pant becomes fourth Indian wicket-keeper to take five catches on Test debut** On 19th August 2018, **Rishabh Pant** became the **4th Indian wicket-keeper to take 5 catches on Test debut** during the second day of the third cricket Test against England, in Nottingham, England. Other Indians who had achieved this feat of taking 5 catches on Test debuts: Naren Tamhane, Kiran More and Naman Ojha

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **India successfully tests Anti-Tank Guided Missile 'HELINA' and Smart Anti Airfield Weapon (SAAW)** On 19th August 2018, India successfully flight tested the indigenously

developed helicopter launched **Anti-Tank Guided Missile(ATGM) 'HELINA'** from Army helicopter in Pokhran, Rajasthan.

- **Aditya – L1: First Indian mission to study the Sun to be launched in 2019** ISRO's **Aditya-L1 mission**, India's first mission to study the solar corona, is planned to be launched in 2019-2020, by Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-XL) from Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- **World's most wear-resistant metal alloy created by US Scientists; 100 times more durable than steel** On August 19, 2018, a **platinum-gold alloy** has been engineered by US scientists from **Sandia National Laboratories**, that may be the most wear-resistant metal in the world. It is the first alloy in the same class as diamond and sapphire, and has been **100 times more durability than high-strength steel**.

BANKING AND ECONOMY

- **IRDAI directs insurance companies to cover mental illness in policies** Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has directed all insurance companies to create provision to cover mental illness in policies. IRDAI has notified all insurance companies to comply with the **Mental Healthcare Act, 2017** that came to effect on 29th May 2018, and make provisions for medical insurance of treatment for medical illness with immediate effect.
- **Sarvatra technologies launches 450th cooperative bank – 'Sevalia Urban Co-operative Bank'** On August 17, 2018, **Sarvatra Technologies** has launched '**Sevalia Urban Co-operative Bank**' as **450th cooperative bank on National Financial Switch (NFS)**. Sarvatra brings many co-operative banks on digital payment platform by making them inter-operable with large banks. It aims to add another **50 plus co-operative banks by FY 2019**.
- **GDP likely to expand by 7.4% in FY'19: Ficci's Economic Outlook Survey'** On August 15, 2018, as per Ficci's survey '**Ficci's Economic Outlook Survey**', the Indian economy is expected to grow at **7.4 per cent** in the current fiscal. It projects that GDP will grow at **7.4 per cent for 2018-**

19, with a minimum and maximum range of 7.1 per cent and 7.5 per cent, respectively. The economic activity on the first quarter of the current fiscal would be 7.1 per cent. The study further said the median growth forecast for **agriculture and allied activities** has been put at 3 per cent for 2018-19.

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

1. Which Union Minister inaugurated Smart City projects undertaken by the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC), in New Delhi, on 13th August 2018?
 1. Hardeep Puri
 2. Dharmendra Pradhan
 3. Rajnath Singh
 4. Harsh Vardhan
2. Who has been appointed the brand ambassador for road safety campaign?
 1. MS Dhoni
 2. Amitabh Bacchan
 3. Rajini Kanth
 4. Akshay Kumar
3. Rythu Bima and Kanti Velugu schemes were launched on August 15, 2018, on the eve of 72nd Independence Day, in which state?
 1. Andhra Pradesh
 2. Telengana
 3. Tamil Nadu
 4. Gujarat
4. Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) has signed a loan agreement with which German bank for EUR 200 million?
 1. KFW Bank
 2. Deutsche Bank
 3. DZ Bank
 4. Commerz Bank
5. Name the programme launched by Ministry of Railways to spread awareness about Indian Railways Heritage?
 1. Stories of India
 2. Indian Heritage
 3. Digital Screens
 4. Digital Stories
6. Which state government has lifted family income ceiling for the beneficiaries of women welfare scheme 'Kanyashree'?
 1. Maharashtra
 2. Andhra Pradesh
 3. Assam
 4. West Bengal
7. Bharti AXA has partnered with which bank to offer Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana?
 1. Karur Vysya
 2. Airtel Payments Bank
 3. Vijaya Bank
 4. Karnataka Bank
8. On August 16, 2018, India Ratings reduced growth forecast of India to ____% from 7.4% for FY19?

1. 7.1 %	2. 7.2 %
3. 7.3 %	4. 7.0 %
9. James P. Allison, Carl June and _____, have been conferred the 2018 Albany Medical Center Prize in Medicine and Biomedical Research?
 1. Steven A. Rosenberg
 2. Michael Habbard
 3. Henry Wittsburg
 4. William Hensworth
10. Who has been elected the Chair of the International Nitrogen Initiative (INI), a global policy making initiative?
 1. P K Singh
 2. Natwaralal Khureshi
 3. N Raghuram
 4. Ranjit Prabhu
11. Which company surpassed Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) to become most valued Indian company, on 17th August 2018?
 1. Tata Consultancy Services
 2. Infosys
 3. Wipro
 4. Tata Motors
12. Where has the world's oldest cheese been discovered?
 1. Egypt
 2. China
 3. Germany
 4. Australia
13. According to Ifo institute, which country's current account surplus will remain the world's largest in 2018?
 1. Japan
 2. China
 3. United States
 4. Germany
14. A team of international researchers including 18 Indians have decoded the genome of ____?
 1. rice
 2. wheat
 3. corn
 4. barley
15. India has banned the import of _____ for fuel use?
 1. carbon
 2. pet coke
 3. poly propylene
 4. ethanol

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