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## **NEW VACANCIES**

- NABARD Development Assistant Last Date 12 Sept 2018.
- 8339 Posts of KVS for Principal, TGT, PGT, PRT Last Date for Apply Online: 13.09.2018
- SSC GD Constable Recruitment 2018 Last Date: 17.09.18
- 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
- SSC GD Constable Recruitment 2018 Last Date: 17.09.18

Japan is the partnering country for the Buddhist conclave.

- **3rd Edition of World's Biggest Open Innovation Model 'Smart India Hackathon-2019' Launched:** The third edition of World's Biggest Open Innovation Model - *Smart India Hackathon 2019* - was launched by the Union Minister for Human Resource Development, Prakash Javadekar in New Delhi. MHRD, AICTE, Persistent Systems and i4c have joined hands to make a hat trick with their highly popular and innovative Smart India Hackathon initiative (SIH). For the 1st time, Private industry/ organisations and NGOs can also send their problem statements to students under SIH-2019.
- **India's Largest Business Incubator Bhamashah Techno Hub Launched In Jaipur:** In a big step forward to strengthen the startup ecosystem in Rajasthan, the Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje launched India's largest business incubator *the Bhamashah Techno Hub in Jaipur*. The incubator will provide end-to-end support to startups, ranging from infrastructure, technology, angel funding, access to venture capitalists, mentorship, exposure to national and international organisations and experts and much more.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

- **August 29: International Day Against Nuclear Test**
- **August 29: National Sports Day**

## **NATIONAL EVENTS**

- **President Kovind Inaugurates International Buddhist Conclave in New Delhi :** President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the International Buddhist Conclave in New Delhi. The theme of the conclave is '*Buddha Path – The Living Heritage*'. The Ministerial level delegation from ASEAN countries will participate in the conclave along with delegates from 29 countries including US, UK, Germany, France and Russia. This year

## **INTERNATIONAL EVENTS**

- **4th Asian Electoral Stakeholders Forum Begins in Colombo:** In Sri Lanka, the fourth Asian electoral stakeholders forum (AESF-

IV) begins in Colombo to discuss the state of elections and democracy in the region. The two-day forum is being held for the first time in South Asia with support from the Election Commission of Sri Lanka and the Asian network for free elections (ANFREL). The theme of AESF is “Advancing Election Transparency and Integrity: Promoting and Defending Democracy Together”.

- **World Bank Launches World's 1st Blockchain Bond: The World Bank launched 'bond-i',** the world's first bond to be created, allocated, transferred and managed by using distributed ledger technology. This two-year bond successfully raised 110 million Australian dollars (USD 80.48 million). This was the first time that investors supported the World Bank's development activities in a transaction that is fully managed using the block chain technology from start to finish.

## PERSONS IN NEWS

- **G. Satheesh Reddy :** The Centre appointed renowned scientist, Dr G Satheesh Reddy, as Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Secretary in Department of Defence Research & Development.
- **Satya S Tripathi:** Veteran Indian development economist Satya S Tripathi has been appointed as the Assistant Secretary-General and Head of the New York Office of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) by UN Chief Antonio Guterres. He will replace Elliott Harris.

## OBITUARY

- **US Senator John McCain:** US Senator John McCain, a celebrated Vietnam War hero, passed away after losing a battle to brain cancer. He was 81. The six-term senator, McCain was also a Republican presidential nominee in 2008.
- **Kuldip Nayar:** Eminent Indian writer and journalist Kuldip Nayar passed away in New Delhi following a brief illness. He was 95. Mr. Nayar was originally born in Sialkot in 1923. His famous autobiography was

"Beyond The Lines". He was also the High Commissioner of India to the U.K. and nominated member of the Rajya Sabha.

## PLACES IN NEWS

- **Argentina:** The G20 Digital Economy Ministerial Meeting was held in Salta, Argentina. It took place as part of Sherpa Track for 2018 G20 Leaders' Summit, which is to be hosted by Argentina by end of 2018. The theme of the meeting was 'Building consensus for fair and sustainable development'.
- **Kempegowda International Airport:** The Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) has emerged as the second fastest growing airport in the world in the first half of 2018 in terms of actual growth in the number of passengers. It has recorded 1,58,50,352 flyers during the six-month period. Only Tokyo's Haneda International has bettered KIA's growth. The report was published by RoutesOnline, a company focussing on the quality and standards of aviation globally. New Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport is placed sixth.

## AWARDS

- **David Beckham To Receive 2018 UEFA President's Award : Former England captain David Beckham** will receive the UEFA President's Award for his contribution to football and promoting the sport in "every corner of the planet". David Beckham will become the third Englishman to receive the UEFA President's Award. Sir Bobby Robson (2002) and Sir Bobby Charlton (2008) are the previous English winners.
- **Asia Society To Honour PepsiCo CEO Indra Nooyi As 'Game Changer of The Year':** PepsiCo's India-born CEO Indra Nooyi will be honoured with the Game Changer of the Year award by a global cultural organisation Asia Society in recognition of her business achievements, humanitarian record and advocacy for women and girls around the world.

## SPORTS

- **Odisha is to host 2018 Men's Hockey World Cup for the First Time**  
Odisha for the First time is Organizing the 2018 Men's Hockey World Cup, which will be the 14th edition of the Hockey World Cup field hockey tournament. It is scheduled to be held from 28 November to 16 December 2018, at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, India.
- **Japan wins its first FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup title in France (Football)**  
On 24<sup>th</sup> August 2018, Japan won its first FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup title at the La Rabine Stadium in Vannes, France. Japan defeated Spain 3-1 in the final and won its first FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup. England defeated France 4-2 and finished in the third position.
- **Sebastian Vettel Won Belgian Grand Prix 2018**  
On 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018, Sebastian Vettel won the Belgian Grand Prix 2018 at Spa-Francorchamps Track in Belgium. Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel beat Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton who tops the driver standings by a 17-point lead, and secured the first position. Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton finished in the second position. He was followed by Red Bull's Max Verstappen in the third position.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **Jupiter's Great Red Spot reveals signs of water:** NASA National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) scientists have detected **signs of water above Jupiter's deepest clouds**. Scientists at the NASA's Goddard Space flight center in Maryland, US, were looking from ground-based telescopes at the depth of Jupiter's Great Red Spot, a storm that has been persistent for more than 350 years. They detected the chemical signatures of water above Jupiter's deepest clouds. The pressure of water combined with measurements of carbon monoxide, show that Jupiter has 2 to 9 times more oxygen than the Sun.
- **NASA set to launch Ice, Cloud and land Elevation Satellite-2 (ICESat-2) to track Earth's melting ice** National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) will launch **Ice, Cloud and land Elevation Satellite-2 (ICESat-2)** in to the space on

12<sup>th</sup> September 2018, to measure the changes in the heights of Earth's polar ice.

## BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

- **Reliance Industries (RIL) became the first Indian company to cross Rs 8 lakh crore.**  
On August 24, 2018, **Reliance Industries (RIL)** became the first Indian company to cross Rs 8 lakh crore market capitalization. The company's market valuation soared to **Rs 8,04,247.76 crore**. M-cap of TCS' Rs 7,77,870 crore m-cap.
- **Myanmar media group inks MoU with Prasar Bharati for mutual content sharing**  
On August 28, 2018, **Prasar Bharati** and **Mizzima Media Group** of Myanmar signed an MoU for cooperation and collaboration in **broadcasting and content sharing** in New Delhi. The agreement was signed in the presence of Prasar Bharati CEO, Shashi Shekhar Vempati and Editor-in-chief and MD, Mizzima.

## BANKING AND FINANCE

- **ADB approved USD 245 million to provide safe, sustainable, and inclusive drinking water service in 3 districts of West Bengal:**  
On August 31, 2018, the Board of Directors of the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has approved a financing package totaling **\$245 million** to **three districts of West Bengal** state. The total cost of the project is **\$349 million**.  
The three districts are: **Bankura, North 24 Parganas, and Purba Medinipur**. The project is due for completion in **June 2024**.
- **Punjab National Bank tops in digital transaction: Department of Financial Services**  
On August 27, 2018, according to a report of **Department of Financial Services**, **Punjab National Bank** has been rated as **number one** state-owned bank in terms of **digital transactions**. The bank is rated as **'Good'** by the government with a score of 71 which is the highest category of performance. In Digital performance, it ranked sixth overall amongst all banks.

**CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ**

1. **On 21st August 2018, the Supreme Court declared that, the NOTA option will not be available for elected MPs and MLAs voting in the coming Rajya Sabha elections. What does “N” represent in NOTA?**
  1. Now
  2. Not
  3. None
  4. New
2. **Iran unveiled its first domestic fighter jet at the National Defence Industry exhibition in \_\_\_\_\_, on 21st August 2018?**
  1. New York, United States
  2. Tehran, Iran
  3. London, United Kingdom
  4. Tokyo, Japan
3. **When was International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition 2018 celebrated?**
  1. August 23
  2. August 22
  3. August 21
  4. August 20
4. **Which state cabinet approved a bill for creation of a price stabilisation fund to ensure that the state farmers get minimum support price (MSP), on 24th August 2018?**
  1. Punjab
  2. Gujarat
  3. Rajasthan
  4. Madhya Pradesh
5. **Name India’s only aircraft carrier which will get an upgrade for its air wing by Russian company Technodinamika?**
  1. INS Sahyadri
  2. INS Vikramaditya
  3. INS Kalvari
  4. INS Prithvi
6. **National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) report for 2018-19, has predicted India’s growth for the current fiscal (FY19) as what per cent?**
  1. 7.5 %
  2. 7.4 %
  3. 7.6 %
  4. 7.7 %
7. **Which football player was named UEFA Player of the Year 2018 on 31st August 2018?**
  1. Keylor Navas
  2. Sergio Ramos
  3. Luka Modric
  4. Cristiano Ronaldo
8. **Idea Cellular and Vodafone have merged their India operations and the merged entity is named Vodafone Idea Ltd. Who is the CEO of Vodafone Idea Ltd?**
  1. Balesh Sharma
  2. Himanshu Singh
  3. Kumar Mangalam Birla
  4. Prathik Pandey
9. **Which cricketer became the second-fastest Indian to score 6,000 runs in Test cricket, on 31st August 2018?**
  1. Shikhar Dhawan
  2. Virat Kohli
  3. Rohit Sharma
  4. MS Dhoni
10. **Who has become the first Indian boxer to win 3 medals in the Asian Games, after winning bronze in men’s middle 75 kg boxing event, at Asian Games 2018 in Indonesia?**
  1. Manjit Singh
  2. Sushil Kumar
  3. Vikas Krishan
  4. Ravi Thapar
11. **Yes Bank has received RBI’s approval for the continuance of \_\_\_\_\_ as managing director and CEO of the bank till further notice from RBI?**
  1. Abhishek Sharma
  2. Rana Kapoor
  3. B Sriram
  4. Rajesh Lal
12. **Which company has become the Deep learning technology partner of NITI Aayog for “MoveHack”, a global mobility hackathon?**
  1. Google
  2. Microsoft
  3. Intel
  4. NVIDIA
13. **Which Indian athlete won gold medal in the men’s triple jump event in the Asian Games 2018, in Indonesia?**
  - 1) Darun Ayyasamy
  - 2) Arpinder Singh
  - 3) Vinit Joshi
  - 4) Shibu Joseph
14. **Which bank has changed names and IFSC codes of nearly 1,300 branches in India, after merger with its associates and BMB (Bharatiya Mahila Bank)?**
  1. Axis Bank
  2. State Bank of India
  3. ICICI Bank
  4. YES Bank
15. **Name the Indian Police Officer who successfully completed the ‘Ironman Triathlon’ event on 26th August 2018 in France?**
  1. Ravinderkumar Singhal
  2. Mahinder Singh
  3. Raj Kumar Saini
  4. Vivek Kumar Singh

ANSWERS: 32112/ 23123/ 24221