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NEW VACANCIES

- 196 vacancies of TGT by Samagra Shiksha, Chandigarh. Last Date: 22 March, 2019.
- 4103 vacancies of Food Corporation of India. Last Date: 30th march, 2019.

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** dedicated to the nation the **National War Memorial (NWM)** near **India Gate** in **New Delhi** which commemorates the soldiers who participated and made the supreme sacrifice in Peacekeeping Missions and Counter Insurgency Operations.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- Feb 24 : Central Excise Day
- Feb 28 : National Science Day

NATIONAL EVENTS

- **BioAsia 2019-Asia's largest Life-sciences and healthcare forum held in Hyderabad** From 25th – 27th February 2019, the **16th** edition of **BioAsia 2019** - Asia's largest biotechnology and life-sciences forum was conducted in **Hyderabad, Telangana**. It was inaugurated by the Governor of Telangana –**E.S.L Narasimhan**. The theme of the conference was “**Life Sciences 4.0 – Disrupt the Disruption**”. BioAsia is an annual event organised by the Government of Telangana and it largely focuses on re-imagining healthcare after technological disruptions.
- **National War Memorial to the nation dedicated to the nation by PM Modi**

- **Rising India Summit 2019 held in New Delhi** Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** addressed **News18 Rising India Summit** held in **New Delhi** and laid out his vision for a ‘**New India**’. He was the **Chief Guest** of the event. The summit was hosted by Network 18 group in collaboration with Ebix Inc. as a presenting partner. It was powered by Yono SBI.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- **Cobra Gold, one of world's largest multinational military exercises, held in Thailand:**
Thailand and the **United States** hosted the annual **Cobra Gold** military exercise, the biggest activity of its type in the **Asia-Pacific region** with **29 nations** taking part as participants or observers.

PERSONS IN NEWS

- **Govind Prasad Sharma** On 26th February 2019, the autonomous organization under the Department of Higher Education, **National Book Trust (NBT)** appointed educationist and author **Govind Prasad Sharma** as its new **Chairman** replacing **Baldeo Sharma**.

OBITUARY

- **Kodi Ramakrishna**: On 22nd February 2019, **Kodi Ramakrishna**, Telugu film director died due to ill health.
 - i. He directed more than **100** films over a period of **30** years.
- **Bengali** singer **Pratik Choudhary** passed away in Kolkata, West Bengal due to cardiac arrest.
- **Mr. Namwar Singh** from **Varanasi**, Uttarpradesh a famous Hindi author and known for his different approach in Hindi literature through criticism. He died in New Delhi at the age of 92.

PLACES IN NEWS

- **Gorakhpur**: Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** launched the **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)** scheme in **Gorakhpur**, **Uttar Pradesh**. The scheme will provide **Rs 6,000 per year** to **small** and **marginal farmer families** having combined land holding/ownership of upto **2 hectares**. The amount will be given in **three installments of Rs 2,000 each** and will be transferred directly to the bank account of the beneficiaries through **Direct Benefit Transfer**, ensuring transparency in the entire process and saving time for the farmers.

- **Bihar** has become the **first** state to deploy specially-trained dogs to check smuggling of liquor which continues to take place inspite of total ban imposed in the state for the last 3 years. **20** liquor-tracker dogs were trained rigorously for **nine** months in **Hyderabad, Telangana**.
- **Odisha** : A boat ambulance service has been launched by the **Odisha** government. It would be used to transport patients to hospitals in remote areas. The cost of the project is **Rs 5.40 crore**.
 - ii. The ambulance service can be availed by dialling **'108'**.
 - iii. The first boat ambulance was introduced at **Batighar** in **Kendrapara** district.
 - iv. **Six** boat ambulances have been added to the project out of which **two** boat ambulances have been assigned to **Malkangiri and Kendrapara** districts and **one** for each of **Koraput and Kalahandi**.
- **Bengaluru**, On 18th and 19th February 2019, the **India Medical Device 2019 and India Pharma 2019**– 4th edition of International Conference on Pharmaceutical & Medical Device sector took place in **Bengaluru, Karnataka**. It was organised by the **Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India** in collaboration with the **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)**.

AWARDS

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** conferred the **National Youth Parliament Festival 2019 Awards** The **National Youth Parliament Festival 2019** awards were given by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** at **Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi**. The festival was

launched with a theme “**Be the Voice of New India**” and “**Find solutions and contribute to policy**” by Sports and youth affairs minister Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore on January 12 to encourage youth (18-25 years) to engage with public issues.

ii. It was organised by **National Service Scheme (NSS)** in collaboration with **Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS)**, under the **Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports**.

iii. The winners from the national level competition are:

- 1st position- Shweta Umre from Maharashtra
- 2nd position- Anjanakshi M.S from Karnataka
- 3rd position- Mamta Kumari from Bihar
- **Playwright Mahesh Elkunchwar chosen for the META lifetime achievement award: Mahesh Elkunchwar**, an eminent **Indian Playwright**, has been chosen for **2019’s META Lifetime Achievement Award**, which will be conferred upon him at the **14th Mahindra Excellence in Theatre Awards (META) festival** to be held in New Delhi on **12th March 2019**.
- **President presented Gandhi Peace Prize for 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018**
 - i. President **Ram Nath Kovind** presented the “**Gandhi Peace Prize**” for the years **2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018** at Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi, in the presence of Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**.
 - ii. **Gandhi Peace Prize for Social, Economic and Political transformation through Non-violence** was instituted in the year **1995** and comprises of an amount of **Rs 1 crore** along with a citation.
 - iii. The following are the awardees:
 - 2015 – Vivekanand Kendra, Kanyakumari
 - 2016 – Akshaya Patra Foundation and Sulabh International (jointly)

- 2017 – Ekal Abhiyan Trust
- 2018 – Yohei Sasakawa
- **Sunil Chhetri awarded the India’s first-ever “Football Ratna”** The 34-year-old, **Sunil Chhetri**, was awarded **India’s first-ever “Football Ratna”** by **Football Delhi** president **Shaji Prabhakaran**, former player and administrator at the **All India Football Federation (AIFF)** and **FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association)**. **Football Delhi** is the state association governing the sport in **Delhi**.

SPORTS

- **Suresh Raina became first Indian to score 8000 runs in T20s** Indian batsman **Suresh Raina** became the first Indian to score **8000 runs** in **T20 cricket** after scoring just **12 runs** in the **Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy** match in New Delhi against **Puducherry**. He was playing for **Uttar Pradesh**.
 - i. He has scored 8001 runs in 300 Twenty 20s at an average of 33.47 and notched 4 centuries and 48 fifties in the shortest format. MS Dhoni is the only other Indian to have played 300 T20s so far.
- **Sri Lanka became the first ever Asian team to win Test Series in South Africa** **Sri Lanka** cricket team became the first **Asian** side to win a **Test series** in **South Africa** after winning the series by **8 wickets** with a score of **2-0** at Port Elizabeth. This was Sri Lanka’s **sixth series** in South Africa and their **first win**.
- **Australian wicket-keeper, Alyssa Healy, sets Guinness World Record at MCG** Australia’s wicketkeeper **Alyssa Healy** set a new **Guinness World Record** after achieving the feat for the ‘**highest catch of a cricket ball**’ at the **Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG)**. She caught a ball which was dropped from a **drone, 80 metres**

above the cricket ground. The record was previously set by the **England's Kristan Baumgartner** with a catch from **62 metres** and before her, former England captain, **Nasser Hussain** held it with **49 metres**.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **India successfully test fired surface-to-air missile "QRSAM" from Odisha**
India successfully test fired the short range **Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air Missile (QRSAM)**, developed by the **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** for the **Indian Army**, from a test range along the coast at **Chandipur in Balasore district, Odisha**.
 - i. It is a sleek and highly mobile air defence system with a strike range of **25km to 30 km** and has a capability of engaging multiple targets.
 - ii. **Tejas Networks Launches World's First Ultra-Converged Broadband Product At Mobile World Congress, Barcelona**
Tejas Networks today launched its broadband access product which provides both wireline as well as wireless broadband services from a single integrated platform.
 - i. It was launched by **Mr. Anshu Prakash, Additional Secretary, Department of Telecom, Government of India** at the **Mobile World Congress (MWC), Barcelona**.
- **Iran launched cruise missile from submarine for the first time during war drills: Iran** launched a cruise missile from a submarine for the first time during ongoing annual military drill named **"Velayat-97"** in the **Strait of Hormuz**. The "anti-ship cruise missile" was launched from a Ghadir-class submarine.
 - i. An image showing a green submarine on the surface of the water launching an orange missile was released by **Fars news agency** and the other submarines are said to have the same capability.
- **SpaceX launched Israel's first moon lander, "Beresheet", from Florida**
Israel's first moon lander, the **585 kg "Beresheet"** ("Genesis" in Hebrew), was launched atop a **Falcon 9** rocket from the private US-based **SpaceX** in **Florida, United States**.
- **Chennai got its first Drainage-cleaning robot, Bandicoot**
Bandicoot, a drainage-cleaning robot, has been introduced in **Chennai, Tamil Nadu**. **Kadambur Raju**, member of **Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly**, inaugurated the operation of the robot.
 - i. It is a **semi-automatic robot** can enter manholes for cleaning sewage lines with its **robotic arm** and is equipped with **5 night-vision cameras** to relay the scenario underneath.
 - ii. It was first introduced in Feb 2018 in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, then in July 2018, it was publicized in Kumbakonam municipality of Tamil Nadu.
 - iii. It was developed by **Genrobotics**, a company founded by nine young engineers in Thiruvananthapuram
- **India's first 'Fulldome 3D Digital Theatre' inaugurated by Mahesh Sharma**: Union Culture Minister **Mahesh Sharma** inaugurated India's very first **'Fulldome 3D Digital Theatre'** at the **Science City in Kolkata, West Bengal**. It has a 23-metre tilted dome to offer a fully immersive experience to the visitors and is capable of screening high resolution, full dome, and digital 2D/3D content by utilising 6 high-end projectors in a 23-meter diameter dome using **Ulteria Seam** technology.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- Vice President **M Venkaiah Naidu** publicized the book titled ‘**Quality, Accreditation and Ranking – A Silent Revolution in the Offing in Indian Higher Education**‘ edited by EPSI’s Alternate President, **Dr. H Chaturvedi** at the book launch function organized by the **Education Promotion Society for India (EPSI), BIMTECH** and **Bloomsbury Pvt. Ltd.**

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

1. Name the Country, that had become the 72nd country to sign the Framework Agreement of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) with India?
 - 1) Swaziland
 - 2) Argentina
 - 3) Russia
 - 4) Netherland
 - 5) None of these
2. Which State/UT Hosted the India-Argentina Business Forum?
 - 1) Karnataka
 - 2) WestBengal
 - 3) Maharashtra
 - 4) New Delhi
 - 5) None of these
3. In order to regularise the system of levying stamp duty, President Ram Nath Kovind gave his assent to the amendments of which of the following Act recently?
 - 1) Indian Stamp Act, 1899
 - 2) Indian Stamp Act, 1999
 - 3) Indian Stamp Act, 1979
 - 4) Indian Stamp Act, 1879
 - 5) None of these
4. Name the App launched by Suresh Prabhu during the National Conference on Logistics Policy: Context, Issues & The Way Forward, held in New Delhi to gauge the actual issues faced by transporters on the road?
 - 1) POLICY
 - 2) LOGICS
 - 3) SAFAR
 - 4) TRANS
 - 5) None of these
5. Where did 2-day long Regional Maritime Safety Conference 2019 was held to discuss maritime safety in the India-ASEAN sub-region, safeguarding our shores and promoting maritime trade?
 - 1) NewDelhi
 - 2) Mumbai
 - 3) Kolkata
 - 4) Bengaluru
 - 5) None of these
6. Which State government launched the scheme for adolescent girls aged between 11 to 14 years as a step to provide them proper nutrition and special care?
 - 1) Uttar Pradesh
 - 2) Uttar Khand
 - 3) Madhya Pradesh
 - 4) Himachal Pradesh
 - 5) None of these
7. India inked MoU with which of the following country to establish business centre for ICT incubators?
 - 1) Argentina
 - 2) Sri Lanka
 - 3) Russia
 - 4) Netherland
 - 5) None of these
8. Who was the first Indian External Affairs Minister visited Bulgaria?
 - 1) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
 - 2) Jawaharlal Nehru
 - 3) Indira Gandhi
 - 4) Sushma Swaraj
 - 5) None of these
9. During External Affairs Minister visit to Morocco 4 MoU’s were signed. What are the MoU’s signed?
 - i. Setting up of Joint Working Group on Counter Terrorism

- ii.Cooperation in Housing and Human Settlement
 - iii. Cooperation in Youth Matters
 - iv.Cooperation in Defence
 - 1) i and ii are correct
 - 2) i,ii and iii are correct
 - All are correct
 - 3) None is correct
 - 4) None of these
- 10.Spanish Government conferred the prestigious Grand Cross of the Order of Civil Merit to which of the following Politician?
- 1) Ram Nath Kovind
 - 2) Narendra Modi
 - 3) Sushma Swaraj
 - 4) Piyush Goyal
 - 5) None of these
- 11.Srei Equipment Finance,has collaborated with which of the following Bank to provide equipment financing for various equipment categories like construction, mining, material handling, commercial vehicles, medical and farm equipment?
- 1) SBI
 - 2) Syndicate Bank
 - 3) Yes Bank
 - 4) HDFC Bank
 - 5) None of these
- 12.Name the Scheme under which IIFL Home Finance and Maharashtra government signed an MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) for building houses through credit-linked subsidy scheme (CLSS)?
- 1) Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana
 - 2) Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana
 - 3) Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana
 - 4) National Service Scheme
 - 5) None of these
- 13.Who was the First Indian Woman,conferred with “Global Future of Nature Award” for her work on marine conservation?
- 1) Anandi Gopal Joshi
 - 2) Indra Nooyi
 - 3) Anushka Sharma
 - 4) Divya Karnad
 - 5) None of these
- 14.Mushtaque Ahmad has been designated as Vice-President of which of the following organization?
- 1) International Boxing Association
 - 2) Asian Hockey Federation
 - 3) Wrestling Federation of India
 - 4) Badminton Association of India
 - 5) None of these
- 15.SpaceX launched Israel’s first moon lander, named _____ from Florida, United States?
- 1) Beresheet
 - 2) Cartosat
 - 3) Astrosat
 - 4) Oceansat
 - 5) None of these

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