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## NEW VACANCIES

- Total Number of Vacancy 13,487 for RRB JE Recruitment, 2019 Exam

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- Jan 9 : NRI Day
- Jan 12 : National Youth Day
- Jan 15 : Army Day

## NATIONAL EVENTS

- Gujarat becomes 1st state to implement 10% quota to EWS (Economically Weaker sections) Gujarat Government announced to implement 10 per cent quota for Economically Weaker sections of general category in educational institutions and government jobs for general category poor candidates. This quota will be implemented for every job offers or admission process that is to start from January 14, 2019.
- India's largest startup ecosystem, measuring 1.8 lakh sq ft, inaugurated in Kerala by CM Pinarayi Vijayan On January 13, 2019, Kerala chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan launched country's largest startup ecosystem, integrated startup complex under the Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM), at the Technology Innovation Zone (TIZ), in Kochi, Kerala.

- India's longest single lane steel cable suspension bridge opens in Arunachal Pradesh On 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019, Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu inaugurated India's longest 300-meter single-lane steel cable suspension bridge over Siang River in Upper Siang district of state bordering China.

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- Macedonia renamed as the Republic of Northern Macedonia On January 11, 2019, Macedonia's parliament passed an amendment to the constitution to rename the country as Republic of North Macedonia, on a mutual agreement with Greece to put an end to a 27-year rivalry. The agreement was reached between Greek prime minister Alexis Tsipras and his Macedonian Counterpart Zoran Zaev. The language of the country would be referred to as Macedonian and its people known as Macedonians.

## PERSONS IN NEWS

- Dr. T.C.A Anant, On January 14, 2019, Dr. T.C.A Anant, former Chief Statistician of India & Secretary, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, took the Oath of Office and Secrecy as Member, Union Public Service Commission (UPSC). Oath was administered by Shri Arvind Saxena, Chairman, UPSC.
- Nitin Wakankar: On 11th January 2019, senior Indian Information Service officer

**Nitin Wakankar** appointed the new Chief Information Officer and spokesperson of the CBI replacing **Abhishek Dayal** who has been transferred to the Publication Division.

## OBITUARY

- **Rajesh Ghodge** On January 13, 2019, Former Goa Ranji player **Rajesh Ghodge** passed away at 47 while playing at the Margao Cricket Club tournament..
- **Mohammed Zulfiqaruddin**, On January 13, 2019, Former India and **1956 Olympian** footballer, **Mohammed Zulfiqaruddin**, passed away at 83 in Hyderabad.

## PLACES IN NEWS

- **Sikkim:** On January 11, 2019, Sikkim, though being a smallest state have set a initiative to introduce UBI in the entire nation. Sikkim's long lasting chief minister and head of Sikkim's ruling party (Sikkim democratic front) **Pawan Kumar Chamling**, quoted that if everything goes right then Sikkim would be the first state to implement **UNIVERSAL BASIC INCOME SYSTEM** and execute it by **2022**. This scheme is also regarded as an alternative to social welfare programmes with benefits towards reducing poverty.

## AWARDS

- **First-ever Philip Kotler Presidential award entitled to PM Narendra Modi** On January 14, 2019, The Prime Minister, **Shri Narendra Modi**, received the first-ever Philip Kotler Presidential award, in **New Delhi**. The Award focuses on the triple P's of the Nation: **People, Profit and Planet**. It will be offered annually to the leader of a Nation. This award is given in remembrance of works and contribution done by **Prof. Philip Kotler**, who is a well-known in the field of Marketing.

## SPORTS

- **Shakil Ahmed set world record in achieving 1 lakh meters in 10 hours in Indoor rowing** On January 13, 2019, Asian Cup gold medallist **Shakil Ahmed** set a world record in indoor rowing by completing **1,00,000 (one lakh) metres** in **10 hours**, in above-40 years category, at Salt Lake Stadium in **Kolkata**.
  - He also has the record of completing 50,000 metres of simulated rowing in four hours and 13 minutes which is already in the Limca Record Book.
- **Kartik becomes youngest Indian to win junior world title** On 12th January 2019, Gurgaon's 8-year-old **Kartik Singh** won the under-8 category Junior world title at the **Kids' Golf World Championship** organised by US kids Golf in **Malaysia** to become the youngest Indian to win the title.
- **IWF president Birendra Prasad Baishya will be India's Chef de Mission for Tokyo Olympics** On January 11, 2019, Indian Weightlifting Federation President Birendra Prasad Baishya is named as Chef de Mission for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. Baishya is also one of the Indian Olympic Association Vice Presidents. Tokyo 2020 organizing committee president is Yoshiro Mori.
- **Mary Kom attained number one position in AIBA rankings** On 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019, 36 years old boxer, **M C Mary Kom** attained the **first position** in the latest women ranking released by the **International Boxing Association (AIBA)** in the **Light Fly 45-48 kilograms** category with **1700 points**
- **USA Cricket announced as ICC's 105th member** On 08th January 2019, the **International Cricket Council (ICC)** announced **USA Cricket** as its **105<sup>th</sup>** member. USA Cricket came into existence after **USACA** was expelled in June 2017 for lack of cooperation in terms of unifying the cricket community in the country..

**BANKING & ECONOMY**

- **IDFC Bank re-named IDFC First Bank: Registrar of Companies, Chennai** On January 13, 2019, private sector lender **IDFC Bank** changed its name to **IDFC First Bank Ltd** owing to the merge of the bank with Non-Banking Finance Company (NBFC) **Capital First** on December 2018. The change was effective from January 12, 2019 by virtue of 'Certificate of Incorporation pursuant to change of name issued by the Registrar of Companies, Chennai.

**SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

- **SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket launches Ten Iridium communications satellites** On January 11, 2019, The **SpaceX Falcon 9** launched **Iridium Communications satellite** comprises of **10** voice and data satellites, which is an alternative for entire fleet with a new generation of orbiters from the **Vandenberg Air Force station in California**.

**Facts to be noted:**

- The Iridium constellation was originally developed by Iridium SSC, with first-generation satellites deployed between 1997 to 2002. The constellation's name comes from the chemical element **Iridium**, which has **atomic number 77**.
- **K2-288Bb new planet discovered using NASA telescope** On 7th January, 2019, Scientists have discovered new planet **K2-288Bb**, which is twice the size of Earth. Its discovery was announced at the **meeting of the American Astronomical Society held in Seattle, Washington DC 233rd**. It is estimated that liquid water may exist on the planet's surface. The new world, known as **K2-288Bb**, is similar to Neptune. It is found **226 light-years** away in the Taurus constellation.

**BOOKS & AUTHORS**

- **Malala Pens New Book "We Are Displaced" On Refugee Girls** On 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019, Malala Yousafzai, the youth icon of the world and the Noble Prize

winner has come up with the new book, **"We Are Displaced"** about my Journey and Stories from Refugee Girls Around the World .

**CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ**

- Where was NIC's (National Informatics Centre) Command & Control Centre (CCC) and Centre of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence by NIC inaugurated on 10th January 2019?
  - 1) New Delhi
  - 2) Mumbai
  - 3) Hyderabad
  - 4) Bengaluru
  - 5) None of these
- Name the head of the committee that was constituted by Election Commission of India (ECI) to look into Section 126 of the Representation of the People Act 1951, which submitted the report on 10th January 2019?
  - 1) Shankar Ram S
  - 2) Umesh Sinha
  - 3) Joshwin Sebastian
  - 4) Debashish Banerjee
  - 5) None of these
- Sino-Indian Digital Collaboration Plaza (SIDCOP) was launched in partnership between \_\_\_\_\_ and municipal governments of Guiyang and Dalian in China on 10th January 2019?
  - 1) National Association of Software & Services Companies (NASSCOM)
  - 2) Infosys
  - 3) NITI Aayog
  - 4) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)
  - 5) None of these
- Where was the 4th meeting of the Council for Trade Development and Promotion (CTDP), chaired by Union Minister for Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu, held on 10th January 2019?
  - 1) Mumbai
  - 2) New Delhi
  - 3) Chennai
  - 4) Ahmedabad
  - 5) None of these

5. Government of India has formulated an Agricultural Export Policy, for the first time, to boost India's agricultural exports to \_\_\_\_\_ by 2022?
  - 1) USD 100 billion
  - 2) USD 60 billion
  - 3) USD 50 billion
  - 4) USD 75 billion
  - 5) None of these
6. Which will be the first Indian state to roll out Universal Basic Income (UBI) and implement the scheme by 2022?
  - 1) Telangana
  - 2) Gujarat
  - 3) Sikkim
  - 4) Arunachal Pradesh
  - 5) None of these
7. National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) launched by Union Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan in New Delhi on 10th January 2019, has set a national level target of 20%–30% reduction of PM2.5 and PM10 concentration by which year?
  - 1) 2020
  - 2) 2030
  - 3) 2024
  - 4) 2035
  - 5) None of these
8. Name the state that quit from the Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojna due to the use of Prime Minister's picture in the official poster of the centre-state joint scheme, on 10th January 2019?
  - 1) Tamil Nadu
  - 2) Uttar Pradesh
  - 3) Madhya Pradesh
  - 4) West Bengal
  - 5) None of these
9. Where was the Global Skill Summit 2019 themed 'Skilling Youth, Enabling Youth' held on 10th January 2019?
  - 1) Udaipur, Rajasthan
  - 2) Ranchi, Jharkhand
  - 3) Shillong, Meghalaya
  - 4) Nagpur, Maharashtra
  - 5) None of these
10. Which state government withdrew the general consent accorded to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to probe cases in the state, on 10th January 2019?
  - 1) Madhya Pradesh
  - 2) Chhattisgarh
  - 3) Jammu and Kashmir
  - 4) Haryana
  - 5) None of these
11. Six states namely Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, Rajasthan and \_\_\_\_\_, signed an agreement for Renukaji Dam Multipurpose Project in New Delhi on 11th January 2019?
  - 1) Punjab
  - 2) Uttarakhand
  - 3) Gujarat
  - 4) Bihar
  - 5) None of these
12. Where was the 64th National Symposium (Sarva Bhasha Kavi Sammelan) organized by All India Radio held on 10th January 2019?
  - 1) New Delhi
  - 2) Chennai
  - 3) Thiruvananthapuram
  - 4) Mysuru
  - 5) None of these
13. Composition Scheme will be made available for Suppliers of Services (or Mixed Suppliers) with a Tax Rate of 6% (3% CGST +3% SGST) having an Annual Turnover in the preceding financial year up to \_\_\_\_\_ rupees, as announced in the GST Council's 32nd Meeting in New Delhi on 10th January 2019?
  - 1) Rs 50 lakhs
  - 2) Rs 100 lakhs
  - 3) Rs 20 lakhs
  - 4) Rs 40 lakhs
  - 5) None of these
14. Union Cabinet approved the signing of Terms of Reference (TOR) that would govern the engagement of the designated Indian Expert to provide tax assistance to which country under the Tax Inspectors Without Borders Programme (TIWB), on 10th January 2019?
  - 1) Denmark
  - 2) Chile
  - 3) Eswatini
  - 4) Zambia
  - 5) None of these