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NEW VACANCIES

- **Total Number of Vacancy 13,487 for RRB JE Recruitment, 2019 Exam**
- **352 Clerks posts in High Court of Punjab and Haryana, Chandigarh. Last Date: 04.02.2019**

Jammu, and Pathankot in Punjab. It will reduce the distance between the two cities from 45 kms to 8.6 kms.

- **PM Narendra Modi Inaugurates Country's First National Museum of Indian Cinema in Mumbai On 19th January 2019, Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi launched the Country's First National Museum of Indian Cinema in Mumbai, Maharashtra, that seeks to portray over a century-old journey of movies in India.**

IMPORTANT DAYS

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

NATIONAL EVENTS

- **Nitin Gadkari inaugurated first inter-state bridge over Ravi River in J&K:** On January 22, 2019, Nitin Gadkari inaugurated **first inter-state 1210-meter span-bridge over Ravi River in Keerian Gandial in Kathua District, Jammu and Kashmir.** It was built at a cost of Rs 158.84 crore in a span of three and a half years linking areas of Katthua district with Punjab.
 - ii. The bridge also called as Keediyandiyal bridge will benefit over 2,20,000 people living on the two sides – Kathua in

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- **Indians biggest supporters of international aid: WEF global survey** The World Economic Forum (WEF) released a survey ahead of its annual meeting which states that **Indians** are biggest supporters of international aid. **95% of Indians** supported the international aid and expect India to help other nations.
- **4th Arab Economic and Social Development Summit Held In Beirut, Lebanon** On 20th January 2019, the 4th Arab Economic and Social Development Summit took place in Lebanon's capital **Beirut** in which the Arab leaders have

agreed a 29-item economic agenda in addition to encouraging the safe return of Syrian refugees to their homeland.

- **Palestine took over the Chair of the Group of 77 (G-77) for 2019 from Egypt**
On January 15, 2019, **Palestine** took over the chairmanship of the **Group of 77** from **Arab Republic of Egypt**.
i. Prior to this, **Egypt** was the previous Chair of the bloc which is a coalition of **134 developing countries, along with China**.
ii. The decision to elect **Palestine** as **2019 Chair of the G77** was taken in September 2018 by the foreign ministers of the Groups' member States.

PERSONS IN NEWS

- **Prabhat Singh appointed DG in NHRC**
On 17th January 2019, the **Department of Personnel & Training**, Government of India has appointed Senior IPS Officer **Prabhat Singh** as Director General (Investigation) in the **National Human Rights Commission**.

OBITUARY

- **Raghubir Singh Bhola** On January 22, 2019, Former India hockey player **Raghubir Singh Bhola**, has passed away at the age of 92 in New Delhi.
- **Tony Mendez** On January 20, 2019, Former CIA agent **Tony Mendez**, who inspired the Oscar-winning film *Argo*, has died at the age of 78 due to Parkinson's Disease in Frederick, Maryland.
- **Jagjit Singh Chopra** On January 19, 2019, **Padma Bhushan neurologist Jagjit Singh Chopra** has died at the age of 84.
i. He was the founder of the department of neurology at **PGIMER, Chandigarh**.

- **Masazo Nonaka** On 20th January 2019, World's oldest man **Masazo Nonaka** died due to natural causes in the **Japan's** northern most island of Hokkaido at the age of **113**.

PLACES IN NEWS

- **Arunachal: Arunachal govt declares Pakke Paga Hornbill Festival as 'state festival'**
On 20th January 2019, Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister, **Pema Khandu** declared **Pakke Paga Hornbill Festival (PPHF)** as the "State Festival" during a valedictory ceremony of the fourth edition of the festival at Seijosa in East Kameng district, Arunachal Pradesh.
- **Tiruchirappalli:** On Jan 20, 2019, Defence Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** launched a series of projects as a part of the Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor in **Tiruchirappalli**. This is considered to be the second corridor succeeding the one launched in **Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh**.

AWARDS

- **Kohli first player to win all three top ICC awards in single year-ICC Awards 2018**
On 22nd January 2019, 30-year-old Indian Cricket Team Captain, **Virat Kohli** became the **first player** to bag all top three ICC Awards in a single year. He won the **Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for ICC Cricketer of the Year**, the **ICC Men's Test Player of the Year** and the **ICC Men's ODI Player of the year** for his performance in 2018.
- **Bharat Ratna CNR Rao chosen for Sheikh Saud International Prize for Materials Research**
On 19th January 2019, **Centre for Advanced Materials of the United Arab Emirates (UAE)** chose Eminent Scientist and **Bharat Ratna**

recipient **CNR Rao** for the first **Sheikh Saud International Prize for Materials Research**.

- **UNESCO names Rio de Janeiro as World Capital of Architecture for 2020**
On 18th January 2019, The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) named **Rio de Janeiro**, a city in Brazil as the **World Capital of Architecture for 2020**.
- **WHO Goodwill ambassador Yohei Sasakawa received Gandhi Peace Prize for 2018**
On January 17, 2019, **Yohei Sasakawa** was named to receive Gandhi Peace Prize for 2018, who is the Goodwill Ambassador of the **World Health Organization for Leprosy Elimination**. The award will be given to **Yohei Sasakawa** in recognition of his work towards the eradication of the disease in India and across the world.

SPORTS

- **Khelo India Youth Games: Hosts Maharashtra finish top with 228 medals**
On 20th January 2019, the **Khelo India Youth Games** concluded at the Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex, Balewadi in **Pune** with the host **Maharashtra** leading the medals table by winning a mammoth **85 gold, 62 silver and 81 bronze** for a total of 228 medals in the Games.
- **Women's National Boxing Championships: Lovlina wins gold medal, Manisha settles for silver**
On 6th January 2019, World Championship bronze medallist Assam's **Lovlina Borgohain** claimed the gold medal while Haryana boxer **Manisha Moun** had to settle with silver at the **Women's National Boxing Championships** held at

the JSW Sports' Inspire Institute of Sports, **Vijayanagara, Karnataka**.

- **Ankita Raina wins ITF's tournament in Singapore**
On 20th January 2019, India's **Ankita Raina** won the International Tennis Federation's (ITF) 25,000-dollar Women's tournament in **Singapore** by defeating top seed and world number 122 **Arantxa Rus** of the **Netherlands**, by 6-3, 6-2.
- **Saurashtra record highest successful chase in Ranji Trophy history**
Saurashtra has created history by successfully chasing a target of **372** runs in the second quarter final against **Uttar Pradesh** in the ongoing Ranji Trophy 2018-19 at Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee International Cricket Stadium in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

i. Saurashtra broke the record of Assam which had chased 371 runs against services in 2008-09 in Delhi.

ii. Saurashtra qualified for the semi-final with this win with a great knock from Rinku Singh who scored 150 runs.

- **India 1st away team to win bilateral series in all formats in Australia**
On 18th January 2019, **India** defeated **Australia** in the third ODI at Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) to win the ODI series by 2-1 and became the **first Visiting team** to win bilateral series across the three formats against Australia in Australian soil.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **US spy satellite launched into orbit from California**
On January 19, 2019, A powerful Delta 4 Heavy rocket carrying a U.S. spy satellite lifted off from California.
Important points to note

- i. The central core booster's Aerojet Rocketdyne RS-68A engine continued fired until the upper stage's single RL10B-2 engine ignited to continue the climb to space. Details of the mission, dubbed NROL-71, were not released.
- ii. This was the second attempt after the launch was postponed because of a communication problem between the control center and the launch site.
- **First in India: HAL-built light combat helicopter completes air-to-air weapon trials** On 17th January 2019, Light combat helicopter (LCH), has successfully carried out air-to-air missile firing on a moving aerial target at the integrated test range in Chandipur on Odisha coast. This LCH is first in the country, which is designed and developed by Rotary Wing Research & Design Centre (RWRDC), Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).
- **ISRO to launch two unmanned space missions in 2020 and 2021** On 18th January 2019, ISRO announced that two unmanned space missions to be launched in the year 2020 and 2021.

Key points:

- i. Country's first manned space flight **Gaganyaan** will send three humans into space for seven days by December 2021, which will carry humanoids not animals.
- ii. In order to boost the Space Mission in India, the Union Cabinet had approved Rs 10,000 crore budget for the proposed human spaceflight mission.
- iii. ISRO would launch a one month 'Young Scientists programme to provide them with practical experience in building satellites.
- iv. ISRO will develop an incubation center at Tripura and four more will be created at Trichy, Nagpur, Rourkela, and Indore.

- **Japan launches Epsilon-4 rocket with 7 satellites** On 18th January 2019, Japan launched the **Epsilon – 4 rocket** carrying **7 satellites** including world's first artificial meteor shower blasted into space from the Uchinoura space centre by the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA).

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- On January 21, 2019, Vice President **M. Venkaiah Naidu** launched the book '**Universal Brotherhood Through Yoga**' in New Delhi.

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

1. Where did Prime Minister Narendra Modi launch India's first National Museum of Indian Cinema that portrays over a century-old journey of movies in India, on 19th January 2019?
 - 1) New Delhi
 - 2) Mumbai
 - 3) Bengaluru
 - 4) Chennai
 - 5) None of these
2. Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the 426 metre long Diffo Bridge over Chipu River in which state on 18th January 2019?
 - 1) Himachal Pradesh
 - 2) Arunachal Pradesh
 - 3) Tripura
 - 4) Uttar Pradesh
 - 5) None of these
3. Where was the 25th International conference and exhibition on terrestrial and satellite broadcasting, BES EXPO 2019, held from 17th to 19th January 2019?
 - 1) Mumbai
 - 2) New Delhi
 - 3) Chennai

- 4) Kolkata
5) None of these
4. Government approved setting up of Three Naval air Squadrons in Gujarat and _____ to enrich Indian Navy's overall strength, on 18th January 2019?
1) Rajasthan
2) Tamil Nadu
3) Assam
4) Madhya Pradesh
5) None of these
5. Which state government announced the extension of free health services under Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY) to all medical colleges and hospitals of Odisha from 1st February 2019?
1) Maharashtra
2) Odisha
3) Haryana
4) Punjab
5) None of these
6. Where was the Agri-Vision 2019 conference on 'envisioning Agro-solutions for smart and Sustainable Agriculture' held on 17th and 18th January 2019?
1) Mumbai
2) Chennai
3) Hyderabad
4) Bengaluru
5) None of these
7. Indian Air Force AN-32 transport aircraft landed on _____ which is Sikkim's first airport and one of the highest airfields of India, on 16th January 2019?
1) Pakyong Airport
2) Devi Ahilya Bai Holkar Airport
3) Lengpui Airport
4) Nal Airport
5) None of these
8. Which state government lifted ban on sale of live fish on 17th January 2019, three days after it banned the sale, transportation and storage of all kinds of fish, either dead or alive?
1) Gujarat
- 2) Uttar Pradesh
3) Rajasthan
4) Bihar
5) None of these
9. Who will head an 11-member working group constituted by the Insolvency and Bankruptcy board of India (IBBI) to study the concept of 'Group Insolvency' and suggest a suitable framework?
1) Surya Prakash A
2) Mani Sharma
3) Pratiksha Jain
4) U.K. Sinha
5) None of these
10. Government announced that Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) and which company are in dialogue to form a world class consortium to initially build the first lithium Ion battery plant in India, on 18th January 2019?
1) PowerEX
2) Libcoin
3) NewGen
4) Elektrobit
5) None of these

Answers: 22222/ 31442