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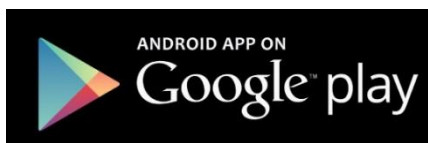
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NEW VACANCIES

- Punjab Urban Planning and Development Authority (PUDA): Various Vacancies 2018
LAST DAY TO APPLY: 25-07-2018

IMPORTANT DAYS

- 1st July : Doctor's Day
- 1st July : State Bank of India Foundation Day
- 1st July : Goods and Services Tax Day
- 11th July : World Population Day

NATIONAL EVENTS

- Maharashtra Government Announces 'Kanya Van Samruddhi Yojana': The Maharashtra government announced a new scheme called 'Kanya Van Samruddhi Yojana', wherein farmers families where girl children are born will be given saplings for plantation. The scheme is aimed at empowering women and promoting tree plantation. The scheme was approved in the cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis.
- Bhitarkanika National Park Becomes Largest Habitat Of Endangered Estuarine Crocodiles : The Bhitarkanika National Park (Odisha) has become the largest habitat of the endangered estuarine crocodiles in the country with a record

number of their nesting sites spotted in it. Altogether 101 nesting sites of estuarine crocodiles were found this time by enumerators. The nesting spots had registered 25% rise this year. At least 1698 crocodiles, including albino species, were counted this year along the water-bodies of Mahanadi delta region, while the figure recorded last year stood at 1682.

- NRL Becomes 1st Oil PSU To Introduce Online Legal Compliance: Numaligarh Refinery Ltd (NRL) in Assam has become the first oil public sector undertaking (PSU) to adopt an online legal compliance system by introducing 'Legatrix'. The cloud-based compliance management system was inaugurated by Managing Director S K Barua at the company's corporate office in Guwahati, recently. This initiative will boost up NRL's contribution towards the Digital India Mission and induce a greater transparency in its operations.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- India To Operate 'World's Emptiest Airport' In Sri Lanka: The Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport (MRIA) would be operated as a Sri Lanka-India joint venture. The \$210 million facility, 241km south-east of Colombo, is

dubbed the “**world’s emptiest airport**” due to a lack of flights. India would operate the airport as a Sri Lanka-India joint venture. The joint venture would see India gain a major stake of the airport

- **World's 1st Digital Art Museum Opens in Tokyo: The world’s first digital art museum** opened its doors to the public in **Tokyo, Japan** allowing patrons to step all the way into the artworks. Attendees are able to move freely through the **9,000-square meter interactive gallery**. The exhibition itself is linked in real-time to the real-world seasons, which means that no two trips to the museum will be the same.
- **Final Nepal-India EPG Meeting Concludes: The ninth and final meeting of Eminent Persons Group (EPG) on Nepal-India Relations concluded in Kathmandu, Nepal:** The Representatives from Nepal and India deliberated upon various bilateral issues including 1950 Peace and Friendship treaty, trade, transit and border during the two-day meeting. The EPG is a joint mechanism consisting of experts and intellectuals from India and Nepal. It was set up in February 2016 to make suggestions for updating all existing bilateral treaties and agreements between both the countries.
- **Asia's 1st Patent Arbitration Centre To Open In Tokyo:** Asia's first arbitration centre specialised in intellectual property is slated to open in Tokyo in September 2018 to resolve the growing number of disputes in the region. The International Arbitration Centre in Tokyo (IACT) is set to have around a dozen arbitrators from around the world, who would try to resolve disputes within a period of one year.

PERSONS IN NEWS

- **Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador Elected Mexico's President :** Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador has been elected as **Mexico's President with over 53% of the vote**, according to the country's electoral commission. Obrador, who has won the

presidency at the third attempt, promised to tackle violence and wipe out corruption. The 64-year-old former Mexico City mayor will formally take power on December 1. His main opponent was Ricardo Anaya.

- **Vijay Srinivas Appointed Director & GM of United India Insurance :** Chennai-based **United India Insurance Company** announced the appointment of **K B Vijay Srinivas** as its Director and General Manager. Prior to taking up the new role, he was serving National Insurance Company Ltd as its Chief Marketing Officer and General Manager.
- **Saraswati Prasad Assumes Charge As SAIL CMD:** Senior bureaucrat Saraswati Prasad has taken over the additional charge as chairman and managing director of steel PSU Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL). Mr Prasad succeeds P K Singh who retired recently.
- **P K Shrivastava Appointed DG Of Ordnance Factory Board:** **P K Shrivastava** took over the reins of the Ordnance Factory Board as its **new Director General and Chairman**. Shrivastava was earlier the additional director general of ordnance factories and member at OFB. He was also in-charge of OFB's Armoured Vehicles headquarters at Avadi in Chennai. Shrivastava joined Indian Ordnance Factories' Service in 1982.

PLACES IN NEWS

- **Jharkhand To Set Up Country's 1st Khadi Mall :** **Jharkhand Chief Minister Raghubar Das** announced that the **first 'Khadi Mall'** of the country will be opened in Jharkhand. The land in the **Heavy Engineering Corporation (HEC)** campus will be made available to the Khadi Board to develop the country's first Khadi mall.
- **AAI To Set up Civil Aviation Research Organization In Hyderabad :** **State-run Airports Authority of India (AAI)** will set up a **state-of-the-art Civil Aviation Research Organization (CARO)** at **Hyderabad's Begumpet Airport** to find indigenous

solutions to meet the challenges posed by the growing air traffic and for enhancing safety, capacity and efficiency of aircraft operations in the country.

- **Gujarat CM Launches Special Drive Against Malnutrition: POSHAN Abhiyan:** Gujarat Chief Minister **Vijay Rupani** launched 'Poshan Abhiyan'--a statewide mission to eradicate malnutrition among children by providing them nutritious food through Anganwadi centres. The CM also launched 'PURNA' project to eliminate malnutrition among girls in the age group of 14 to 18. 'PURNA' stands for Prevention of Under Nutrition and Reduction of Nutritional Anaemia among Adolescent Girls. The government has allocated Rs 270 crore to control malnutrition among those girls who he said would become mothers in future.
- **Abu Dhabi 'Smartest City' In Middle East: Study:** Abu Dhabi, capital of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), has topped the list of "smart cities" in the Middle East and Africa, according to the Abu Dhabi's Department of Culture and Tourism. Covering 50 international cities, a report by McKinsey Global Institute titled "Smart Cities: Digital Solutions for a More Livable Future" views how cities all over the world use technology to improve the quality of life.

AWARDS

- **Artist Anjolie Ela Menon Conferred Kalidas Award:** Noted artist **Anjolie Ela Menon** had received the **National Kalidas Samman in Delhi** for visual arts from the Madhya Pradesh government. With her first solo exhibition being held in Delhi in 1958, Menon is counted among India's most accomplished artists and is the recipient of numerous national and international awards including the Padma Shri.
- **JP Nadda Gives Away PMSMA 'IPledgefor9' Achievers And MMR Reduction Awards:** **JP Nadda**, Union Minister for Health and Family

Welfare presented the Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA) **'IPledgefor9' Achievers and MMR Reduction Awards.** The 'IPledgefor9' Achievers Awards were given to individuals and teams of doctors from the private sector and States for their remarkable services, outstanding support of institutions and commitment in achieving the mission's objectives of safe motherhood to every woman in India. According to Mr Nadda, India has shown 22% reduction in Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) since 2013. **Uttar Pradesh has shown 30% decline and has topped the chart in the reduction of maternal deaths.**

SPORTS

- **Rahul Dravid, 5th Indian To Be Inducted Into ICC Hall Of Fame:** Former captains **Rahul Dravid of India, Ricky Ponting of Australia and retired England Women wicketkeeper-batter Claire Taylor** were inducted into the **ICC Cricket Hall of Fame 2018** during a glittering ceremony in **Dublin, Ireland.** Former Team India captain **Rahul Dravid has become the fifth Indian cricketer** after Anil Kumble, Sunil Gavaskar, Bishan Singh Bedi and Kapil Dev to be inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame.
- **Lee Chong Wei Wins Malaysian Open Badminton Singles Title:** Malaysian veteran **Lee Chong Wei** has won the **Malaysian Open Badminton singles title for a historic 12th time.** In the men's final in Kuala Lumpur, he defeated young Japanese shuttler **Kento Momota** in straight games. In the women's singles final, top seed **Tai Tzu Ying from Taiwan** saw off China's **He Bingjiao.** India's campaign in the tournament had ended with the defeat of **PV Sindhu** and **Kidambi Srikanth** in their singles semi-finals.
- **Australia Wins Hockey Champions Trophy Final 2018:** In the summit clash of the **37th and final edition** of the **Hockey Champions Trophy** at **Breda, the Netherlands,** India lost to defending champions **Australia** via penalty shoot-off. The match went into the shoot-off

after both the teams were locked at 1-1 in regulation time.

- **Aaron Finch Posts Highest-Ever T20 Individual Score: Australian captain Aaron Finch slammed 172(76) against Zimbabwe to register the highest-ever individual score in T20Is, overtaking his own record of 156 runs.**

The 31-year-old opener smashed 10 sixes and 16 fours in his knock before getting out hit-wicket. Finch and D'Arcy Short shared a 223-run opening stand, which is the highest-ever partnership for any wicket in T20Is.

- **Max Verstappen Won Austrian Grand Prix, Lewis Hamilton Retires: Red Bull's Max Verstappen won the Austrian Grand Prix 2018 title in Austria.** Ferrari's Kimi Raikkonen finished in the second spot. Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel finished in the third spot. Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton retired from the race due to a mechanical issue in his car.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **Asia's 1st Patent Arbitration Centre To Open In Tokyo: Asia's first arbitration centre specialised in intellectual property is slated to open in Tokyo** in September 2018 to resolve the growing number of disputes in the region. The **International Arbitration Centre in Tokyo (IACT)** is set to have around a dozen arbitrators from around the world, who would try to resolve disputes within a period of one year.
- **Bengaluru To Get India's 1st e-Waste Plant: Union minister of chemicals and Fertilisers Ananth Kumar** announced that the country's first e-waste recycling unit will come up in Bengaluru, Karnataka. The unit is in keeping with the **Swachh Bharat Abhiyan drive**. A 2016 study by **Assocham and KPMG ranked India among the top five countries in e-waste generation**, with an estimated 1.85 million tonnes generated annually.

MISCELLANEOUS GK

- **Nigeria Replaces India to Become World's Largest Poor Population: Brookings Report:** With the persistent decline in poverty, **India is no longer a nation having the largest number of poor people in the world**, according to a study published by the **US-based think tank, Brookings**. According to the study, **Nigeria has already overtaken India as the country with the largest number of extreme poor in early 2018**, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo could soon take over the number 2 spot.
- **Major General VD Dogra** became the **first serving Indian Army officer and the only General across the world to have completed a gruelling 'Ironman' competition held in Austria**. The Ironman is an international triathlon consisting of three consecutive events- 3.8 km of swimming, 180 km cycling and 42.2 km of running (a full marathon).
- **The Union Minister of State for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) Dr Jitendra Singh** attended the famous **4-day Meghalaya Annual Cultural Festival, "Behdienkhlam"**, held every year at the small peripheral town of Jowai, Meghalaya. On the concluding day of the festival, Dr Jitendra Singh spent time with the visitors from across the region who had come to attend the festival

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

1. **NITI Aayog and ___ have signed a Statement of Intent (SOI) to work together towards implementing a Proof-of-Concept ("PoC") application using Blockchain Technology for fertilizer subsidy management.**
 - (a) National Fertilizers
 - (b) Chambal Fertilizers
 - (c) Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers & Chemicals Limited
 - (d) Hindalco Fertilizer Industries
 - (e) Gujarat State Fertilizers and Chemicals

2. In which of the following city, decks have been cleared to set up a consulate of the United Arab Emirates?
 (a) Hyderabad (b) Chennai
 (c) Bengaluru (d) Panaji
 (e) Guwahati
3. In a first-of-its-kind transaction, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has approved a proposal allowing Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) to acquire a majority stake in _____.
 (a) Kotal Mahindra Bank (b) Sarala Bank
 (c) HDFC Bank (d) IDBI Bank
 (e) Karnataka Bank
4. The ninth and final meeting of Eminent Persons Group (EPG) on Nepal-India Relations concluded recently in _____.
 (a) New Delhi (b) Mumbai
 (c) Pune (d) Bengaluru
 (e) Kathmandu
5. Name the person who was elected the president of the International Kabaddi Federation (IKF) for the next four years.
 (a) Mahesh Sarkar (b) Prakash Mathur
 (c) Javed Rana (d) Janardan Singh Gehlot
 (e) Gajendra Singh
6. Name the state government that has signed an MoU with the Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System (RIMES) for enhancing early warning system for effective management of all kinds of disaster in the state.
 (a) Karnataka (b) Odisha
 (c) Maharashtra (d) Bihar
 (e) Assam
7. Chennai-based United India Insurance Company announced the appointment of _____ as its Director and General Manager.
 (a) B Praneeth (b) K B Vijay Srinivas
 (c) Rajeev Bansal (d) K M Singhaniya
 (e) Pratysh Singh
8. _____ took over the reins of the Ordnance Factory Board as its new Director General and Chairman, recently.
 (a) Vimal Kasana (b) Manoj Solanki
 (c) Vikram Limaye (d) P K Shrivastava
 (e) Prabhakar Singh
9. Which of the following mobile infrastructure company has got the approval of competition watchdog Competition Commission of India (CCI) for merging its operations with Indus Towers?
 (a) Essar Group (b) GTL Ltd
 (c) American Tower Corporation
 (d) Bharti Infratel
 (e) None of the given options is true
10. The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) launched its, in-house developed, single-umbrella e-marketing system named KIMIS in New Delhi. What does 'M' stands for in KIMIS?
 (a) Minimum (b) Maximum
 (c) Maneuver (d) Management
 (e) Migration
11. Name the organization/Institution that will organise 'MOVE: Global Mobility Summit' in New Delhi in September 2018 in collaboration with various ministries and industry partners.
 (a) SIDBI (b) NITI Aayog
 (c) IRDAI (d) NABARD
 (e) RBI
12. Name the Tony Award winner dancer, actor, and singer who had passed away recently.
 (a) Nick Scandalios (b) John Leguizamo
 (c) Liliane Montevecchi (d) Christine Jones
 (e) Gareth Fry
13. Union Sports Minister Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore announced that the Sports Authority of India (SAI) has been renamed as _____ after the sports body's governing body meeting.
 (a) Khelo India
 (b) Sports India
 (c) Khel India
 (d) Khelo Bharat
 (e) None of the given options is true

ANSWERS: caded / bbddd / bcb