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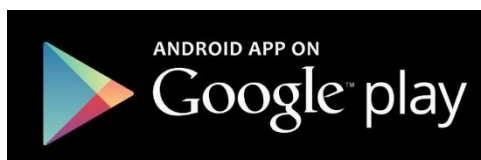
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IMPORTANT DAYS

- **1st July** Doctor's Day
- **1st July** State Bank of India Foundation Day
- **11th July** World Population Day

RBI Vacancy:- 166 by 23rd July

PUDA Vacancy:- 194 by 25th July

NATIONAL EVENTS

- **Korean President Moon Jae-in to attend India-Korea Business Forum in New Delhi:** On July 8, 2018, South Korean President Moon Jae-in arrived in New Delhi on a **four** day visit to India from July 8-11,2018. He is being accompanied by First Lady Kim Jung-sook on his maiden visit to the nation. They were received by Minister of State for External Affairs V K Singh.
- **Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu becomes first Chairman of Rajya Sabha to sign an MOU with Rwanda** On July 10, 2018, Shri Venkaiah Naidu became the first Chairman of Rajya Sabha to sign MOU with the visiting President of the Senate of the Republic of Rwanda, Mr. Bernard

Makuza on his visit during **09 to 11, July 2018.**

- **'One farmer one transformer': scheme launched to reduce electricity losses from Aug 15** On July 10, 2018, Energy Minister of government of Maharashtra Chandrashekhar Bawankule announced that the state government will launch a scheme for the farmers from **August, 2018.** The scheme is called **"one farmer one transformer"**. It will be launched on **15th August, 2018.** The objective of the scheme is to reduce electricity losses. **Two lakh** farmers will be given electricity connection for high voltage distribution line which will ensure uninterrupted power supply.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- **New radio telescope unveiled by South Africa for clearer image of distant galaxies** On July 13, 2018, **South Africa** has unveiled a powerful **radio telescope**, part of an international project that scientists say will provide new details on the Milky Way and other galaxies. They are releasing the "clearest view yet" of the centre of our galaxy through this telescope. It is known as the **64-antenna MeerKAT**, which was

completed after a decade of design and construction.

- The Square Kilometre Array or SKA telescope had support from various countries like **Canada, China, India, Italy, Britain, Spain, Sweden, the Netherlands and New Zealand**. It has a radio telescope site in **Australia** as well as in **South Africa**.
- **India named world's sixth largest economy by surpassing France: World Bank data** On July 11, 2018, India has become the world's sixth largest economy overtaking France, according to **World Bank** data on **gross domestic product (GDP) of countries for 2017**. India has recorded a GDP of USD 2,597,491 million, followed by USD 2,582,501 of France, while United Kingdom recorded a GDP of USD 2,622,434 million. India has recovered from the effects of demonetisation and the Goods and Services Tax (GST). **World Bank** has predicted the GDP of India in **FY2019 to be 7.3%**. **The International Monetary Fund (IMF)** also stated that it expected India to re-emerge as one of the fastest growing major economies in the **2018 – 2019 period**, projecting the country's growth rate at **7.4 percent in 2018**.

PERSONS IN NEWS

- **Dipika Pallikal to represent Asia in CGF Athletes Advisory Commission** On 5th July 2018, Indian squash player Dipika Pallikal was appointed Asia's representative in the Athletes Advisory Commission of the **Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF)**. This appointment has been made by the CGF. The CGF Athletes Advisory Commission was proposed in August 2017.

- **Sun Pharma signs Akshay Kumar as brand ambassador for Revital H** On 9th July 2018, drug firm Sun Pharmaceutical Industries said that, Sun Pharma Consumer Healthcare has named actor **Akshay Kumar** as the brand ambassador of health supplement **Revital H**.
- **Olympian Dipa Karmakar to be named Tripura's brand ambassador** On July 11, 2018, **The BJP Tripura state** committee proposed the government to appoint gold medal winner in the prestigious FIG World Challenge Cup in Mersin in **Turkey Dipa Karmakar**, as **brand ambassador of the state**.

OBIYUARY

- **M M Jacob:** On 6th July 2018, senior Congress leader and former Meghalaya Governor MM Jacob died due to age-related ailments, at a private hospital in Pala near Kottayam, Kerala.
- **J N Sadhu:** On 7th July 2018, journalist J N Sadhu died following a long term illness in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. J N Sadhu was 94 years old. He worked with The Indian Express for around 35 years. He was working as a free lance journalist after his retirement

PLACES IN NEWS

- **Haryana:** On 11th July 2018, Haryana Finance Minister Abhimanyu said that, Haryana has **topped other states in per capita revenue collection under GST**, and is also the **4th highest generator of e-way bills** in India.
- **Varanasi :** On July 10, 2018, It was announced that the next **Pravasi Bharatiya Divas** will be held in the holy city of **Varanasi in January 2019**. The theme of the three-day event will be the **'Role of Indian Diaspora in building a New India'**. Events

scheduled to happen on that day : Ganga aarti in Varanasi, Kumbh Mela in Allahabad and Republic Day celebrations in New Delhi. Varanasi is Prime Minister Narendra Modi's parliamentary constituency.

- **Noida:** On July 9, 2018, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi and South Korean President Moon Jae-in** would inaugurate 'world's largest mobile factory' of Samsung in India. The Samsung Electronics facility is opening in Noida which will be for manufacturing mobile phones, and the largest in the world, according to the company. Samsung's factory's 35 acre facility in **Sector 81 in Noida** will be capable taking manufacturing close to **120 million mobile phones** per year, from the current **capacity 67 million mobiles**, which are being made in India.

AWARDS

- **Michael Ondaatje's 'The English Patient' wins Golden Booker Prize** On 8th July 2018, **Michael Ondaatje's 'The English Patient'** won the special one-off **Golden Man Booker Prize** to mark the 50th anniversary of the literary award at the Man Booker 50 Festival in London.
- **Dr Ravi Mehrotra receives lifetime achievement award at Seatrade 30th Anniversary Awards Event** On 29th June 2018, Dr Ravi Mehrotra CBE, Chairman of Foresight Group International Ltd., received a lifetime achievement award at the Seatrade 30th Anniversary Award Ceremony held at the Landmark, London.
- **India's Satyarup Siddhanta scales world's highest volcano, Mt Ojos del Salado** **Satyarup Siddhanta** has become the second Indian mountaineer after Malli Mastan Babu to climb **Mt**

Ojos del Salado, the highest volcano in the world.

SPORTS

- **Dipa wins gold in Gymnastics World Cup** On July 8 2018, Indian Gymnast **Dipa Karmakar** bagged gold medal in FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Challenge Cup at Mersin, Turkey.
- **India's Jhilli Dalabehera bags bronze in 2018 IWF Junior World Weightlifting Championships at Tashkent** On 7th July 2018, Indian lifter **Jhilli Dalabehera** has bagged the **bronze** medal in the 2018 IWF Junior World Weightlifting Championships at **Tashkent, Uzbekistan.**
- **Indian shuttler Ajay Jayaram finishes runner-up at White Nights International Challenge:** Ajay Jayaram lost to Pablo Abian of Spain in the finals and finished runner-up. Men's doubles pair of Tarun Kona and Saurabh Sharma lost 21-18, 13-21, 17-21 to German pair of Bjarne Geiss and Jan Colin Völker in the semi-finals.
- **Anju Khosla – Oldest Indian woman to complete Ironman Triathlon** Anju Khosla has become the oldest Indian woman to complete an Ironman Triathlon which is one of the toughest one-day sporting events. **Anju Khosla** is **52 years** old. She is a resident of New Delhi. She completed her first full Ironman Triathlon, in Carinthia, Austria, in 15 hours, 54 minutes and 54 seconds. It consists of 3.86 km swimming leg, 180.25 km bike leg followed by a marathon (42.2 km), to be completed without a break. In Austria, out of the 2,761 competitors, Anju Khosla crossed the finish line 38th out of 41 in her age category (W50). In the women category, she was 319th out of 336 athletes and overall 2,257th.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **First-ever 3-D colour X-ray on a human performed by 2 New Zealand Scientists** On July 13, 2018, the **first-ever 3-D, colour X-ray** on a human was done by **2 New Zealand scientists** named **Phil and Anthony Butler** (father and son). This was done using CERN's imaging technology called **Medipix** in its lab. This consisted of using a technique that improves the field of medical diagnostics. The new device, based on the traditional black-and-white X-ray, incorporates particle-tracking technology of CERN.
- **Aurobindo Pharma gets USFDA nod for Azithromycin tablets** Drug firm Aurobindo Pharma has received final approval from the US Food & Drug Administration (USFDA) to manufacture and market **Azithromycin tablets** that is used for the treatment of patients with mild to moderate infections in the US market.

MISCELLANEOUS GK

- On July 12, 2018, **2 Indian-origin technology executives Jayshree Ullal and Neerja Sethi have made it to the Forbes' list of America's 60 richest self-made women.**
- **Mukesh Ambani overtakes Jack Ma, to become Asia's richest person** Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) Chairman Mukesh Ambani has overtaken Alibaba Group's Jack Ma to become Asia's richest person. Ambani was estimated to be worth \$44.3 billion with Reliance Industries Ltd. rising 1.6 percent to a record 1,099.8 rupees while Ma's total net worth was at \$44 billion.
- **NTPC's Rs 1,500 cr worth 250 MW solar plant inaugurated by Madhya**

Pradesh CM On July 12, 2018, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan inaugurated the state-run power giant NTPC's 250 MW Solar Power Plant in Suwasra, District Mandsaur.

- On July 11, 2018, **Ms. Nina Tshering La** has been appointed as the next **Ambassador of India to the Democratoc Republic of Congo.** Ms. Nina Tshering La, presently **Deputy Chief of Mission, Hanoi** has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Democratic Republic of Congo.

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

1. **On July 13, 2018, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated a multimedia exhibition organised by Regional Outreach Bureau of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB) in _____?**
 1. Puri, Odisha
 2. Bhubhaneswar, Odisha
 3. Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
 4. Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
 5. None of these
2. **On July 13, 2018, Himachal Pradesh Governor Acharya Dev Vrat inaugurated 69th Van Mahotsava celebrations at _____ near Shimla?**
 1. Ganevag (Nehra)
 2. Kufri
 3. Chail
 4. Mashobra
 5. None of these
3. **UN chief Antonio Guterres has established a panel on digital cooperation aimed to deal with the "dark side" of digital innovation like cyberwarfare and proliferation of hate speech. He named _____ as the executive director of the panel's secretariat?**
 1. Amandeep Singh Gill
 2. Bill Gates
 3. Sundar Pichai
 4. Zing Huin
 5. None of these

4. On July 14, 2018, the Airport Authority of India (AAI) is likely to partner with which state government to build the Rs 2,000 crore Dholera airport project?
- 1.Gujarat
 - 2.Rajasthan
 - 3.Maharashtra
 - 4.Meghalaya
 - 5.None of these
5. On July 13,2018, Metals and Mining company Vedanta Ltd. has re-appointed _____ as a Whole time Director?
- 1.Samarth Reddy
 - 2.Navin Agarwal
 - 3.Pravin Rishab
 - 4.Sajan Ranjith
 - 5.None of these
6. On July 13,2018 who was appointed by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd (HSBC) as the head of investment banking for HSBC India?
- 1.Amitabh Malhotra
 - 2.Pramod Roy
 - 3.Deepak Karmakar
 - 4.Sanjay Arora
 - 5.None of these
7. On July 15, 2018, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) constituted a 10 Member Committee to review Companies Act 2013. The committee is headed by the Secretary of Ministry of Corporate Affairs____?
- 1.Sathish Krishnan
 - 2.Praful PAtil
 - 3.Ranjith Srivats
 - 4.Injeti Srinivas
 - 5.None of these
8. On July 15, 2018, which country will head the Asia Pacific Region of World Customs Organisation (WCO) for two years as its Vice Chair from July, 2018 to June, 2020?
- 1.China
 - 2.India
 - 3.Japan
 - 4.Singapore
 - 5.None of these
9. On July 13, 2018, where was the 2nd National Tourism Conclave organised by Elets held?
- 1.Mumbai, Maharashtra
 - 2.Guwahati, Assam
 - 3.Leh, Jammu and Kashmir
 - 4.Jaipur, Rajasthan
 - 5.None of these
- 10.On July 15, 2018, 'Sulabh Jal', the first of world's cheapest drinking water project was launched by Sulabh International in Darbhanga district, of which state?
- 1.Bihar
 - 2.Gujarat
 - 3.Rajasthan
 - 4.Assam
 - 5.None of these
- 11.FIFA 2018 was the _____ edition of the international football tournament?
- 1.18th
 - 2.22nd
 - 3.21st
 - 4.25th
 - 5.None of these
- 12.On July 18, 2018, Bollywood actor Akshay Kumar featured in the Forbes list of top 100 highest-paid entertainers 2018. What was his rank in the list?
- 1.25
 - 2.56
 - 3.76
 - 4.89
 - 5.None of these

ANSWERS: 11112/ 14241/ 33