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- **SSC GD Constable Recruitment 2018**
Last Date: 17.09.18
- **RBI Vacancy:- 166 by 23rd July**
- **PUDA Vacancy:- 194 by 25th July**

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **July 15** : World Youth Skill Day
- **July 18** : Nelson Mandela International Day

NATIONAL EVENTS

- **India Becomes Vice Chair Of Asia Pacific Region of World Customs Organisation:** India has become the Vice-Chair (Regional Head) of the Asia Pacific Region of World Customs Organisation (WCO) for a period of two years (from July 2018 to June 2020). The underlying Theme of the Inaugural Ceremony is “*Customs – Fostering Trade Facilitation*”.
- **Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar Launches 'Paudhagiri' Campaign :** Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched the 'Paudhagiri' campaign with an aim to increase the green cover in Haryana. CM Khattar launched the 'Paudhagiri' campaign by

planting a 'maulsari' sapling in the Tau Devi Lal Sports Complex premises of Gurgaon.

- **Government Launched MicroDot Technology To Check Vehicle Thefts :** The Indian Government has announced the launch of a new **MicroDot Technology** that would help check on vehicle thefts. Under this, thousands of small dots laser etched will be sprayed with a vehicle identification number on all over the vehicle's body including its engine.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- **8th BRICS Health Ministers' Meeting Held At Durban :** The 8th BRICS Health Ministers' Meeting was held at Durban, South Africa. Indian delegation was led by Mr J P Nadda, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare. He stated that India is committed to eliminating TB by 2025. Highlighting the accomplishments of India in the health sector, he stated India's achievement in reducing the maternal mortality ratio (MMR) by 77%, from 556 per 1,00,000 live births in 1990 to 130 per 1,00,000 live births in 2016, was commended by the Regional Director of WHO South-East Asia Regional Office (SEARO).

- **Donald Trump, Vladimir Putin Holds 1st Summit At Helsinki In Finland :** US President Donald Trump and his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin held the first summit at Helsinki in Finland. Trump's meeting with Putin comes days after a federal grand jury indicted 12 Russian intelligence officials on charges of hacking the servers of the Democratic National Committee and that of its 2016 presidential candidate Hillary Clinton.

PERSONS IN NEWS

- **Brij Bhushan Saran Singh:** Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) president Brij Bhushan Saran Singh is set to be named the **Chef de Mission of the Asian Games-bound Indian contingent.**The four deputy Chefs de Mission set to be appointed are BS Kushwaha (former secretary of Indian Kayaking and Canoeing Federation), RK Sacheti (Executive Director of Boxing Federation of India, DK Singh (Uttarakhand Olympic Association) and Colonel RK Swain (Secretary of Equestrian Federation of India).
- **Kaptan Singh Solanki:** Haryana Governor Kaptan Singh Solanki was given the additional charge of Himachal Pradesh by President Ram Nath Kovind. He has been appointed during the absence of Himachal Governor Acharya Devvrat, who is on leave.

OBITUARY

- **M.N. Vyasa Rao:** On 15th July 2018, Kannada poet and film lyricist M.N. Vyasa Rao died following a cardiac arrest at his home in Bengaluru
- **Rajmata Satvashila Devi :** On 18th July 2018, activist Rajmata Satvashila Devi Bhosle died due to a long term illness at Sawantwadi, Maharashtra. Rajmata

Satvashila Devi Bhosle was 83 years old. She belonged to the Konkan region in Maharashtra.

- **Ramchandra Singhdeo:** On July 20, 2018, The **88** year old former and first finance minister of Chhattisgarh, **Ramchandra Singhdeo**, had passed away in Raipur.

PLACES IN NEWS

- **Bihar:** On July 15, 2018, The first of world's cheapest drinking water project was launched in Darbhanga district, Bihar. This was launched by Sulabh International, an organisation that introduced the concept of '**Sulabh Sauchalya**' in the country. The foundation of the project at Haribol pond in Darbhanga Nagar Nigam premises was laid by Sulabh International's founder Dr. Bindeshwar Pathak. It would be managed by Self Help group of Darbhanga Nagar Nigam.
- **Udaipur :** On July 19, 2018, According to Travel + Leisure's World's Best Cities report, The city of **Udaipur** has ranked **3rd** among the 15 of the world's best cities. The top 2 cities are both in Mexico: San Miguel de Allende **and** Oaxaca. The ranks were given based on sights and landmarks, culture, cuisine, friendliness, shopping, and overall value. Earlier in 2009 it has ranked 1st in the list making it 'best city in the world to visit'. And in 2017 also it has received the 3rd rank.

AWARDS

- **Ishwar Sharma:** 8-year-old yoga champion named 'British Indian of the Year': Ishwar Sharma has been named

the “**British Indian of the Year**” for his achievements in Yoga. He had also won a gold medal at the Euro Asian Yoga Championships in Turkey in May 2018.

- **Ajay Singh:** Chairman & Managing Director, SpiceJet, received the USISPF Leadership Award at the first Annual Leadership Summit of the **US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF)** in Washington DC, United States
- **Repc Micro Finance Ltd:** Repco Micro Finance Ltd was awarded the **NABARD 2018 award** for its service to self-help group (SHG) linkage in Tamil Nadu for the fiscal year 2017-18.

- **Hima Das won Gold in the women’s 400 metre event:** On 12th July 2018, India’s Hima Das bagged gold medal in the women’s 400 metre event at the IAAF World U20 Championships. Hima Das has become the first Indian track athlete to win gold medal in a world championship across all age groups. She registered a time of 51.46 seconds in the finals.
- **FIFA World Cup 2018** FIFA World Cup, an international football tournament, is contested by the men’s national teams of the member associations of FIFA once every four years. FIFA 2018 was the **21st** edition of the tournament **Zabivaka** – “the one who scores” (in Russian) is a **wolf** who radiates fun, charm and confidence was the Official mascot of FIFA World Cup 2018. **France** won the title with a **4-2** goal against **Croatia** This is their **second** world cup title since 1998.

| Event | Winner | Runners-Up |
|-----------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Men’s Singles | <u>Novak Djokovic</u> (Serbia) | Kevin Anderson (South Africa) |
| Women’s Singles | <u>Angelique Kerber</u> (Germany) | Serena Williams (USA) |
| Men’s Doubles | <u>Mike Bryan</u> (USA) | Michael Venus (New Zealand) |
| | <u>Jack Sock</u> (USA) | <u>Raven Klaasen</u> (South Africa) |
| Women’s Doubles | <u>Barbora Krejickova</u> (Czech Republic) | <u>Nicole Melichar</u> (USA) |
| | <u>Katerina Siniakova</u> (Czech Republic) | <u>Kveta Peschke</u> (Czech Republic) |
| Mixed Doubles | <u>Alexander Peya</u> (Austria) | <u>Victoria Azarenka</u> (Belarus) |
| | <u>Nicole Melichar</u> (USA) | Jamie Murray (UK) |

| Category | Player | Country |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---------|
| Top Scorer (Golden Boot) | Harry Kane (6 goals) | England |
| Best Player | <u>Luka Modric</u> (Croatia) | Croatia |
| Best Young Player | <u>Kylian Mbappe</u> | France |
| Best Goalkeeper (Golden Glove) | <u>Thibaut Courtois</u> | Belgium |
| Fair Play | Spain | |

SPORTS

- **2018 Wimbledon Championships** The 2018 Wimbledon Championships was the 132nd edition of the championship, the 125th staging of the Ladies’ Singles Championship event, the 51st in the Open Era and the third Grand Slam tournament of the year.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- “**Remote Sensing Toolkit**” to Promote Commercial Use Of Satellite Data launched by NASA On July 21, 2018, NASA launched an online toolkit “**Remote Sensing Toolkit**” to help users analyze satellite data. It provides a simple system that quickly identifies relevant sources based on user

input. It can be used in the areas of : **research, business projects or conservation efforts.**

- **ISRO partners with 3 vendors to assemble 27 satellites by 2021**

On July 19, 2018, **ISRO** signed contracts with **three** vendors to outsource Spacecraft Assembly Integration and Testing (AIT) activities. It is aimed at industry participation in satellite building activities. They will help ISRO assemble about 27 satellites over the next three years. The U R Rao Satellite Centre of ISRO has signed the agreements with Alpha Technologies Private Limited, Bengaluru, and its consortium partners; Bharat Electronics Limited, Bengaluru, and Tata Advanced Systems Limited, Hyderabad.

- **Twelve new moons discovered orbiting Jupiter**

Scientists have discovered **12 new moons orbiting Jupiter**, making the total number of natural satellites circling around Jupiter to 79. The discovery includes **11 “normal” outer moons**, and **one “oddball.”** The researchers were led by Scott S Sheppard from Carnegie Institution for Science, US. They first spotted the moons in 2017. Out of the new moons 9 are part of a distant outer swarm of moons that orbit it in the retrograde, or opposite direction of Jupiter’s spin rotation.

- On 16th July 2018, ISRO said that, it successfully performed a ground test of its high thrust version of the **Vikas Engine** that will enhance the payload capability of ISRO’s launch vehicles, at the ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC) in Mahendragiri, Tirunelveli district, Tamil Nadu.
- On 16th July 2018, the Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (IIT-M) launched a remotely operable microscope worth Rs. 40 crore, claimed to be the world’s first remotely operable LEAP microscope, which will allow precise view of atoms of a material.
- All-Women J&K Bank branch inaugurated by First Lady Usha Vohra On July 16, 2018, The first all-women branch of Jammu & Kashmir Bank was inaugurated by the first lady Usha Vohra at an event at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC), in Srinagar.
- Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has named Indian Athlete Hima Das as the first sports ambassador of Assam. This announcement has been made after Hima Das became the first Indian woman to win gold medal in the women’s 400 m final race at IAAF World U-20 Athletics Championships held in France, recently.

CURRENT AFFAIR QUIZ

1. **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

MISCELLANEOUS GK

- On 14th July 2018, Mahendra Singh Dhoni became the **fourth Indian** to achieve the mark of **10,000 runs in ODIs**, during the second match of the three-game series against England, at Lord’s cricket ground in London.

2. **The Education Department of which state launched 'I am not afraid of English' initiative from Class 1 in the state's primary schools, on July 15, 2018?**
 - 1.Haryana
 - 2.Punjab
 - 3.Maharashtra
 - 4.Assam
 - 5.None of these
3. **On July 15, 2018, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Bansagar Canal Project in _____?**
 - 1.Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh
 - 2.Shimla, Himachal Pradesh
 - 3.Kufri, Himachal Pradesh
 - 4.Guwahati, Assam
 - 5.None of these
4. **On 13th July 2018, Pakistan Prime Minister _____ inaugurated the Pakistan-China Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) project that will be the first land-based communication link between Pakistan and China?**
 1. Naseem Shah
 2. Al Fatih Abidi
 3. Nasirul Mulk
 4. Parvez Shariff
 5. None of these
5. **On 17th July 2018, India has improved one spot and has reached the _____ position in the men's hockey world rankings released by the International Hockey Federation (FIH)?**
 - 1.6th
 - 2.5th
 - 3.4th
 - 4.9th
 - 5.None of these
6. **On 16th July 2018, _____ said that, it has acquired Zopper Retail, in a move to increase its offline business?**
 - 1.Paytm
 - 2.PayPal
 - 3.CitrusPay
 - 4.PhonePe
 - 5.None of these
7. **Which software firm has announced that, it had signed a partnership with French energy company Total to develop a digital innovation centre in India?**
 - 1.Wipro
 - 2.Accenture
 - 3.Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)
 - 4.Infosys
 - 5.None of these
8. **On 18th July 2018, the 7th Defence Technology and Trade Initiative, DTTI meeting was held between India and the US delegation in _____?**
 1. New York, United States
 2. New Delhi, India
 3. Washington DC, United States
 4. Mumbai, India
 5. None of these
9. **On 18th July 2018, the first commercial flight to which country, in 20 years departed from Addis Ababa, in Ethiopia, after both the countries ended their conflict following a peace process?**
 - 1.Morocco
 - 2.Mexico
 - 3.France
 - 4.Eritrea
 - 5.None of these
10. **On July 17, 2018, Western Railways renamed Elphistone Road station to _____ on Mumbai's suburban section?**
 - 1.Samadra
 - 2.Prabhadevi
 - 3.Rajprabha
 - 4.Poornima
 - 5.None of these
11. **On 15th July 2018, the UK Space Agency said that, it had chosen _____, a peninsula on Scotland's north coast as the site for UK's first space port?**
 - 1.Portland
 - 2.Sutherland
 - 3.Maryland
 - 4.Costa Rica
 - 5.None of these
12. **On 19th July 2018, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu launched '_____ core platform' at Undavalli, Andhra Pradesh?**
 - 1.e-Mytri
 - 2.e-Pragati
 - 3.e-Prapti
 - 4.e-surance
 - 5.None of these

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