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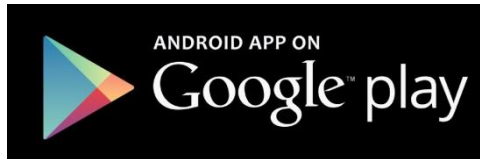
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NEW VACANCIES

- Recruitment of Officers Scale (I,II&III) & Office Assistant in Multipurpose in RRB, 2018. Apply by: 02.07.18
- Recruitment of Sub-Inspectors in Railway Protection Force and Railway Protection Special Force, Apply by: 30.06.18

IMPORTANT DAYS

- June 1: Global Day Of Parents
- June 2: Telangana Statehood Day
- June 3: World Bicycle Day
- June 5: World Environment Day

NATIONAL EVENTS

- ❖ **Maneka Gandhi Laid Foundation of India's 1st Advanced DNA Forensic Lab:** Union Minister for Women and Child Development Maneka Gandhi laid the foundation stone of India's first advanced DNA forensic laboratory in Chandigarh as part efforts to reduce the backlog of cases needing advanced forensic analysis.
- ❖ **Asia's 1st 13 'Blue Flag' Beaches To Be Developed in India:** Environment-friendly, clean and equipped with amenities of international standards for tourists, 13 Indian beaches will soon

get the Blue Flag certification. These beaches of Odisha, Maharashtra and other coastal states will be the first in not just India, but in Asia, to get the Blue Flag certification.

- ❖ **Govt Launches 'Krishi Kalyan Abhiyaan' To Help Farmers In Aspirational Districts To Raise Their Income :** The government has announced the launch of 'Krishi Kalyan Abhiyaan' under which farmers in select villages will be given assistance and advice on ways to improve farming techniques and raise their income.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- ❖ **Air Chief Marshal Birender Singh Dhanoa On 4-Day Visit To Brazil :** Air Chief Marshal Birender Singh Dhanoa is on a four-day visit to Brazil. He is scheduled to visit various operational and training units as well as interact with senior officials of the Brazilian Air Force.
- ❖ **PM Modi 3-Nation Visit: Launches International Rupay Card, Bhim App and UPI in Singapore:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched three Indian digital payment systems - RuPay, BHIM app and UPI by SBI at the 'Business, Innovation and Community Event' in Singapore. With the launch, India's RuPay digital payments system was linked up with Singapore's 33-year old Network for Electronic Transfers (NETS). The move will enable RuPay users to make payments at all of NETS acceptance points across Singapore.

- ❖ **Indian Economy Grows 7.7% in 4th Quarter: Central Statistics Data :** The Indian economy grew 7.7% in the fourth quarter of 2017-18. The GDP had expanded 5.6%, 6.3% and 7%, in the first three quarters of 2017-18, according to the data released by Central Statistics Office.

PERSONS IN NEWS

- ❖ **Amit Khare:** An IAS officer Amit Khare assumed charge as Secretary in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting on superannuation of Narendra Kumar Sinha.
 - Prior to his appointment, Mr Khare was Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Jharkhand.
- ❖ **Pedro Sanchez:** Spanish Socialist Pedro Sanchez has been sworn in as the country's new prime minister by King Felipe. He has replaced Mariano Rajoy.
- ❖ **Abdel Fattah al-Sisi:** In Egypt, President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi was sworn in for a second four-year term in office as the country faces major economic and security challenges. Sisi won 97% of valid votes in the March presidential election.
- ❖ **Sanjay Mitra:** Eminent scientist S Christopher has completed his term as the chief of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), and Defence Secretary Sanjay Mitra was given additional charge of the post.

OBITUARY

- ❖ **Timothy Pereira:** Timothy Pereira, former football international who represented Tata FC, died after a prolonged illness. Pereira was 75. He played for the country in 1967-68. Pereira also played hockey and represented Catholic Gymkhana in the local league.

PLACES IN NEWS

- ❖ **Andhra Pradesh:** Neem and black buck have been declared as the state tree and animal respectively of Andhra Pradesh. The rose-ringed parakeet will be the state bird while jasmine will be the state flower. The announcement was made by the Principal Secretary of Environment and Forests G Anantha Ramu.
- ❖ **Manipur:** President Ram Nath Kovind has given his assent to an ordinance to set up the country's first national sports university in Manipur. The

Union Cabinet had approved an ordinance in May 2018 in this regard. National Sports University Ordinance, 2018 will be on the lines of the National Sports University Bill, 2017 which was introduced in Lok Sabha in 2017

- ❖ **Gujarat:** India received the first-ever cargo of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) from Russia as New Delhi diversifies import basket to meet its vast energy needs. State-owned gas utility GAIL India Ltd will bring the shipload of LNG from Gazprom, a Russian supplier, at Petronet LNG Ltd's import terminal in Dahej, Gujarat.

AWARDS

- ❖ **Kendrick Lamar:** Kendrick Lamar received the Pulitzer Prize in music for his album "Damn." Lamar is the first rapper in history to be given the award. Previous recipients included Bob Dylan, Hank Williams and Duke Ellington. Lamar had received this award at Columbia University.
- ❖ **Kailash Satyarthi:** President Ram Nath Kovind presented the 'Santokbaa Humanitarian Award' to Child rights activist and Noble Laureate Kailash Satyarthi and space scientist A S Kiran Kumar, Chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) in Surat, Gujarat.
- ❖ **Kagiso Rabada :** Kagiso Rabada, the world's number one Test bowler, was named South Africa's Cricketer of the Year. The award came at the end of a 12-month period during which Rabada, 23, was a consistent match-winner and subject of disciplinary hearings. Rabada collected a total of six awards, including Test cricketer of the year, one-day international player of the year and players' player of the year.

SPORTS

- ❖ **India's Sanjana Ramesh Wins MVP Award at Basketball Without Borders Asia:** India's Sanjana Ramesh was awarded the 'Most Valuable Player' (MVP) even as compatriot Vaishnavi Yadav won the 'Girls Grit Award' on the fourth and final day of Basketball Without Borders Asia 2018, which featured 66 campers from 16 countries from the Asia-Pacific region.
- ❖ **Nepal, Scotland Among 4 Teams Inducted In ICC ODI Rankings:** The ICC has included Nepal, Netherlands, Scotland and the UAE in their ODI rankings list apart from the 12 existing countries. The Netherlands secured ODI status and a place in the 13-team ODI league by winning the

ICC World Cricket League Championship in 2017, while Scotland, Nepal and the UAE earned ODI status by finishing as the three leading associates (along with the Dutch) in the ICC Cricket World Cup Qualifier 2018.

- ❖ **Virat Kohli Only Indian In World's Highest Paid Athletes List:** India cricket captain Virat Kohli is among the world's highest-paid athletes, according to a Forbes' compilation topped by American boxing champion Floyd Mayweather. Kohli, the only sportsperson from India to be featured in the list, is ranked 83rd with earnings of USD 24 million.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- ❖ **China Successfully Launches New Earth Observation Satellite:** China successfully launched a new Earth observation satellite '*the Gaofen-6*' which will be mainly used in agricultural resources research and disaster monitoring. The Satellite was launched on a Long March-2D rocket from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China. It was the 276th mission of the Long March rocket series.
- ❖ **India Successfully Test-Fires SFDR Propulsion Based Missile:** Making a breakthrough in missile technology, India successfully carried out the flight test of **Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR)** propulsion based missile, according to the **Defence Ministry**. The technology demonstrator flight test was conducted from the **Launch Centre-III** of Integrated Test Range at Chandipur in Odisha.

MISCELLANEOUS

- ❖ **Polythene To Be Completely Prohibited From 31st July In Uttarakhand:** In Uttarakhand, Polythene will be completely prohibited from 31st July in the state. All the polythene vendors have been asked to finish the polyethylene stock before 31st July.
- ❖ **World Environment Day 2018 Celebrated In New Delhi:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has addressed the global celebrations of World Environment Day 2018 on 05th June in New Delhi. Prime Minister also visited the exhibition set up on the occasion, themed 'Beat Plastic Pollution'. India was the global host nation for the 43rd edition of this event.
- ❖ **Repo Rate Increased By 25 Bps In Second Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy Statement (2018-19):**

Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of Reserve Bank of India has increased the policy Repo Rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) by 25 basis points to 6.25 percent in the Second Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement (2018-19). Consequently, the reverse repo rate under the LAF stands adjusted to 6.0 percent, and the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate to 6.50 percent.

- ❖ **MK Jain Appointed RBI Deputy Governor:** The Centre has appointed MK Jain, Managing Director, and CEO of IDBI Bank, as the RBI's Deputy Governor. Jain will fill a position that had been lying vacant since August 2017 after the retirement of SS Mundra.
- ❖ **NTPC Adopts Charminar Under Swachh Iconic Places Project:** NTPC Ltd has adopted the iconic Charminar in Hyderabad under the **Swachh Iconic Places Projects of India**. This is part of a special drive under the Centre's Swachh Bharat Mission.

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

1. **The United States has renamed its oldest and largest military command, US Pacific Command to _____, according to the US Defence Secretary Jim Mattis.**
 - (a) Ind-PAC Command
 - (b) Indo-Pacific Command
 - (c) Pacific India Command
 - (d) Indo-Paci Command
 - (e) None of the given options is true
2. **In which of the following city the First biannual Indian Air Force Commanders' Conference was inaugurated by Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman?**
 - (a) Bengaluru
 - (b) Dehradun
 - (c) Chandigarh
 - (d) New Delhi
 - (e) Guwahati
3. **Name the Statistics and Programme Implementation Minister who has recently conferred FICCI Smart Policing Awards 2018 to police officials of the central armed police force and states police in New Delhi.**
 - (a) Ramvilas Paswan
 - (b) Vijay Goel
 - (c) Jagat Prakash Nadda
 - (d) Anant Geete
 - (e) Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi

4. Name the company that has partnered with the National Commission for Women (NCW) to launch a Digital Literacy Programme (DLP).
- Whatsapp
 - Hike
 - Limechat
 - Facebook
 - Google
5. Name the leader who was sworn in as prime minister of Italy's new populist government.
- Paolo Gentiloni
 - Giuseppe Conte
 - Matteo Renzi
 - Enrico Letta
 - Mario Monti
6. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently handed over the Padma Shri award, one of India's highest civilian awards, to former Singaporean diplomat _____.
- Lee Kuan Yew
 - Tommy Koh
 - Chan Heng Chee
 - Wong Lin Ken
 - Goh Chok Tong
7. The Union Ministry of Culture introduced a new scheme called _____ to reimburse the central share of CGST and IGST on items for food/prasad/langar/bhandara offered free of cost by charitable religious institutions.
- Jan Bhoj Yojana
 - Jan Aahar Yojana
 - Seva Bhoj Yojna
 - Seva Aahar Yojana
 - Lok Anaz Ahar Yojana
8. External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj begins her five-day visit to which of the following country to meet the top leadership and to participate in the BRICS Foreign Ministers Meeting?
- Singapore
 - South Africa
 - Nepal
 - Afghanistan
 - Indonesia
9. Halimah Yacob is the present President of _____.
- Qatar
 - Singapore
 - Bahrain
 - The UAE
 - Oman
10. According to a Save the Children's "End of Childhood Index 2018", what is the ranking of India among 175 countries?
- 145th
 - 106th
 - 124th
 - 113th
 - 135th
11. Cairo is the capital city of which of the following country?
- Turkey
 - Portugal
 - Malaysia
 - Egypt
 - Uzbekistan
12. India received the first-ever cargo of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) from _____ as New Delhi diversifies import basket to meet its vast energy needs.
- Japan
 - Russia
 - Germany
 - USA
 - Canada
13. The Reserve Bank of India has chosen customer protection as a theme for the _____ which has begun on June 4, 2018.
- Bank and People
 - You Do It
 - Education for Customer
 - Financial Literacy Week
 - Know Your Liability
14. _____ has set off from Japan aiming to become the first person to swim across the Pacific Ocean.
- Katinka Hosszu
 - Aaron Peirsol
 - Ben Lecomte
 - Caeleb Dressel
 - Missy Franklin
15. The Charminar is a monument and mosque located in-
- Hyderabad
 - Bengaluru
 - Mumbai
 - New Delhi
 - Kolkata

ANSWERS: bdbdb/ bcbdd/ dbdca