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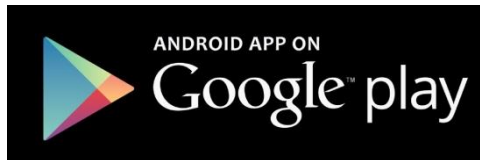
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NEW VACANCIES

- 1120 Sub Inspector Posts
- IBPS RRB 10190 posts

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

- Govt approves revision of carpet area of houses eligible for interest subsidy under PMAY (Urban) under Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme

On June 13, 2018, the government has increased the carpet area of houses to be covered under Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS) for interest subsidy for the middle income group under PradhanMantri Awas Yojana (Urban).

- Union Steel Minister dedicates to nation rebuilt Blast Furnace-1 of Rourkela Steel Plant named 'Parvati' and founded Burns and Plastic Surgery department in Rourkela, Odisha.

On June 12, 2018, The Union Minister of Steel, Chaudhary Birender Singh dedicated the rebuilt Blast Furnace-1 'Parvati' of SAIL, Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP) to the Nation. Parvati is the first Blast Furnace of SAIL that was dedicated to the nation on 3rd February 1959 by the first President of India, Dr. Rajendra Prasad.

- Centre launches 'Rail MADAD', 'Menu on Rails' mobile apps

On 11th June 2018, the Ministry of Railways introduced two mobile applications 'Rail MADAD' and 'Menu on Rails' to improve the travelling experience. The apps were launched by Railway Minister Piyush Goyal and Minister of State (MoS) Manoj Sinha at a press conference held to highlight the achievements of the Railway Ministry in the past four years. Rail MADAD (Mobile Application for Desired Assistance During travel) app will help travellers to register complaints. Menu on Rails app will offer the facility to order food.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- ❖ IN Ships arrive Guam to participate in Ex-Malabar 2018 Indian Naval Ships Sahyadri, Shakti and Kamorta of the Eastern Fleet under the command of Rear Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, NM, Flag Officer

Commanding, Eastern Fleet that are deployed to South East Asia and the Western Pacific currently, reached Guam on 7th June 2018 to take part in the **22nd edition of Exercise Malabar, off Guam, United States, from 7th to 16th June 2018.**

- ❖ **India to bring together a group of 8-10 countries in WTO to create a conducive atmosphere in WTO** India is working to bring together a group of 8-10 member countries of the WTO to develop an agenda to create a conducive atmosphere in Geneva for smooth functioning of WTO (World Trade Organisation).
- ❖ **11 countries awarded for elimination of LF in 10th Meeting of Global Alliance to Eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis On June 13, 2018,** Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Shri J P Nadda inaugurated the 10th meeting of Global Alliance to Eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis (GAELF) in New Delhi. **Shri Nadda also gave away the GAELF awards to 11 countries-** Cambodia, Cook Islands, Egypt, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Niue, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Togo, Tonga and Vanuatu, **for successfully interrupting the transmission.**

PERSONS IN NEWS

- ❖ **Rana Kapoor:** On 12th June 2018, shareholders of Yes Bank approved the reappointment of Rana Kapoor as MD & CEO of Yes bank for a further period of 3 years with effect from 1st September 2018.
- ❖ **S Ramesh:** S Ramesh has been appointed as the Chairman of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).
- ❖ **H R Khan:** On June 9, 2018, Bandhan Bank appointed former RBI deputy governor Harun Rashid Khan as non-executive part time chairman.
- ❖ **Sarita Nayyar :** On June 8, 2018, World Economic Forum (WEF) has

appointed **Sarita Nayyar** as a member to its Managing board.

OBITUARY

- ❖ **L P Shahi:** On June 9, 2018, Senior congress Leader Mr. L P Shahi dies at **98** in All India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi. He was a freedom fighter and a former CWC member.
- ❖ **David Douglas Duncan:** On 7th June 2018, **David Douglas Duncan,** a photographer who changed the role of war photography by projecting the sufferings of soldiers in Korea and Vietnam, passed away after suffering from a lung infection, **in France.**
- ❖ **Bhaiyyu Maharaj:** On 12th June 2018, **Spiritual guru Bhaiyyu Maharaj** committed suicide by shooting himself dead at his residence in Indore, Madhya Pradesh. Bhaiyyu Maharaj was 50 years old. He was popular among political leaders mainly from Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh. His original name was **Uday Singh Deshmukh.** Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said that Bhaiyyu Maharaj had set up Suryoday Parivar and carried out social welfare schemes in Vidarbha.

AWARDS

- ❖ **Kamila Shamsie's "Home Fire" wins 2018 Women's Prize for Fiction** Kamila Shamsie's book "**Home Fire**" has bagged the **Women's Prize for Fiction, 2018.** Kamila Shamsie is a British Pakistani author. The book speaks about how loyalties are torn apart when love and politics collide
- ❖ **SVC Cooperative Bank awarded National Payments Excellence Award by NPCI** It is the highest recognition in the banking industry for exceptional performance in payments system. This is for their

outstanding performance in **NFS ATM Network and CTS**. This effort will help in upgrading from the cheque system to UPI system and inclusion in the digital umbrella.

- ❖ **President Xi Jinping confers upon Vladimir Putin 'highest state honour of China'** On 8th June 2018, Chinese President Xi Jinping presented **China's first friendship medal** to Russian President Vladimir Putin, at a special event held at the Great Hall of People, China.
- ❖ **Jane Fonda to receive Lumiere Award** **Jane Fonda, an American activist**, will be awarded the Lumiere Award for this year in **Lyon, France**. The Lumiere Festival is the largest international festival of classic cinema. It will be held from **13th October to 21st October 2018**.
- ❖ **Kohli conferred with Polly Umrigar award & Harmanpreet Kaur and Smriti Mandhana received their maiden BCCI awards for being best international cricketer (women)** On 12th June 2018, Indian cricket captain **Virat Kohli** was awarded the **Polly Umrigar Award** for the best international cricketer at the BCCI Annual Awards in Bengaluru. Virat Kohli was awarded for his outstanding performance in the 2016-17 and 2017-18 seasons.
- ❖ **Harmanpreet Kaur and Smriti Mandhana** were awarded their first BCCI awards for the best international cricketer (women) for the 2016-17 and 2017-18 season, respectively. Former England captain Kevin Pietersen delivered the 6th MAK Pataudi Memorial Lecture at the BCCI award. He has become the first non-Indian cricketer to deliver the opening speech of the award ceremony.
- ❖ **India beat Kenya to lift Intercontinental Cup football title** On 10th June 2018, **India** won the Intercontinental Cup Football Tournament title at the Mumbai Football Arena. India beat Kenya **2-0** in the final. Indian captain **Sunil Chhetri** scored goals in the 8th and 29th minutes.
- ❖ **Sunil Chhetri equals Messi's record, joint second highest scorer among active players** On 10th June 2018, Indian football team captain Sunil Chhetri became the joint second highest international goal scorer among active players along with **Argentine player Lionel Messi** with his **64th goal** for India in the match against Kenya in the Intercontinental Cup Football Tournament final in Mumbai.
- ❖ **Women's Asia T20 Cup 2018 (cricket)** On 10th June 2018, **Bangladesh** won the Women's Asia T20 Cup 2018 at the Kinrara Academy Oval in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Bangladesh defeated India by three wickets in the final and won their first Asia Cup title. Bangladesh has become the only other team to win the title apart from India. Scores: Bangladesh 113 for 7 (Sultana 27, Rumana 23, Poonam 4-9, Harmanpreet 2-19). India 112 for 9 (Harmanpreet 56, Rumana 2-22, Tul Kubra 2-23). Bangladesh's **Rumana Ahmed** was named the **Player of the Match**.
- ❖ **Harry Kane is the most valuable player of the FIFA World Cup 2018** **Harry Kane** has been named the **most valuable player for the upcoming FIFA World Cup** that starts on 14th June 2018. Harry Kane is the lead striker of the English National Team. He is estimated to be worth **201.2 million euros**. The values have been calculated by the CIES Football Observatory algorithm.
- ii. He is followed by Brazilian player **Neymar**, who is worth 197.5 million euros in the **2nd spot** and **Kylian Mbappé** in

the 3rd place who is worth 186.5 million euros.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- ❖ **India's first indigenous, long-range artillery gun 'Dhanush' has cleared its final test** On June 10, 2018, The final test of India's first indigenous, long range artillery gun 'Dhanush' has been successfully conducted in Pokhran and would be inducted in the **Indian Army**. It is a **155mm x 45 mm** caliber gun and is also called '**DesiBofors**'. It was manufactured by **Gun Carriage Factory (GCF)** after getting the project in October 2011.
- ❖ **ISRO's scientists discover an 'EPIC' planet** A team of researchers from the **Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad**, have discovered a planet named EPIC. The planet is six times bigger than Earth. It revolves around a Sun-like star about 600 light years away. Both the planet and the star have been named as EPIC. Now India has become one among the few countries that have discovered planets around stars. Physical Research Laboratory's parent organization is Indian Space Research Organisation. This discovery was made using a **PRL-designed spectrograph, PARAS**, to measure and confirm the mass of the new planet.

MISCELLANEOUS

- ❖ **2018 Global Environment Performance Index (EPI) rankings; India at the bottom of EPI** India has ranked **177** out of 180 countries in the **Global Environment Performance Index (EPI) rankings**, as per the **State of India's Environment (SoE) 2018 in Figures** that has been released recently.
- ❖ **RBI to raise \$30-35 bn via NRI bonds to support rupee: Report One** June 11, 2018,

On the backdrop of rising oil prices and shortfall in FPI inflows to the country the **RBI** is expected to raise **\$30-35 billion** via **NRI bonds** to raise the rupee. FPI has been slowed down amidst political volatility and with listing of Chinese forms in global benchmark indices.

- ❖ **Mauritius to host 11th World Hindi Conference** On June 11, 2018, As part of the visit of the South African nations by the External Affairs Minister **Sushma Swaraj**, she stopped by Port Louis to inspect the work on the **11th World Hindi Conference** which will be hosted by Mauritius Government from **August 18- 20 2018**. The main theme of the Conference is "Hindi Vishwa Aur Bharatiya Sanskriti".
- ❖ **Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurates 2 CNG stations in Cuttack** On June 9, 2018, Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister **Dharmendra Pradhan** inaugurated **two** Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) stations in **Cuttack district** of Odisha. He also attended the the **9th City Gas Distribution (CGD) bidding round** programme.
- ❖ **South Africa, Germany, Belgium elected non-permanent UNSC members** On 8th June 2018, the UN General Assembly elected **South Africa, Indonesia, Dominican Republic, Germany and Belgium** as **non-permanent members** of the **Security Council** for term of two years starting from **1st January 2019**.
- ❖ **Legendary Brazilian tennis player Maria Bueno dies in Sao Paulo** On 8th June 2018, **Maria Bueno**, a popular **Brazilian tennis player**, passed away after combating mouth cancer, in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

1. **President Ram Nath Kovind has declared Tripura's queen variety_____ as state fruit and its export was a major step in connecting the state with world trade.**
 - (a) orange (b) grapes
 - (c) jackfruit (d) banana
 - (e) pineapple
2. **In a bid to check loan defaults, RBI stated that a PCR will be set up containing information on all borrowers to ensure financial stability. PCR stands for-**
 - (a) Public Credit Review
 - (b) Public Credit Registry
 - (c) Public Customer Registry
 - (d) Product Credit Registry
 - (e) Personal Credit Registry
3. **In a swift operation, the Indian Navy has rescued 38 Indians from Socotra island in _____ where they were stranded for nearly 10 days after a severe cyclonic storm hit the area as part of the operation 'NISTAR.**
 - (a) Qatar (b) Kuwait
 - (c) Iraq (d) Yemen
 - (e) Somalia
4. **The Eleventh edition of Geo-Intelligence Asia 2018 organized by GeoSpatial Media and Communication with Directorate General of Information System as Knowledge Partners and Military Survey as Co-organisers, took place in-**
 - (a) New Delhi (b) Kolkata
 - (c) Chennai (d) Mumbai
 - (e) Hyderabad
5. **Name the actor, who will be given the prestigious Outstanding Achievement honour at the upcoming International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) awards ceremony in Bangkok.**
 - (a) Amitabh Bachchan (b) Vinod Khanna
 - (c) Anupam Kher (d) Paresh Rawal
- (e) Johnny Lever
6. **In which city, 18th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit was held recently?**
 - (a) Shenzhen (b) Beijing
 - (c) Guangzhou (d) Qingdao
 - (e) Shanghai
7. **Who has won her first Grand Slam title in the French Open final in 2018?**
 - (a) Simona Halep (b) Roland Garros
 - (c) Sloane Stephens (d) Venus Williams
 - (e) Lyndrea Price
8. **Narayan Prasad Singh was popularly known as 'Rasaraj' was passed away recently. Singh earned his name in the world of-**
 - (a) Bengali Music (b) Odia Music
 - (c) Tamil Music (d) Kannada Music
 - (e) Hindi Music
9. **India and China have signed _____ bilateral agreements following the meeting between the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the summit recently.**
 - (a) one (b) eight
 - (c) six (d) five
 - (e) two
10. **Simona Halep is a professional tennis player. She belongs to which country?**
 - (a) Canada (b) Singapore
 - (c) Romania (d) Spain
 - (e) Sweden

Answers:- ebdac/dabec