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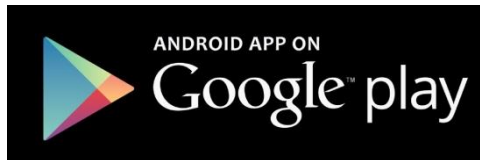
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NEW VACANCIES

- **1120 Sub Inspector Posts**
- **IBPS RRB 10190 posts**

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **June 16** : International Day Of Family Remittance
- **June 18** : International Picnic Day
- **June 21** : International Yoga Day
World Music Day

NATIONAL EVENTS

- ❖ **3-Day National Yoga Olympiad 2018 Begins in New Delhi:** A 3-day National Yoga Olympiad was inaugurated at the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) in CIET in New Delhi by Mr. Eric Falt, Director and UNESCO Representative of the New Delhi Cluster Office for India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, the Maldives and Sri Lanka. This is the third consecutive year of National Yoga Olympiad of NCERT and this year about 500 students from 26 States are participating in the Olympiad. Two books – **Joy of Theatre** and **Sangeet** training packages were released on the occasion.
- ❖ **I&B Minister Inaugurates EU Film Festival in New Delhi :** Information and Broadcasting Minister Col Rajyavardhan Rathore inaugurated the European Union Film Festival at Siri Fort Auditorium in New

Delhi. The festival will improve cultural ties between India and European countries. 24 latest European movies from 23 European countries will be screened. The festival is organized by Directorate of Film Festivals under Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

- ❖ **Maharashtra CM Meets World Bank CEO Kristalina Georgieva:** Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis met World Bank CEO Kristalina Georgieva in Washington DC to seek assistance for a Multimodal Transport Corridor and the Rural Livelihood Project which aims to provide sustainable livelihood enhancements in 10,000 villages in the state. World Bank has assured of positive consideration of both the projects. Fadnavis, who is on a three-nation tour, also attended a business discussion organised by US-India Strategic Partnership Forum. Mr Fadnavis was bestowed with the Outstanding Leadership in Development Award by Georgetown India Initiative and Centre for Strategic and International Studies.
- ❖ **20 States Sign MoU For Implementing Ayushman Bharat - NHP Mission :** Mr J P Nadda, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare exchanged the MoU with the State Health Ministers of 20 States marking their commitment towards the launch of the Ayushman Bharat – National Health Protection Mission (AB-NHPM). Smt. Anupriya Patel, Ministers of State for Health and Family Welfare and Amitabh Kant, CEO NITI Aayog were also present at the function. A web portal for initiating the empanelment of hospitals under the mission was also launched.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

❖ **World Bank Approves \$700 mn to Improve Primary Education in Bangladesh:**

The World Bank has approved \$700 million to help Bangladesh achieve its education for all vision by improving the primary education sector. The Quality Learning for All Program (QLEAP) will cover more than 18 million children studying in pre-primary level to grade 5. It will also finance implementation of the government's Fourth Primary Education Development Program (PEDP4).

❖ **US Pips India As Top Greenfield FDI Investment Destination: Report**

The U.S. has surpassed India to become the top destination for greenfield foreign direct investment in 2017, according to the FDI Report 2018, compiled by FDI Intelligence, a division of The Financial Times Ltd. The number of greenfield FDI projects in India during the year fell sharply by 21% to 637. India had maintained the top slot in greenfield FDI investment in 2015 and 2016. However, in 2017, the U.S. reclaimed the spot from India, recording \$87.4 billion of announced FDI. In the Asia and Pacific region, China was on top in terms of FDI in the total number of new projects and capital investment, followed by India.

❖ **Ivan Duque Wins Election to Become Colombia's President**

Colombia has chosen Ivan Duque to be its next president after a long and divisive campaign that often centred on a controversial peace process with leftist rebels the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC). Duque, who will turn 42 just before taking office will be Colombia's youngest ever President.

PERSONS IN NEWS

❖ **Omar al-Razzaz:** Former World Bank Economist Omar al-Razzaz was sworn in as Jordan's Prime Minister after King Abdullah issued a decree approving the new government. The 58-year-old, who studied at Harvard University, was tasked with reviewing the country's disputed tax system. Omar succeeded Hani al-Mulki who resigned following mass protests over price hikes and other government economic policies.

❖ **Giorgi Kvirikashvili :** Giorgi Kvirikashvili, prime minister of Georgia, has announced his resignation amid a disagreement with Bidzina Ivanishvili, the leader of the ruling

party. Kvirikashvili, 50, has been the country's prime minister since 2015.

❖ **Peggy Whitson :** NASA's record-breaking astronaut, Peggy Whitson, retired after a 22-year-long career. Whitson, who joined NASA as a researcher in 1986, has spent more time off Earth than any other American, totalling 665 days over three International Space Station missions. The 58-year-old is the oldest woman to go into space and also the most experienced female spacewalker, with 10 missions.

❖ **CM Mehbooba Mufti :** Jammu & Kashmir's Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti submitted her resignation to the Governor after **BJP announced to pull out of an alliance with Peoples Democratic Party (PDP)**. The reason for the pullout was failure to control the situation in the state and meet its promises. BJP's General Secretary Ram Madhav also called for Governor's rule in Jammu & Kashmir.

OBITUARY

❖ **Nerella Venumadhav:** Noted mimicry artiste Nerella Venumadhav had passed away after a brief illness in Warangal city. He was 85. Venumadhav served as MLC in 1971 in undivided Andhra Pradesh. He rose to international fame after his enthralling performance at the United Nations. He has conferred scores of awards, including the Padma Shri in 2001.

❖ **Adiraju Venkateswara :** Senior journalist and writer Adiraju Venkateswara Rao passed away. He was 79. Rao worked in different Telugu and English newspapers. He also authored several books. He played an active role in the separate Telangana agitation in 1969 and the state government honoured him during the Telangana formation day celebrations recently.

PLACES IN NEWS

❖ **Chhattisgarh:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi is on a one-day visit to Chhattisgarh where he dedicated the modernised and expanded Bhilai steel plant to the nation. He also took part in programmes in Naya Raipur - the upcoming capital city of the state. ii. The PM inaugurated Integrated Command and Control Centre at Naya Raipur. Thereafter, in Bhilai, he inaugurated Raipur-Jagdarpur air service, laid the foundation stone for the new building of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bhilai.

❖ **Algeria:** Algeria shut down all internet connections nationwide for two hours in order to prevent

students from cheating during two high school diploma exams. This comes after widespread cheating in 2016, where questions were leaked on social media before the start of the exam.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- ❖ **Dhanush Artillery Gun Clears Final Trials:** The indigenously upgraded artillery gun Dhanush has successfully completed final user trials and is ready for induction into the Army. Dhanush is an upgraded version of the Swedish Bofors gun procured by India in the mid-1980s. This was the third and final phase of user exploitation firings in which six Dhanush guns were fired in battery formation at the Pokhran field firing range.
- ❖ **Kaiga Generating Systems Sets New Record Of Continuous Operation:** The 220 MW Unit-1 of Karnataka's Kaiga Generating Systems (KGS-1) set a new record of the continuous operation of 766 days, surpassing the earlier record of 765 days set by the Unit-5 of Rajasthan Atomic Power Station (RAPS-5) in 2014. With this achievement, KGS-1 stands second in the world among the Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors (PHWRs) and fourth among all nuclear power reactors in terms of continuous operation.

SPORTS

- ❖ **Smriti Mandhana to Become 1st Indian to Play in England's Kia Super League:** India Women's Cricket team opener Smriti Mandhana will become the first Indian player to appear in Kia Super League - the women's cricket super league in England.
 - ii. Smriti was signed by Western Storm and will represent them in the upcoming edition of the tournament that features six teams.
- ❖ **Brooks Koepka Wins 2nd US Open Golf Title 2018:** American golfer Brooks Koepka has made history and finished strong as he became the first player in 29 years to win back-to-back US Open titles at Shinnecock Hills in New York. The 28-year-old Florida native emerged victorious by one shot over **England's Tommy Fleetwood**. The **World number one Dustin Johnson** finished third at plus-three on account of a 70. With this, Koepka becomes the first player since Curtis Strange in 1988-89 to win back-to-back U.S. Open events
- ❖ **Roger Federer Wins 98th ATP Title in Stuttgart, Regained No. 1 Title:** Roger Federer claimed his 98th ATP title and re-established his unrivalled superiority on grass with a victory over Milos

Raonic in the Stuttgart Cup final. Top-seeded Swiss beat his Canadian opponent for the 11th time in 14 meetings while winning a first Stuttgart title. The 36-year-old regained the world number one ranking. Federer made a return to the top ATP ranking for the sixth time. Tim Putz and Phillip Petzschner (Germany) won the Men's Doubles title after defeating M. Matkowski (Poland) and R. Lindstedt (Sweden).

MISCELLANEOUS

- ❖ The ICICI Bank board has appointed ICICI Prudential Life Insurance CEO Sandeep Bakhshi as whole-time director and chief operating officer (COO), creating a new top position at India's second largest private bank, to steer all its businesses. Chanda Kochhar, ICICI Bank's managing director and CEO will remain on leave until a committee investigating allegations of impropriety completes its work. Mr Bakhshi will continue as non-executive director of ICICI Prudential Life Insurance. N.S. Kannan has been appointed as CEO of ICICI Prudential Life Insurance for five years.
- ❖ The Central Water Commission (CWC), India's apex technical organisation in the field of Water Resources has signed a Collaboration Agreement with Google for flood forecasting. According to the Union Minister for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Nitin Gadkari, the collaboration with Google will help in effective flood management in India. Using its high-resolution Digital Elevation Model (DEM), Google would help to generate flood inundation maps with the forecast inputs of CWC.
- ❖ Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare released the 11th Common Review Mission (CRM) report of the National Health Mission. ii. As per the Report, India has registered a record 22% reduction in MMR since 2013, which is the highest percentage decline so far when compared to all the previous reductions in MMR as per the earlier rounds of SRS. Maternal Mortality Ratio in India has declined from 167 in 2011-2013 to 130 in 2014-2016.
- ❖ Housing finance major HDFC has been ranked as the 5th biggest public company globally in the 'consumer financial services category' on a list compiled by Forbes magazine. HDFC's rank has moved up from 7th place last year. American Express has topped this category, while Indiabulls Housing Finance is the only other Indian company

(at 13th place) on the list. In the overall list, topped by China's banking behemoth ICBC, HDFC took 321st place, up from 404th a year ago. There are a total of 58 Indian companies on the overall list of 2,000 firms from across the world. *These include Reliance Industries at 83rd place, the only from India in the top-100.* Besides, HDFC Bank is at 202nd, ONGC at 266th, Indian Oil at 270th and ICICI Bank at 320th.

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

- External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj has left for a 4-nation tour to which among the following 4 countries?**
 - Italy, Germany, Poland and Belgium
 - Germany, France, Luxembourg and Iceland
 - Italy, France, Luxembourg and Belgium
 - Denmark, Poland, Switzerland and Denmark
 - None of the given options is true
- Roger Federer claimed his 98th ATP title and re-established his unrivalled superiority on grass. He had defeated _____.**
 - Rafael Nadal
 - Milos Raonic
 - Andy Murray
 - Pete Sampras
 - Andre Agassi
- The U.S. has surpassed which of the following country to become the top destination for greenfield foreign direct investment in 2017, according to the FDI Report 2018, compiled by FDI Intelligence?**
 - China
 - Japan
 - Russia
 - India
 - France
- Muthoot Fincorp Limited announced its partnership with which of the following organization to train over 10,000 youth over the next three years under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY.2) programme?**
 - Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority
 - National Skill Development Corporation
 - Small Industries Development Bank of India
 - National Payments Corporation of India
 - Centre for Railway Information Systems
- PhonePe has partnered cab aggregator Ola that will allow riders to book rides using the former's payment platform. PhonePe is owned by _____.**
 - Paytm
 - Flipkart
 - Amazon
 - Google
 - Facebook
- President Ram Nath Kovind left on a three-nation visit to which of the following 3 countries?**
 - Greece, Suva and Malaysia
 - Spain, Suriname and Italy
 - Greece, Suriname and Cuba
 - Spain, Italy and Cuba
 - Suva, Indonesia and Malaysia
- Union Minister for Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Shipping, Road Transport & Highways Nitin Gadkari released a book 'Water productivity mapping of major Indian crops'. This book has been published by _____.**
 - SIDBI
 - IRDAI
 - NABARD
 - SEBI
 - RBI
- Who is the present Administrator of National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)?**
 - Peter Nick
 - Robert Lightfoot
 - Scole Kidman
 - Jim Bridenstine
 - None of the given options is true
- Name the person, who has assumed the charge as Secretary, Ministry of Coal in New Delhi recently?**
 - AK Dhasmana
 - Inder Jit Singh
 - Susheel Kumar
 - Bhaskar Khulbe
 - Pradeep Kumar Sinha
- Every year on 14th June all countries around the world celebrate World Blood Donor Day. The theme of the World Blood Donors Day 2018 is-**
 - Be there for someone else. Give blood. Share life
 - Raise awareness of the need for safe blood and blood products
 - Serves to thank voluntary, unpaid blood donors
 - Importance of the blood in the life of an individual
 - None of the given options is true

ANSWERS: cdbbb/ cccba