

# Weekly Current G.K.

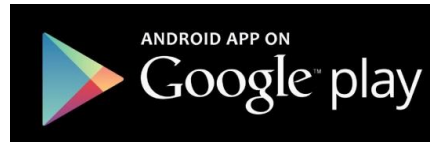
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## NEW VACANCIES

- 194 PUDA Recruitment 2018.  
Last Date: 24.07.18

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- 21 June : International Yoga Day
- 21 June: World Music Day
- 23 June: International Olympic Day

## NATIONAL EVENTS

- ❖ **PM Modi Laid Foundation Stone of Paperless Vanijya Bhawan :** Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Paperless Vanijya Bhawan in New Delhi. Once ready, the new building will house Department of Commerce. The building will accommodate about 1000 officers and staff. It will be a completely paperless office with state of the art facilities such as smart access control, central air-conditioning, video conferencing, and completely networked systems. The Department of Commerce is currently housed in Udyog Bhawan
- ❖ **3-day Annual Sindhu Darshan Festival Begins In Ladakh Region :** The three-day annual Sindhu Darshan Festival celebrations on the bank of Indus River started in Ladakh region of Jammu

and Kashmir. The Festival was organised by Sindhu Darshan Yatra Samiti and Ladakh Phandey Tsogspa, Leh. This year marked the 22nd Sindhu Darshan festival and it was started by the former Deputy Prime Minister L K Advani in 1997.

- ❖ **India, Bangladesh Navies Institute Annual Coordinated Patrol: CORPAT**  
India and Bangladesh have agreed to institute Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) as an annual exercise between navies of two neighbouring countries.
- ii. The first edition of CORPAT between two navies was inaugurated by Indian Navy's Chief Admiral Sunil Lanba during his visit to Bangladesh. The aim Navy Chief's visit was to consolidate bilateral defence relations between India and Bangladesh and to explore new avenues for naval cooperation.

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- ❖ **Indian, Indonesian Navies Participate In Passage Exercise: PASSEX 2018:** The navies of India and Indonesia participated in Passage Exercise (PASSEX). Indian Naval ships INS Shakti and INS Kamorta under the command of Rear Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet, undertook Passage Exercise with Indonesian Naval Ship KRI

**Madidihang (855)** on leaving the **Port of Makassar, Indonesia.**

- ❖ **World's Largest Multilateral Naval Exercise RIMPAC Begins :** world's largest multilateral naval exercise **Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC)** begun off **Hawaii in the Western Pacific Ocean.** The two-month long biennial exercise is likely to be **attended by navies of 26 countries including India.** **Indian Naval Ship Sahyadri** has already reached the **Pearl Harbour in Hawaii** to participate in the **26th edition of RIMPAC exercise.**
- ❖ **Nepal PM KP Sharma Oli Visits China, Signed Agreements: Nepali Prime Minister Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli** is on his first visit to China after assuming the charge as Prime Minister. **China will build a railway connecting the western region of Tibet** with Nepal, one of several bilateral deals signed during Oli's visit to Beijing. The link will connect the Tibetan city of Xigaze with **Nepal's capital Kathmandu.**

appointed in place of incumbent Mahesh Kumar Jain who was recently named **Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).**

#### OBITUARY

- ❖ **Pulitzer Prize-Winning Political Commentator Charles Krauthammer Passes Away:** **United States political commentator and Pulitzer Prize winner Charles Krauthammer** passed away at the age of 68. The columnist died of cancer of the small intestine.
- ❖ **Award-Winning Poet Donald Hall Passes Away:** **Award-winning American poet and writer Donald Hall** passed away at the age of 89.
  - ii. He was the **United States Poet Laureate** for 2007-'08 and received the **Robert Frost Medal** in 1991 and the **National Medal of Arts**, the nation's highest honour for artists, in 2010.

#### PERSONS IN NEWS

- ❖ **S Ramesh Appointed Chairman of CBIC:** Senior bureaucrat S Ramesh has been appointed as chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), the apex policy-making body for indirect taxes. He succeeded Vanaja N Sarna. Ramesh is at present the member in the board, mandated with the responsibility of implementing the Goods and Services Tax (GST).
- ❖ **Arijit Basu Appointed SBI's New Managing Director:** The government appointed Arjit Basu as Managing Director of the country's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI). He will fill the position that fell vacant following the elevation of Rajnish Kumar as the chairman. Now, after this, the SBI will have four managing directors. As per the SBI Act, the bank can have four managing directors. Mr Basu has held several key positions in various circles of SBI including the bank's office in Tokyo, Japan.
- ❖ **B Sriram Appointed IDBI Bank's MD And CEO:** State Bank of India's (SBI) Managing Director B Sriram was appointed as the IDBI Bank's CEO and Managing Director for a temporary period of three months. He has been

#### AWARDS

- ❖ **Sagarmala' Receives Gold Award At 52nd Skoch Summit 2018 :** The Ministry of Shipping's flagship programme for port-led-prosperity 'Sagarmala' received the 'Gold Award' in infrastructure sector in the recently concluded 52nd Skoch Summit 2018 in New Delhi.
- ❖ **Economist Lawrence Haddad, Dr David Nabarro Awarded World Food Prize:** **Lawrence Haddad**, who is a British economist and food policy researcher, and **Dr David Nabarro**, who has worked with the World Health Organization and United Nations on health and hunger issues, were named the **2018 World Food Prize recipients** in a ceremony at the **U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington.**
- ❖ **Kalki Koechlin Conferred With French Honour:** **Kalki Koechlin** was conferred with the French distinction of **Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters** (Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres), for her contribution in enhancing Indo-French ties in cinema.

**SPORTS**

- ❖ **India's R Praggnanandhaa Becomes World's 2nd Youngest Chess Grand Master:** India's R Praggnanandhaa has become the country's youngest and the world's second youngest Grand Master at the age of 12 years, 10 months and 13 days after reaching the final round of the ongoing Grendine Open in Italy.
- ❖ **Archer Deepika Kumari Wins Gold at Salt Lake World Cup:** Archer Deepika Kumari won her first individual gold medal in six years at the Salt Lake World Cup, in the USA. She defeated Germany's Michelle Kroppen in the recurve final.
- ❖ **Sandeep Sejwal Wins Gold In Singapore National Swimming Championships:** Indian swimmer Sandeep Sejwal put up an impressive performance to clinch the gold medal in men's 50m breaststroke event at the Singapore National Swimming Championships in Singapore. Besides, Virdhawal Khade grabbed a creditable silver medal in the 50m freestyle event with a timing of 22.68 seconds
- ❖ **Lewis Hamilton Wins French Grand Prix :** Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) reclaimed the world championship lead with a dominant victory in the French Grand Prix. The Mercedes driver led from start to finish other than one lap around his pit stop to move 14 points ahead of Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel, who finished fifth. Max Verstappen of Red Bull finished 2nd in the race.
- ❖ **18. ISSF Junior World Cup: Saurabh Chaudhary Sets World Record, Wins Gold** Sixteen-year-old Indian shooter Saurabh Chaudhary set a new world record on the way to winning a gold medal in the ISSF Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany. Saurabh shot a total of 243.7 in the 10m air pistol event in the ongoing International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) tournament.

**SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

- ❖ **Russia To Supply Technical Security Equipment to India:** Russian State Atomic Energy Corporation (Rosatom) had announced that its subsidiary Nikiret has signed an agreement with Indian engineering services

firm Core Energy Systems Pvt Ltd for the promotion of its technical security equipment in India. The partnership will explore opportunities in the Indian government's Comprehensive Integrated Border Management System (CIBMS) project.

**PLACES IN NEWS**

- ❖ **Gujarat:** The world's first of its kind and state-of-the-art International Centre for 'Humanitarian Forensics' (ICHF) was launched at the Gujarat Forensic Sciences University in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The main aim of the Centre would be to provide service to the nation and to the entire world when the need arises.
- ❖ **Surat:** Under 'India Smart Cities Award' 2018, Surat has been awarded for showcasing "great momentum" in the implementation of projects under the Smart Cities Mission, according to the Housing and Urban Affairs (HUA) Ministry. Bhopal and Ahmedabad were selected in the 'Innovative Idea' category for their "transformative approach towards sustainable integrated development".
- ❖ **Gujarat:** The Gujarat government announced wind-solar hybrid power policy - 2018, aiming to make optimum utilisation of the land and grid. The policy provides 50% concession for cross-subsidy surcharge and additional surcharge when the generated energy is sold to a third party. Gujarat currently generates over 5,500 MW of wind power and 1,600 MW of solar power.

**CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ**

1. With an aim to integrate information technology for better roll out of its major social sector schemes, Ministry of Woman and Child Development organized a day-long Seminar on Technology Partnerships for Steering POSHAN Abhiyaan called \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (a) POSHA-THON  
 (b) POSHA-TECH  
 (c) TECH-THON  
 (d) None of the given options is true  
 (e) SEMI-TECH
2. Name the Hockey Forward player who was named as the captain of India's 18-member squad for the women's hockey World Cup to be played in London in July 2018.  
 (a) Sushila Chanu Pukhrabam

- (b) Savita Kumari  
(c) Gurjit Kaur  
(d) Rani Rampal  
(e) Nikki Pradhan
3. Which of the following India sprinter had recently set a new national record in the women's 100-meter race at the 58th National Inter-State Senior Athletics Championships?  
(a) Hima Das (b) Mary D'Souza Sequeira  
(c) H. M. Jyothi (d) Gayathri Govindaraj  
(e) Dutee Chand
4. NITI Aayog's Women Entrepreneurs Platform has signed five Statements of Intent (SoIs) with how many financial institutions and social organizations to provide assistance to women entrepreneurs and address the finance-related challenges faced by them?  
(a) 6 (b) 7 (c) 4  
(d) 5 (e) 3
5. The Union Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) proposed a draft bill to repeal the University Grants Commission (UGC) and set up the HECI. HECI stands for \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) Higher Education Committee of India  
(b) Higher Education Centre of India  
(c) Higher Education Central of India  
(d) Higher Education Commission of India  
(e) None of the given options is true
6. Britain's Queen Elizabeth granted royal assent Brexit legislation, ending months of debate over the legislation that will formally end the country's European Union membership. Who is the Prime Minister of Britain?  
(a) Jeremy Corbyn (b) Theresa May  
(c) David Cameron (d) Boris Johnson  
(e) Angela Merkel
7. In which of the following city, the 15th India-Australia Joint Ministerial Commission (JMC) was held?  
(a) Mumbai (b) Sydney  
(c) Canberra (d) New Delhi  
(e) Brisbane
8. The Ministry of Women and Child Development has come up with its report titled \_\_\_\_\_ which aims to build an understanding of the various entitlements of women in prisons.  
(a) Help for Women in Prisons  
(b) The Prisoners  
(c) Women in Prisons  
(d) The Helping Hands for Women in Prison  
(e) The Women Prisoners
9. Name the Turkish leader who has won a new five-year term after securing outright victory in the first round of a presidential poll.  
(a) Binali Yildirim  
(b) Abdullah Gul  
(c) Muharrem Ince  
(d) Recep Tayyip Erdogan  
(e) Ahmet Necdet Sezer
10. Name the person who has inaugurated the third annual meeting of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) at Mumbai's National Centre for the Performing Arts.  
(a) President Ram Nath Kovind  
(b) EAM Sushma Swaraj  
(c) Home Minister Rajnath Singh  
(d) PM Narendra Modi  
(e) None of the given options is true
11. At the recently announced Indian International Film Awards (IIFA), name the actress who won in the Best Actress category for one of her movie.  
(a) Rekha (b) Sridevi  
(c) Sonam Kapoor (d) Kareena Kapoor Khan  
(e) Alia Bhatt
12. Name the Chief Minister who was conferred the 'Chief Minister of the Year' award for his/her remarkable work in e-governance at the 52nd Skoch Summit held in New Delhi.  
(a) Mamata Banerjee  
(b) Devendra Fadnavis  
(c) K. Chandrasekhar Rao  
(d) Vasundhara Raje  
(e) Chandra Babu Naidu
13. Name the annual Award-winning American poet and writer who passed away at the age of 89.  
(a) Howard Zinn (b) Frank Brookhauser  
(c) Donald Hall (d) Yehuda Amichai  
(e) Debs Myers
14. India and \_\_\_\_\_ have signed two MoUs in the field of biotechnology, traditional medicine and homeopathy.  
(a) Peru (b) Lima (c) Cuba  
(d) Greece (e) France
15. International Widows' Day is a global awareness day that takes place annually on\_\_\_\_.  
(a) 27 June (b) 22 June (c) 20 June  
(d) 16 June (e) 23 June

ANSWERS: cdedd/ bccdd/ bdcce