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NEW VACANCIES

- 196 vacancies of TGT by Samagra Shiksha, Chandigarh. **Last Date:** 22nd March, 2019.
- 4103 Vacancies of Food Corporation of India. **Last Date:** 30th March, 2019.
- 5134 Recruitment in SSC CHSL **Last Date:** 05.04.19
- 590 Recruitment of Assistant Administrative Officers (AAOS) **Last Date:** 22.03.19

IMPORTANT DAYS

- ♣ **March 8** : International Women's Day
- ♣ **March 15** : World Consumer Day
- ♣ **March 21** : World Forestry Day
- ♣ **March 22** : World Water Day

NATIONAL EVENTS

- **India's first policy to protect bank locker launched by IFFCO Tokio General Insurance** IFFCO Tokio General Insurance launched 'bank locker protector policy', the first stand-alone bank locker cover offered by any insurance company with a plan to protect the contents of a bank locker such as jewellery, title documents, and other valuables.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- **7th Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Intersessional**

Ministerial Meeting held in Cambodia

On 2nd March 2018, the **7th Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Intersessional Ministerial Meeting** was organized in **Siem Reap, Cambodia**. It was headed by **Chutima Bunyapraphasara, Acting Minister of Commerce of Thailand** and saw participation of ministers from the **16 RCEP Participating Countries (RPCs)**. It was also attended by **Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation- Suresh Prabhu**.

- **Abu Dhabi hosted Organization of Islamic Corporation (OIC) meeting** On 2nd March 2019, Abu Dhabi hosted the **46th session** of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the **Organisation of Islamic Co-operation (OIC)**. It was a **two-day** gathering dedicated to discuss ways to combat hate speech, extremism and conflict in the region.

PERSONS IN NEWS

- **R D Mathur** : Air Marshal R D Mathur assumed charge as the **Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief** of the **Eastern Air Command** of the **Indian Air Force (IAF)**.

OBITUARY

- Legendary composer and pianist **Andre Previn**, died at the age of **89** at his home in **Manhattan, New York, USA**.
- **Zhores Alferov** who won the **Nobel Prize in Physics in 2000** and was also a member of Russian parliament, died at the age of **88** in **St. Petersburg, Russia**.
- **Former Union Minister V. Dhananjaya Kumar** died in **Mangalore, Karnataka**. He was **68** and the reason of his death has been ascertained due to ailments.

PLACES IN NEWS

- **Haryana govt. Announces Mukhyamantri Parivar Samman Nidhi Yojana 2019** On 27th February 2018, “**Mukhyamantri Parivar Samman Nidhi**” scheme was launched by **Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar** in **Chandigarh**. It is primarily meant for farmers of the state who cultivate on land with areas upto **five acres** and the families with an income of less than **Rs. 15,000** per month.
- **Bhopal: 79th Indian History Congress held in Bhopal** The **79th Indian History Congress (IHC)** was held at **Barkatullah University in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh** from **26 to 28 February 2019** and saw a presence of over **1,000** delegates including prominent historians.
 - i. After **2011**, this was the **second time Madhya Pradesh** hosted the event.
 - ii. IHC was initially set to be held at the **Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune, Maharashtra** but was cancelled due to financial reasons.
- **Dr. Mahesh Sharma Inaugurates ‘Azaadi Ke Diwane’ Museum at Red Fort Complex in Delhi** On 4th March 2019, ‘**Azaadi Ke Diwane**’ museum was

inaugurated by the **Minister of State for Culture (Independent charge) and Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Mahesh Sharma** at the **Red Fort Complex in Delhi**. The museum has been dedicated to the freedom fighters of our country.

AWARDS

- **Innovation in Governance Award 2019** presented by **Shri Venkaiah Naidu** Vice President **Shri M Venkaiah Naidu** presented **Kalam Innovation in Governance Award 2019**, at the **third edition** of **Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Summit on Innovation and Governance** held in **New Delhi**. On this occasion, he also started **75 new Kalam Digital Libraries** spread across the country, which will be serving as centers for **no-cost digital based learning** in schools.
- **Bharti AXA General Insurance** claimed the ‘**Non-Life Insurer of the Year Award 2019**’ On 1st March, 2019, **ASSOCHAM (The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India)**, which is one of the apex trade associations of India has conferred ‘**Non-Life Insurer of the Year Award 2019**’ to **Bharti AXA General Insurance** which is a joint venture between **Bharti Enterprises** and **French insurance giant AXA**.
- **Tata Steel recognised as one of World’s Most Ethical Companies** **Tata Steel** has received an award as one of the **2019 World’s Most Ethical Companies**. The award has been given by **Ethisphere Institute, USA**. The company was also recognised **7** times previously (this being the **eighth** recognition) and is one of the only two awardees in the ‘**Metals, Minerals**

and Mining' industry. In 2019, 128 honourees across 21 countries and 50 industries have been recognised.

- **Sir Alastair Cook officially receives Knighthood from Queen** On 27th February 2019, **Alastair Cook**—formerly a skipper of the **England** cricket team was officially awarded the knighthood for his services to cricket. He was honoured by Elizabeth II, the Queen of England at the Buckingham Palace, London, England.

Category	Winner
Men's Singles	Roger Federer (Switzerland)
Women's Singles	Belinda Bencic (Switzerland)
Men's Doubles	Rajeev Ram (USA) and Joe Salisbury (UK)
Women's Doubles	Hsieh Su-wei (Chinese Taipei) and Barbora Strycova (Czech Republic)

SPORTS

- **England Women tour of India 2019 for 3-match WODIs and T20Is** The **England** women's cricket team are currently playing the **India** women's cricket team in **February** and **March 2019**.
 - The tour consists of **3 Women's One Day Internationals (WODIs)**, which formed part of the **2017–20 ICC Women's Championship**, and **3 Women's Twenty20 International (WT20)** matches.
 - India** women's cricket team clinched the **3-match Women's One-day International (WODI)** series against **England 2-1**.
 - Smriti Mandhana** was named the **Player of the Series**.
- **Dubai Tennis Championship 2019** Dubai Tennis Championship 2019 commonly known as Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championship concluded in Dubai, UAE. It was the 27th edition of men and 19th of women. Prize money of ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals) is \$2887895 and for WTA (Women Tennis Association) is \$2828000.

- **Oceania Nations will participate in 2022 Asian Games** Olympic Council of Asia decided to invite **Oceania Nations** to compete in **2022 Asian Games** for the **first time** after a meeting held in **Bangkok**. Oceania Nations which includes **Australia, New Zealand** and a swathe of Pacific islands will compete in to Volleyball, beach volleyball, basketball, football, swimming and track cycling events.
 - Asian Games includes 35 sports with more than 10,000 athletes and it is second only to Olympics as a global multi-sport event.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **DotBook: India's first Braille laptop created by IIT-Delhi Scientists** **Pulkit Sapra**, 26, from **Delhi** and **Suman Muralikrishnan**, 27, from **Chennai**, former students and researchers at the **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi** have created a laptop for visually-impaired called "DotBook". Claimed to be the **first in India**, the laptop has an interface in form of dots or **Braille** instead of a visual one.
 - Instead of a screen, the laptop displays embossed text in **Braille** through a

touchpad and the users get to feel everything a website has by touching the pad.

- **SpaceX launched 1st unmanned Crew Dragon test capsule to space station** With the aim of assuring NASA about astronauts' safety in future flights, **Crew Dragon** capsule was launched by **SpaceX** for the first time. The name of the mission is '**Demo-1**' and it was launched on a **Falcon 9** rocket from **NASA Kennedy Space Centre in Florida, USA**.

i. The capsule did not consist of any humans on board, only a dummy called '**Ripley**'. Ripley's name belongs to the main character in the **1979** movie "**Alien**" and it consists of sensors help SpaceX visualise the journey to and from the **International Space Station (ISS)**.

ii. NASA's Commercial Crew program consists of **two** test flights- **Demo-1** and **Demo-2**. Demo-2 which is going to be the first crewed flight will be launched in July.

iii. According to NASA's schedule, SpaceX is set to become the **first** to launch American astronauts from U.S. soil since 2011.

- The book "**Designing Destiny: The Heartfulness Way**" which has been written by spiritual teacher **Kamlesh Patel** who is famously known as Daaji, was launched recently. The book deals with issues pertaining to destiny and the way it shapes someone's life.

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

1. Name the scheme launched by Union Human Resource Development (HRD) Minister, Prakash Javadekar, to fund science projects?
 - 1) Scheme for Development of Project in Science (SDPS)
 - 2) Scheme for Research and Implementation in Science (SRIS)
 - 3) Scheme for Funding Research Projects in Science (SFRPS)
 - 4) Scheme for Translational and Advanced Research in Science (STARS)
 - 5) None of these
2. Where did Minister of State for Culture (Independent charge) and Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Mahesh Sharma inaugurate the 'Azaadi Ke Diwane' museum?
 - 1) Maharashtra
 - 2) New Delhi
 - 3) West Bengal
 - 4) Tamil Nadu
 - 5) None of these
3. According to the National Annual Rural Sanitation Survey (NARSS), how much percent of Indian rural households have access to toilets?
 - 1) 92.5%
 - 2) 95.5%
 - 3) 96.5%
 - 4) 90.5%
 - 5) None of these
4. Home Minister Rajnath Singh, inaugurated the Border Electronically Dominated QRT Interception Technique on India-Bangladesh border in which of the following City?
 - 1) Dhubri, Assam
 - 2) Kolkata, West Bengal
 - 3) Dharmanagar, Tripura

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- **The book titled 'Mann Ki Baat – A Social Revolution on Radio'** released by **Arun Jaitley in New Delhi** On 2nd March 2019, Union Finance Minister, **Arun Jaitley** released a book titled '**Mann Ki Baat – A Social Revolution on Radio**' during a function in **New Delhi**.
- "**The Fate of Butterflies**", **Nayantara Sahgal** new novel was unveiled at a function hosted by **Namita Gokhale** at **Oxford Bookstore, New Delhi**.

- 4) Champhai, Mizoram
- 5) None of these
- 5. The foundation stone for the 'National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation' (NIMHR) centre was laid in which of the following City?
 - 1) Guntur, Andhra Pradesh
 - 2) Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh
 - 3) Kufri, Himachal Pradesh
 - 4) Sehore, Madhya Pradesh
 - 5) None of these
- 6. According to 2018 World Air Quality Report, which city became the most polluted city and topped the Report?
 - 1) Ghaziabad, India
 - 2) Gurugram, India
 - 3) Noida, India
 - 4) Faridabad, India
 - 5) None of these
- 7. Name the aerial combat training exercise conducted by the US Air Force in US?
 - 1) Yudh Abhyas 2019
 - 2) Ekuverin 2019
 - 3) Red Flag 2019
 - 4) Shatruijet 2019
 - 5) None of these
- 8. Government of India had signed the loan agreement worth \$25.2 Million with which of the following bank to provide support to Chhattisgarh Public Financial Management and Accountability Program?
 - 1) World Bank
 - 2) Asian Development Bank
 - 3) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
 - 4) Reserve Bank of India
 - 5) None of these
- 9. Government of India had signed the loan agreement worth \$96 Million with World Bank, for Financing Disaster Recovery Project for which of the following State?
 - 1) Karnataka
 - 2) Kerala
 - 3) Tamil Nadu
 - 4) Uttarakhand
 - 5) None of these
- 10. Name the Bank that was approved by government to handle import and export transactions with Iran recently?
 - 1) Reserve Bank of India
 - 2) IDBI Bank
 - 3) State Bank of India
 - 4) Indian Bank
 - 5) None of these
- 11. Which of the following life insurance company partnered with India Mortgage Guarantee Corporation (IMGC) to offer home loan?
 - 1) Axis housing company Pvt. Ltd
 - 2) ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd
 - 3) Life Insurance Corporation Housing Finance Ltd (LICHFL)
 - 4) Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance Company Ltd
 - 5) None of these

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