

# Weekly Current G.K.

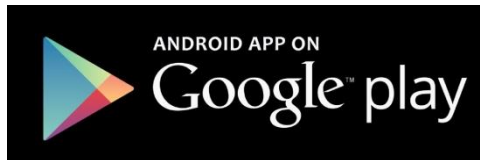
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## NEW VACANCIES

- ♣ 984 Assistant in NIACL Apply by 29.3.2017
- ♣ RRB:- 26502 Assistant Loco Pilot, Technicians Posts by 31.03.2018
- ♣ RRB:- 62907 posts for GROUP-D by 31.03.2018
- ♣ PPSC:- 67 posts of Punjab Civil Services by 23.04.18
- ♣ PPSC:- 207 posts of Inspector Cooperative by 04.04.2018
- ♣ NABARD:- 92 Assistant Manager Posts by 02.04.2018

licenses will be made fully computerised. The Minister also launched Sukhad Yatra mobile App and Toll-free Emergency number (1033) for highway users.

- **'Vision for Future' Event to Marks 70 Years of Indo-Russia Ties Held in New Delhi** : An event named 'Vision for Future' was held in New Delhi to commemorate 70 years of the Indo-Russia ties. The event sought to expose the youth to the dynamic opportunities of cooperation between the two countries.
- **Diu Becomes First UT to be 100% Powered by Solar Energy** : Diu has become the first Union Territory in India to run 100 percent on solar power generated energy. Diu has managed to generate surplus solar power for its residents, reducing their electricity costs, in a span of just three years.

## 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

- **Transport Ministry Launches a Scheme and Sukhad Yatra App**: Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways Nitin Gadkari has announced that soon there will be no human interface in granting driving licences to heavy vehicle drivers in the country. He has launched the scheme for District Driving Training Centres in New Delhi. The process of approving such driving

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- **Washington Becomes 1st State to Approve Net-Neutrality Rules**:

Washington has become the first state to enact its own net-neutrality requirements after U.S. regulators repealed Obama-era rules designed to keep the internet an even playing field.

- **European Development Bank Approves India's Membership :** India is all set to become the 69th member of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) after shareholders of the international financial institution gave their nod to the country's candidature
- **World ATM Congress 2018 Held in Spain :** The Airports Authority of India (AAI) is participating in World ATM Congress (WATMC) 2018 being held in Spain. Now entering its sixth year, World ATM Congress is the world's largest international air traffic management (ATM) exhibition and conference attracting thousands of delegates each year.

## PERSONS IN NEWS

- **Prakriti :** In another first for women, 25-year-old Prakriti has been inducted as the first direct-entry combat officer in the Indo-Tibetan Border Police.
- **Virat Kohli:** Indian cricket team captain Virat Kohli has been named cab-hailing startup Uber's first Brand Ambassador in India.
- **Gina Haspel :** Gina Haspel, the newly nominated first-ever female director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), is a career intelligence officer with more than 30 years' experience.

## OBITUARY

- **Stephen Hawking:** Stephen Hawking, the brightest star in the firmament of science, whose insights shaped modern cosmology and inspired global audiences in the millions, has died at the age of 76.
- **Pyarelal Wadali :** Ustad Pyarelal Wadali, younger brother of Ustad Puraan Chand Wadali passed away in Amritsar, Punjab. He was 75. He was one of the singers of popularly known 'Wadali Brothers'.
- **Narendra Jha :** Hindi film actor Narendra Jha, seen in films like Haider and Raees, died due to a heart attack. He was 55.

## PLACES IN NEWS

- **Telangana:** The government of Telangana launched Women Entrepreneurship Hub (WE-Hub), India's first state-led incubator for women entrepreneurs. Deepthi Ravula is heading the incubator as its Chief Executive Officer.
- **Hyderabad: Telangana IT and Industries Minister K T Rama Rao** inaugurated the biennial event on Civil Aviation and Aerospace titled '**Wings India 2018**' at the Begumpet Airport. The four-day event was jointly organised by the Civil Aviation Ministry, Airports Authority of India and the Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry.
- **India's Biggest M&E Services Market, enTTech 2018 Inaugurated:** India's biggest Media & Entertainment

Services Market - enTTech 2018 was inaugurated in Mumbai. The market, spread over two days saw fast matchmaking between 100 international delegates and their Indian counterparts.

## AWARDS

- **BV Doshi : Architect Balkrishna Vithaldas Doshi** has become the **first Indian to win the Pritzker Prize**, the highest award in architecture. Doshi's most noted works include a low-cost housing project in Indore which accommodates 80,000 people. The award was announced by Tom Pritzker of the Chicago-based Hyatt Foundation.
- **Central Banking's fifth annual awards:** The Bank of Canada, this year's Central Bank of the Year, emerged as a beacon of best practice for much of the community.  
**Here is the complete list of Winners-**
  - **Transparency:** Central Bank of Ireland.
  - **Reserve manager of the year:** Bank of Korea.
  - **Banknote and currency manager of the year:** Norges Bank.
- **Initiative of the year:** Bank of England's FinTech Accelerator.
- **Website of the year:** Bank of Lithuania.
- **Economics in central banking:** Alberto Cavallo and Roberto Rigobon – Billion Prices Project/PriceStats.
- **Asset manager of the year:** BlackRock.
- **Innovation in reserve management:** HSBC.
- **Global custodian of the year:** BNY Mellon.

- **Securities lending services provider of the year:** Northern Trust.
  - **Banknote and currency services provider of the year:** Landqart.
- **Technology consultant of the year:** Vizor Software.
- **Risk management services provider of the year:** Openlink.
  - **Consultancy and advisory provider of the year (data and regulatory management):** BearingPoint.
- **Payments and market infrastructure provider of the year:** Perago.
- **World's Best Airport: Delhi and Mumbai Airports Tie at No. 1:** Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) and Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport have beaten 1,952 other airports from 176 countries to tie at number one for world's best airports, as per Airports Council International (ACI) ASQ 2017 rankings.

## SPORTS

- **Tejaswin Shankar Smashes National Record in High Jump:** Delhi youngster Tejaswin Shankar smashed his own national record to claim the high jump gold as three athletes booked their Commonwealth Games berths on the third and penultimate day of the 22nd Federation Cup Senior National Athletics Championships.
- **ISSF World Cup 2018- Anjum Moudgil Wins Silver:** Indian shooter Anjum Moudgil clinched a silver medal in the women's 50m Rifle 3 Positions event at the ongoing ISSF World Cup in Guadalajara, Mexico. It

was Anjum's first World Cup medal. Former junior world champion **China's Ruijiao Pei** won the Gold Medal in that event.

- **Australia Beat England 2-1 To Lift 27th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup:** World champions Australia have lifted the coveted Sultan Azlan Shah Hockey title. In the final at Ipoh, Malaysia, they beat defending champions England by a narrow 2-1 margin. Australia has now won the prestigious tournament for the 10th time.

### MISCELLANEOUS GK

- **Karnataka's Belgaum Is Now Home To India's Tallest Flag:** India's tallest national flag was unfurled in Belagavi (also known as Belgaum) in Karnataka. The event was attended by leaders, schoolchildren, and leaders of Hindu, Muslim, Christian and Sikh institutions at the Kote Kere front. Where size is concerned, this flag in Belgaum beats the one at the India-Pakistan border at Attari in Punjab.
- **Karnataka to Become 2nd State in Country to Unveil its Own Flag:** The Karnataka government unveiled the State flag (nada dhwaja) for the state. If approved by the Centre, Karnataka will be the second State to have a flag after Jammu and Kashmir.
- **Biplab Deb Takes Oath As Tripura Chief Minister:** Biplab Kumar Deb was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Tripura's first Bharatiya Janata Party government in Agartala. He has replaced Manik Sarkar. Jishnu Deb Burman took oath as the Deputy CM of the State.

### CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

1. **Name the IRS officer who was recently appointed as the new Special Director in the Enforcement Directorate (ED) by the government.**
  - (a) Vivek R Wadekar
  - (b) Jitender Mehal
  - (c) Neeraj Shekhawat
  - (d) Amit Chitranjan
  - (e) Shekhar Chandrachurna
2. **On the occasion of International Women's Day the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) launched a portal for women entrepreneurs of India named\_\_\_\_\_.**
  - (a) www.udyamshakti.org.
  - (b) www.udyamsakhi.org.
  - (c) www.rojgarsakhi.org.
  - (d) www.udyamnari.org.
  - (e) None of the given options is true
3. **Financial services platform Paytm has announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Paytm Money, has received approval of market regulator \_\_\_\_\_ to become a registered investment advisor.**
  - (a) SEBI
  - (b) RBI
  - (c) NABARD
  - (d) CIBIL
  - (e) FICCI
4. **The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) is a multilateral development bank that aims to support the building of infrastructure in the Asia-Pacific region. Where is the headoffice of AIIB?**
  - (a) New Delhi
  - (b) Manila
  - (c) Tokyo
  - (d) Beijing
  - (e) Johannesburg

5. **Haryana's first cyber police station, equipped with a digital forensic laboratory was inaugurated in\_\_\_\_\_.**  
(a) Panchkula            (b) Sonipat  
(c) Hisar                (d) Faridabad  
(e) Gurugram
6. **he government launched a biodegradable sanitary pad named \_\_\_\_\_ to mark International Women's Day at the cost of Rs. 2.50 per pad.**  
(a) Suvidha            (b) Sahayta  
(c) Madad            (d) Mahila Shakti  
(e) Nari Shakti
7. **Mumbai ranks \_\_\_\_\_ among the top 20 costliest cities in the world, according to the Knight Frank Wealth Report 2018.**  
(a) 15<sup>th</sup>            (b) 16<sup>th</sup>            (c) 14<sup>th</sup>  
(d) 12<sup>th</sup>            (e) 10<sup>th</sup>
8. **Name the Indian-origin steel tycoon who has been appointed by Britain's Prince Charles as an official ambassador for the Industrial Cadets program designed to nurture manufacturing skills.**  
(a) Sudeep Acharya  
(b) Madan Singh Jhahhariya  
(c) Sanjeev Gupta  
(d) Jasvinder Chaddha  
(e) Sukesh Shah

**Answers: Abad/ Eabc**