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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

National Laboratory (PNNL), was organized under the Sustainable Growth Pillar of the India-U.S. Strategic Energy Partnership.

- **Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated festival of Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Gandhinagar**

On 15th March 2019, The President of India Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the **Festival of Innovation and Entrepreneurship (FINE)** in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The festival is organised by the National Innovation Foundation in association with the Department of Science and Technology.

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

- **IEMF's First Workshop organized by NITI Aayog and USAID in New Delhi**
The NITI Aayog and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) organized the first workshop on development of the **India Energy Modelling Forum (IEMF)**, envisaged as a pan-stakeholder platform for debating ideas, scenario-planning & discussing the India's energy future in New Delhi.
i. The two-day workshop, being held with the support of the **Pacific Northwest**

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- **Saudi Arabia became the world's largest importer of weapons, the position held by India for a decade: SIPRI**
India lost its position as the world's largest importer of weapons, which it held for over a decade, with **Saudi Arabia** topping the global share of arms imports between **2014** and **2018**, as per the data published by the **Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (Sipri)**, the leading Stockholm-based think

tank that measures weapons imports over **five-year** periods.

PERSONS IN NEWS

- **Soumya Swaminathan** who is currently a **Deputy Director-General of the World Health Organisation (WHO)** has been appointed as the **Chief Scientist of the World Health Organisation (WHO)**. The Government also appointed **M. R. Kumar** as the Chairman of the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) for a period of 5 years.

OBITUARY

- **Daniel Rudisha**, a former teacher who became a **Kenyan athletics coach** died following a cardiac arrest in Nakuru, Northwest of Nairobi on **6th March 2019**. He was born in **Kilgoris, Kenya**.
- **Kelly Catlin**, who had **thrice** been the world champion and had been a member of the U.S. women's pursuit team that won silver in 2016 Rio Olympics died at Stanford University after committing suicide.

PLACES IN NEWS

- **India's first LGBTQ Clinic and HIV treatment centre inaugurated by Humsafar Trust in Mumbai**
The **first HIV (Human Immuno-deficiency Virus) treatment centre** and holistic clinic for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (**LGBTQ**) launched by Humsafar trust in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

AWARDS

- **Bhubaneswar's Biju Patnaik International Airport wins ASQ award**
The Biju Patnaik International Airport

(BPIA) in Bhubaneswar won the **Airport Service Quality (ASQ)** award for being the **best airport in size and region** (2-5 million passengers in Asia-Pacific) for the year **2018**. It has been chosen for the award by the **Airports Council International**.

ii. Chandigarh Airport, Devi Ahilyabai Holkar Airport in Indore, SM Badaruddin II Airport in Indonesia, SS Kasim II Airport in Indonesia and Yichang Sanxia Airport in China were also chosen for the award.

- **Bernard Arnault becomes the third richest person of the world, overtaking Warren Buffett: Bloomberg Billionaires Index**
Bernard Arnault, the chairman of **Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton SE (LVMH)** has overtaken **Warren Buffett**, the chairman of **Berkshire Hathaway** to become the **third-richest** person of the world, on the Bloomberg Billionaires Index.
- **ACKO General Insurance honoured with Golden Peacock Award 2019**
The new-age digital insurance company, **ACKO General Insurance** was awarded the prestigious **Golden Peacock Innovative Product Award – 2019**, for their contextual micro insurance product - "**Ola Ride Insurance**". The award was presented to **Biresh Giri**, Appointed Actuary & CRO, Acko at an event in **Dubai**.
- **Padmanaban Gopalan bagged the Commonwealth Youth Award for the Asian region**
Social entrepreneur from Tamil Nadu, **Padmanaban Gopalan**, founder of No Food Waste, was named the winner of the **Commonwealth Youth Award** for the **Asian region** worth **3,000 Pounds** at a ceremony at the Commonwealth Secretariat in **London**.

SPORTS

- **16-year-old P. Iniyan became 61st Chess Grandmaster of India** 16-year-old **Iniyan Panneerselvam** from **Erode, Tamil Nadu**, won at the **Noisiel Open** in **France** by defeating **GM (Grand Master) Sergey Fedorchuk** of **Ukraine** in the sixth round and became the **61st Grandmaster for India** crossing **2500 points** in **ELO** ratings.
- **England defeated India to win Women's T20I match** On 9th March 2019, England defeated India in the **3rd and final Women's Twenty20 International** in **Barsapara Cricket Stadium in Guwahati, Assam**.
 - England women's team won the 3 match series for 3-0.** India lost first T20 by 41 runs and second match by a five wicket defeat.
 - England's Danielle Wyatt won the Player of the Series.** Although **Smriti Mandhana** scored 58 runs for 39 balls, India lost the match for one score.
 - The second T20 defeat was India's sixth in the row in the shortest format. India was just in short of 3 runs in the final over.
- **China's Liu Hong broke 50 KM Race Walk World Record** China's 2016 Olympic champion, **Liu Hong**, broke the world record in the **50 km** race walk, finishing in **3 hours, 59 minutes and 15 seconds (3:59:15)**, at the **Chinese Race Walk Grand Prix** in **Huangshan**, to become the **first woman** to break the **4-hour** barrier in the event.
- **Upamanyu Dutta won Bronze medal in the Asian Open Laser Sailing Championship, Singapore** Young sailor from **Mumbai**, **Upamanyu Dutta** won **Bronze** medal, which is **India's** first ever medal in the single-handed **Laser**

Standard race for men in the **Asian Open Laser Sailing Championship** held in **Singapore**.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **e-Dharti App** was launched by **Hardeep S Puri** On 7th March 2019, **Hardeep S Puri**, Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs launched **e-Dharti App** to make all the three modules – **Conversion, Substitution and Mutation** online.

Key Points

- e-Dharti GeoPortal** was also launched by **Hardeep Puri** to allow the lessee of the property to see the basic details of property along with its location on map.
- Government will be able to know the actual status of its vacant properties through the App.

- **China launches new communication satellite 'ChinaSat 6C', completes 300th launch** On 10th March 2019, China lifted its broadband communication system by launching a **Long March – 3B carrier rocket** with **'ChinaSat 6C'** into a geostationary orbit in **Sichuan province**.

Key Points

- The **'ChinaSat 6C'** was launched from **Xichang Satellite Launch Center** in **Sichuan province**. It is a **19 story tall** rocket which is expected to provide **high quality radio and television transmission** services.
- It marked **300th launch** of the **Long March carrier rocket** series which was **developed by the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation** and will be operated by **China Satellite Communications Co. Ltd.**

iii. The satellite will cover China, Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific Island Countries. Nearly 97% of China's total launch missions was on Long March rocket series.

iv. China has built 17 types of Long March rocket with five of them being retired. The first carrier rocket A Long March-1 with first satellite Dong fanghong 1 launched by China in 1970.

- **Guided Pinaka successfully test fired by DRDO at Pokhran Ranges Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** successfully test fired the **Guided Pinaka** weapons system from **Pokhran** ranges in **Rajasthan**. The two rockets, which were tested using the guided **Pinaka** system, succeeded in hitting the **90-km** mark signalling a boost in the efficiency, as the rockets had touched the **70-km** mark in their last trials, held in **May, 2018**.

ii. The weapon system is equipped with state-of-the-art guidance kit comprising of an advanced navigation and control system.

iii. The **Telemetry Systems** tracked and monitored the vehicle all through the flight path.

iv. The indigenously developed **Guided Pinaka** by **DRDO** will significantly boost the capability of the artillery to make precision hits.

- **MPATGM successfully test-fired by DRDO in Rajasthan Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** successfully test fired indigenously developed, low weight, fire and forget **Man-Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM)** for the **second** time in the **Pokhran** ranges of Rajasthan desert.

i. MPATGM is incorporated with advanced features including state-of-the-art Imaging Infrared Radar (IIR) Seeker with integrated avionics.

ii. The first test was conducted on **13th March 2019**.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- On 8th March 2019, Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs Arun Jaitley released a **book 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas'** which is a compilation of **selected speeches of Prime Minister Narendra Modi**, during a function organised by Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in New Delhi.

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

1. Name the University, with which Indian researchers collaborated to jointly develop strategies to resolve health, social and economic issues linked to air pollution.
 - 1) University of Edinburgh
 - 2) University of Oxford
 - 3) University of Birmingham
 - 4) University of Cambridge
 - 5) None of these
2. According to Supreme Court's recent decision, IPS officers who has minimum of _____ month tenure left in service can be considered for the post of Director General of Police (DGP)?
 - 1) 3 months
 - 2) 6 months
 - 3) 9 months
 - 4) 12 months
 - 5) None of these
3. 12 states banned the usage of e-cigarettes or Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS). Which of the following state is one among them?
 - 1) Uttar Pradesh

- 2) Meghalaya
 - 3) Mizoram
 - 4) Andhra Pradesh
 - 5) None of these
4. Where is the 9th round of the U.S.-India Strategic Security Dialogue held?
- 1) New Delhi
 - 2) New York
 - 3) Mumbai
 - 4) Washington
 - 5) None of these
5. Name the scientist, who was honoured by Royal Mint by issuing a new 50 pence 'black hole' coin.
- 1) Pierre Curie
 - 2) Alfred Nobel
 - 3) Stephen Hawking
 - 4) Alexander Graham Bell
 - 5) None of these
6. Which country's central bank released the new coin that features the Crimea or Kerch Strait Bridge, to mark Crimea's reunification?
- 1) Russia
 - 2) Iceland
 - 3) Spain
 - 4) Austria
 - 5) None of these
7. India provides financial support of USD 250 million to which of the following country for reconstruction of infrastructures after earthquake?
- 1) Haiti
 - 2) Indonesia
 - 3) Nepal
 - 4) Taiwan
 - 5) None of these
8. What is the new trade credit limit per import transaction, for oil and gas refining & marketing, airline and shipping companies under the automatic route, which is relaxed by RBI recently?
- 1) \$120 million
 - 2) \$180 million
 - 3) \$100 million
 - 4) \$150 million
 - 5) None of these
9. RBI will buy, how many billion from the banks under swap deal for the first time to enhance liquidity in the system using a new tool on 26th March,2019?
- 1) \$5 billion
 - 2) \$2 billion
 - 3) \$10 billion
 - 4) \$8 billion
 - 5) None of these
10. Bank of India (BoI) raised an amount of Rs 660.80 crore by issuing shares to employees under which of the following scheme?
- 1) Employees Stock Purchase Scheme
 - 2) Employee Share Purchase Scheme
 - 3) Employee Sale and Purchase Scheme
 - 4) Employee Sharing and Purchasing Scheme
 - 5) None of these

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