

# Weekly Current G.K.

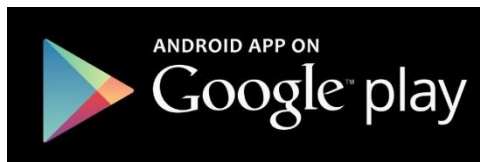
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## NEW VACANCIES

- ♣ 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

## 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

- **PM Inaugurates 105th Indian Science Congress in Imphal:** PM Modi inaugurated the 105th Indian Science Congress in Imphal, Manipur. The theme for ISC 2018 is 'reaching the unreachable through science and technology'.
- **NITI Aayog Released SATH-E Roadmaps:** NITI Aayog released comprehensive roadmaps and detailed timelines for its initiative 'Sustainable

Action for Transforming Human Capital in Education (SATH-E)' project. Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog released the forward-looking blueprints.

- **1<sup>st</sup> India-Japan Workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction Inaugurated:** The Vice-Chairman, NITI Aayog, Dr Rajiv Kumar inaugurated the First India-Japan Workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction in New Delhi. The two-day workshop is being jointly organised by the Ministry of Home Affairs, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and Government of Japan.

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- **International Day of Happiness- 20 March:** Since 2013, the United Nations has celebrated the International Day of Happiness (on 20th March) as a way to recognise the importance of happiness in the lives of people around the world. The theme for IDH 2018 is "*Share Happiness*" - focusing on the

importance of relationships, kindness and helping each other.

- **Worldwide Cost of Living Report 2018- Singapore Most Expensive, Damascus Least:** Singapore remains the most expensive city in the world, according to The Economist Intelligence Unit's Worldwide Cost of Living report 2018. 2018 for 133 cities across the world. **The Top 3 Expensive cities on the list are-**
  - Singapore.
  - Paris, France.
  - Zurich, Switzerland.
- **Vladimir Putin Wins Historic 4th Term as Russian President:** Russian President Vladimir Putin stormed to victory in presidential election, giving him another six years in power.

## PERSONS IN NEWS

- **Angela Merkel Elected to 4th Term as German Chancellor:** Germany's Parliament elected Angela Merkel for her fourth term as chancellor, putting an end to nearly six months of political drift in Europe's biggest economy.
- **Sangeeta Bahadur Appointed Next Ambassador of India to Belarus :** Sangeeta Bahadur has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Belarus. She is an IFS officer of 1987 batch.
- **Xi Jinping Re-Elected China President, Wang Vice President :** Xi Jinping was re-elected as **President** for a second five-year tenure by China's rubber-stamp parliament. The Parliament has recently allowed Xi to have a life-long tenure. Xi was also

elected as the head of the powerful Central Military Commission, the overall high command of the Chinese military. He became president in 2013. Wang Qishan has been elected as the new Vice President of China.

- **Yi Gang Named Head of People's Bank of China:** US-educated economist Yi Gang has been named the next governor of China's central bank, the People's Bank of China (PBOC). Mr Yi has been deputy governor of the bank since 2008.

## OBITUARY

- **Veteran Hindi Poet Kedarnath Singh Passes Away:** Renowned Hindi poet and critic Kedarnath Singh passed away at the age of 83. Prof. Singh was a recipient of the Jnanapeeth award in 2013. He won the Sahitya Akademi award in 1989 for his poetry collection Akaal Mein Saras.
- **Les Payne:** a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, and columnist for Newsday who fiercely championed racial equality passed away. He was 76. He won Pulitzer Prize for "Heroin Trail" series in 1974.

## PLACES IN NEWS

- **Pune Tops in Improved Quality Governance: Survey:** Pune came on top in the fifth edition of the Annual Survey of India's City-Systems (ASICS), edging out Thiruvananthapuram which had topped the previous two editions of the survey. Bengaluru was ranked at the bottom.

- **Mauritius** : President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated World Hindi Secretariat in Mauritius capital, Port Louis. The Secretariat **is fully financed by India** and a grant of 33 crore rupees was provided. The land was provided by the Mauritius government.

## AWARDS

- **ICMR Wins 2017 Kochon Prize for TB Research:** The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) was awarded the International Kochon Prize 2017 for encouraging research and development (R&D) efforts towards tuberculosis treatment
- **Indian Film 'Halkaa' Bags Award at Montreal Fest :** Indian filmmaker Nila Madhab Panda's "Halkaa", which had its world premiere at the 21st Festival International du Film Pour Enfants de Montreal Film (FIFEM), has bagged the Grand Prix de Montreal at the gala.
- **Jackie Shroff's 'Shunyata' Wins International Award in US :** Actor Jackie Shroff's short film 'Shunyata' has won an award at Best of India Short Film Festival in Los Angeles, US. The 22-minute fiction film directed by Chintan Sarda was selected to be in top six from amongst thousands of entries and was played at a theatre in Los Angeles.

## SPORTS

- **Purva Barve Wins Women's Singles U-19 Title at Israel Junior 2018:** India's Purva Barve has won the Women's Singles (Under-19) title at the Israel Junior 2018 Badminton

tournament held in Rishon LeZion, Israel. She has defeated the third-seeded and top-ranked Russian Anastasiia Pustinskaia in three sets.

- **English Cricketer Kevin Pietersen Announces Retirement:** Kevin Pietersen, 37 years old, has officially announced his retirement from the International cricket.
- **Nepal Cricket Team Gains ODI Status :** After Afghanistan's rapid rise to prominence in limited-overs cricket, Nepal took a massive step forward after achieving One-day International status, after their victory over Papua New Guinea
- **Sri Lanka Pays Tribute to J Dalmiya With Book 'A Tribute to Jagu' :** Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) paid tribute to former BCCI president Jagmohan Dalmiya with a book titled, 'A Tribute to Jagu'. The cricket association felicitated Dalmiya posthumously as the greatest non-Sri Lankan contributor to Sri Lankan cricket.
- **Deepa Malik Becomes Asian Rank 1 in Javelin F-53 Category:** Indian para-athlete Deepa Malik won a gold medal in the F-53/54 category javelin event at the World Para Athletics Grand Prix in Dubai.

## BUSINESS & ECONOMY

- **IBBI Signs MoU with Reserve Bank of India:** The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) signed an MoU with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Under the MoU, the RBI and the IBBI will work in partnership for the effective implementation of the Insolvency and

Bankruptcy Code, 2016 and its allied rules and regulations.

- **GST, 2nd Highest Tax Rate in World:** World Bank Report: According to the World Bank Report, The goods and services tax (GST) is one of the most complex with the second highest tax rate in the world among a sample of 115 countries which have a similar indirect tax system.
- **Muthoot Finance Ties Up With Global IME Bank:** Muthoot Finance, the flagship company of Muthoot Group has tied up with Global IME Bank to expand its money remittance services between Indo Nepal Corridor. Muthoot Finance is the only NBFC to extend the money transfer services from India to Nepal.

### **MISCELLANEOUS GK**

- The World Sparrow Day was observed across the world on 20th March 2017.
- Axis Bank had opened a representative office in Sharjah, to better serve its customers in the emirate and to expand its retail offerings to customers in the neighbouring northern emirates.
- Atul M. Gotsurve has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.
- Union Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers and Parliamentary Affairs, Mr. Ananthkumar announced that the Government of India has approved the setting up of a Plastic Park in Deoghar District, Jharkhand.
- The first National workshop on POSHAN Abhiyan involving all the states and union territories was held at

Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra, New Delhi. The Ministry of Women and Child Development has organised the day-long workshop with participation from all the states/UTs.

### **CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ**

1. **Name the state that has announced 'Mukhyamantri Mahila Kosh' scheme on International Women's day.**
  - (a) Haryana
  - (b) Uttar Pradesh
  - (c) Maharashtra
  - (d) Madhya Pradesh
  - (e) Punjab
2. **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 Jhajhariya
  - (c) Sanjeev Gupta
  - (d) Jasvinder Chaddha
  - (e) Sukesh Shah
3. **Name the city that has topped the list of 20 costliest cities in the world, according to the Knight Frank Wealth Report 2018.**
  - (a) Hong Kong
  - (b) Singapore
  - (c) New York
  - (d) Guangzhou
  - (e) Pari
4. **French President \_\_\_\_\_ arrived in New Delhi on a four-day visit to India.**
  - (a) Emmanuel Macron
  - (b) Justin Trudeau
  - (c) Michelle Bachelet
  - (d) Emmanuel Nadingar
  - (e) Ibrahim Mehlab
5. **Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated National Legislators**

- Conference on the theme \_\_\_\_\_ in New Delhi.**
- (a) One Nation One Thought  
 (b) Lets Make it Together  
 (c) Make it Now Here  
 (d) Nation for Development  
 (e) We For Development
6. **Who is the present Prime Minister of Mauritius?**
- (a) Lee Hsien Loong  
 (b) Ameenah Gurib-Fakim  
 (c) Pravind Jugnauth  
 (d) Halimah Yacob  
 (e) Navin Ramgoolam
7. **India and Madagascar have signed an umbrella agreement in the field of\_\_\_\_\_.**
- (a) Science and Technology  
 (b) Agriculture  
 (c) Defence  
 (d) Horticulture  
 (e) Higher Education
8. **Indian Health Ministry and the Worlds Health Oraganization have signed an agreement to strengthen collaborative work between India and WHO in achieving improved health outcomes. WHO Headquarters in \_\_\_\_\_.**
- (a) Philippines (b) Geneva  
 (c) Manila (d) New York  
 (e) Paris
9. **The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) launched a mobile app called \_\_\_\_\_ on the occasion of its 33rd Inception Day.**
- (a) Samaj Seva  
 (b) Citizen Services  
 (c) National Services  
 (d) Human Services  
 (e) None of the given options is true
10. **What is the ranking of India in the recently released World Happiness Report 2018?**
- (a) 125<sup>th</sup> (b) 120<sup>th</sup> (c) 133<sup>rd</sup>  
 (d) 112<sup>nd</sup> (e) 114<sup>th</sup>
11. **The theme for World Consumer Rights Day 2018 is \_\_\_\_\_.**
- (a) Moving Towards Digital World  
 (b) Fair Means of Developing Market  
 (c) Digitalized market, Developed Market  
 (d) Making Digital Marketplaces Fairer  
 (e) None of the given options is true
12. **Navy Chief Admiral \_\_\_\_\_ is on a five-day visit to the USA.**
- (a) Sunil Lanba  
 (b) Birender Singh Dhanoa  
 (c) Vishnu Bhagwat  
 (d) Bipin Rawat  
 (e) Ajit Doval

**Answers: dcdae/ccbbc/da**