

Weekly Current G.K.

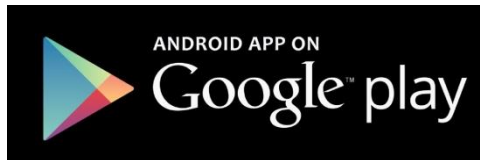
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- **RRB:- 26502 Assistant Loco Pilot, Technicians Posts** by 31.03.2018
- **RRB:- 62907 posts for GROUP-D** by 31.03.2018
- **PPSC:- 207 posts** by 04.04.2018
- **NABARD:- 92 Assistant Manager Posts** by 02.04.2018

- **World's Oldest City Varanasi Goes 'Wireless':** Eighty-six years after the city got electricity, overhead power cables in world's oldest city 'Varanasi' is being dismantled after a project to lay underground lines over **16 sq-km** has been finally completed.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

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

- **1st National Conference on Drug Law Enforcement Inaugurated :** The Minister of State for Home Affairs, Hansraj Gangaram Ahir inaugurated the two-day first National Conference on Drug Law Enforcement in Delhi. The conference is being organised by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), Ministry of Home Affairs.
- **7th India-Egypt Joint Commission Meeting Held in New Delhi :** The 7th India-Egypt Joint Commission Meeting led by External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj and Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry was held in New Delhi.

- **World's Largest Cruise Ship 'Symphony of the Seas' Sets Sail :** The world's biggest cruise-liner, Symphony of the Seas, has left the shipyard of Saint-Nazaire in France to embark on its maiden voyage in the Mediterranean. French shipbuilder STX handed over to U.S. giant Royal Caribbean International.
- **World Tuberculosis Day- 24 March:** The date marks the day in 1882 when Dr. Robert Koch announced that he had discovered the bacterium that causes TB. The theme of World TB Day 2018 - "Wanted: Leaders for a TB-free world".
- **Singapore Airport Rated World's Best, Mumbai Ranked 63rd:** The Singapore Changi Airport has been named the world's best airport for the sixth consecutive year by consultancy firm Skytrax. The Incheon International Airport in South Korea and Haneda Airport in Japan were placed second and third respectively. While the Mumbai airport (Chhatrapati Shivaji International

Airport Mumbai) has been ranked 63rd, the airports in Bangalore (Kempegowda International Airport) and Delhi (Indira Gandhi International Airport) are at 64th and 66th place respectively.

PERSONS IN NEWS

- **Balesh Sharma** : Vodafone Group Plc's Indian unit and Idea Cellular, which are in the process of merging their operations to create the country's biggest telecoms carrier, named Vodafone veteran Balesh Sharma as the new chief executive for the combined venture. Sharma is currently the chief operating officer at Vodafone India.
- **John Bolton** : The 45th President of USA Donald Trump has announced that the former U.N. Ambassador John Bolton will be the New US National Security Adviser. He would replace present National Security Adviser H.R. McMaster.
- **Martin Vizcarra** : Martin Vizcarra has been sworn in as the country's new president of Peru. Before the appointment, he was Peru's first vice president and ambassador to Canada.
- **Indu Bhushan**: Indu Bhushan was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Union Government's ambitious Ayushman Bharat National Health Protection Mission (ABNHPM).

OBITUARY

- **Les Payne**, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and columnist for Newsday who fiercely championed racial equality has passed away. He was 76. He won Pulitzer Prize for "Heroin Trail" series in 1974.

PLACES IN NEWS

- **Meghalaya** : The North-eastern state Meghalaya of India, is home to the longest sandstone cave in the world at 24,583m, with dinosaur fossils from 66-76 million years ago. The sandstone cave named Krem Puri was first discovered in 2016, but during the recent 25-day expedition by **the Meghalaya Adventurers' Association (MAA)**, the actual length of the cave was uncovered. It is 6,000m longer than the current listed sandstone cave in the world, Cueva El Samán, (18,200m) in Venezuela.
- **Chandigarh** : Chandigarh has become the 1st city in North India to install Automatic Speed Gun Cameras with digital displays for traffic management.
- **West Bengal** : The government of India has come out with the total number of beggars in the country. As per the data, based on 2011 census released by Union ministry of Social Justice, there are around 4 lakh beggars in total. The highest number of beggars, 81,000, are in West Bengal. Lakshadweep, a union territory, has **only** two people (Least) begging for their livelihood. West Bengal is followed by Uttar Pradesh and Bihar at number two and three respectively.

AWARDS

- **South Asian Cinema Foundation (SACF)** : London based organisation has received the Frederick Pincott Award for 2017 from the Indian High Commissioner, Y K Sinha for promoting Hindi cinema in Britain for the last 18 years
- **G.K. Reddy** : Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh presented the G.K. Reddy Memorial National Award for journalism to senior journalist and television presenter Karan Thapar.

- **Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO):** Received the 'Most Informative Pavilion' Award in Pride of India Expo organized as part of the 105th Indian Science Congress at Manipur University, Imphal.
- **Robert Langlands :** Canadian mathematician Robert Langlands won the prestigious Abel Prize for developing a programme connecting representation theory to number theory. The programme has enlisted hundreds of the world's best mathematicians over the last 50 years.
- **ISSF Junior World Cup- Anish Bhanwala Wins Gold :** India's 15-year-old shooter Anish Bhanwala won a **gold medal at the ISSF Junior World Cup in the 25 meter rapid fire pistol event in Sydney, Australia.** It was India's third gold at the event.

MISCELLANEOUS GK

- ISRO successfully launched the GSLV-F08 carrying the GSAT6A communication satellite from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. Today's launch adds another feather in ISRO's cap as it is mastering the technique of making home-made communication satellites. The GSAT-6A satellite will be put into orbit around 17 minutes after the rocket's liftoff.
- The RBI has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs. 58.9 crore on ICICI Bank Limited for non-compliance with the directions issued by the RBI on direct sale of securities from its Held To Maturity (HTM) portfolio and specified disclosure in this regard.
- SARAS Aajeevika Mela 2018 has been organized in New Delhi under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM). It is one of the flagship programmes of the Ministry of Rural Development to alleviate rural poverty.
- Bollywood actress-producer Anushka Sharma and Badminton Ace P V Sindhu had featured in the Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia 2018 list. The list includes innovators and disruptors who are reshaping their industries and changing Asia for the better.
- The Government of India has decided to nominate Prof. J S Rajput, former Director NCERT, as India's representative to the Executive Board

SPORTS

- **Elavenil Valarivan Wins Gold in Junior ISSF World Cup Shooting :** Indian shooter Elavenil Valarivan shattered the qualification world record in 10-meter women's air rifle **event** of the season's first junior ISSF World Cup in Sydney, Australia.
- **Hamilton Takes Record 7th Pole at Australian Grand Prix:** Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton set a blistering time in his final lap of qualifying to take pole position at the season-opening Australian Grand Prix for a record seventh time, outpacing his nearest rival Kimi Raikkonen by a sizable 0.664 seconds.
- **ISSF Junior World Cup: Manu Bhaker Wins Gold: Shooter** Manu Bhaker secured India's second individual gold after prevailing over Thailand's Kanyakorn Hirunphoem in a thrilling final of the women's 10m air pistol event at the ISSF Junior World Cup in Sydney, Australia.
- **PV Sindhu to be India's Flag-Bearer at 2018 CWG:** Indian Olympic Association (IOA) chooses PV Sindhu as the flag-bearer of the Indian contingent for the opening ceremony of the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games. The opening ceremony will be held on April 4.

(EXB) of UNESCO. The EXB has a four-year term of office and 58 seats.

- The First Indian Sign Language Dictionary of 3000 words was launched by Thaawarchand Gehlot, Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment at a function.

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

1. NASA is all set to send the first-ever mission dedicated to exploring the deep interior of Mars. Scheduled to launch on 05th May 2018. NASA is an independent agency of the executive branch of-
(a) Germany (b) USA (c) UK
(d) Russia (e) Japan
2. In which among the following cities, Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar has inaugurated the Smart India Hackathon Grand Finale 2018- Software edition?
(a) Kolkata (b) Patna (c) Lucknow
(d) Mumbai (e) New Delhi
3. Name the person, who was appointed as acting chairman of the National Green Tribunal (NGT)?
(a) Jawad Rahim (b) Indu Bhushan
(c) Krishnaswamy Vijay Raghavan
(d) JS Rajput (e) Balesh Sharma
4. Union Minister for Food Processing Industries Harsimrat Kaur Badal has inaugurated the first mega food park of the state at Roopangarh village in-
(a) Maharashtra (b) Gujarat
(c) West Bengal (d) Rajasthan
(e) Kerala
5. EPFO has launched the pensioner's portal through which all EPFO pensioners may get the details of pension-related information. Where is the head office of EPFO?
(a) Mumbai (b) Kolkata

- (c) New Delhi (d) Chennai
(e) Hyderabad
6. Which among the following states is the largest producer of sugarcane?
(a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Maharashtra
(c) Karnataka (d) Madhya Pradesh
(e) Tamil Nadu
7. Ministry of Communications has recently launched the Cool EMS Service between India and_____.
(a) Indonesia (b) Japan
(c) China (d) Bangladesh
(e) Sri Lanka
8. Name the person who was recently appointed the principal scientific adviser to the government of India.
(a) Rajagopala Chidambaram
(b) T R Sathasivam
(c) G Rajagopalchari
(d) Krishnaswamy Vijay Raghavan
(e) None of the given options is true
9. In which of the following city, Asia's largest tulip garden Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden was opened recently for visitors?
(a) Srinagar (b) Jaipur
(c) Chandigarh (d) Darjeeling
(e) Shimla
10. The World Theatre Day has been celebrated annually on the by ITI Centres and the international theatre community.
(a) 20 March (b) 25 March
(c) 30 March (d) 27 March
(e) 15 March

ANSWERS: beadc/ cbdad