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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

- **ISRO launches Young Scientist Programme for schoolkids** On the lines of Centre Govt mission "**Jai Vigyan, Jai Anusandhan**", Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has initiated Young Scientist Programme named "**YUva Vigyani Karyakram**" – (Yuvika) for school children with a purpose to enhance their interest in the emerging areas of Space activities by imparting basic knowledge on Space Technology, Space Science and Space Applications. This two week long programme is regarded as "**Catch them young**". **Delhi IGI Airport becomes the 12th busiest in the world as per ACI report.** In accordance with the preliminary world airport traffic rankings for 2018 released by **Airports Council International (ACI)**, the **Indira Gandhi International Airport**

(IGIA) of **New Delhi** has elevated 4 ranks to reach at **12th spot in terms of busiest airport** as compared to 2017's 16 spot. The list of **world's busiest airports by passenger traffic** ranking has been topped by **Hartsfield–Jackson Atlanta International Airport (US)** followed by **Beijing Capital International Airport (China)** and **Dubai International Airport (UAE)**.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- **World's largest e-waste recycling hub opened at the Dubai Industrial Park, Dubai** On 26th March 2019, the **world's largest e-waste recycling plant** has opened in **Dubai Industrial Park, Dubai** by 'Enviroserve' company with a total cost of \$5 million. It will recycle Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE), IT asset disposition (ITAD), refrigerant gas and specialized waste. The processing capacity of this recycling hub is **100,000 tonnes** of total integrated waste (per year), of which **39,000 tonnes is e-waste**.
 - ii. The recycling hub will use state-of-the-art reclamation technology, which beat the European Union's standards for e-waste.
- **Singapore airport named world's best aviation hub for the seventh time** On 28th March 2019, Skytrax World Airport Awards named **Singapore's Changi Airport** as the world's best aviation hub for the **seventh time** in a row, while **Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport**, New Delhi climbed 8 places to rank at **59th Position**.

- **The largest energy storage system in Asia was built by Tesla** On 28th March 2019, Tesla has developed its 'largest power storage system in Asia' at **Osaka train station in Japan** to reduce energy demand and provide emergency backup power to trains in Japan. It was launched in partnership with **Kintetsu**, a railway operator in Japan's Osaka.
- ii. Tesla has installed **42 Powerpacks units at Osaka train station** in Japan which will provide enough amount of energy to safely move a train and its passengers for up to **30 minutes** to the nearest station if any power failure happens. This **7 megawatt-hours (MWh)** system is not only the **largest energy storage project in Asia**, but also the **fourth largest** in the greater **Asia-Pacific (APAC) region**.

PERSONS IN NEWS

- **Karambir Singh** On 23rd March 2019, Vice Admiral **Karambir Singh** has been appointed as the next (**24th**) **Chief of Naval Staff (CNS)**. He will succeed present Chief of Naval Staff Admiral **Sunil Lanba** who will retire on May 2019.
- On 30th March 2019, lawyer **Zuzana Caputova (45)** won **Slovakia's presidential election** and become Slovakia's **first female president**. She will succeed **Andrej Kiska**.

OBITUARY

- On 23rd March 2019, Veteran **Kannada actress L V Sharada Rao** passed away in Bengaluru at the age of **78 years** after fighting a prolonged battle with breast cancer.
- **Prafulla Rajguru** Veteran journalist, academician, social worker and columnist **Prafulla Rajguru** has passed away at the age 82
- **On 27th March 2019**, veteran Malayalam writer and poet **Ashita** passed away at the age of 63 at a private hospital in Thrissur, Kerala after fighting a prolonged battle with cancer.

PLACES IN NEWS

- **Dhanbad in Jharkhand scored 95.3% in terms of the highest 4G availability in India** On 29th March 2019, **Dhanbad**, the coal capital of India scored **95.3 percent** and become the **number one city** in terms of **highest 4G availability in India** by the report name '**OpenSignal's hottest city for 4G Availability**'.
- **Tashigang becomes the World's highest Polling station** **Tashigang** at an altitude of 15,256 feet has now become the **world's highest polling station** in the sleepy hamlet of Buddhist-dominated **Lahaul-Spiti district of Himachal Pradesh**.

AWARDS

- **Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award conferred upon Dr. Rajendra Kumar Joshi** **Dr. Rajendra Kumar Joshi**, the founder and chairman of the **RUI Group** has been conferred with the prestigious **Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award** on 29th March, 2019. He was awarded by the **Embassy of India in Switzerland**, on behalf of the President of India with a commendation letter and a medal.

SPORTS

- **Four sports including Breakdancing got provisional green light for Paris Olympics 2024** On 26th March 2019, **International Olympics Committee (IOC)** gave provisional green light for the inclusion of **Breakdancing** in the **Paris Olympics 2024**. **Surfing, Skateboarding and sport climbing** also got approval for provisional inclusion in **Summer Olympics 2024** from **IOC**.
- **South Korea won Azlan Shah Hockey Cup by defeating India** On 30th March, **India** was defeated by the **South Korea** in the penalty shootout of the final 28th edition of **Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2019**. 17th Ranked **South Korea** defeated **World number 5, India** to win the **Sultan Azlan Shah Cup** which was held at **Azlan Shah Stadium in Ipoh, Malaysia**.
- **Mixed team event Hopman Cup, an indoor hard-court tennis tournament,**

replaced by the ATP World Team Cup after 31 years On 28th March 2019, the unique mixed teams Hopman Cup (Tennis tournament) in Perth has been replaced by the ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals) World Team Cup after 31 years.

Key Points:

i. Now three cities **Sydney, Brisbane, and Perth** will host the new men-only tournament (ATP World Team Cup) final.

ii. The **ATP world team cup** will be played from **3rd January** for 10 days in the lead-up to the Australian Open, the first Grand Slam of the year, which will start in 2020.

iii. Hopman Cup was named after Australian tennis player **Harry Hopman**. This year Swiss pair **Roger Federer** and **Belinda Bencic** won the Cup.

- **India becomes the 4th country to conduct A-SAT missile test “Mission Shakti” successfully** On 27 March 2019, India has proved its capability of defending its outer space assets after **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** has conducted a successful **Anti-Satellite (ASAT)** missile test “**Mission Shakti**” from the **Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island** (earlier, Wheeler island) in Odisha. It took just 3 minute. This is India’s first successful **Anti-Satellite (ASAT)** missile test.

- **Anti-intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) system, was successfully launched by the US Missile Defence Agency** On 26th March 2019, **The US Missile Defence Agency** had successfully tested an **anti-intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) system**, which was launched with a target from the Marshall Islands shot down by two interceptors based in California.

Key points:

i. The US Missile Defence Agency has developed the **Ground-based Midcourse Defense (GMD) system** to protect against the threat from ICBMs. This GMD system designed to fire an interceptor missile into space and use kinetic energy to destroy the incoming target.

ii. In 2017 **North Korea** became the latest entrant to the ICBM club after it tested the Hwasong-15, which is capable of reaching the whole US mainland.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **For the first time in the world, Ooty’s muon detection facility measures potential of thundercloud** On 23rd March 2019, for the first time in the world, **researchers at the GRAPES-3 muon telescope facility** in Ooty have measured a **thundercloud’s electrical potential**, size, and height which was passed overhead on 1st December 2014. This measure will help to navigate aircraft and to prevent short circuits in aeroplanes.
- **Shanghai becomes 1st district with 5G coverage** On 30th March, 2019, China’s Shanghai claimed to have the world’s first district with 5G coverage and a broadband gigabit network. It has conducted trial runs of the 5G network in Shanghai’s Hongkou district.
- **Indian Army inducted Four Indigenous ‘Dhanush’ Howitzers guns** On 28th March 2019, **Indian Army** inducted the first batch of its domestically developed and manufactured **Dhanush artillery howitzer** at a ceremony held the Ordnance factory in Jabalpur to give a major fire-power boost to the Indian Armed Forces.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- The Governor of Reserve Bank of India, **Shaktikanta Das** launched the book “**Indian Fiscal Federalism**” authored by **Dr. Y.V. Reddy** and **G.R. Reddy**. The launch event of the book was addressed by the Chairman of the 15th Finance Commission **NK Singh**, in New Delhi.

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

- Where did the second joint logistics node of tri-services become operational?
 - Chennai, Tamil Nadu
 - Mumbai, Maharashtra
 - Guwahati, Assam
 - Bengaluru, Karnataka
 - None of these
- Which two countries signed Statement of Guiding Principles (SGP) on triangular cooperation for global development in Asia and Africa?
 - Russia and US
 - India and China
 - India and US
 - China and Japan
 - None of these
- According to a recent report by Oxfam, which country has the highest gender wage gap among Asian nations?
 - India
 - China
 - Japan
 - Vietnam
 - None of these
- As per the report titled “Open Signal’s hottest city for 4G Availability”, which city topped in India?
 - Nashik
 - Nagpur
 - Jamshedpur
 - Dhanbad
 - None of these
- Where did 16th meeting of the U.S. India Counter terrorism Joint Working Group held?
 - Kolkata, West Bengal
 - Washington, DC, US
 - Mumbai, Maharashtra
 - California, US
 - None of these
- UN Security Council passed a new Resolution 2462 in order to combat which of the following issue?
 - Nuclear proliferation
 - Climate change
 - Terror financing
 - Global warming
 - None of these
- European Parliament has banned the single-use plastic, which will be effective from _____ year?
 - 2021
 - 2020
 - 2022
 - 2019
 - None of these
- Which Automotive Company has developed the ‘largest power storage system in Asia’ installed in Osaka train station in Japan?
 - Daimler AG
 - Toyota Motor Corporation
 - General Motors
 - Tesla
 - None of these
- How much billion (approximately) is accepted by Reserve Bank of India(RBI) from banks at its currency swap auction to ease liquidity?
 - \$2 billion
 - \$5 billion
 - \$3 billion
 - \$7 billion
 - None of these
- What is the new average base rate set by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to be charged by Non- Banking Financial Companies (NBFC) and Micro Finance institutions (MFI) for the first quarter (April to June)?
 - 9.25%
 - 9.50%
 - 9.21%
 - 9.45%
 - None of these
- What is the interest rate of girl child savings scheme “Sukanya Samridhi Yojana account”?
 - 8.1%
 - 8.2%
 - 8.7%
 - 8.5%
 - None of these

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