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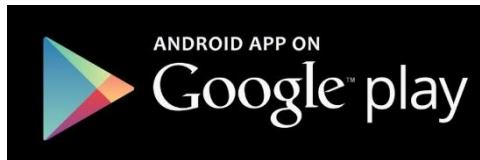
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NEW VACANCIES

SSC CGL by (5TH MAY-4TH JUNE)

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **May 11** : National Technology Day
- **May 12** : International Nurses Day
- **May 17** : World Telecommunication Day

NATIONAL EVENTS

- **Piyush Goyal To Take Over Finance Ministry, Smriti Irani Moved Out Of I&B** In the Cabinet rejig, Piyush Goyal to take additional charge as Finance Minister until Finance Minister Arun Jaitley is under treatment. Smriti Irani to handle only the Ministry of Textiles and Rajvardhan Rathore has been given the charge of Information and Broadcasting Ministry.
- **India Unveils National Wind-Solar Hybrid Policy** : A meeting of stakeholders on '*Samarth*' – Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector under the Skill India Mission was held in New Delhi to familiarize the stakeholders about the scheme and its guidelines. The meeting was chaired by Union Minister of Textiles, Smriti Zubin Irani.

- **Suresh Prabhu Launched Intellectual Property Mascot 'IP Nani'** : Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Suresh Prabhu has launched the Intellectual Property (IP) mascot '*IP Nani*'. The mascot was launched during a conference on the National Intellectual Property Rights Policy in New Delhi.
 - ii. The first and foremost objective of the Policy is "*IPR Awareness: Outreach and Promotion*", aimed at raising awareness on IPR for school children to nurture creativity and the ability to innovate from a very young age.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- **SCO Cultural Ministers' Meeting Held in Sanya, China** : The Minister of State for Culture, Dr Mahesh Sharma led the Indian delegation to the 15th Meeting of the Cultural Ministers of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization(SCO) Member States held in Sanya, China. India participated for the first time at the Meeting of Cultural Ministers of the SCO. India became a full member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in June 2017 during the SCO Heads of State Summit in Astana, Kazakhstan.
- **Guatemala Becomes Second Country to Open Jerusalem Embassy** : Guatemala has opened an embassy in Jerusalem two days after the U.S. moved its embassy to the

contested capital city. Israeli troops opened fire on Palestinian protesters after President Trump's pledge to move the **U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem** was fulfilled, taking tensions between Israel and Palestine to boiling point.

PERSONS IN NEWS

- **Ambika Sharma** : The U.S India Business Council named Ambika Sharma as its head for India. Ms. Sharma was Director General for International at the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).
- **Susheela Jayapal** : Indian American Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal's sister Susheela Jayapal became the first South Asian to be elected in Oregon in the western US State.
- **BS Yeddyurappa** : The Supreme Court refused to stay BJP leader B S Yeddyurappa's swearing-in as Karnataka Chief Minister, paving the way for the formation of his government. He took the oath as the new Chief Minister of Karnataka.

OBITUARY

- **Margot Kidder**: The actor Margot Kidder, best known for playing Lois Lane in the Superman films in the 1970s and 1980s, has died at the age of 69, a funeral home in Montana, US. Canadian-born Kidder also appeared in the movie The Great Waldo Pepper and the 2014 children's TV series R.L. Stine's The Haunting Hour, for which she won an Emmy award.
- **Raghubir Singh**: On 19th may the lone freedom fighter of Muzaffarnagar district passes away at the age of 95 at Noida. He was part of Subhas Chandrer BOSE Azad Hind Fauj.

PLACES IN NEWS

- **Guwahati** : Guwahati now has **India's first railway station run by solar power**. The project of installing solar panels was commissioned in April 2017. Around 2352 solar modules with a capacity of generating

700 kwp has been set up over the roof of the Guwahati railway station.

- **Indore**: As per the **Swachh Survekshan-2018** results, **Indore has once again emerged as the cleanest city in India**. Bhopal has been ranked 2nd and Chandigarh 3rd in the survey at the national level. The announcement was made in New Delhi by Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri.
- **Chennai** : **For the first time, an international rail coach expo**, displaying rail coaches and train-sets, has been held in Chennai. Reputed railcar and equipment manufacturers showcased their technology and products at the expo, which was a unique platform to bring different suppliers under one roof and create synergy for "Make in India".

AWARDS

- **Sridevi** : Veteran Bollywood actor Sridevi was honoured with the *TITAN Reginald F Lewis Film Icon Award* at the ongoing Cannes Film Festival.
- **Lionel Messi** : Barcelona forward Lionel Messi has won the European Golden Shoe for the fifth time. The Argentina international claimed the prize after scoring 34 goals in La Liga this season, helping his club to a 25th league triumph.
- **Neymar** : Neymar was named as France's player of the year at an awards ceremony in Paris, France despite the Paris Saint-Germain superstar missing the last three months of the season due to injury.
- **Mark Tully** : Senior journalist Mark Tully will be honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the annual Red Ink Awards in Mumbai. Tully worked with the BBC for three decades and was the broadcaster's Chief of Bureau for Delhi for 20 years.

SPORTS

- **India Wins U-16 Four-Nation Football Tournament in Serbia** : Indian Under-16

National Team was crowned champions of the Four-Nation Tournament held in Serbia after the Indian Colts defeated Tajikistan.

- **International Shooting Competitions of Hannover :** Indian shooter Heena Sidhu clinched the gold medal while compatriot P Shri Nivetha settled for bronze in the women's 10m air pistol at the International Shooting Competitions of Hannover (ISCH), in Germany.
- **Lewis Hamilton Wins Spanish Grand Prix:** Lewis Hamilton (of Mercedes) won for the second race in succession by dominating an eventful Spanish Grand Prix 2018.
- **1st Para-National Games to be Held Under Khelo India Scheme :** The inaugural National Para Games, on the lines of National Games for able-bodied athletes, will be held under the *Khelo India Scheme* in June-July 2018 in Bengaluru.
- **South Korea Wins Asian Champions Trophy 2018 :** The Indian women's Hockey team failed to defend its crown at the fifth Asian Champions Trophy, as it lost to hosts South Korea, 0-1 in the summit clash at Donghae City, South Korea. A goal by Youngsil Lee clinched the Korean team as the winner of Champions Trophy.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **Fastest Growing Blackhole of Universe Discovered :** Scientists have discovered the fastest-growing black hole known in the universe, describing it as a monster that devours (eats) a mass equivalent to our Sun every two days. This black hole is growing so rapidly that it's shining thousands of times more brightly than an entire galaxy, due to all of the gases it sucks in daily that cause lots of friction and heat. The energy emitted from this newly discovered supermassive black hole, also **known as a quasar**, was mostly ultraviolet light but also radiated x-rays.

BANKING AND ECONOMY

- **Foxconn Unit Writes Off Another \$40 Million In Snapdeal Investment :** FIH

Mobile, the investment subsidiary of Foxconn Technology Group, the world's largest contract manufacturing giant, has written off an additional \$40 million of its \$200 million bet on Gurgaon-based online marketplace Snapdeal.

- **Bharti Airtel Completes Acquisition Of Telenor India :** The government has approved the merger of the local unit of Norway's Telenor with Bharti Airtel, clearing the last hurdle for the deal to go through. The Department of Telecom (DoT) had transferred all licences and liabilities of Telenor India to Bharti Airtel.

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

1. **Asian Development Bank Chief Economist Yasuyuki Sawada has stated India's projected GDP growth of over 7% for the current fiscal (2018-19) is amazingly fast. Who is the Present President of the Asian Development Bank?**
 (a) Ban Ki-moon (b) Takehiko Nakao
 (c) Li Liquin M (d) Robin Li
 (e) Yang Yuanqing
2. **Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu arrived in Guatemala on the first leg of his three-nation tour to Latin America. Who is the present President of Guatemala?**
 (a) Jimmy Morales (b) Otto Perez Molina
 (c) Roxana Baldetti (d) Jafeth Cabrera
 (e) Manuel Baldizon
3. **The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) under Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment organized a 'Cochlear Implant Awareness Programme' in_____.**
 (a) New Delhi (b) Hissar
 (c) Thane (d) Pune
 (e) Faridabad
4. **Mr Hardeep Puri, Minister of State (I/C) for Housing & Urban Affairs has recently inaugurated the 'First Apex Conference for the CEOs of Smart Cities' in_____.**
 (a) New Delhi (b) Indore
 (c) Bhopal (d) Bhubaneswar

- (e) Mumbai
5. **India has signed a loan deal worth \$ 200 million with the World Bank for a National Mission. Name that mission.**
- (a) Mid-Day Meal Scheme
 (b) Khana Khajana Abhiyan
 (c) GOBAR Dhan Scheme
 (d) POSHAN Abhiyaan
 (e) None of the given options is true
6. **India would be hosting the 15th Asia Media Summit (AMS-2018) in _____.**
- (a) Pune (b) New Delhi
 (c) Guwahati (d) Chennai
 (e) Chandigarh
7. **Name the country that withdrew from a race against Germany and Belgium for two seats on the United Nations Security Council in 2019-20.**
- (a) Iran (b) Iraq
 (c) Syria (d) Israel
 (e) Oman
8. **Name that country with which India has recently signed 2 agreements on the exemption of Visas for holders of Diplomatic and Official Passports and in the field of Agriculture.**
- (a) Panama (b) Guatemala
 (c) Vietnam (d) Peru
 (e) Oman
9. **The 15th Finance Commission has constituted an advisory council to advise and assist the commission. The six-member council will be headed by _____.**
- (a) Arvind Panagariya (b) Arvind Virmani
 (c) Amitabh Kant (d) rajiv Kumar
 (e) Rajiv Gauba
10. **The 2018 World Robot Conference (WRC) will be held in _____ in August 2018.**
- (a) Tokyo (b) Beijing
 (c) Hong Kong (d) New Delhi
 (e) Shanghai
11. **In an effort to better secure and control Internet of Things (IoT) devices, Google has officially launched _____.**
- (a) Google Entity (b) Android Entity
 (c) Google Pole (d) Android Things
 (e) Google Material

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