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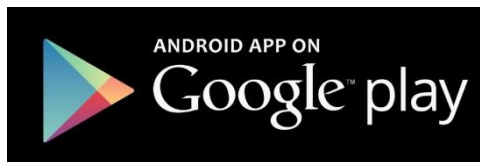
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NEW VACANCIES

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with emphasis on counter-terrorism operations in mountainous terrain.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **MAY 22:** International Day Of Biological Diversity
- **MAY 24:** Common Wealth Day
- **MAY 31:** Anti Tobacco Day

NATIONAL EVENTS

- **Madhya Pradesh Launches 'My MP Rojgar Portal' :** The Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Shivraj Singh Chouhan has launched 'My MP Rojgar Portal' to provide jobs to youths as per their educational qualification, skills and interest and ensure availability of able candidates to employers as per the need of their business.
- **Netherlands PM Mark Rutte Arrives in India :** Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Netherlands Mark Rutte has arrived in India for a two-day official visit. Rutte is scheduled to meet a Business Delegation at Hotel Taj Diplomatic and then participate in the Clean Ganga Event.
- **India-Nepal Joint Military Exercise SURYA KIRAN To Be Held In Uttarakhand**
Joint Military Exercise SURYA KIRAN-XIII between India and Nepal will be conducted at Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand. Exercise SURYA KIRAN is a biannual event which is conducted alternatively in Nepal and India. The aim of this exercise is to conduct battalion level joint training

- **India Launches Its 2nd IT Corridor In China :** India launched its second IT corridor in China to cash in on the burgeoning Chinese software market. The National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) has established one more Sino-Indian Digital Collaborative Opportunities Plaza (SIDCOP) platform in China.
ii. In December 2017, the NASSCOM established its first SIDCOP platform in the Chinese port city of Dalian, which is India's first IT hub in China.
- **Mission Innovation Ministerial Meeting Held in Sweden :**
The 3rd Mission Innovation Ministerial Meeting was held at Malmo, Sweden. The Indian delegation was led by Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Science, Technology and Earth Sciences. Dr Harsh Vardhan inaugurated Smart Grid Workshop at Copenhagen and Chaired public-private roundtable on Strategies on Decarbonisation through innovations in Smart Grids. India announced setting up of First International Incubator for clean energy in a public-private partnership at a total investment of around US \$ 5 million in Delhi.
- **5th India CLMV Business Conclave Held in Cambodia :** The Ministry of Commerce & Industry of India, along with Ministry of Commerce of Cambodia organized the 5th India-CLMV Business Conclave in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. After four rounds of the Business Conclave in India, this initiative was brought by Department of Commerce of Government of India

to Cambodia, for greater participation from the region.

PERSONS IN NEWS

- **Pravin Agrawal Appointed BHEL Director** : State-run power equipment maker Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) has appointed Pravin L. Agrawal as a part-time official director on its board. An Indian Forest Service officer, Agrawal is presently joint secretary in the Department of Heavy Industry (DHI), Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises.
- **HD Kumaraswamy Took Oath as New Karnataka CM** : The JD(S)-Congress coalition government head HD Kumaraswamy was sworn-in as the New Chief Minister of Karnataka. Governor Vajubhai Vala administered the oath of office and secrecy to Kumaraswamy.
- **Airtel Payments Bank Appoints Anubrata Biswas As MD and CEO** : Airtel Payments Bank has appointed Anubrata Biswas as its Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer. Biswas fills the position, which was lying vacant since end-December, after Shashi Arora quit the post.
- **Barbados Elects Mia Mottley as 1st Female Prime Minister** : The Caribbean island of Barbados has elected Mia Mottley as its first female Prime Minister since gaining independence from the UK in 1966. Mottley's Barbados Labour Party won all 30 seats in the country's Parliament, coming to power for the first time in a decade.

OBITUARY

- **Alan Bean** Former US astronaut Alan Bean, who was the fourth man to walk on the Moon, has died in Texas, United States. He was 86. Bean went into space twice, the first time in November 1969 as the lunar module pilot on the Apollo 12 moon-landing mission. In 1973 he was commander of the second crewed flight to Skylab- America's first space station.

PLACES IN NEWS

- **Nepal, 1st Country in South-East Asia to Eliminate Trachoma**: The World Health Organization (WHO) declared Nepal as free from Trachoma, the world's leading infectious

cause of blindness. With this, Nepal becomes the first country in WHO's South-East Asia Region to eliminate Trachoma. Trachoma was the second leading cause of preventable blindness in Nepal in the 1980s.

- **Pakistan Hosts SCO Anti-Terror Meeting** : The two-day conference named *SCO-Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure Legal Experts (RATS)* of legal experts took place in Islamabad under the framework of Shanghai Cooperation Organization, which comprises China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, India, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Pakistan.
- **Netherlands Becomes 64th Signatory Member of International Solar Alliance** : Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Netherlands Prime Minister Mark Rutte, who is in India at PM Modi's invitation held wide-ranging discussions on bilateral and international issues at the Hyderabad House. The Netherlands has become the 64th signatory member of the International Solar Alliance.

AWARDS

- **English Translation of Polish Novel 'Flights' Wins Man Booker Prize** : Polish author *Olga Tokarczuk* has won the Man Booker International Prize for her novel 'Flights'. The novel, translated by Jennifer Croft, interweaves narratives of travel with explorations of the human body.
- **Nari Shakti Puraskar 2017 Presented to INSV Tarini Team** : Minister for Women and Child Development, Smt. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi presented the prestigious *Nari Shakti Puraskar 2017* to the members of the INSV Tarini team in New Delhi. The Six-member all-women team led by Lieutenant Commander Vartika Joshi have received the Puraskar from the Minister.
- **CSIR Bags Clarivate Analytics India Innovation Award 2018** : Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) has been awarded the *Clarivate Analytics India Innovation Award 2018* in the Government Research Organizations Category.

SPORTS

- **Rafael Nadal Beats Zverev to Win Italian Open** : In Tennis, Rafael Nadal of Spain has beaten Germany's Alexander Zverev to win Italian Open title for a record eighth time. With this win, Nadal regained the world

number one ranking before the French Open beginning.

- **AB de Villiers Retires From International Cricket** : Star South African batsman AB de Villiers has announced his decision to retire from international cricket with immediate effect. In his 14-year career, he played 114 Tests, 228 One-Day Internationals (ODI) and 78 T20 Internationals.
- **Tejaswini Strikes Gold at Munich Grand Prix** | **Former World Shooting Champion Tejaswini Sawant** had bagged the gold in the **Grand Prix in Munich, Germany**. Tejaswini had won the World Championship gold in prone in 2010 in Munich. **Results of the Munich Grand Prix:**

Men: 50m rifle prone:

1. **Gold-** Matthew Emmons (USA),
2. **Silver-** Chain Singh (India),
3. **Bronze-** Oleh Tsarkov (Ukraine).

Women: 50m rifle prone:

1. **Gold-** Tejaswini Sawant (India),
2. **Silver-** Anjum Moudgil (India),
3. **Bronze-** Olivia Hofmann (Austria).

- **CSK defeat SRH to clinch record-equalling third IPL title** : laying in their seventh Indian Premier League final, Chennai Super Kings has defeated SunRisers Hyderabad to clinch their third Indian Premier League title. Player of the Match award goes to Chennai Super Kings' Shane Watson in IPL Final 2018.
- **Daniel Ricciardo Wins Monaco Grand Prix 2018** : Australian Formula One racer Daniel Ricciardo handed Red Bull a victory in their 250th race in the Formula One at Monaco GP. Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel, last year's winner at the Monaco GP, finished second while Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton was third.

BANKING AND ECONOMY

- **Government Notifies 8.55% Interest on PF for 2017-18** : **Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)** has asked its field offices to credit **8.55% rate of interest for 2017-18** into the Provident Fund accounts of around 5 crore subscribers. According to an order issued by the EPFO, the Labour Ministry has conveyed approval to credit 8.55% rate of interest for last fiscal.
- **SIDBI To Extend Direct Funding Facility to VLEs in CSCs** : Common Service Centre (CSC) SPV and Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) signed an MoU for

providing financial support to CSCs across the country in the presence of Minister of Electronics & IT and Law & Justice, Ravi Shankar Prasad.

- **Bank of Baroda Locates Major Operations at GIFT City** : Bank of Baroda has successfully located most of its operational activities at a shared service centre (SSC) at the GIFT City near Ahmedabad. The bank will thus become one of the largest employers in the Ahmedabad-Gandhinagar region. The bank had taken 20,000 sq. ft of office space in GIFT City, making it the first Indian bank to move several key operations to the smart city.
- **India to Achieve 9% Growth Rate by 2022: NITI Aayog** : **NITI Aayog vice-chairman Rajiv Kumar** exuded confidence that Indian economy will achieve 9% growth rate on sustained basis by 2022 on the back of reforms like GST, demonetisation and the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC). According to Mr Kumar, Indian economy grew by 6.6% in 2017-18 and expected to grow at 7.5% this fiscal.

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

1. **Name the actor who has launched the twin pit toilet technology campaign in New Delhi, recently.**
(a) Ranveer Singh (b) Randeep Hooda
(c) Shahrukh Khan (d) Sushant Singh Rajpoot
(e) Akshay Kumar
2. **The BCCI and _____ has signed an agreement (letter of Intent) to promote 'green' Cricket in India.**
(a) WHO (b) UNESCO
(c) UNDP (d) UN Environment
(e) World Bank
3. **Name the 53-year-old former model who has become the oldest Indian woman to conquer Mount Everest.**
(a) Shanno Cheema (b) Mridula Chanu
(c) Sangeeta Bahl (d) Kiran Radha Sherpa
(e) KN Judo Mita
4. **Name the former Pakistan Chief Justice WHO was appointed as the interim Prime Minister of the country until the general elections are held.**
(a) Anwar Zaheer Jamali (b) Mian Saqib Nisar
(c) Jawwad S. Khawaja (d) Nasirul Mulk
(e) A. H. Dogar
5. **Name the country that will host the first edition of the Global Wind Summit which will be held in September 2018.**

- (a) Denmark (b) China
(c) India (d) The USA
(e) Germany
6. Name the player, who has won the orange cap for scoring the most runs in IPL 2018?
- (a) Chris Gayle (Kings XI Punjab)
(b) Rishabh Pant (Delhi Daredevils)
(c) Shane Watson (Chennai Super Kings)
(d) Virat Kohli (Royal Challengers Bangalore)
(e) Kane Williamson (Sunrisers Hyderabad)
7. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has dedicated to the nation its first smart and green highway, the Eastern Peripheral Expressway in-
- (a) Baghpat, Uttar Pradesh
(b) Junagadh, Gujarat
(c) Golaghat, Assam
(d) Katihar, Bihar
(e) Udupi, Karnataka
8. Which among the following will be the host country for celebrations of World Environment Day 2018?
- (a) France (b) Russia
(c) India (d) China
(e) Bangladesh
9. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina jointly inaugurate Bangladesh Bhawan at Shanti Niketan in _____.
- (a) Assam (b) Dhaka
(c) West Bengal (d) Tripura
(e) Jharkhand
10. I&B Minister Col. Rajyavardhana Rathore had recently launched six-day ASEAN India Film Festival in _____.
- (a) Chandigarh (b) Jalandhar
(c) Mumbai (d) New Delhi
(e) Pune
11. The second stage of Archery World Cup 2018 has been started in _____.
- (a) Oman (b) Indonesia
(c) China (d) Portugal
(e) Turkey
12. Name the leader who has been appointed as the new Governor of Odisha.
- (a) Kummanam Rajasekharan
(b) Nirbhay Sharma
(c) SC Jamir
(d) Ganeshi Lal
(e) None of the given options is true
13. The Indian Navy commissioned the IN LCU L54, the fourth ship of Landing Craft Utility

MK-IV, into its fleet at which of the following ports?

- (a) Port Blair (b) Kochi
(c) Visakhapatnam (d) Chennai
(e) Mumbai
14. What is the ranking of India among 195 countries in terms of quality and accessibility of healthcare, according to a Lancet study?
- (a) 134th (b) 123rd
(c) 145th (d) 116th
(e) 19th
15. Name the Leading digital financial services platform which has recently announced the launch of Unified Payments Interface (UPI) on its platform via its own Virtual payment address (VPA) handle.
- (a) MobiKwik
(b) Paytm
(c) Freecharge
(d) Oxygen
(e) Paypal

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