

Weekly Current G.K.

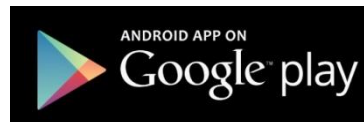
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NEW VACANCIES

- 22 Posts Asstt. Conservator of Forest in PPSC. Last Date: 18.10.18
- Total 7275 IBPS Recruitment 2018: Last Date: 10.10.18

IMPORTANT DAYS

- World Habitat Day : 1 Oct
- International Coffee Day : 1 Oct
- International Day Of Non Violence : 2 Oct
- World Animal Day : 4 Oct

NATIONAL EVENTS

- **Wage Compensation scheme for Pregnant Women in tea gardens of state of Assam launched in Guwahati, Assam**
On October 1, 2018, Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal launched Wage Compensation scheme for Pregnant Women in tea gardens of the state in Guwahati. To reduce maternal and neonatal mortality in the tea growing areas For the implementation of this scheme, An amount of over **Rs 55 crore** has been allotted in the state's 2018-19 health Budget. According to the scheme, the pregnant woman would receive an amount of **Rs. 12,000** given in 4 installments.
- **IIT-Kharagpur named national coordinator for research scheme- 'SPARC' of HRD ministry**
On October 3, 2018, IIT-Kharagpur was

named the national coordinating institute of the Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC) under the Ministry of Human Resource Development. As a national coordinating institute, it would do the following: Routing SPARC funds, Managing the online portal, Coordinating with the other nodal institutes of India, Organising two annual SPARC conferences and Managing the intellectual output of SPARC.

- **National Dolphin Research Centre (NDRC): India's first dolphin research centre to come up soon in Patna**
National Dolphin Research Centre (NDRC), India's and Asia's first such centre would be soon opened on the banks of river Ganga river in the Patna University premises, Bihar. The NDRC has been set up to safeguard the endangered Gangetic river dolphin. They are killed in huge numbers for their flesh, fat and oil. The State government of Bihar celebrates **October 5 as the Dolphin day.**

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- **14 –day IBSAMAR VI: India, Brazil & SA Navies train to build interoperability in South Africa**
On October 1, 2018, the a 14 –day 6th edition of IBSAMAR, a joint Multi – National Maritime Exercise between the Indian, Brazilian and South African Navies commenced at **Simons Town, South Africa.**

Guided Missile Frigate INS Tarkash, Guided Missile Destroyer INS Kolkata, Long Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft P8I, Seaking and Chetak helicopters as well as a MARCOS contingent. Alongside this exercise, a **IBSA Joint Defence Working Group meeting** will also be held in South Africa.

- **India launches 'Operation Samudra Maitri' to help tsunami-hit Indonesia** On October 3, 2018, **India** launched '**Operation Samudra Maitri**' in Central Sulawesi Province of the **Republic of Indonesia**. The humanitarian assistance operation consisted of the two IAF Aircrafts, **C-130J** and **C-17** along with medical personnel and relief material. The aircrafts also had tents and equipments to set up a field hospital along with medicines, generators and water.
- **India ranked 28th among 73 countries in govt e-payment adoption: 2018 Visa Survey** On October 4, 2018, in the **2018 Government E-Payments Adoption Ranking (GEAR)**, compiled by **The Economist Intelligence Unit** commissioned by payments company **Visa** ranked India as **28th** country to progress in the digital transformation journey.

PERSONS IN NEWS

- **Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad:** On 1st October 2018, **Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad** was elected the new **President of Hockey India (HI)**.
- **Ravi Venkatesan:** On October 2, 2018, **UNICEF** has appointed **Ravi Venkatesan** as its special representative of young people. He will provide strategic guidance and support **UNICEF** globally.
- **Gita Gopinath:** On October 1, 2018, **International Monetary fund** appointed **Gita Gopinath** as its **chief economist**.
- **Srinivasan Swamy :** **Srinivasan Swamy** took charge as **chairman and world president** of the **International Advertising Association (IAA)** for 2 years, at an event in Bucharest, Romania, recently.

OBITUARY

- **Will Vinton:** On 4th October 2018, **Oscar-winning animator Will Vinton** passed away after fighting multiple myeloma in the United States.
- **M V V S Murthy:** On 3rd October 2018, **Telugu Desam Party leader, educationist and member of Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council M V V S Murthy** died in a road accident in the USA.

PLACES IN NEWS

- **Niwari inducted as the 52nd district of Madhya Pradesh :** On September 30, 2018, the state Cabinet of **Madhya Pradesh** approved the proposal of induction of **Niwari** district in the state. It became the 52nd district of the state. IAS officer **Akshay Kumar Singh** has been appointed as the first interim District Collector of the district.

AWARDS

- **South Sudanese surgeon Dr. Evan Atar Adaha receives 2018 Nansen Refugee Award**
On 1st October 2018, **UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees)** conferred **2018 Nansen Refugee Award** to **Dr. Evan Atar Adaha** in Geneva, Switzerland.
- **Forbes India Rich List 2018: Mukesh Ambani is the richest Indian for 11th consecutive year with \$47.3 billion**
Mukesh Ambani has been named the **richest Indian** for the 11th consecutive year with a net worth of \$47.3 billion, as per the '**Forbes India Rich List 2018**'.
- **Ministry of Railways wins 'Swachhta Hi Seva' award** On 2nd October 2018, **Ministry of Railways** was named the **best department** for its contribution to "Swachhta Pakhwada" under the "Swachhta Hi Seva" category of awards.

SPORTS

- **Yuvraj Wadhvani lifts 25th Asian junior individual squash championship title in Chennai** On 29th September 2018, Yuvraj Wadhvani won the 25th Asian junior individual squash championship title in Chennai. Yuvraj Wadhvani defeated Pakistan's Anas Ali Shah 13-11, 11-5, 6-11, 12-10 in the final and won gold medal. Yuvraj Wadhvani has become the second Indian to win the Under-13 title after Veer Chotrani, who had won the title in Iran in 2014. In the Under-15 category, Arnav Sareen won silver medal. He lost to Pakistan's Mohammad Hamza Khan in the final.
- **36th National Games in March-April 2019 in Goa** The 36th National Games will be held from March 30 to April 14, 2019 in Goa. This announcement was made by Sports Authority of Goa (SAG) Executive Director V M Prabhudesai in Panaji. The Opening and Closing ceremonies will be held at PJN Stadium, Fatorda.
- **Lewis Hamilton wins the Japanese Formula One Grand Prix** On October 7, 2018, Four-time Formula One world champion Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes won the 2018 Japanese Grand Prix to take a 67-point lead over Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel in the championship title race, who Secured Sixth Position.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **Parker Solar Probe completes first Venus flyby: NASA** NASA's (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) Parker Solar Probe, the first mission to touch the Sun, has successfully completed a flyby of Venus at a distance of 2,415 km during its first gravity assist from Venus.
- **Japan's Hayabusa2 probe launches new robot MASCOT onto asteroid Ryugu's surface** On 3rd October 2018, Japan's Hayabusa2 probe launched the French-German Mobile Asteroid Surface Scout, or MASCOT, towards asteroid Ryugu's surface. MASCOT weighs 10 kg. It is box-

shaped and is equipped with several sensors. It can take images at multiple wavelengths, investigate minerals with a microscope, measure surface temperatures and magnetic fields.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

- **Udyam Abhilasha: 6-day long National Level Entrepreneurship Awareness Campaign launched by SIDBI** On October 3, 2018, Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) launched a six-day national level entrepreneurship awareness campaign—Udyam Abhilasha. It has been launched in 115 aspirational districts identified by NITI Aayog in 28 States reaching to around 15,000 youth. This will help 800 trainers create and provide entrepreneurship training to the aspiring youths across these districts.

BANKING AND FINANCE

- **RBI approved formation of 'Kerala Bank' having Rs 650 bn in deposits** On October 3, 2018, RBI approved the proposal of Kerala government for the formation of Kerala Bank. The decision was taken by special task force headed by Chairman M S Sriram. The bank will be formed by consolidating State Cooperative Bank and the 14 district cooperatives. It will have a net deposit amount of Rs 650 billion.
- **First Abu Dhabi Bank & ToneTag tie up for sound based payments** On October 6, 2018, First Abu Dhabi Bank and Sound-based payment services provider ToneTag announced their tie up for implementing sound based contactless payments. This will allow the customers to pay using sound through the PayIt app and make cardless and cashless payments through their mobile phones.

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

1. **Where did Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurate the Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation (SATAT) initiative to promote Compressed Bio-Gas usage, on 1st October 2018?**
 - 1) Kolkata 2) Mumbai
 - 3) Hyderabad 4) New Delhi
2. **Name the hockey player who has been selected for the Ekalabya Puraskar 2018?**
 - 1) Lilima Minz 2) Akash Sharma
 - 3) Pavithra Ranjan 4) Sindhu Turadi
3. **Name the Managing Director of Max Life Insurance who resigned from the company, on 1st October 2018?**
 - 1) Rajesh Sud 2) Karnam Agrawal
 - 3) Aman Mittal 4) Suresh Wadwani
4. **Who won the men's singles title of the 2018 ATP Shenzhen Open (Tennis) that was held in Shenzhen, China, from 24 to 30 September 2018?**
 - 1) Ben McLachlan 2) Joe Salisbury
 - 3) Novac Djokovic 4) Yoshihito Nishioka
5. **What was the theme of International Day of Older Persons celebrated on 1st October 2018?**
 - 1) Celebrating Older Human Rights Champions
 - 2) Older Champions: Moral Strength of the society
 - 3) Tribute to the older champions
 - 4) Older Champions: Pillars of the society
6. **India's Strategic Forces Command successfully test-fired which surface-to-surface indigenously developed nuclear capable missile from a mobile launcher from Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur in Odisha, on 6th October 2018?**
 - 1) Prithvi-II 2) Brahmos-II
 - 3) Shakth-IV 4) Tarini-I
7. **Where was the first Assembly of the International Solar Alliance held on 3rd to 5th October 2018?**
 - 1) Greater Noida, India
 - 2) Paris, France
 - 3) New York, United States
 - 4) Melbourne, Australia
8. **Where was 'Green and Clean Fuel Pilot Project on Methanol cooking Stove', India's first methanol-based cooking fuel project, launched on 6th October 2018?**
 - 1) Odisha 2) Gujarat
 - 3) Maharashtra 4) Assam
9. **Union Cabinet approved the Second Protocol amending the Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) between India and which country, on 4th October 2018?**
 - 1) Malaysia 2) Qatar
 - 3) Singapore 4) Germany
10. **Government cut excise duty on petrol and diesel by _____ rupees, on 4th October 2018?**
 - 1) Rs. 1.50 2) Rs. 2.50
 - 3) Rs. 3.00 4) Rs. 5.00
11. **World Health Organization (WHO) has launched its first Global Guidelines on Sanitation and Health to bring successful changes in sanitation by which year?**
 - 1) 2020 2) 2030
 - 3) 2025 4) 2035
12. **Which brand was named the best brand of 2018, according to a report called "Best 100 Global Brands 2018" by global brand consultancy Interbrand?**
 - 1) Facebook 2) Google
 - 3) Apple 4) Microsoft

ANSWERS: 41141/ 11432/ 23