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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 Post Day – October 9
- World Mental Health Day – 10 October
- International Day of the Girl Child – 11 October
- World Arthritis Day – October 12

## NATIONAL EVENTS

- **India's highest tricolour unfurled in Mumbai by Mukhtar Naqvi:** On October 17, 2018, Union Minister for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi unfurled India's highest tricolor flag at the majestic Haj House in Mumbai. The flag is 20×30 feet in dimensions and stands 350 feet above the ground. It is atop a 20-metre high mast on top of the iconic building near the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) in south Mumbai. This makes it the highest tricolour installed on the terrace of any building of such height in the country.
- **Prime Minister dedicates National Police Memorial to the Nation; announces an award in the name of**

**Subhash Chandra Bose:** On October 21, 2018, on Police Commemoration Day, the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, dedicated the National Police Memorial to the nation in New Delhi. Prime Minister dedicates National Police Memorial to the Nation; announces an award in the name of Subhash Chandra Bosei. He also announced an annual award in the name of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, to honour the police and paramilitary personnel, involved in disaster response operations.

- **New Delhi to host 6th India International Silk Fair:** On October 14, 2018, the Textile ministry announced that the Union Minister of Textiles, Smriti Zubin Irani, will inaugurate the 6th edition of India International Silk Fair (IISF) in New Delhi on October 16, 2018. The International Silk fair will be organised by the Indian Silk Export Promotion Council (ISEPC) at Pragati Maidan. Over 108 exhibitors of silk and blended silk products and over 218 buyers from various countries will participate in the fair.

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- **India ranked 58th most competitive economy in World Economic Forum (WEF) index:** On 17th October, World Economic Forum (WEF) released the Index on Most Competitive Economy for

2018, in which India ranked 58th out of 140 Countries. India jumped 5 places from 2017.

- **India Elected To UN Human Rights Council with highest number of votes:** On October 13, 2018, India was elected to the United Nations' top human rights body, UNHRC for a period of three years. India Elected To UN Human Rights Council with highest number of votes. The elections were conducted by UN General Assembly. This period would commence from January 1, 2019.

### PERSONS IN NEWS

- **Narayan Prasad:** On 15th October 2018, Vice Admiral Narayan Prasad took charge as Director General Naval Projects (DGNP) at Visakhapatnam.
- **Shekhar Mande:** India's leading expert in DNA fingerprinting and diagnostics, 56-year-old, **Shekhar C. Mande** was appointed **Director-General** of the **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)**.
- **Alia Bhatt:** On 15th October 2018, HMD Global, which designs and sells phones under the Nokia brand, appointed actress Alia Bhatt as the 'face of Nokia phones' in India.

### OBITUARY

- **Former Uttarakhand Chief Minister ND Tiwari passed away at 93:** On October 19, 2018, Former Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand chief minister Narayan Dutt Tiwari died of a cardiac arrest in Delhi.
- **Philanthropist Paul:** On 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018, billionaire philanthropist **Paul G. Allen**, who **co-founded Microsoft** with Bill Gates, passed away after suffering from Hodgkin's lymphoma in United States.

### PLACES IN NEWS

- **Kerala:** the first smoke-free State; to have 100% LPG On October 18, 2018, Kerala became the first state in the country to have 100% penetration of LPG in public sector oil companies. To make the state smoke-free.  
Bihar's Shahi litchi gets GI tag  
On October 18, 2018, the famous Shahi litchi of North Bihar has got the 4th Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- **Bihar:** Bihar's Shahi litchi gets GI tagi. Earlier, Jardalu mango, Katarni rice and Magahi paan from the state got the GI tag.
  - Shahi Litchi is mainly cultivated in Muzaffarpur, Samastipur, Vaishali, East Champaran and Begusarai
  - The GI registration was done in the name of Litchi Growers Association of Bihar, which had applied for the tag
  - Bihar produces 40 per cent of the litchi grown in the country on 38 per cent of the area.

### AWARDS

- **Rajbhasha awards distributed by Prasar Bharti CEO Shashi Shekhar Vempati:** On October 17, 2018, Prasar Bharti CEO Shashi Shekhar Vempati distributed Rajbhasha awards to Prasar Bharti employees in New Delhi. The ceremony was held during Hindi Pakhwada organized by Prashar Bharti Secretariat. It was aimed to promote the use of Hindi in day-to-day work.
- **Arshdeep Singh wins 2018 Young Wildlife Photographer of the Year (Asia) Award:** On 16th October 2018, Arshdeep Singh won the 2018 Young Wildlife Photographer of the Year (Asia) Award for his photograph 'Pipe Owls', at the Natural History Museum, London.

- **Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2018 bagged by Marsel van Oosten:** On October 18, 2018, Dutch photographer Marsel van Oosten has won Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2018. Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2018 bagged by Marsel van Oosten. It was awarded by London's Natural History Museum. He got the award for his photo titled "The Golden Couple," which is the striking photo of a pair of endangered golden snub-nosed monkeys in central China's Qin Ling Mountains.
- **Anna Burns wins 50th Man Booker Prize with Milkman**  
On 16<sup>th</sup> October, Anna Burns becomes the First Northern Irish writer to win the 50<sup>th</sup> Man Booker Prize for her Novel Milkman.
- **Khayyam named for 2018 Hridaynath Award for lifetime achievement**  
On 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018, music director Mohammed Zahur Khayyam Hashmi known as 'Khayyam', was named for 2018 Hridaynath Award for Lifetime Achievement.
- **Prema Gopalan wins Social Entrepreneur of the Year award 2018**  
Prema Gopalan was presented the 8<sup>th</sup> Social Entrepreneur of the Year award (SEOY) 2018, by Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman, National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog, in New Delhi.

## SPORTS

- **Suheil F. Tandon wins International Olympic committee (IOC) award:** Suheil F. Tandon has won the International Olympic Committee's Sport and Active Society Commission's Grant Award for his contribution to sports for development.

## BANKING AND FINANCE

- **India's 1st Cryptocurrency ATM Installed in Bengaluru:** Unocoin On October 19, 2018, virtual currency exchange Unocoin set up a first of its kind kiosk — Bitcoin ATM at Kemp Fort mall in Bengaluru. India's 1st Crypto currency ATM Installed in Bengaluru: Unocoin. This will be followed by 2 more kiosks in Mumbai and Delhi.

## CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

1. Where was the sixth meeting of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) held on 18th October 2018?
  - a. New Delhi
  - b. Mumbai
  - c. Bengaluru
  - d. Kolkata
  - e. None of these
2. Where did Union Minister for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi unfurl India's highest tricolor flag, on 17th October 2018?
  - a. Kolkata
  - b. Hyderabad
  - c. Mumbai
  - d. New Delhi
  - e. None of these
3. Shahi litchi of which state got the 4th Geographical Indication (GI) tag, on 18th October 2018?
  - a. Bihar
  - b. Assam
  - c. Himachal Pradesh
  - d. Jammu and Kashmir
  - e. None of these
4. Which state government has decided to amend the Industrial and Business Development Policy 2017 to give investment incentive through 'Net SGST (Net State Goods And Services Tax) Incentive' on intrastate sale?
  - a. Gujarat
  - b. Rajasthan
  - c. Punjab
  - d. Maharashtra

- e. None of these
5. Which state announced 3 % sub-quota in recruitments for sportspersons to be extended for recruitments in Government Departments and public sector undertakings, on 17th October 2018?
    - a. Gujarat
    - b. Himachal Pradesh
    - c. Tamil Nadu
    - d. Telangana
    - e. None of these
  6. Which state approved extension of the enhanced 50 % reservation for women to the office of the chairperson of panchayat samitis and zila parishads, on 18th October 2018?
    - a. Madhya Pradesh
    - b. Haryana
    - c. Kerala
    - d. Punjab
    - e. None of these
  7. Which country celebrated the festival of Fulpati, on the seventh day of 10-day long Dashain festival, on 16th October 2018?
    - a. Sri Lanka
    - b. Nepal
    - c. Bangladesh
    - d. Myanmar
    - e. None of these
  8. Who will be awarded the Rachana Entrepreneur of the Year award on November 17, 2018 in Mangaluru?
    - a. Aloysius Richard Lobo
    - b. Lawrence Pinto
    - c. Ronald Castelino
    - d. Faye D'Souza
    - e. None of these
  9. Who has won the Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2018 awarded by London's Natural History Museum?
    - a. Mike Delfino
    - b. Rex Van de Camp
    - c. Marsel van Oosten
    - d. Michael Zachary
    - e. None of these
  10. Name the former SBI chairperson who was appointed as the independent additional director of Reliance Industries (RIL) on 18th October 2018?
    - a. Arundhati Bhattacharya
    - b. Surya Kumar
    - c. A S Kiran
    - d. Radhakrishnan Nair
    - e. None of these
  11. Who was elevated as the Head of Investment, Equity in Canara Robeco Mutual Fund on 16th October 2018?
    - a. Ashwathy Nair
    - b. Nimesh Chandan
    - c. John Samuel
    - d. Preethi Reddy
    - e. None of these
  12. Name the Minister of state for external affairs who resigned on the account of rising amount of sexual allegations against him, on 17th October 2018?
    - a. MJ Akbar
    - b. Ananth Kumar
    - c. Rajesh Hegde
    - d. Prathap Kumar
    - e. None of these
  13. What is the trade name of the innovative technology for "Drinking Water Disinfection System" launched by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Indian Institute of Toxicology Research (CSIR-IITR), Lucknow?
    - a. SafeWater
    - b. OneerTM
    - c. WaterPlus
    - d. PureAquaTM
    - e. None of these
  14. Name the galaxy proto-supercluster discovered by scientists at the European Southern Observatory (ESO), which is the largest and the most massive structure in the early universe known so far?
    - a. Hyperloop
    - b. Hyperion
    - c. Marsel
    - d. Bruno
    - e. None of these
  15. Name the author of the book "Brief Answers to the Big Questions" that was released on 18th October 2018?
    - a. Stephen Hawking
    - b. Paul Freeman
    - c. Courtney Huber
    - d. Susan Phylis
    - e. None of these