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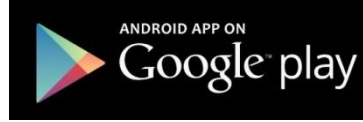
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NEW VACANCIES

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

medium industries. This is also a part of the 'Made in India' initiative.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- **20th WETEX 2018 held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates** On 23rd to 25th October 2018, the **20th Water, Energy, Technology, and Environment Exhibition (WETEX) 2018** was held at Dubai International Convention and Exhibition Centre, in **Dubai, United Arab Emirates**. WETEX is organized by Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (DEWA) every year. It is held under the directives of HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai.
 - It is conducted under the patronage of HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai, Minister of Finance and President of DEWA.
- **World's largest airport 'under one roof' opened in Istanbul, Turkey** On October 29, 2018, the world's **largest** airport terminal under one roof with a capacity to serve **90 million** passengers was opened in **Istanbul, Turkey**. It has been constructed as a part of the phase-1A of the project – Istanbul New Airport.
 - It has been constructed by – IGA and the first phase costed **7.5 billion Euro**.

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 First Robotic Dinosaurs Gallery inaugurated in Kapurthala, Punjab** On 27th October 2018, **India's first gallery on robotic dinosaurs** was opened to the public at the Pushpa Gujral Science City, in **Kapurthala, Punjab**.
- **PM Modi inaugurated the 36th Indian Carpets Expo in Varanasi** On October 21, 2018, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **36th Indian Carpets Expo** at **Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh**. Since **Varanasi, Bhadohi and Mirzapur**—cities in Uttar Pradesh— were important centres of the carpet industry, it would augment the efforts of the handicrafts and small and

PERSONS IN NEWS

- **Mahinda Rajapaksa** On 26th October 2018, Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena appointed former President **Mahinda Rajapaksa** as new **Prime Minister of Sri Lanka**.
- **Sanjay Kumar Mishra** On 27th October 2018, Government appointed Sanjay Kumar Mishra as chief of Enforcement Directorate (ED).

OBITUARY

- **Ntozake Shange** On 27th October 2018, **African American playwright Ntozake Shange**, passed away, in the United States.
- **Yashwant Dev** On 30th October 2018, senior composer and lyricist Yashwant Dev died in Mumbai.
- **Madan Lal Khurana**: On 27th October 2018, **former Delhi chief minister Madan Lal Khurana** passed away following a long term illness, in New Delhi.

PLACES IN NEWS

- **Guwahati** On 25th October 2018, Assam Chief Minister Sarbanand Sonowal inaugurated the 2nd edition of International Film Festival 2018 (GIFF 2018) in Guwahati, Assam. The festival will conclude on October 31, 2018. 108 films from more than 50 countries will be screened. Theme of GIFF 2018 is: 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'. The focus region of GIFF 2018 is the ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) region. 14 films from 10 countries of ASEAN region will be screened
- **Lucknow** On October 27, 2018, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** inaugurated **three-day long Krishi Kumbh 2018 in Lucknow** through video conferencing.

AWARDS

- **Clara Sosa won Miss Grand International 2018 in Yangon, Myanmar**: On 25th October 2018, Miss Paraguay Clara Sosa won the Miss Grand International 2018 title at the 6th edition of the beauty pageant in Yangon, Myanmar. Clara Sosa succeeds Miss Grand International 2017 Maria Jose Lora of Peru. India's, fbb Colors Femina Miss Grand India 2018 **Meenakshi Chaudhary** was named **1st runner up**.

SPORTS

- **Manipur emerges overall champions in first North East Olympic Games 2018** From 24th to 29th October 2018, the 1st edition of North East Olympic Games 2018 was held at Main Stadium Khuman Lampak Sports Complex, in Imphal, Manipur. The North East Olympic Games 2018 was organized by Manipur Olympic Association (MOA) under the administration of the North East Olympic Association.
- **Simona Halep becomes first recipient of Chris Evert WTA World No.1 Trophy** On 26th October 2018, world number one **Simona Halep** has become the first recipient of the **Chris Evert Women's Tennis Association (WTA) World No.1 Trophy**.
- **Belgium occupies Top Spot in FIFA Rankings, India Stays at 97** **Belgium** has secured **number one** spot in the latest **FIFA's world rankings** released on 25th October 2018.
 - Belgium and France were tied at the top spot in September 2018. Belgium, with 1,733 points, moved forward by a single point and has secured the top spot.

ii. Brazil remains in third position, followed by Croatia and England. **India** remains at **97th** place.

iii. Gibraltar, which only became FIFA member in 2016, has reached its best ranking of 190.

- **2018 Senior World Wrestling Championships in Budapest, Hungary** From 20th to 28th October 2018, **2018 Senior World Wrestling Championships**, was held in **Budapest, Hungary**. It was the 15th edition of World Wrestling Championships of combined events.
 - ii. A 30-member Indian team led by Olympic medallist Sakshi Malik and Asian Games gold medallist Bajrang Punia represented India.
 - iii. Jagminder Singh was the chief coach of freestyle team and Kuldeep Malik was in charge of women's squad. **India won 2 medals**: 1 bronze medal and 1 silver medal.
 - iv. India's 24-year-old **Pooja Dhanda** from Haryana defeated Grace Jacob Bhullen of Norway 10-7 and won **bronze medal** in the **57kg category**.

developed a **new optical gyroscope** that is **500 times smaller** than the current state-of-the-art device, still they can detect phase shifts that are 30 times smaller than those systems.

i. A gyroscope is a device used for measuring or maintaining orientation and angular velocity.

ii. The new gyroscope has better performance due to a new technique called "reciprocal sensitivity enhancement."

- **First indigenously overhauled Sukhoi-30 MKI handed over to IAF by 11 BRD, Ojhar** On October 28, 2018, the first indigenously overhauled **Sukhoi Su-30 MKI** fighter jet was handed over to the **IAF**.
 - i. It was built by the **11 Base Repair Depot (BRD)** of the Indian Air Force at **Ojhar** in **Maharashtra's Nashik district**.
 - ii. It will be deployed with the Air Force base in **Pune**.
- **Vikram: lander for soft landing on the Moon successfully tested by ISRO** On October 26, 2018, the **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** successfully conducted crucial tests for smooth and precise landing of **Vikram**, the lander aboard **Chandrayaan 2**.
 - i. The Lander Actuator Performance Test (LAPT) aimed to assess the performance of the navigational system onboard the lander.
 - ii. For conducting the tests, the mass had been reduced to 1/6th the actual lander.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **Russia successfully launches Soyuz-2.1B rocket, the first Soyuz Rocket since failed space launch** On 25th October 2018, **Russia** successfully launched **Soyuz-2.1B rocket** carrying a satellite for the Russian military, from northern Plesetsk launch pad, Russia.

Key Points: i. Russia has successfully launched a Soyuz rocket for the first time since the failure of a similar rocket aborted a manned take-off to the International Space Station (ISS) on October 11, 2018.
- **World's smallest optical gyroscope developed:** Engineers of Caltech (California Institute of Technology) in the US, led by Professor Ali Hajimiri, have

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

- **6th tranche of electoral bonds announced; SBI the only issuing authority** On October 30, 2018, the **Finance Ministry** announced the issuance of the **6th tranche of electoral bonds** that will take place from **November 1-10, 2018**.

- i. State Bank of India (SBI)**, has been authorised to issue and encash electoral bonds through its 29 authorised branches with effect from November 1 to 10.
- ii.** The 29 specified SBI branches are in cities like New Delhi, Gandhinagar, Chandigarh, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Mumbai, Jaipur, Lucknow, Chennai, Kolkata and Guwahati.
- **India topped as Asia's most investment savvy economy: Standard Chartered**
On October 29, 2018, according to a new **Standard Chartered** study- '**The Emerging Affluent Study 2018- Climbing the Prosperity Ladder**', India is Asia's most investment savvy economy. The survey markets were: **China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Singapore, South Korea, the UAE.**

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

- Where did Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurate the three-day long Krishi Kumbh 2018 through video conferencing, on 27th October 2018?
 - 1) Kanpur
 - 2) Chennai
 - 3) Lucknow
 - 4) Kolkata
 - 5) None of these
- Where did Union Minister Suresh Prabhu inaugurate the 3-day 10th Edition of BIOFACH INDIA, the largest show on the "Organic Sector" in India, on 27th October 2018?
 - 1) Chennai
 - 2) New Delhi
 - 3) Allahaba
 - 4) Hyderabad
 - 5) None of these
- Where was the two day 22nd National Level Meeting between India and Myanmar held on 25th and 26th October 2018?
 - 1) New Delhi
 - 2) Kolkata
 - 3) Bengalur
 - 4) Vishakapatnam
 - 5) None of these
- Where was the 2018 edition of India-EU dialogue on cooperation in the field of Digital Communications held on 27th October 2018?
 - 1) Hyderabad
 - 2) New Delhi
 - 3) Cochi
 - 4) Guwahati
 - 5) None of these
- Indian railways has announced the world's highest railway line that will run along the border of India and which country, with the highest road point of 5,360 metres above mean sea level?
 - 1) Bangladesh
 - 2) Nepal
 - 3) China
 - 4) Pakistan
 - 5) None of these
- Which state launched the flagship scheme "Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries", on 26th October 2018?
 - 1) Arunachal Pradesh
 - 2) Kerala
 - 3) Meghalaya
 - 4) Telangana
 - 5) None of these
- Where is the 'Experiencing North East' festival held from 27th-31st October, 2018?
 - 1) Shillong
 - 2) Itanagar
 - 3) Kohima
 - 4) New Delhi
 - 5) None of these
- Which state has topped the TAG (Teen Age Girls) index, which compares the performance of each State based on the status of their teenage girls, as per The Teen Age Girls (TAG) Report, prepared by Project Nanhi Kali?
 - 1) Tamil Nadu
 - 2) Uttar Pradesh
 - 3) Kerala
 - 4) Goa
 - 5) None of these
- Union Minister Thaawarchand Gehlot announced the construction of the international standard National Sports Stadium for differently-abled in Shillong, Meghalaya at the cost of over ____ rupees, on October 25, 2018?

- 1) Rs 200 crore
 - 2) Rs 100 crore
 - 3) Rs 150 crore
 - 4) Rs 300 crore
 - 5) None of these
10. Where was Children's Film Bonanza held on 25th and 26th October 2018?
- 1) Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
 - 2) Siddapura, Karnataka
 - 3) Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh
 - 4) Patna, Bihar
 - 5) None of these
11. Name the Pakistani woman who is one of the 4 recipients of United Nations Prize in the Field of Human Rights 2018, which will be awarded on December 10, 2018, in New York, US?
- 1) Rameeza Sheikh
 - 2) Sushma Malik
 - 3) Asma Jahangir
 - 4) Rabiya Sayeed
 - 5) None of these
12. Who was awarded the Sakharov human rights prize by the European Parliament on 27th October 2018?
- 1) Daniel Castellano
 - 2) Oleg Sentsov
 - 3) Ben Richardson
 - 4) Carlos Sollis
 - 5) None of these
13. Which state has created a national record by opening over 16 lakh postal savings accounts under the Sukanya Samridhi Yojana?
- 1) Kerala
 - 2) Gujarat
 - 3) Uttarakhand
 - 4) Tamil Nadu
 - 5) None of these
14. Which company won 'Top Challengers Award 2018' for excellent performance during financial year 2017-18 and Best Seller in Crawler Equipment- Dozers and Rigid Dump Truck segment for mining sectors?
- 1) Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML)
 - 2) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)
 - 3) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)
 - 4) Kolkata Shipbuilders Limited
 - 5) None of these
15. Name the former State Bank of India (SBI) chairman who was appointed as an independent director of Wipro, on October 24, 2018?
- 1) Rajinish Kumar
 - 2) Arundhati Bhattacharya
 - 3) R Gandhi
 - 4) Sandeep Kumar
 - 5) None of these

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