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NEW VACANCIES

- NABARD Development Assistant Last Date 12 Sept 2018.
- 8339 Posts of KVS for Principal, TGT, PGT, PRT Last Date for Apply Online: 13.09.2018
- SSC GD Constable Recruitment 2018 Last Date: 17.09.18
- Total 1136 Vacancies in SSC Recruitment 2018 Last Date: 30.09.18

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **September 5** Teacher's Day
- **September 8** International Literacy Day (UNESCO)

NATIONAL EVENTS

- **Amethi's Pindara Thakur village went digital from September 1**
On September 1, 2018, Pindara Thakur village in Amethi, Uttarpradesh was made fully digital under **Digital India Programme** of the Union government. It will have access to 206 government services digitally. It was linked with Wi Fi Chaupal and use of 2 GB free data for 15 days has been made available. Union Minister of Textiles Mrs. Smriti Irani inaugurated the 'Digital India Banking Service' at the head post office of Amethi.

- **Conference on E-Mobility in Indian Railways held in New Delhi**
On 4th September 2018, Minister of State of Communication (I/C) and Minister of State of Railways, Shri Manoj Sinha inaugurated a 1-day conference on "E-Mobility in Indian Railways" organized by Ministry of Railways, Institution of Railways Electrical Engineers (IREE) and NITI Aayog. This conference was conducted by Indian Railways, in partnership with NITI Aayog, as part of the 'Mobility Week' observed from 31 August to 6 September 2018.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- **The International Women Entrepreneurs Summit 2018 was held in Kathmandu** On September 5, 2018, the 3-day long International Women Entrepreneurs Summit 2018 inaugurated by Vice President of Nepal Nanda Bahadur Pun concluded in Nepal. The theme of the 3-day event was "**Equality begins with Economic Empowerment**". It was organized by the South Asian Women Development Forum.
- **Indo-Kazakhstan Joint Exercise KAZIND 2018 commenced in**

Kazakhstan On September 5, 2018, the Ministry of Defence announced the commencement of the Indo-Kazakhstan Joint Army Exercise 'KAZIND' between the Indian and Kazakhstan Army from **10 to 23 Sep 2018** in Otar region, **Kazakhstan**. This is the **third** joint military exercise between the two countries. The second edition was held in India in 2017.

- **Arthur Pereira:** On 3rd September 2018, **former Maharashtra football player Arthur Pereira** passed away after fighting cancer, at a hospital in Borivili, Mumbai.
- **Bhagwati Kumar Sharma:** On 5th September 2018, **Gujarati author and journalist Bhagwatikumar Sharma** passed away due to age-related ailments, at his residence in Surat, Gujarat.

PERSONS IN NEWS

- **Abhay K :** On September 1, 2018, Indian poet-diplomat **Mr. Abhay K** became the **first Indian poet** invited to record his poems at the Library of Congress in **Washington D.C.** He was born in a small village in **Nalanda district of Bihar**.

The prestigious reading series is called : 'The Poet and the poem'. His poems have appeared in over sixty international literary journals

- **Binoy Kumar:** On September 1, 2018, Binoy Kumar, IAS (TG:83) was appointed as Secretary, Ministry of Steel, Government of India. His appointment follows the previous incumbent, Aruna Sharma's superannuation on Friday, August 31, 2018. He had been posted as Officer on Special Duty in the Ministry since 21st May 2018.
- **Arif Alvi:** On 4th September 2018, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Arif Alvi was elected the 13th President of Pakistan. **RY**
- **Tarun Sagar:** On 1st September 2018, **Jain monk Tarun Sagar** died following a long term illness, at Radhapuri temple, in Delhi. Tarun Sagar was 51 years old. He was born on 26th June 1967 in Damoh district of Madhya Pradesh. His original name was Pawan Kumar Jain.

PLACES IN NEWS

Netherlands: From September 1-3, 2018, **Minister of state for AYUSH Shripad Yesso Naik** inaugurated the **4th International Ayurveda Congress, IAvC at Leiden** in the Netherlands. Aimed at promotion and propagation of Ayurveda. This Congress has been organized by **International Maharishi Ayurveda Foundation, Netherlands; All India Ayurvedic Congress, New Delhi** and **The International Academy of Ayurveda, Pune**. In association with the **Indian Embassy** in the Netherlands.

AWARDS

- **NALCO mine bags 5 awards at Mines Environment and Mineral Conservation (MEMC) week**
On 1st September 2018, the Panchpatmali bauxite mine of National Aluminium Company Ltd (NALCO) won 5 awards at the concluding ceremony of **20th Mines Environment and Mineral Conservation (MEMC) week**.
- **Mumbai neurosurgeon Dr B.K. Misra named for 2018 Dr B.C. Roy National award**
Neurosurgeon **Dr B.K. Misra** from Mumbai has been named for **2018 Dr B.C. Roy National Award** as an

Eminent Medical Person of the Year. Dr B.C. Roy National award will be presented to Dr B.K. Misra by President Ram Nath Kovind on 1st July 2019 (**National Doctors Day**). Dr B.K. Misra is the Head of Department of Surgery and Neurosurgery and Gamma Knife Radiosurgery at P.D. Hinduja Hospital in Mumbai.

SPORTS

- **Alastair Cook announces international retirement** On September 3, 2018, **England's** highest Test run-scorer **Alastair Cook** announced his retirement from **International cricket**. He is sixth on the all-time list of Test run-scorers and has made a record 11,627 runs as an opener. He became the first Englishman to reach 10,000 Test runs in 2016. He captained the England team from 2012 and led England to their first victory in India for 27 years.
- **Lewis Hamilton wins Italian Grand Prix** On 2nd September 2018, **Lewis Hamilton** won the **Italian Grand Prix** held at Autodromo Nazionale Monza track, in Italy. This is Lewis Hamilton's 5th **Italian Grand Prix title**, with this he has equaled **Michael Schumacher record** (of 5 Italian Grand Prix wins). Also, this is British racer Lewis Hamilton's 68th career victory and 6th victory in 2018.
- **Government approves Indian Kho Kho team's participation in 1st International Championship** Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports (I/C) Col Rajyavardhan Rathore has approved the participation of Indian Kho Kho team at the 1st International Kho Kho Championship in England from 1st to 4th September 2018.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **Indian Air Force successfully carried first-ever mid-air refuelling of LCA Tejas MK I** On September 6, 2018, **Indian Air Force** for the first time successfully conducted mid-air dry link up refuelling of **Tejas MK I** fighter jet by Indian Air Force's Russian built **Il-78 MKI tanker**. The fighter jet is a part of the '**Flying Daggers**' of the 45 Squadron. It has been designed by the **Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA)** and manufactured by **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)**.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

- **Paytm Money App For Mutual Funds Launched with SIPs starting at just Rs 100** On 4th September 2018, **Paytm Money Ltd** has launched its app for mutual fund investments. It has partnered with 25 asset management companies including all large fund houses, that cover around 90% of the industry's 22 trillion worth of assets under management.
- **HDFC ERGO launches "E@Secure" Cyber Insurance Policy for individuals** On 4th September 2018, **HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company** announced the launch of 'E@Secure', a Cyber Insurance Policy for individuals. E@Secure policy offers comprehensive protection to individuals and their families including children, against cyber-attacks, cyber frauds or digital threats that might cause financial loss or reputational loss.

Canara bank opened portal to claim education loan interest subsidy
On September 1, 2018, **Canara bank** opened a portal to claim education loan interest subsidy for the financial year **2017-18**. The Portal will be opened till September 28, 2018. This is under the **Central sector interest subsidy (CSIS) scheme** implemented by the Union Ministry of **HRD** which was started in **2009**.

RBI implemented the 'Internal Ombudsman Scheme, 2018' ; directed banks with over **10 branches to have IO** On September 4, 2018, the **Reserve Bank of India** directed all **scheduled commercial banks** with more than **10 branches** to appoint an internal ombudsman. **Regional rural banks** are not included in this directive. This was done to ensure that the complaints of the customers are redressed. This was done under the **'Internal Ombudsman Scheme, 2018'** which gives ombudsman statutory powers under **section 35 A** of the **Banking Regulation Act, 1949**.

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

1. **India opened Zokhawthar immigration check-post in Mizoram on September 1, 2018. This check post has been set up along the border of which country?**
 - 1) China
 - 2) Bangladesh
 - 3) Nepal
 - 4) Myanmar
2. **Name the home that offers shelter and protection for widows that has been inaugurated in Vrindavan, Uttar Pradesh?**
 - 1) Mathura Mandir
 - 2) Krishna Kutir
 - 3) Yasodha Bhavan
 - 4) Lakshmi Bhavan
3. **Which country leads the growth in international tourism in South Asian region as per UN World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) 2017 report?**
 - 1) Malaysia
 - 2) India
 - 3) Indonesia
 - 4) Thailand
4. **Who has written the book "Moving On, Moving Forward – A Year in Office" launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on 2nd September 2018?**
 - 1) Venkaiah Naidu
 - 2) Ram Nath Kovind
 - 3) Sushma Swaraj
 - 4) Smriti Irani
5. **Who was appointed as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of SBI Mutual Fund, on 7th September 2018?**
 - 1) Ashwani Bhatia
 - 2) Mukesh Kumar
 - 3) Anuradha Rao
 - 4) Poornima Rao
6. **Where was the 3rd ASEM (Asia-Europe Meeting) Conference on 'Global Ageing and Human Rights of Older Persons' held on 5th to 7th September 2018?**
 - 1) Seoul, South Korea
 - 2) New Delhi, India
 - 3) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
 - 4) Beijing, China
7. **Which country has built the world's tallest timber tower named Mjos Tower?**
 - 1) Japan
 - 2) Russia
 - 3) Egypt
 - 4) Norway
8. **Who has become the first female athlete to be named the Most Valuable player in the 18th Asian Games by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)?**
 - 1) PV Sindhu
 - 2) Naomi Osaka
 - 3) Rikako Ikee
 - 4) Sloane James
9. **Name the first luxury cruise of Varanasi inaugurated by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, on 2nd September 2018?**
 - 1) Yoga Rishi
 - 2) Alaknanda
 - 3) Ganga Vahini
 - 4) Niksha
10. **Which state has launched a first of its kind initiative called "Mil -Banche" in all government schools across the state to create education and learning awareness among the children?**
 - 1) Maharashtra
 - 2) Andhra Pradesh
 - 3) Telangana
 - 4) Madhya Pradesh

ANSWERS: 42211/14324