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## **NEW VACANCIES**

- **Total 7275 IBPS Recruitment 2018: Last Date: 10.10.18**
- **Total 1136 Vacancies in SSC Recruitment 2018 Last Date: 30.09.18**

Minister Narendra Modi laid foundation stone of India International Convention and Expo Centre (IICC) in Dwarka, Delhi. The estimated cost of the project is: Rs 25,703 crore. It will have an area of 221.37 acre and will be constructed in 2 phases. Phase-I and II will be completed by December 2019 and December 2024, respectively.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

- **Engineer's Day :15 September**
- **International day of Democracy: 15 September**
- **World Peace Day: September 21**

- **'Swachh Dhara' programme for clean water flagged off in Amaravati** On September 15, 2018, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu flagged off the 'Swachh Dhara' programme at Amravati. Tankers providing water across the state will be cleaned periodically. It will be done through a six-layered cleaning process with the use of ultraviolet radiation to kill bacteria. Along with this, the CM launched the 'Yuva Nestham' scheme providing Rs.1000 as allowance to unemployed youth between 25-35 years of age.

## **NATIONAL EVENTS**

- **First ever Mizoram International Short Film Festival (MISFF) in Aizawl** On 20th September 2018, the first-ever Mizoram International Short Film Festival (MISFF) was inaugurated by Mizoram Chief Minister Lal Thanhawla at the Aijal Club in Aizawl, Mizoram. At the inaugural event, Gulshan Grover's short film 'Forbidden' was screened. This is the first of its kind film festival in Mizoram. It is organised by: Government of Mizoram and Innovations India. It is supported by the Mizo Film Forum.
- **PM laid the foundation stone of world class convention centre in Dwarka, New Delhi** On September 20, 2018, Prime

## **INTERNATIONAL EVENTS**

- **Union Trade Minister Suresh Prabhu participated in 2-day G-20 trade ministers meeting in Argentina** On September 14-15, 2018, Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu participated in the 2-day G-

20 Trade and Investment Ministerial Meeting, held in Mar del Plata in Argentina. This is the first in 2 years. The theme for the G-20 Trade and Investment Ministerial Meeting was: "Building Consensus for Fair and Sustainable Development".

- **Germany launches world's first hydrogen-powered train:** On 17th September 2018, Germany launched the world's first hydrogen-powered train with costlier but eco-friendly technology. The two Coradia iLint trains were built by French train-maker firm Alstom. It started operating on a 100 km (62-mile) route between Cuxhaven, Bremerhaven, Bremervoerde and Buxtehude in northern Germany.
- **Exercise Aviandra-18: Joint Air Force exercise of India and Russia commenced at Lipetsk** On September 17, 2018, India and the Russian Federation commenced their joint Air Force level exercise called Exercise Aviandra till September 28, 2018. It is being conducted at Lipetsk, Russia. It will be again conducted in Jodhpur, India from 10 Dec to 22 Dec 18.

## PERSONS IN NEWS

- **Moutaz Mousa Abdallah:** On September 17, 2018, Moutaz Mousa Abdallah has become the Sudan's new Prime Minister.
- **Prashant Kumar:** On September 17, 2018, State Bank of India appointed Prashant Kumar as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Bank. He replaced Anshula Kant who has been promoted as Managing Director of SBI.
- **Varun Dhawan and Anushka Sharma:** Actors Varun Dhawan and Anushka Sharma have been signed as ambassadors of Skill India Campaign to promote the

Skill India Mission, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

## OBITUARY

- **Tran Dai Quang:** On 21st September 2018, Vietnam President Tran Dai Quang died due to a serious illness, in Hanoi, Vietnam.
- **Randhir Singh:** On 18th September 2018, former Air Marshal Randhir Singh died following a short term illness in Chandigarh. He was 97 years old. He was a highly decorated Indian Air Force veteran.
- **Anna Rajam Malhotra:** On 17th September 2018, India's first woman IAS officer post-Independence, Anna Rajam Malhotra, passed away at her home in Andheri, Mumbai.

## PLACES IN NEWS

- **Houston:** On 14th and 15th September 2018, Jaipur Literature Festival (JLF) was held in Houston, Texas, United States. Congress leader and writer Shashi Tharoor and Indian ambassador to the US, Navtej Sarna, took part in the festival.
- **Dambulla:** On 17th September 2018, India and Sri Lanka signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for construction of a 5000-metric ton temperature controlled warehouse in Dambulla, Sri Lanka.

## AWARDS AND RECOGNISATION

- **Hyderabad Airport ranked World No 1 for 2nd consecutive year:** ACI ASQ award On September 13, 2018, GMR Hyderabad International Airport Ltd received the Airports Council International Airport Service Quality World no.1 airport award trophy for the second consecutive year.

- **PNB bagged Hindi implementation award “Rajbhasha Kirti”** On September 14, 2018, Vice President Venkaiah Naidu presented “Rajbhasha Kirti” award to Punjab National Bank on the occasion of Hindi Divas. It received the award for outstanding performance in implementing the Official Language Policy during 2017-18. It was under the category of ‘Nationalised Banks and Financial Institutions in Region A’.
- **Anushka Sharma receives Smita Patil Memorial Award** On 19th September 2018, actor Anushka Sharma received the Smita Patil Memorial Award at Priyadarshni Academy 34th Anniversary Global Awards, in Mumbai. She was presented the award by Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Shipping and Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation Nitin Gadkari and Union Minister of Railways and Coal Piyush Goyal.

## SPORTS

- **Maldives win SAFF Cup 2018, defeat India 2-1 in Dhaka:** On 15th September 2018, India lost to Maldives in the final and Maldives won the SAFF (South Asian Football Federation) Cup 2018, at the Bangabandhu National Stadium in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Maldives defeated India 2-1 in the final and won the SAFF Cup 2018 for the second time. Earlier, they had won the cup in 2008 edition, which they had co-hosted. Indian team had won the SAFF cup seven times earlier. Stephan Constantine was the coach of the Indian team. Captain of the Indian team was Subhashish Bose.
- **Hangzhou in China to host 2022 Asian Para Games :** On 16th September 2018, Asian Paralympic Committee (APC) confirmed that Hangzhou in China will host the 4th edition of Asian Para Games

in 2022. Already, Hangzhou was confirmed as the host of 2022 Asian Games. Now, it has also been announced as the host of Asian Para Games 2022.

- **England beat India in the 5th and final Test and won the series 4-1; India maintain top position in ICC Test Team Rankings :** On 11th September 2018, India lost the 5th and final Test against England by 118 runs at the Oval Stadium, in England. England team won the test series against India by a 4-1 margin. India continues to be at the number 1 position in the latest ICC (International Cricket Council) Test Team Rankings even after the 4-1 series loss against England.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **INMAS develops India’s first indigenous anti-nuclear medical kit:** Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS) has developed India’s first indigenous medical kit that will offer protection from serious injuries and faster healing of wounds caused by nuclear warfare or radioactive leakage.
- **Eye ROV TUNA: India’s first underwater robotic drone launched and handed over to NPOL:** On September 15, 2018, India’s first underwater robotic drone –EyeROVTUNA was launched and handed over to the Naval Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory (NPOL) of DRDO. It was developed by EyeROV Technologies at Maker Village. It is the first commercial Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV)/ underwater drone and was supported by Kerala Start up Mission (KSUM).
- **ICESAT-2: satellite launched to track Earth’s melting ice by NASA:** On September 15, 2018, NASA launched its Ice, Cloud and land Elevation Satellite-2 (ICESAT-2) successfully from California

on United Launch Alliance's final Delta II rocket. It will be orbiting the globe, from pole to pole, at 17,069 mph from an average altitude of 290 miles. It carries a single instrument, the Advanced Topographic Laser Altimeter System (ATLAS) that would help in gathering data for the mission.

## **BANKING AND ECONOMY**

- **India & the World Bank signed loan for US\$ 74 Million for Uttarakhand Workforce Development Project (UKWDP)** On September 18, 2018, India and World Bank signed a loan agreement for IBRD Credit of US\$74 million for Uttarakhand Workforce Development Project (UKWDP). It was signed between: Mr. Sameer Kumar Khare, Additional Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, and Mr. Jorge Coarasa, Acting Country Director, World Bank (India).
- **PayU India got nod from RBI to operate Its own NBFC subject to KYC compliance** On September 17, 2018, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved PayU India to operate its own non-banking financial company (NBFC). It has already crossed Rs 100 crore (\$16 million) mark for credit issuance. The company has spent about \$265 million over the past five years in India.
- Its payment facility called LazyPay witnessed around 10,000-11,000 transactions per day. iv. In September 2016, the company had acquired Citrus Pay for \$130 million.

## **CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ**

1. Where was the two-day convention on 'Revitalising India as a Heritage Destination' to focus on preserving

heritage properties, held on September 13-14, 2018?

- a) Guwahati, Assam
  - b) Bharatpur, Rajasthan
  - c) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
  - d) Mumbai, Maharashtra
2. Rajasthan Forest Minister Gajendra Singh Khimsar inaugurated Rajasthan's first lion safari at which Biological Park, on 13th September 2018?
- a) Sariska Tiger Reserve
  - b) Desert National Park
  - c) Nahargarh Biological Park
  - d) Darrah National Park
3. Which state has been ranked the best among states in India for the construction of maximum number of roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during 2017-2018?
- a) Uttar Pradesh
  - b) Kerala
  - c) Uttarakhand
  - d) Gujarat
4. According to UN's annual multi-agency flagship report on the State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World, hunger remains the same as it was \_\_\_\_\_ years ago in 2017?
- a) 5
  - b) 10
  - c) 15
  - d) 20
5. The first ever dedicated dog park in India has been set up in which city?
- a) Bengaluru
  - b) New Delhi
  - c) Mumbai
  - d) Hyderabad
6. Name the Indian who won gold medal in 10m Air Pistol Men Junior event and also beat his own world record with a score of 245.5, at the 52nd ISSF World Championship held in Changwon, Republic of Korea?
- a) Arjun Singh Cheema
  - b) Vijayaveer Singh
  - c) Udayaveer Singh
  - d) Saurabh Chaudhary
7. Who is the author of the book "Kashi: Secret of the Black Temple" that was

- launched in New Delhi, on 14th September 2018?
- a) Manish Chaudhary  
b) Vineet Bajpai  
c) Ram Prakash Rai  
d) Madan Kumar
8. What was the theme of International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer that was observed on 16th September 2018?
- a) Keep Cool and Carry On: The Montreal Protocol  
b) Protect the Ozone Layer  
c) Keep a watch on the green house gas  
d) Care for the Ozone
9. The 2nd edition of 'Mt Everest Friendship Exercise' between China and which country began in Sichuan province of China, on 17th September 2018?
- a) India  
b) Nepal  
c) Pakistan  
d) Russia
10. Total number of account holders of Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojna (PMJDY) reached \_\_\_\_\_ crore on 5th September 2018, according to Finance Ministry?
- a) 52.23 crore  
b) 32.61 crore  
c) 78.23 crore  
d) 12.56 crore
11. Who was appointed the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Aspire Home Finance Corporation Ltd (AHFCL), on 17th September 2018?
- a) Mithun Kulkarni  
b) Shekhar Prasad  
c) Sanjay Athalye  
d) Akash Singh
12. Where did Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) inaugurate an S-band Polarimetry Doppler Weather Radar, on 16th September 2018?
- a) Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala  
b) Bengaluru, Karnataka  
c) Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh  
d) Vishakapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
13. Where was the bilateral meeting on Tourism Cooperation between India and Morocco held on 17th September 2018?
- a) New Delhi  
b) Mumbai  
c) Bengaluru  
d) Guwahati
14. Which state/ union territory signed a "Friendship and Cooperation Agreement" pact on cooperation in 12 fields with Seoul Metropolitan Government, on 15th September 2018?
- a) Delhi  
b) Goa  
c) Pondicherry  
d) Chandigarh
15. Name the new portal launched by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, that will have information on budget, expenditure and Bill Payment position?
- a) My Budget  
b) Make Budget  
c) Budget Dashboard  
d) Budget Map

**ANSWERS: 23124/ 42122/ 34113**