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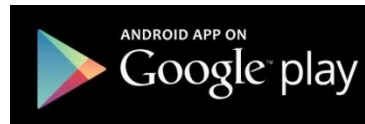
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NEW VACANCIES

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

PM Narendra Modi: On September 24, 2018, Prime Minister Narendra Modi reached Sikkim and was received by Governor Ganga Prasad, Chief Minister Pawan Chamling. He inaugurated Sikkim's first airport and nation's 100th operational airport: Pakyong Airport in Sikkim.

- **WAYU : An air pollution control device inaugurated by Dr Harsh Vardhan in Delhi** On September 25, 2018, Union Minister for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences and Environment, Forest and Climate change, Dr. Harsh Vardhan inaugurated air pollution control device WAYU (Wind Augmentation Purifying Unit) in New Delhi.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- CANCER FREE DAY : SEPTEMBER 22
- WORLD RABIES DAY : SEPTEMBER 28
- WORLD MARITIME DAY : SEPTEMBER 27

NATIONAL EVENTS

- **Naropa festival concludes with Guinness World Record in Ladakhi dance:** On Sept. 22, to mark the end of "Naropa Festival" total of 299 women dressed up in traditional Ladakhi wedding attire danced together making it to the Guinness World Records and declared the dance performance as the "Largest Ladakhi Dance". Celebrated every 12th year of the Tibetan calendar, the Naropa festival, also known as the 'Kumbh Mela of the Himalayas'.
- **Pakyong Airport: Sikkim's first and nation's 100th airport inaugurated by**

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- **Times Higher Education's World University Rankings for 2019: IISc Bengaluru retained its position:** Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Bengaluru has secured number one position among Indian universities in the Times Higher Education's World University Rankings for 2019 released on 26th September. Indian Institute of Technology Indore (IIT Indore) has become India's second highest ranked university and a global top 400

institution. IIT Bombay has gone down from the 351-400 rankings band to the 401-500 band. Amrita University from Tamil Nadu has made a steep increase from the 801-1000 band to 601-800 band.

Top 5 universities in the World University Ranking 2019:

1. University of Oxford
2. University of Cambridge
3. Stanford University
4. Massachusetts Institute of Technology
5. California Institute

- **Famous 'Indra Jatra' festival celebrations began in Kathmandu, Nepal:** On September 25, 2018, the famous Indra Jatra festival commenced in Kathmandu, Nepal. It is an eight day long annual festival is observed to worship Indra, the lord of rain and good harvest. It also marks end of monsoon and beginning of harvest season and festivity.
- **Nepal to be world's first country to double its tiger population:** Nepal is likely to become the first country in the world to double its tiger population. Nepal has announced that there are an estimated 235 wild tigers in Nepal currently. It has almost doubled from 121 tigers in 2009. If this trend continues, Nepal could become the first country to double its national tiger population.

PERSONS IN NEWS

- **Keith Enright:** Google has appointed Keith Enright as its chief privacy officer. Keith Enright has been Google's privacy lawyer for a longtime. Earlier, he worked as the Chief Privacy Officer at Macy's and senior consultant at IBM.
- **Ibrahim Mohamed Solih:** On 24th September 2018, Ibrahim Mohamed Solih

was elected the new President of Maldives. Ibrahim Mohamed Solih will be 6th President of Maldives. He replaces Abdulla Yameen.

- **Jaya Prada:** Indian actress Jaya Prada has been appointed Goodwill Ambassador for the promotion of Nepal tourism for a term of 4 years.

OBITUARY

- **Kalpna Lajmi:** On 23rd September 2018, filmmaker Kalpna Lajmi passed away after she had suffered from chronic kidney disease and liver failure, in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- **Shantaram Potdukhe:** On 23rd September 2018, former Union Minister and Congress leader Shantaram Potdukhe passed away following a short term illness, in Maharashtra.
- **Kavita Mahajan:** On 27th September 2018, renowned Marathi writer, novelist and translator Kavita Mahajan, died following pneumonia in Pune, Maharashtra.

PLACES IN NEWS

- **Kolkata:** On September 27, 2018, Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) launched a flood forecasting and early warning system (FFEWS) for Kolkata City. It is also India's first comprehensive city-level FFEWS.
- **Dubai:** The 3rd edition of 'MahaBiz 2018' International Business Conference will be held in Dubai on 12th and 13th October 2018. MahaBiz acts as a bridge for business opportunities between Maharashtra and Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) region.

- **IGI Airport 16th busiest in the world: ACI report on Airport Traffic:** On September 20, 2018, according to 'The Annual World Airport Traffic Report 2018' by Airport Council International (ACI), Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI) is the 16th busiest in the world. It jumped 6 places from 22nd position in 2016. In 2017, IGI has handled 63.4 million passengers accounting for 14 per cent more passengers than in 2016.

AWARDS AND RECOGNISATION

- **Pankaj Kapur to get 'Icons of Indian Cinema' Award :** Actor-director Pankaj Kapur will presented the 'Icons of Indian Cinema' Award at the closing ceremony of the 9th edition of Jagran Film Festival in Mumbai on 30th September 2018.
- **P.V. Sindhu:** Badminton player and Olympian PV Sindhu is the only sportsperson to feature in the Forbes India's first 'tycoons of tomorrow' list of 22 young achievers in the fields of business, acting and sports.
- **Assamese movie 'Village Rockstars' is India's official entry for Oscars 2019:** On 21st September 2018, Film Federation of India (FFI) announced that, Assamese movie "Village Rockstars" has been selected to represent India in the Best Foreign Language category at the 91st Academy Awards 2019.
- (IBCA) team at the world chess Olympiad that will be held in Batumi, Georgia, from September 23, 2018.
- **France Football launches Women's Ballon d'Or:** On 24th September 2018, France Football magazine announced that, a women's Ballon d'Or will be awarded for the first time in 2018. Ballon d'Or is awarded annually for men since 1956. This is the first time it has been introduced for women. The awards will be presented on 8 December 2018 in Paris, France.
- **Indian women beat Sri Lanka by 51 runs to win T20 series 4-0 :** On 25th September 2018, Indian women defeated Sri Lankan women by 51 runs in the fifth and final T20 International and won the series 4-0 at Katunayake, Sri Lanka.
- **8th Asian Yoga Sports Championship in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala:** The 8th Asian Yoga Sports Championship organised by Asian Yoga Federation will begin in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala on September 28 2018. Nearly 450 participants representing 12 Asian countries showcasing their yoga skills will take part in four-day event. The Indian team include 111 yoga exponents, including five Keralites.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **Astra' air-to-air missile successfully test fired:** On September 27, 2018, the Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully test fired the indigenously developed Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile (BVRAAM) Astra from a Su-30 aircraft over the Bay of Bengal near Chandipur in Odisha. It has been developed by: IAF and the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) primarily.

SPORTS

- **Vaishali Narendra Salavkar will be India's first female blind chess player at World Chess Olympiad:** Blind chess player Vaishali Narendra Salavkar will become the first Indian female to be part of the International Braille Chess Association

- **Japan world's first to land rovers MINERVA-III on asteroid Ryugu:** On September 25, 2018, Japan became the world's first country to land 2 robotic rovers in asteroid Ryugu. It is also the first man made robot to have landed in an asteroid. The name of the rover that has landed is: MINERVA-III. The MINERVA-III consists of two rovers, Rover-1A and Rover-1B. The rovers were aboard the Hayabusa2 spacecraft. It has been developed by Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency.

Mumbai respectively. It will have 118 m length and 7,650 T displacement.

BAKING AND FINANCE

- **\$57.1 Billion loan disbursed to Argentina as the Biggest Loan in IMF's History** On September 29, 2018, the International Monetary Fund staff and Argentina authorities have reached an agreement on a 36-month Stand-By Arrangement (SBA) totaling to US\$57.1 billion through 2021 approved on June 20, 2018. It is the biggest loan disbursed in history of IMF. Argentina originally secured a \$50 billion loan back in June 2018, when an initial \$15 billion tranche was handed over.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

- **BSNL signed MOU with Softbank, NTT to roll out 5G, IoT service** On September 24, 2018, BSNL has inked a pact with Japan's Softbank and NTT Communications to roll out 5G and internet of things technology in India. Under this, BSNL and Softbank will work on satellite constellation which will have around 900 satellites to provide high speed internet services. The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has recommended auction of about 8,644 MHz of telecom frequencies at an estimated base price of Rs 4.9 lakh crore.
- **Indian Navy signs contract with Hindustan Shipyard Ltd for construction of 2 Diving Support Vessels (DSV)** On 20th September 2018, Indian Navy signed a contract with M/s Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Vishakhapatnam, for construction of 2 Diving Support Vessels (DSV) to expand Indian Navy's submarine support operations. The first vessel will be built in 36 months. It will be followed by the second vessel, 6 months later. The vessels will be based at Vishakhapatnam and

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

1. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has signed MoUs with the Tata Trusts and which computer technology company to provide a technological platform for nationwide prevention, control, screening and management program of Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs)?
1) Google 2) Microsoft
3) Dell 4) Intel
2. Which state government announced a scheme for the protection of the exotic Neela kurinji (*Strobilanthes kunthianus*) plants in Nilagiri district, on 21st September 2018?
1) Kerala 2) Tamil Nadu
3) Karnataka 4) Andhra Pradesh
3. Name the cyclonic storm which hit Odisha and few parts of Chhattisgarh causing heavy rainfall and landfall, on 21st September 2018?
1) Mahe 2) Daye
3) Alisia 4) Hunro
4. The board of which entity has approved a 5-year Country Partnership Framework (CPF)

- for India to support its transition to higher middle- income country?
- 1) IMF 2) World Bank
 - 3) United Nations 4) WHO
5. Name the Chairperson of the Competition Law Review Committee formed by the government to review the Competition Act?
- 1) Injeti Srinivas 2) Rajiv Gauba
 - 3) Amarnath Pillai 4) Ravi Amudhan
6. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) withdrew permission of Bandhan Bank to open new branches and put a freeze on the remuneration of its MD & CEO _____, on 28th September 2018?
- 1) CS Ghosh 2) Rana Kapoor
 - 3) Anil Sharma 4) Vimal Nath
7. Name the earliest animal on geological record, whose fossil has been discovered in Russia?
- 1) Dickinsonia 2) Animsoa
 - 3) Verbata 4) Incarnia
8. Name the initiative released by World Health Organization (WHO) to support governments in taking practical steps to accelerate progress on health, beat non-communicable diseases (NCDs) September 28, 2018?
- 1) SAFER 2) SECURE
 - 3) INITIATE 4) IMPROVE
9. Which country won the Asia Cup for a record-extending 7th time, at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium in Dubai, on 28th September 2018?
- 1) Bangladesh 2) India
 - 3) Pakistan 4) Sri Lanka
10. ZSL's (Zoological Society of London) Institute of Zoology conferred the title of 'world's largest bird' to which bird on 26th September 2018?
- 1) Blue Emu
 - 2) Vorombe titan
 - 3) Mauritian shelduck
 - 4) New Zealand merganser
11. YES Bank has partnered with which online financial services company for integration of its chat bot based platform YES mPower BOT?
- 1) Paytm 2) PayPal
 - 3) RupeeBoss.com 4) Google Pay
12. When was International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons observed throughout the world?
- 1) September 23 2) September 21
 - 3) September 24 4) September 26
13. Which country has joined France in number one position on the FIFA (International Federation of Association Football) rankings released on 20th September 2018?
- 1) India 2) Croatia
 - 3) Brazil 4) Belgium
14. Which metro rail network has become India's second largest metro rail network after Delhi?
- 1) Bengaluru Metro Rail
 - 2) Mumbai Metro Rail
 - 3) Hyderabad Metro Rail
 - 4) Chennai Metro Rail
15. Who has topped Barclays Hurun India rich list 2018?
- 1) Kumar Mangalam Birla
 - 2) Ratan Tata
 - 3) Mukesh Ambani
 - 4) Anil Ambani

ANSWERS: 32221 / 11122 / 34433