

Current Affairs

(English)

For

All Upcoming Competitive Exam - 2019



Bank
(SBI/IBPS/RRB),
SSC, Railway, POST,
Insurance, RBI

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

- ❖ The **Election Commission of India** will be issuing **Braille voter slips** for the **visually impaired and blind voters** in the **Lok Sabha elections** due this year. The initiative is part of the strategic framework for 'accessible elections'.
 - ✓ **EC:Headquarter:** New Delhi, **Chief Election Commissioner:** Sunil Arora.
- ❖ Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** dedicated the **220 kV Srinagar - Leh Transmission System** to the nation, a step that would ensure **quality power supply** to Ladakh region of Jammu & Kashmir.
 - ✓ With this, Ladakh now stands connected to the **National Grid**. The move is expected to boost the tourism sector and enhance the **socio-economic development** of Ladakh.
- ❖ President **Ram Nath Kovind** inaugurated the **Annual Udyanotsav** of the Mughal Gardens of **Rashtrapati Bhavan**, is one of the most beautiful gardens in the world. **Mughal Gardens** to remain open for general public from **February 6, 2019 to March 10, 2019**.
 - ✓ The main attraction of this year's Udyanotsav, beside **Tulips** and **Exotic flowers**, are **bulbous flowerings**.
- ❖ **Union Minister** of State for Railways and Communication **Mr Manoj Sinha** released a special **postage stamp** of the **Indian Postal Department** on **Kumbh Mela**. Its cost is **5 rupees**.
- ❖ As many as **325 child labourers** have been **rescued** as part of '**OPERATION SMILE**' in Hyderabad, Commissioner of Police **Anjani Kumar**.
 - ✓ **Operation Smile** was launched on **January 1 this year** to **trace missing children**. The month-long programme aims to **rescue** child labourers, children engaged in begging for alms.
 - ✓ **Telangana: Capital:** Hyderabad, **Chief Minister:** K. Chandrashekar Rao, **Governor:** E.S.L. Narasimhan.
- ❖ The **National Minority Development Finance Corporation (NMDFC)** is implementing various schemes for **the Socio-Economic Development** of the '**backward sections**' amongst the notified minorities.
 - ✓ **Credit Schemes:** The various credit schemes like Term Loan, Micro Finance, Education Loan and Mahila Samridhi Yojana are introduced to enhance the livelihood opportunities by promoting income generation activities.
 - ✓ **Promotional Schemes:** NMDFC is implementing promotional schemes like Vocational Training & Marketing Support for with preference to women beneficiaries.
 - ✓ **Vocational Training Scheme:** Under the Kaushal Se Kushalta scheme skill development training programs of 200 to 250 hrs duration are organized and Stipend of Rs.1,000 per candidate per month is provided.
 - ✓ **Marketing Assistance Scheme:** The Marketing Assistance Scheme envisages promoting sale & marketing of their products at remunerative prices through participation /organizing exhibitions at State/District level.
- ❖ The **National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB)** under the **Ministry of AYUSH** is implementing following schemes to encourage **farming/cultivation**, conservation, processing and promotion of **medicinal plants** throughout the country:
 - ✓ Central Sector Scheme on The **National AYUSH Mission (NAM)**. The scheme provides support for:
 - Cultivation of prioritized medicinal plants on farmer's land,
 - Establishment of nurseries for the supply of quality planting material.
 - ✓ Central Sector Scheme on "**Conservation, Development and Sustainable Management of Medicinal Plants**" (MPCDAs).
 - Under activities like Training / workshops / Seminars/ Conferences etc. Research & Development.
 - ✓ **Voluntary Certification Scheme for Medicinal Plants Produce (VCSMPP)**.
 - The scheme is aimed to encourage **Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs)** and **Good Field Collection Practices (GFCPs)**.
- ❖ The **Union Minister** of Road Transport and Highways, **Nitin Gadkari** has stated that the Central Government expects a **20 per cent decline** in **road accidents** from the current **five lakh** a year and Parliament's nod to pending legislation Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill will also help **curb the accidents**.
 - ✓ The Bill proposes huge increases in **various penalties** for traffic violations, protection to Good Samaritans, recall of defective vehicle parts by auto companies, holding builders accountable for poor quality of infrastructure and making vehicle owners criminally liable for **violations committed by juvenile drivers**.



- ❖ External Affairs Minister **Sushma Swaraj** and Road Transport and Highways Minister **Nitin Gadkari** flagged off **Suraksha Yatra-a motor car rally** from Rajghat in **New Delhi** to commemorate the **150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi**.
 - ✓ The flag off was also part of an event to launch the **30th National Road Safety Week** from **4th February** to the **10th February**.
- ❖ The **National Testing Agency (NTA)** which is vested with the **responsibility** of the **conduction of competitive exams** has taken the following measures to acquaint aspirants with the **computer-based examinations**.
 - ✓ A **mobile application** has been launched through which students can practice or take mock tests on their smartphones. In order to ensure that **no student is disadvantaged** due to **lack of resources**.
 - ✓ The National Testing Agency has also launched a network of more than **4,000 Test Practice Centres (TPCs)**.
 - ✓ National Testing Agency is a premier, specialist, **autonomous and self-sustained testing organization** to conduct entrance examinations for admission/fellowship in **higher educational institutions**.
- ❖ The **2nd India-ASEAN Youth Summit** was held in **Guwahati** with the theme **Connectivity: Pathway to Shared Prosperity**.
 - ✓ The **ASEAN-India Youth Summit** aims to provide a platform for youth leaders of both **India and ASEAN** to engage with each other to develop a **resilient and symbiotic relationship** between countries.
 - ✓ During summit, Union Tourism Minister **KJ Alphons** has announced that the country's **tourism sector** fetched revenue of **234 billion US Dollar** in 2018, registering a growth of over **19%**.
 - ✓ The country is **ranked 3rd** in the **tourism sector**, according to the 2018 report of the **World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC)**.
- ❖ **Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs)** have released more than **6.23 crore LPG connections** under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (**PMUY**) Scheme across the country.
 - ✓ **Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY)** was launched by the government **May 2016**. Under the scheme, the government provides a **subsidy of Rs 1,600**.
 - ✓ Initially launched with a target to give **5 crore** connections by **March 2019**, the government later raised it to **8 crore** connections by **2021**.
- ❖ The **Indian Council of agricultural research (ICAR)** launched the **National agricultural higher education project (NAHEP)**. It was done to attract talent and strengthen **higher agricultural education** in the country.
 - ✓ This project (**Rs 1100 crore**) will be funded by the **World Bank** and the **Indian government** on a **50:50 basis**.
 - ✓ The **2nd Indian agricultural research Institute (IARI)** was established in **Barahi, Jharkhand**.
- ❖ **Ministry of Union Labour and Employment** has allowed **women to work in mines**, both in opencast and underground, during the day and night, as part of the efforts to build more **opportunities for women**.
 - ✓ The **women labour force participation rate (LFPR)** in **India** is a dismal **27%**, against **51%** in **Indonesia**, **58%** in **Bangladesh**, **64%** in **China** and **73%** in **Vietnam**.
- ❖ **Shehri Samridhi Utsav**, an initiative of **Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA)**, is launched with the aim to extend the reach of **Deendayal Antyodaya Mission-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)**.
 - ✓ The event will facilitate access of **Self-Help Group (SHG)** members to the other **government schemes**.
- ❖ The **Indian Cancer Society (ICS)** launched **Swasth Naari, Shakti Hamaari** campaign in **Mumbai, Maharashtra** to spread awareness of cancer among **underprivileged women** and enable early detection of the disease. The campaign was launched on the occasion of **World Cancer Day**.
- ❖ The **Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare** release the 2017-18 Final and 2018-19 1st Advance Est. of **Area and Production of Horticulture Crops** reaching **311.7 Million Tonnes** which is **3.7% higher** than the **previous year** and **10% higher** than the **past 5 years' average production**.

Railway Recruitment - 2019

Expected Total Vacancies

25000⁺

Railway

(Junior Engineer / NTPC)

Banking Academy

(Creating A Way for Govt. Jobs)

Visit us : www.bankingacademy.co.in

New Class Starts

From Every

MONDAY

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

- ❖ The permanent members of the **United Nations Security Council (UNSC)** also known as **P5 countries** (China, France, Russia, Britain and the US)- have concluded their meetings to discuss issues related to **nuclear disarmament, Nuclear Non-Proliferation** and peaceful uses of **nuclear energy**.
 - ✓ China has said that **India** must **sign** the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) to gain entry into **Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG)**.
 - ✓ NSG is a group of nuclear supplier countries that seeks to contribute to the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons through the implementation of guidelines for nuclear exports and nuclear-related exports.
 - ✓ **NOTE:** The 4 multilateral export control regimes are **Wassenaar Arrangement (WA)**, **Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR)**, **Australia Group (AG)** and **Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG)**. **India is not a member of NSG only.**
- ❖ Celebrating **50-years** of formalization of diplomatic ties between **India** and **Bhutan**, a two-day **international conference** on 8th century Himalayan sage **Guru Padmasambhava** was held in **New Delhi**. The conference titled '**Life and Legacy of Guru Padmasabhava**'.
 - ✓ **Bhutan: Capital:** Thimphu, **Currency:** Ngultrum, **Prime minister:** Lotay Tshering.
- ❖ The 4th edition of **International Spice Conference** was held in the City of Pearls and the capital city of **Telangana-Hyderabad**. The theme for the conference 2019 is '**Challenges of Change, Redefining the Value Chain**'.
 - ✓ 3rd edition of this conference was held in **Jaipur** with the theme '**Managing Disruptions through Transformation and Collaboration**'.
- ❖ **Pope Francis** landed in **Abu Dhabi** in the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**, on a historic visit, becoming the **first pontiff** to visit the **Arabian Peninsula**. The UAE, which named **2019 its Year of Tolerance**, says the visit reflects its history as a "**cradle of diversity**".
- ❖ Russian President **Vladimir Putin** has said, Moscow will **abandon** a centerpiece **nuclear arms treaty** but will only deploy **intermediate-range nuclear missiles** if Washington does so.
 - ✓ US President **Donald Trump** had accused Moscow of violating the **1987 Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces treaty** by deploying banned missiles.
- ❖ The **Union Ministry of Coal** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding** with Ministry of Energy, Republic of **Poland** in **New Delhi** on cooperation in the field of **coal mining**.
 - ✓ The key objective of the MoU is to foster relations in the field of coal mining and clean coal technologies through the already established joint coal working group as well as research institutes and academia between the two countries.
 - ✓ **Poland: Capital:** Warsaw, **Currency:** Polish Zloty.
- ❖ **Iran** announced the successful test flight of **Hoveizeh long-range cruise missile**, the **40th** anniversary of **1979 Islamic revolution**.
- ❖ **Union Minister** of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, **Suresh Prabhu** inaugurated the **Indo-Monaco Business Forum** in **New Delhi**. The Bilateral trade between India and Monaco in 2017-18 was USD 3.01 million, and there is immense potential to scale up the **bilateral trade** between the two nations.

STATES HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ The **Punjab Government** declared the **Indus River dolphin**, as the **state's aquatic animal**.
 - ✓ **Punjab: Capital:** Chandigarh, **Chief minister:** Amarinder Singh, **Governor:** V.P. Singh Badnore.
- ❖ **Kerala Government** has decided to expand **millet village scheme** to other districts in the state.
 - ✓ The Millet Village scheme was **first** launched in Attappady in **Palakkad district** of Kerala.
 - ✓ Under the Millet Village scheme, the government promoted the harvest of **ragi** (finger millet), **thina** (foxtail millet), **cholam** (sorghum) and **kuthiravaali** (barnyard millet).
- ❖ Union Minister for Human Resource Development, **Prakash Javadekar** inaugurated new Campus of the **National Museum Institute** in **Noida**, with the total cost of **Rs.90.40 crore** in a span of four years.
- ❖ The **Mizoram Government** issued an order to **BAN** the import of **pigs and piglets**, because there is a possibility of outbreak of **Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS)**.
 - ✓ PRRS disease is also called as **Swine Flu**, the virus of this disease generally transmitted from pigs and affects both pigs and humankind.
 - ✓ **Mizoram: Capital:** Aizawl, **Chief minister:** Zoramthanga, **Governor:** Kummanam Rajasekharan.
- ❖ Renowned Filmmaker from Manipur **Aribam Syam Sharma** has decided to **return** his 2006 **Padma Shri award** in **protest against the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2016**.
 - ✓ The citizenship amendment bill 2016 aims to amend the **Citizenship Act of 1955**. The controversial features of the bill are: The issue of **illegal immigrants** is a sensitive issue in the **North-East**.
 - ✓ The **bill allows** the Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians from Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Pakistan to apply for Indian citizenship.

- ❖ The Andhra Pradesh High Court new building at Amaravathy, was inaugurated by the Chief Justice of India, Ranjan Gogoi.
- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid foundation stones for several development projects, including an All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and an Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), in Jammu.
 - ✓ The prime minister said Rs 750 crore has been granted to the state for setting up of five new medical colleges.
 - ✓ Also laid foundation stone for 624 MW Kiru Hydroelectric project and 850 Megawatt Ratle Hydro Electric project in Kishtwar, Jammu. PM also declared 100% electrification of households in the Jammu and Kashmir under SAUBHAGYA Scheme.
 - ✓ That Rs.40000 Crore has been sanctioned to improve the connectivity in Jammu and Kashmir.
- ❖ The Surajkund International Crafts Mela-2019, is organized every year by the Surajkund Mela Authority & Haryana Tourism in collaboration with Union Ministries of Tourism, Textiles, Culture and External Affairs.
 - ✓ The State of Maharashtra is the Theme State and Thailand is the Partner Nation Country.
- ❖ According to a survey by Transparency International, Assam top in the ranking of best practices followed by states in budget formulation. Assam is the only states which has published a citizens budget in the public domain and Assam government is only government to conduct budget awareness campaign across 17 districts.
 - ✓ Assam was followed by Andhra Pradesh and Odisha while Meghalaya, Manipur and Punjab were figured at lower positions.
 - ✓ Assam: Capital: Dispur, Chief Minister: Shri Sarbananda Sonowal, Governor: Shri Jagdish Mukhi.
- ❖ Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched scholarship scheme named 'KALIA Chhatravritti Yojana', for the children of farmers under Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation (KALIA) scheme in Keonjhar district.
 - ✓ Under this scheme, the beneficiaries will be provided scholarships to pursue higher education in professional courses at free of cost.
 - ✓ Odisha: Capital: Bhubaneswar, Chief minister: Naveen Patnaik, Governor: Ganeshi Lal.
- ❖ Kerala became the first state to set up Price Monitoring And Research Unit (PMRU) to track violation of prices of essential drugs and medical devices.
 - ✓ The new watchdog will offer technical help to the State Drug Controllers to monitor notified prices of medicines, detect violation of the provisions of the Drugs Price Control Order (DPCO).
 - ✓ This move is taken by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA).
- ❖ The 2nd edition of World Count festival 2019 was held in Pune, Maharashtra. The Festival, was hosted by the award-winning screenwriter, author and columnist Advita Kala.
 - ✓ This festival is held with a motive to bring together speakers from several socio-political spheres and share their insights on various issues.

ECONOMY AWARENESS

- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has lifted the Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework operational curbs on Bank of India (BoI), Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) and Oriental Bank of Commerce (OBC).
 - ✓ The RBI will initiate certain structured and discretionary actions for the bank under the PCA when the Banks breach any of the three key regulatory trigger points:
 - Capital to risk-weighted assets ratio, Net non-performing assets, Return on assets.
 - ✓ OBC: Headquarter: Gurugram, CEO: Mukesh Kumar Jain, Tagline: Where Every Individual Is Committed.
 - ✓ BOM: Headquarter: Pune, CEO: Ravindra Marathe, Tagline: One Family One Bank.
 - ✓ BOI: Headquarter: Mumbai, CEO: Dinabandhu Mohapatra, Tagline: Relationships beyond Banking.
- ❖ The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has released the First Revised Estimates of National Income, Consumption Expenditure, Saving and Capital Formation, 2017-18.
 - ✓ The forecast for GDP growth for 2017-18 was increased to 7.2% from the earlier estimate of 6.7%.
- ❖ The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Nabard) has pegged the total priority sector credit potential for Telangana at Rs.1,01,378.60 crore for 2019-20.
 - ✓ Rural Infrastructure Development Fund, Nabard has so far extended funding of Rs.11,881 crore do far for various schemes such as Mission Kakatiya.
- ❖ The Reserve Bank of India has released a data on "Census on Foreign Liabilities and Assets of Indian Direct Investment Companies, 2017-18" which shows that the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) has increased 18% to Rs. 28.25 lakh crore in FY18.
 - ✓ FDI increased by Rs 4,33,300 crore, including revaluation of past investments, during 2017-18 to reach Rs 28,24,600 crore in March 2018 at market value. Overseas direct investment (ODI) by Indian companies increased by 5% to Rs 5.28 lakh crore.
- ❖ 'Kisan Suvidha loan' for small and marginal farmers launched by Ujjivan Small Finance Bank. The scheme will attempt to reach the bottom of the pyramid with products and services.
 - ✓ Kisan Suvidha loan can be used by farmers for both agriculture and allied activities.

- ❖ The **Indian Banking Association (IBA)** issued advisory guidelines requesting banks to **waive off** the processing, documentation, inspection, ledger folio charges and all other service charges for **crop loans** up to **Rs 3 Lakhs** or for the **Kisan Credit Card Scheme**.
 - ✓ The move aims to provide direct benefit to farmers and ease the pressure on them.
 - ✓ In the **Interim Budget 2019**, the Government announced that under the **Kisan Credit Card scheme (KCC)**, **2 percent interest subvention** will be given for farmers pursuing **Animal Husbandry** and **Fisheries** and additional **3 percent interest subvention** will be given for those who repay the loan in time. Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries will shortly issue a detailed circular in this regard.
 - ✓ **Kisan Credit Card (KCC) scheme** was announced in the Budget speech of **1998-99**.
 - It was prepared by the **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)** on the recommendation of **R.V Gupta committee**.
- ❖ **P V Bharathi** has been appointed as the new **Managing Director** and **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)** of **Corporation Bank**.
- ❖ The **RBI** data shows that **Indian Foreign Exchange Reserves** have been increased by **USD 1.497 billion** to reach **USD 398.178 billion** for the week to January 25. This increase has been attributed to a jump in core currency assets.
 - ✓ The components of India's **FOREX Reserves** which is expressed in terms of **US dollars** include **foreign currency assets (FCAs)**, **Gold Reserves**, **Special Drawing Rights (SDRs)** and **RBI's Reserve position with International Monetary Fund (IMF)**. **FCAs** constitute the largest component of Indian **Forex**.
- ❖ The **Ministry of Finance** has announced the **amalgamation** of **two regional rural banks in Tamilnadu- Pallavan Grama Bank**, sponsored by Indian Bank and **Pandyan Grama Bank**, sponsored by Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) into a single regional rural bank in the state and name the new entity as **Tamil Nadu Grama Bank**.
 - ✓ The newly amalgamated bank will be named **Tamil Nadu Grama Bank** and will be under the sponsorship of Indian Bank, with its head office located at **Salem, Tamil Nadu**. The amalgamation would be effective from **April 1, 2019**.
- ❖ **Fitch Solutions** the research arm of **Fitch Group** projected **fiscal deficit** to increase the budgeted target by **0.2 per cent** to **3.6% of GDP** in **2019-20 fiscal**.
 - ✓ **Government** has reported **fiscal deficit 3.4% of GDP** in the interim budget on **1st February 2019**.
- ❖ The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** bought **14% stake** in micro-financier **Annapurna Finance**.
 - ✓ **ADB Bank** bought this stake with a motive of attracting long -term funds from global lenders and investors.
- ❖ The **UK home secretary** has ordered the **extradition** of **Vijay Mallya** over allegations of **£1bn fraud**. The **UK home secretary** noted that **Vijay Mallya**, the first to be declared **Fugitive Economic Offender** is accused in India of conspiracy to defraud, making false representations and **money laundering offences**.
- ❖ The **Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC)** has linked all its reserves (in fixed deposits), totalling **Rs.52,635 crore**, to infrastructure projects of **Mumbai, Maharashtra**. The **BMC** had borrowed around **Rs.3,000 crore** from fixed deposits (FDs) towards its projects but ended up needing just **Rs.574 crore**.
- ❖ **Axis Bank**, **UCO Bank** and **Syndicate Bank** are Penalised with a total of **Rs.5.2 Crore** by **RBI Bank** for violating the guidelines in **regulatory compliance**.
 - ✓ **Axis Bank** and **UCO Bank** has been imposed with a **Penalty of Rs.2 Crore each** for their not committing with the norms related to payment through cheques.
 - ✓ Further **Axis Bank** has also imposed a **Penalty of 20 Lakhs** for the detection and impounding of **counterfeit notes**.
 - ✓ **Syndicate Bank** is imposed with a **Penalty of Rs.1 Crore** for contradicting the norms in **Checking norms** and **Risk Management**.
- ❖ The **Economic Affairs Secretary, Subhash Chandra Garg** said that the finance ministry is expecting the **GDP growth** to reach **7.5 per cent** in **2019-20** from **7.2 per cent** projected for the **current fiscal**.
- ❖ The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** reduced the **Repo Rate** by **25 basis points** or **0.25 per cent**.
 - ✓ The **RBI lowered** its consumer **inflation forecast** to **2.8 per cent** for the quarter ending **March 31, 2019**.
 - ✓ **GDP growth projection** at **7.4%** for **2019-20**.
 - ✓ The **RBI** has raised the limit of **collateral-free agriculture loans** to **Rs 1.6 lakh** from the current **Rs 1 lakh**.
 - ✓ The decision to change the monetary policy stance was unanimous. On the repo rate reduction, **Ravindra Dholakia**, **Pami Dua**, **Michael Patra** and **RBI governor Shaktikanta Das** voted in favour of the decision. **Chetan Ghate** and **Viral Acharya** voted to keep the policy rate unchanged.
 - ✓ **Reverse Repo Rate: 6%,** **Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) Rate: 6.50%.**
 - ✓ **Bank Rate: 6.50%,** **Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR): 4%.**
 - ✓ **Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR): 19.5%,** **Repo Rate: 6.25%.**

CORPORATE AFFAIRS

- ❖ The Government has notified changing the name of the **Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP)** to the **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)** under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

- ✓ The order issued by the President states that the department would deal with matters related to **start-ups**, facilitating **ease of doing business** among others.
- ❖ The Government reduced the **import duty** on parts and components of **electric vehicles** to **10-15 per cent** from **15-30 per cent** in order to promote domestic assembling of electric vehicles.
- ❖ The **12th edition of Aero India, Aero India 2019**, will be held at Air Force Station at **Yelahanka in Bengaluru** from February 20 to 24.
 - ✓ Aim of Aero India 2019 : To provide a significant platform in bolstering business opportunities in the International aviation sector. Tagline of Aero India 2019: "**The Runway to a Billion Opportunities**".
- ❖ **Dr M. Manikandan**, Minister for Information Technology of **Tamil Nadu** inaugurated '**ICT Academy Bridge 2019**' conference in the city that witnessed more than 1,000 participants from government, industry and academia.
 - ✓ Organized by **ICT Academy**, the **37th** edition of the conference is the **largest Industry-Institute Interaction Event** of Asia. The conference was organized under the theme "**Fostering India for Industry 4.0**".
- ❖ Food delivery startup **Swiggy** a Bengaluru-based **AI startup Kint.io** for an undisclosed amount. As part of the deal, Kint.io's founding members **Pavithra Solai Jawahar** and **Jagannathan Veeraraghavan** will join the Swiggy team.
 - ✓ Acqui-hiring refers to buying out a company or an entity primarily for the skills and expertise of its staff rather than for its products or services.

DEFENCE & SECURITY

- ❖ The **Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)** chaired by Defence Minister, **Nirmala Sitharaman** approved the indigenous construction of **6 Project 75 (India)** submarines under the strategic Partnership model at the cost of **Rs 40,000 crore**.
- ❖ The disaster relief exercise '**Exercise Rahat**' will be demonstrated in **Jaipur, Kota and Alwar in Rajasthan** on Feb 11-12. The joint exercise will see participation from **Armed Forces, National Disaster Management Response Mechanism (NDMRM)**, State Disaster Management Authority of Rajasthan and District LMAs.
- ❖ The **Ministry of Home Affairs** in collaboration with the **Ministry of External Affairs** and **National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)** is organising a meeting of **Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)** Cluster Group on Disaster Risk Management (**DRM**) on 5-6 February 2019 in **New Delhi**.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- ❖ The **Human Space Flight Centre (HSFC)** which would be the core of ISRO's future **manned missions** was inaugurated at the ISRO headquarters in **Bengaluru**.
 - ✓ The Human Space Flight Centre will implement the **first** development flight of **Gaganyaan** with the support of existing ISRO Centres.
 - ✓ ISRO is gearing up for its maiden manned **mission Gaganyaan**, which is planned for **2021-end**. The plan is to have the **first unmanned** mission in **December 2020** and the second one in **July 2021**.
- ❖ The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** is all set to launch its **40th communication satellite GSAT-31** from the spaceport in **French Guiana**.
 - ✓ The satellite with a mission life of 15 years will provide continuity to operational services on some of the in-orbit satellites and augment the Ku-band transponder capacity in Geostationary Orbit.
- ❖ **INS Dronacharya** team won the **Regatta trophy** in the "**Kochi Area Pulling Regatta 2019**" of the Southern Naval Command (**SNC**).
 - ✓ The boat pulling Regatta is one of the most prestigious and traditional navel Sporting activities conducted by the Navy. Anti submarine warfare (**ASW**) School got second position and Diving School secured the third position.

SSC (Staff Selection Commission) Recruitment - 2019

New Calender for SSC-2019/20 Declared

SSC

(MTS/CHSL/CGL)

Expected Total Vacancies

30,000⁺

Banking Academy

(Creating A Way For Govt. Jobs)
(Preparation for All Types of Competitive Exams)
Visit us : www.bankingacademy.co.in

New Class Starts From Every

MONDAY

SPORTS

- ❖ The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** signed a **five-year global partnership** deal with beverage manufacturer **Coca-Cola Company**. ICC and Coca-Cola's partnership will be continue till 2023.
- ❖ Indian paddler **G Sathiyan** achieved a new career rank of **28** in the **world rankings**. while compatriot **Manika Batra** became the **first female** from the country to break into the **top-50**.
- ❖ **India's Women Cricket** team captain, **Mithali Raj** became the **first female** player to play 200 ODIs during the 3rd and Final ODI against **New Zealand**.
- ❖ **Golfer Vani Kapoor** has become the **first Indian** to grab **Australian Ladies PGA Tour (LPGA)** after securing **12th Rank** tied with three others in the **first ever** qualifying tournament at the **Ballarat Golf Club in Australia**.
- ❖ Nepal's cricketer **Sundeep Jora**, who made his debut in **T-20 International**, against **UAE**, became the **youngest man** to score a half-century in **T20 Internationals**.
- ❖ Indian opener **Smriti Mandhana** has climbed **3 spots** in the batters' list to become **number one** in the latest **ICC women's ODI rankings**. Earlier, she was named **ICC Women's Player of the Year 2018**.
- ❖ **Sana Mir** from **Pakistan cricket** became the **first Asian women cricketer** to play hundred **T20 International matches**.
- ❖ Legendary cricketer and former India skipper **Kapil Dev** will flag off the '**Tridhaatu Navi Mumbai Half Marathon**' on February 17th from Vashi, in **Navi Mumbai**.

AWARDS & HONOURS

- ❖ **Rajiv Nath** was conferred with **prestigious Award of Appreciation** by **Ashwini Kumar Choubey**, Honourable Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare for his contribution to the **Global Public Healthcare sector** in **New Delhi**.
- ❖ **Behrouz Boochani**, an Iranian asylum-seeker detained in **Papua New Guinea** under Australian asylum laws has won the **Victorian Prize for Literature**. Behrouz Boochani was awarded for his work "**No Friend But the Mountains: Writing from Manus Prison**".
- ❖ **P.S. Krishnan**, former Secretary to Government of India, has been conferred **prestigious K. Veeramani Award for Social Justice 2018** for his works in **New Delhi**.
- ❖ The 9th edition of **Aegis Graham Bell Award** was held in **Panaji Goa**. Uniphore Software Systems received the **Aegis Graham Bell Award** under Innovation in Data Science for its flagship product auMina.
- ❖ **Azim Premji** Chairman of Wipro Ltd will be felicitated with the **Ernst & Young Lifetime Achievement Award**. Ernst & Young, famously known as EY is a multinational professional services firm and is one of the "**Big Four**" accounting firms.

PERSON APPOINTED /RESIGNED

- ❖ Vice Admiral **G Ashok Kumar** assumed charge as Vice Chief of the **Naval Staff**.
- ❖ **Punit Goenka**, managing director and CEO, Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd has been re-elected the new chairman of TV viewership measurement company, **BARC India**.
- ❖ **ICICI Bank** decided to terminate the contract of former **Managing Director and CEO** Chanda Kochhar. A panel lead by **B.N Srikrishna** found that she **violated the bank code of conduct**.
- ❖ **Indian Foreign Service (IFS)** Officer **Sanjiv Ranjan** who is current Ambassador to Argentina as the new Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia.
 - ✓ **Colombia: Capital:** Bogota, **Currency:** Peso, **President:** Ivan Duque.
- ❖ Government appointed **Rishi K Shukla**, former **Madhya Pradesh DGP**, as the new director of the **Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)** for a fixed tenure of **two years**.
- ❖ **Shri B.S.Mubarak** an **Indian Foreign Service**, has been Appointed as the **Ambassador of India** to the **Republic of Honduras**.
 - ✓ **Republic of Honduras: Capital:** Tegucigalpa, **Currency:** Lempira.
- ❖ **Rishi Kumar Shukla** took charge as the Director of **Central Bureau of Investigation**.

OBITUARY

- ❖ **Former Planning Commission** member and ex-director of **Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC)** **Hiten Bhaya** passed away in **New Delhi**.
- ❖ **Former MLA** and senior Congress leader **Harihar Karan** passed away.
- ❖ Noted **freedom fighter** and former Odisha MLA **Priyanath Dey** passed away in **Bhubaneswar**.

Days|Week|Year

- ❖ 2nd February 2019:- World Wetlands Day.
✓ Theme:- 'Wetlands and climate change'.
- ❖ 4th February 2019:-World Cancer Day.
✓ The theme for 2019-2021 is "I am and I will" - all about individual stories and commitments to beat cancer.

Preparation of All Upcoming Govt. Exam in - 2019**Expected Vacancy - 1,00,000+****IBPS**Assistant/
PO/SO**SBI**Assistant/
PO**RRB**Assistant/
PO/SO**RBI**

Assistant

InsuranceAssistant/
AOજેવી પરીક્ષાઓ માટેના વર્ગો દર **સોમવાર** થી હવે **બરૂથ** માં શરૂવધુ માહિતી માટે આજે જ સંસ્થાનો સંપર્ક કરો **Contact : 70962 37555****Preparation of All Upcoming Govt. Exam in - 2019****Expected Vacancy - 1,00,000+****IBPS**Assistant/
PO/SO**SBI**Assistant/
PO**RRB**Assistant/
PO/SO**RBI**

Assistant

InsuranceAssistant/
AOજેવી પરીક્ષાઓ માટેના વર્ગો દર **સોમવાર** થી હવે **વલસાડ** માં શરૂવધુ માહિતી માટે આજે જ સંસ્થાનો સંપર્ક કરો **Contact : 81401 37555**