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From the Editor's Desk

Dear Readers,
The inculcation of passion for government job examinations amongst the students is one of the major objectives set by Adda247. **Competition Power** has been a step towards it and it has served as a great platform to provide the students with the best of the study material for all sorts of government jobs and encourage them to make enhancements in their preparations for government jobs through the best ways possible.

The new edition of **Competition Power Magazine** is now your hands. The issue brings the highlights of the Current Affairs of **June & July 2018** in detail under the name, **"Newsmakers of the Month"**. This is followed by the one-liners of **June 2018** under the title, **"Current Affairs Zinger".**

Bearing in mind the exorbitantly changing pattern of the competitive examinations, this magazine assembles the exhaustive study material for the upcoming government job examinations that provide the information of great interest to our varied readership.

In this issue, we also carry the **SSC CGL TIER-I Previous Year Mock Paper & Mock Papers of IBPS PO Prelims, IBPS RRB Clerk Mains, IBPS RRB PO Mains, RRB GROUP 'D' & NIACL Assistant Prelims** so as our readers can make a headway in their career with the government jobs they are interested in, by thoroughly practicing the papers that simulate the real examinations. Next, we have some important topics of Reasoning, English, GA and Reasoning so that you have them all grasped for the upcoming competitive examinations.

As the editor of Competition Power, I anticipate that this issue would be of immense value and will be definitely useful to our readers who aspire to be a government job employee in a short run. I would also like to thank the contributors for their efforts and our readers continue to have faith in us.

Your support and presence are indicative of the fact that we have made steps in the right direction. I will be looking forward to your valuable feedback and suggestions.

With Best Wishes and Season's Greetings,
Team Competition Power !!

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Motivational : If it's important to you, you'll find a way. If not, you'll find an excuse.

We all have certain dreams in our lives and we all wish to accomplish those dreams. Some keep on dreaming about it, but others stay awake and work for it. If you really desire for something, then you will have to work hard for it and if it's important to you, you will surely find ways to achieve it no matter what the circumstances be and if you are doing it just for the sake of doing it, then you will have ample of excuses not to do it.

Let's take the example of your preparations. If you are preparing for government job exams then your full focus should be to complete your daily tasks regularly in whichever way possible. If you really desire for it, you will surely find ways to do it. But if you are not ambitious for it, you will make excuses like I could not get time, I was tired, I have this work to do, that work to do. But the truth is that many great achievements have been achieved by people in the worst of the situations of their lives and this had been possible for them because they wanted their desires in actual and were ready to pay anything for it.

Even many working professionals have got selections in the government job exams. It is not an easy task to prepare with job but those who are dedicated for their ambition do not waste a single second and stay focused with their goals. One can make excuses that he has no time, he is tired etc. But if you have decided that you want it, you will find numerous ways to achieve it and nothing can stop you from fulfilling your dreams. It takes dedication and perseverance because success is not an overnight game.

There will be both bad and good times in life and as you grow up life will get complicated. Don't give excuses that I will do it when the right time will come. The time will never be right, you have to make it right with your hard work and dedication.

SBI PO Group Exercise & Personal Interview Experience

Dear Readers,
SBI PO is the most sought after recruitment process by banking aspirants. Group Exercise and Personal Interview is the final round (Phase-III) in SBI PO 2017 Recruitment. Last year SBI introduced a prioritisation based group exercise which is also being conducted this year in the Group Discussion Round. Interview experiences can help you get an insight of the difficulty level, environment and types of questions being asked in SBI PO 2017 Group Exercise and Interview Round. *Keep on reading to understand the experience of* ***Rajat Jain.***

Interview Venue : SBI LHO Mumbai
Date of Interview : 13th September, 2017
Reporting Time : 8 AM

After a smooth document verification process, we headed to the conference hall for our GDs. After a session of introduction of the moderators and candidates, we were given the topic

GD TOPIC: "Is social networking good or bad for the Indian society."
Group Discussion can be a tensed situation for some, but with confidence and clarity of thought, one can easily score in this phase. It is important to maintain the decorum of the session and avoid being too loud. Put forth your views and opinions firmly best backed by figures or facts and also let your fellow group members voice their opinions.

Group Exercise - What is the most important quality one should have in his life?
We were given to 8 points to prioritize. Group Exercise is performed after the discussion. In this group, exercise candidates were given a set of few qualities/ attributes/ traits/ parameters which they had to prioritize according to their understanding of the topic/ situation/ thinking ability.

There was two ranking box given for individual and group ranking, individual ranking we have to mark in individual boxes, for which they gave 5 minutes to think and then after discussion whatever the ranking, the group consensus arrives at, that needed to be mark in group boxes.

- Honesty
- Truthfulness
- Openness
- Adaptability
- Flexibility
- Adjusting
- Caring
- Integrity

There were 2 points more. I can't recall them right now.

Personal Interview

Then PI, I was the first in my panel and first for the day, There were 5 members in the interview panel 1 lady and 4 gentlemen.

Chairman:

- So rajat where you have done engineering from? (Gwalior)
- (Directly to business, no "tell me about yourself" type questions)
- Domain? (Electrical Engineering)
- Ok So you're 2016 passout. What you were doing for past 1 year? (As I haven't mentioned my work experience in bio-data due to non availability of experience certificate)
- I mentioned that I am working in capgemini then questions related to company, bond period, etc.
- Which company it has acquired?
- Your job profile?
- What is data warehousing??
- Why banking after IT job? (Follow up with some cross questions)

Lady:

- What is balance of payment??
- What things are covered under balance of payment?
- What is it when remittance coming is excluded from scenario?
- What are Remittances??

Member 3:

- Cheque vs demand draft??

- New thing which has been established in your hometown branch??
- What is IMPS?
- Can it be performed through going to branch?
- What is NEFT?
- Can it be performed through going to branch?
- What is RTGS?

Member 4:

- What is financial inclusion?
- What is jan dhan yojana then?
- What is financial literacy?
- How financial inclusion is different from financial literacy?
- Tell about Bandhan Bank
- What different service is it giving to the customer??
- What is Payment Bank?

Member 5:

- What are the difficulties which a person face while doing digital banking?
- Told about transaction failures then question came why transaction use to fail?? (Give answer from telecommunication perspective he said)

I was expecting questions from my hobby, Extra curricular activities,daily newspaper but they were absent. My personal suggestion is that, don't expect any questions to come in PI, any question can come and many important questions can be left out. So be prepared for every situation

My Group discussion and GE went great, I was the initiator in GD and we reached the consensus in Group Exercise. My Interview went okay as couldn't guess the interview criteria of the interviewers.

All the best to everyone, hoping for a positive response...

Thanks,

Rajat Jain

News Makers of the Month : June-July 2018

28th Meeting of GST Council| Complete Highlights

- The 28th meeting of the GST Council chaired by interim finance minister Piyush Goyal was held in New Delhi.
- The GST Council has exempted sanitary napkins from Goods and Services Tax. Earlier, there was a 12% levy of tax on sanitary napkins.
- It reduced tax rates on more than 50 items and exempted sanitary napkins, rakhis, stone, marble, wooden deities and Saal leaves from GST.
- GST on footwear priced below 1,000 rupees will attract 5% rate. GST on imported urea and ethanol sold to oil companies for blending with petrol and diesel has been reduced to 5%.
- GST rate on handbags, jewellery box, wooden box for paintings, artware of glass, stone endeavour, ornamental framed mirrors and handmade lamps were reduced to 12%.
- Lithium-ion batteries, vacuum cleaners, food grinders, mixers, storage water heaters, hair dryers, hand dryers, paint, varnishes, water cooler, milk cooler, ice cream coolers, perfumes, toilet sprays and toilet preparation have been brought to 18 from 28% slab.
- GST council has cleared 46 amendments which will be passed in Parliament. The exemption limit for traders in Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Sikkim has been increased from 10 lakh to 20 lakh rupees. **Note:**
- GST is an Indirect Tax which has replaced many Indirect Taxes in India.
- The Goods and Service Tax Act was passed in the Parliament on 29th March 2017.
- The Act came into effect on 1st July 2017.

South Korean President Moon Jae-In's Visit to India: Complete Highlights

- **South Korean President Moon Jae-in** visited India. This was his first visit to India. He was accompanied by **First Lady Kim Jung-sook.**
- **The main events that took place during the visit:**
  President Moon attended the India-Korea business forum: Korean President **Moon Jae-in** spoke at the **India - Korea Business Forum.** This was organized by the **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).**
- **Inaugurated World's Largest Mobile Factory In Noida:** PM Narendra Modi and South Korean President Moon Jae-in visited Noida and inaugurated the **New Mobile Manufacturing Plant of Samsung at Noida.** Notably, it is the **world's largest mobile factory.** Samsung has Invested close to 5,000 Crore Rupees in this plant and aims to Manufacture 12 Crore Mobile Handsets annually which will result in massive job creation.
- **India & South Korea Signed 5 MoUs In Field Of Science and Technology:** India and South Korea have signed **five MoUs in the field of Science and Technology** in New Delhi. Science and Technology Minister, Dr Harsh Vardhan and his South Korean counterpart You Young Min signed three MoUs which are Programme of Cooperation 2018-21, Establishment of Future Strategy Group and Cooperation in Biotechnology and Bio-economy.
- **India, South Korea Ink 11 MoUs:** India and South Korea signed 11 MOUs during South Korean President Moon Jae-in's visit to India.
- **India-Korea Technology Exchange Centre Inaugurated: The India-Korea Technology Exchange Centre** was inaugurated by the **Minister of State (I/C) MSME Giriraj Singh** and Minister of SMEs and Start-ups of Republic of Korea, Hong Jong- hak in New Delhi. The purpose of the Technology Exchange Centre is to create a platform for micro, small and medium enterprises of India and Korea where they can be assisted to identify and exchange latest technologies, share management expertise, product development and technology applications for product development.
- **Note| South Korea Capital-** Seoul, **Currency-** South Korean won.

FIFA World Cup 2018 Concludes | France Emerged as Champions

- **The 21st edition of the FIFA World Cup** concluded in **Luzhniki Stadium in the Russian capital of Moscow.**
- 32 nations, divided into eight groups, battled it out for the coveted trophy in the quadrennial month-long event.
- **France emerged as the champion team of the FIFA World Cup 2018.** It has **defeated Croatia** in a thrilling final by 4-2. It was th**e second world cup win for France,** it first won in 1998.

Important Highlights and Special Awards of the FIFA 2018 World Cup

1. **Golden Ball Award:** Croatian captain **Luka Modric**.
2. **Golden Glove Award:** Belgium's **Thibaut Courtois**.
3. **Golden Boot Award:** England's **Harry Kane**.
4. **Young Player Award:** France's **Kylian Mbappe.**

5. **Fairplay Award: Spain** was awarded the Fairplay Award for being the most disciplined team in the tournament.
6. **Man of the Match in Final: Antoine Griezmann** (France).

Quick Facts:

1. The Prize money for the champion team was **38 million US Dollars.**
2. **Zabivaka** was the official mascot of the 2018 FIFA World Cup.
3. The official song of the tournament was **"Live It Up",** with vocals from Will Smith, Nicky Jam and Era Istrefi.
4. First time in the history of world cup **VAR (Video Assistant Referee) system** was used.
5. **FIFA World Cup 2022 will be held in Qatar.**

Wimbledon Championships 2018: Complete List Of Winners

The 2018 Wimbledon Championships is a Grand Slam tennis tournament which takes place at the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in Wimbledon, London, United Kingdom. It was the 132nd edition of the Championships.

- **Novak Djokovic won the men's singles Title** for the fourth time.
- **Angelique Kerber won the Women's Singles title.**

Category	Winner	Runner Up
Men's Singles	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)	Kevin Anderson (South Africa)
Women's Singles	Angelique Kerber (Germany)	Serena Williams (USA)
Men's Doubles	Mike Bryan (USA) and Jack Sock (USA)	Michael Venus (New Zealand) and Raven Klaasen (South Africa)
Women's Doubles	Barbora Krejcikova (Czech Republic) and Katerina Siniakova (Czech Republic)	Nicole Melichar (USA) and Kveta Peschke (Czech Republic)
Mixed Doubles	Alexander Peya (Austria) and Nicole Melichar (USA)	Victoria Azarenka (Belarus) and Jamie Murray (United Kingdom)

Finance Ministry Approves Infusion of Rs. 11,336 Crore In 5 PSBs

- **The finance ministry has approved an infusion of Rs 11,336 crore** in five state-owned lenders including PNB, Corporation Bank and Andhra Bank to help them meet the regulatory capital requirement.
- This is the **first ever capital infusion in the current fiscal and the remaining amount of Rs 53,664 crore would be disbursed during the course of the year.**
- Which bank will get how much?

1. **Punjab National Bank:** Rs 2,816 crore (Highest Amount),
2. **Allahabad Bank:** Rs 1,790 crore,
3. **Andhra Bank:** Rs 2,019 crore,
4. **Indian Overseas Bank:** Rs 2,157 crore,
5. **Corporation Bank:** Rs 2,555 crore.

All about the five-pronged strategy Project 'SASHAKT' to deal with NPAs

The Sunil Mehta Committee, set up to look into the faster resolution of stressed assets, has recommended the creation of an asset management company for the resolution of stressed loans worth more than Rs. 500 crores.

- FM Piyush Goyal announced that government has accepted a report submitted by a committee of bankers led by Punjab National Bank chairman Sunil Mehta. It recommended a five-pronged strategy Project 'SASHAKT' to deal with Non-performing Assets in the country's banking system.
- The five-pronged strategy includes:

1. SME resolution approach, 2. Bank-led resolution approach, 3. AMC/AIF led resolution approach,
4. NCLT/IBC approach, and 5. Asset-trading platform.

- The Mehta Committee also proposed a Bank Led Resolution Approach (BLRA) for loans between Rs. 50 and Rs. 500 crores. Under the BLRA approach, financial institutions will enter into an inter-creditor agreement to authorise the lead bank to implement a resolution plan in 180 days.

RBI To Issue New Design Rs100 Denomination Banknote

- **The Reserve Bank of India will shortly issue Rs100 denomination banknotes** in the Mahatma Gandhi (New) Series, bearing the signature of Dr Urjit R. Patel, Governor, Reserve Bank of India.
- The new denomination has **Motif of "RANI KI VAV"** on the reverse, depicting the country's cultural heritage. **The base colour of the note is Lavender.** The dimension of the banknote will be **66 mm × 142 mm.** All the banknotes in the denomination of Rs100/- issued by the Reserve Bank in the earlier series will continue to be legal tender.
- **The obverse (Front):**

1. See-through register with denominational numeral 100
2. Guarantee Clause, Governor's signature with Promise Clause and RBI emblem towards right of Mahatma Gandhi portrait
3. Ashoka Pillar emblem on the right
4. Mahatma Gandhi portrait and electrotype (100) watermarks
5. Number panel with numerals in ascending font on the top left side and bottom right side
6. For visually impaired intaglio or raised printing of Mahatma Gandhi portrait, Ashoka Pillar emblem, raised triangular identification mark with micro-text 100, four angular bleed lines both on the right and left sides

- **Reverse (Back)**

1. Year of printing of the note on the left
2. Swachh Bharat logo with slogan
3. Language panel
4. Motif of RANI KI VAV

Government Approves Hike In Minimum Support Price For Kharif Crops

- **The government has decided to sharply increase the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Kharif crops**, as it responds to concerns about distress in the country's farm economy despite two years of strong monsoons.
- The MSP for common variety **paddy, the most important Kharif crop,** will be raised by Rs 200 over last year's Rs 1,550 per quintal.
- That works out a **13%t increase for the financial year** ended March 2019 compared to a 5.4% increase in FY18.
- The year-on-year jump in MSP for most other Kharif crops has also been far steeper than the annual increases announced over the last three years.

Khareef Season MSPs: Annual Increase

Crop	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19
Paddy	3.70	4.30	5.40	12.90
Jowar	2.60	3.50	4.60	42.90
Bajra	2	3.50	7.10	36.80
Maize	1.10	3	4.40	19.30
Ragi	6.50	4.50	10.10	52.40

Sanitation Action Plans Prepared For 10 New Swachh Iconic Places

Ten new Swachh Iconic Places of the country came up with the thorough action plans for raising their sanitation standards to exemplary levels.

- The plans were formulated at a **two-day consultation in Hyderabad** held between Central and State Government agencies, local administrations and the Trusts of the iconic places.
- Over 100 delegates from across the country attended the consultation. All the 30 Swachh Iconic Places, selected so far under the Swachh Bharat Mission, also resolved to make their sites completely free of plastic.
- **These 10 sites constitute Phase-III of the Swachh Iconic Places (SIP):**

Sl. No.	Swachh Iconic Place	Location	State
1.	**Raghavendra Swamy Temple**	Kurnool	Andhra Pradesh
2.	**Hazardwari Palace**	Murshidabad	West Bengal
3.	**Brahma Sarovar Temple**	Kurukshetra	Haryana
4.	**VidurKuti**	Bijnor	Uttar Pradesh
5.	**Mana village**	Chamoli	Uttarakhand
6.	**Pangong Lake**	Leh-Ladakh	J&K

7.	**Nagvasuki Temple**	Allahabad	Uttar Pradesh
8.	**ImaKeithal/ market**	Imphal	Manipur
9.	**Sabarimala Temple**	Pathanamthitta District	Kerala
10.	**Kanvashram**	Kotdwara	Uttarakhand

Finance Ministry Keeps SSS' Interest Rates Unchanged

The Finance Ministry has kept the interest rates on small savings schemes, **including NSC and PPF, unchanged for the July-September quarter.**

- The move is **aimed at matching the hardening interest rates in the banking sector.**
- Interest rates for small savings schemes are notified on a quarterly basis.
- **The Interest rates on different Small Savings schemes are as follows:**

S. No	Schemes	Interest rate (in %)
1.	**5 yr Senior Citizen Savings Scheme (Paid Quarterly)**	8.3
2.	**Savings Deposits**	4
3.	**Public Provident Fund (PPF)**	7.6
4.	**National Savings Certificate (NSC)**	7.6
5.	**Kisan Vikas Patra (maturity in 11 months)**	7.3
6.	**Sukanya Samriddhi Account (SSA)**	8.1
7.	**Term Deposit (1-5 years)**	6.6-7.4

President Presents 'National Awards for Outstanding Services In The Field Of Prevention Of Alcoholism And Drug Abuse'

The President of India Ram Nath Kovind presented the ***"Fourth National Awards for outstanding services in the field of Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drug) Abuse"*** to the institutions and individuals on the occasion of **'International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking' (26 June)** at a function organized by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.

- **The complete list of awardees:**

Sl. No.	Name of Category of Award	Name of Institution/Individual
1.	Best Integrated Rehabilitation Centre for Addicts (IRCA) for providing rehabilitation services to alcoholics and drug users.	Tapovan Nashamukti Evam Punarwas Sansthan, Rajasthan.
2.	Best Panchayati Raj or Municipal Body working for prevention of alcoholism and substance (drug) abuse	Lariapali Gram Panchayat, District Sambalpur, Odisha.
3.	Best Educational Institution doing outstanding work in awareness generation and prevention of alcoholism and substance (drug) abuse	Punjab Institute of Medical Science, Jalandhar, Punjab.
4.	Best Non-Profit Institution, with outstanding contribution in Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse	Nashabandi Mandal, Mumbai, Maharashtra.
5.	Best Research or Innovation	Drug De-addiction and Treatment Centre (DDTC), Chandigarh.
6.	Best Awareness Campaign	State Literacy Mission Authority (SLMA), Bihar.
7.	Outstanding achievement by an Individual.	**i.** Dr. R.C. Sahni, Rajasthan. **ii.** Dr. Rajesh Tukaram Patil, Goa **iii.** Shri L.R. Madhujan, Kerala.

ISSF Junior World Cup 2018 Germany| Complete Highlights

The ISSF Junior World Cup 2 concluded in Suhl, Germany, where 761 junior shooters gathered and competed in 22 Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun events — both individual and team.

- They represented 61 countries, piling up the impressive total of 1544 starts: the highest number in the history of the Junior World Cup.
- **Manu Bhaker shot 242.5 points and won the gold medal in 10m air pistol event. She created a junior world record.**

- **India and the People's Republic of China** battled all along the competition for the top position in the medal board, which was eventually taken by the I**ndian National Team with 26 total medals: 15 golds, two silvers and nine bronzes.**
- **The People's Republic of China took 2nd place** with 21 podiums: six golds, nine silvers and six bronzes.

Rank	Nation	Individual			Team		
		Gold	Silver	Bronze	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1.	India	6	1	5	9	1	4
2.	China	1	5	5	5	4	1
3.	Italy	2	1	4	2	4	4
4.	Czech Republic	1	1	0	3	0	1
5.	Russia	1	2	1	2	4	0

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1.	India	15	2	9	26
2.	China	6	9	6	21
3.	Italy	4	5	8	17
4.	Czech Republic	4	1	1	6
5.	Russia	3	6	1	10

CURRENT AFFAIRS : 21st June till 20th July 2018

INDIA IN NEWS

Myanmar Joins International Solar Alliance

Myanmar joined the India-initiated International Solar Alliance (ISA), thus, becoming the 68th signatory to the Framework Agreement of the ISA that aims for optimum utilisation of solar energy.

Odisha To Get Country's 1st Skill Training Centre

Union Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan announced that the Centre is planning to set up one National Skill Training Institute (NSTI) in every State to meet the rising demand for skilled manpower in the country. He laid the foundation stone of country's first such skill training institute in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

PM Modi Dedicates Bansagar Canal Project To Nation In Mirzapur

Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the Bansagar Canal Project to the Nation in Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh. This project will provide a big boost to irrigation in the region. He also laid the Foundation Stone of the Mirzapur Medical College. He inaugurated 100 Jan Aushadhi Kendras in the State.

India Becomes Vice Chair Of Asia Pacific Region Of World Customs Organisation

India has become the Vice-Chair (Regional Head) of the Asia Pacific Region of World Customs Organisation (WCO) for a period of two years (from July 2018 to June 2020).

Telecom Commission Of India Approves Net Neutrality

Telecom Commission has approved the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India's (TRAI) net neutrality recommendations that bar service providers from discriminating against internet content and services by blocking, throttling or granting them higher speed access.

What is Net Neutrality?

Net neutrality is a principle that requires the Internet service providers to treat all content on the Internet equally without favouring or withholding access to certain websites, services or apps or charging differently based on the user, content, website or platform. The rules aim to give consumers equal access to web content and prevent broadband providers from favouring their own content.

BSNL Launches India's 1st Internet Telephony Service To Enable Making Calls Without SIM

Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) unveiled the country's first internet telephony service that will allow users to dial any telephone number in India through its mobile app. Now BSNL customers will be able to make calls using the company's mobile app "Wings" to any phone number in the country.

India's 1st Private UAV Factory To Come Up In Kota

India's first private sector unit for manufacturing Unmanned Air Vehicles (UAV) and light bullet proof vehicles (LBPV) will be set up by DCM Shriram Industries Group on the campus of Shriram Rayons in Kota, Rajasthan.

Six Universities Granted 'Institute Of Eminence' Status

Union Government granted the Institutions of Eminence (IoEs) status to six institutions including 3 from Public Sector and 3 from Private Sector. The aim of the Institutions of Eminence scheme is to bring the selected higher educational institutions in the world's top 500 in the next 10 years and eventually in top 100.

Three Public Universities granted the Institutions of Eminence (IoEs) status: 1. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Bombay, 2. IIT-Delhi, 3. IISc Bangalore.

Three Private Universities granted the Institutions of Eminence (IoEs) status: 1. Jio Institute by Reliance Foundation (recommended for a letter of intent), 2. BITS Pilani, 3. Manipal Academy of Higher Education.

NITI Aayog Released Paper On 'National Health Stack'

NITI Aayog unveiled the blueprint of 'National Health Stack' (NHS), a shared digital healthcare infrastructure. The blueprint is in line with the implementation of the Centre's flagship scheme Ayushman Bharat and other public healthcare programmes in the country.

The National Health Stack will facilitate the collection of comprehensive healthcare data across the country.

Ministry Of Housing And Urban Affairs Launched ISCF And ISCI Program

Mr Hardeep S Puri, Minister of State (I/C), Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched India Smart Cities Fellowship (ISCF) and Internship (ISCI) program that will provide the youth with an opportunity to experience the aspects of Urban planning and governance.

PM Modi Inaugurated World's Largest Mobile Factory In Noida

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and South Korean President Moon Jae-in visited Noida and inaugurated the New Mobile Manufacturing Plant of Samsung at Noida. Notably, it will be the world's largest mobile factory. Samsung has Invested close to 5,000 Crore Rupees in this plant and aims to Manufacture 12 Crore Mobile Handsets annually which will result in massive job creation.

Law Commission Recommends Regulating Betting

Law Commission recommended that gambling and betting on sports, including cricket, be allowed as regulated activities taxable under the direct and indirect tax regimes and used as a source for attracting foreign direct investment (FDI).

Higher Education Financing Agency Capital Base Enhanced To Rs.10,000 Crores

CCEA approved proposal for expanding the scope of Higher Education Financing Agency (HEFA) by enhancing its capital base to Rs. 10,000 crores and tasking it to mobilise Rs. 1,00,000 crore for Revitalizing Infrastructure and Systems in Education or RISE by 2022.

Election Commission Of India Launches 'CVigil' App

Chief Election Commissioner of India Mr Om Prakash Rawat, along with the Election Commissioners Sunil Arora and Ashok Lavasa, launched an Android-based mobile application named 'cVigil' for citizens to report any violation of the model code of conduct during elections. The app will help voters to share malpractice proof with the authorities.

Bhutan PM Dasho Tshering Tobgay visited India

Prime Minister of Bhutan Dasho Tshering Tobgay arrived in New Delhi for visit to India. During the visit, Prime Minister of Bhutan will call on President Ram Nath Kovind and hold talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This year both countries are commemorating the Golden Jubilee of the establishment of formal diplomatic relations.

Insolvency And Bankruptcy Board Of India Amends IBBI Regulations, 2016

Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) notified the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2018. It has mandated that a resolution professional should determine whether a corporate debtor had indulged in fraudulent transactions within a specified time period during the resolution process.

Piyush Goyal Launches CMSMS And 'Khan Prahari' App

Union Minister of Coal, Railways, Finance & Corporate Affairs, Piyush Goyal launched the Coal Mine Surveillance & Management System (CMSMS) and Mobile Application 'Khan Prahari' developed by CMPDI, Ranchi in New Delhi. The basic objective is reporting, monitoring and taking suitable action on unauthorised coal mining activities.

PM Modi Laid Foundation Stone Of Paperless Vanijya Bhawan

Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Paperless Vanijya Bhawan in New Delhi. Once ready, the new building will house Department of Commerce. The building will accommodate about 1000 officers and staff.

India To Host International Union Of Food Science And Technology 2018

International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFoST), the global voice of food science and technology in association with Indian National Science Academy (INSA) as adhering body, announced the 19th edition of its prestigious global event to be held in Navi Mumbai, India in October 2018.

Bengaluru To Get India's 1st E-Waste Plant

Union minister of chemicals and Fertilisers Ananth Kumar announced that the country's first e-waste recycling unit will come up in Bengaluru, Karnataka. The unit, to be set up by the ministry, is likely to be ready in four months, and is in keeping with the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan drive.

India Pledges $5 Million For UN Palestinian Aid Agency

India has pledged USD 5 million in assistance to the UN agency working for the welfare of Palestinian refugees to help bolster its "severe funding crisis" following US' cut in its annual aid to United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA).

Government Approves Draft Act To Replace UGC With HECI

Union Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) proposed a draft bill to repeal the University Grants Commission (UGC) and set up the Higher Education Commission of India (HECI). This move that aims to reform higher education in India. The Act entitled 'Higher Education Commission of India Act, 2018 (Repeal of University Grants Commission Act)' revamps UGC Act, 1951 and its parent legislation completely.

President Inaugurates Udyam Sangam-2018 To Mark UN SME Day

President of India, Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the Udyam Sangam-2018 in New Delhi. It is a step forward towards consolidating the convergence and synergy of all the government initiatives relating to MSME Sector. The President of India launched the Solar Charkha Mission which will cover 50 clusters and every cluster will employ 400 to 2000 artisans.

US Ambassador To UN Nikki Haley Visits India

The US Ambassador to the UN, Nikki Haley is in India for the 2-day visit. During her two-day visit, Haley will meet with senior Indian government officials, NGO leaders, and the interfaith community to underscore the United States' shared values and strong alliance with the people of India.

STATES IN NEWS

Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar Launches 'Paudhagiri' Campaign

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched the 'Paudhagiri' campaign with an aim to increase the green cover in Haryana. CM Khattar launched the 'Paudhagiri' campaign by planting a 'maulsari' sapling in the Tau Devi Lal Sports Complex premises of Gurgaon. Under this plantation drive, 22 lakh students from class 6 to 12 of all government and private schools in Haryana will plant a sapling each during three months of monsoon ie July, August and September.

PM Lays Foundation Stone For Various Development Projects In Varanasi

The Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated or laid the foundation stone of important projects, cumulatively worth over Rs. 900 crore in Varanasi. Among the projects inaugurated are the Varanasi City Gas Distribution Project and the Varanasi-Ballia MEMU train.

Odisha Government Constitutes Heritage Cabinet

Odisha Government constituted Heritage Cabinet headed by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik to preserve the history and culture of Odisha. Its aim is to spread and preserve history and culture of Odisha and enrich Odia language further. The Cabinet comprises eight members, including the Chief Minister.

Madhya Pradesh CM Inaugurated NTPC's Solar Plant

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan inaugurated state-run power giant National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) 250 MW Solar Power Plant in Mandsaur.

Gujarat Approves Rs 39-Crore 'Seema Darshan' Project

Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani has given in-principle approval for the 39-crore rupees 'Seema Darshan' project for developing more infrastructure facilities from T-Junction to Zero Point at Nadabet near Suigam in Banaskantha district to instil patriotism through a unique Gujarat initiative for border tourism.

Animals Declared As 'Legal Persons' In Uttarakhand

In a first, the Uttarakhand High Court accorded the status of 'legal person or entity' to the animals in the state. The HC stated that "they have a distinct persona with corresponding rights, duties and liabilities of a living person."

Gujarat CM Launches Special Drive Against Malnutrition: POSHAN Abhiyan

Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani launched 'Poshan Abhiyan'--a statewide mission to eradicate malnutrition among children by providing them nutritious food through Anganwadi centres. He also launched 'Purna' project to eliminate malnutrition among girls in the age group of 14 to 18. 'Purna' stands for Prevention of Under Nutrition and Reduction of Nutritional Anaemia among Adolescent

Girls.

Behdienkhlam Festival Concludes In Meghalaya

Union Minister of State for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) Dr Jitendra Singh attended the famous 4-day Meghalaya Annual Cultural Festival, "Behdienkhlam", held every year at the small peripheral town of Jowai, Meghalaya.

Jharkhand To Set Up Country's 1st Khadi Mall

Jharkhand Chief Minister Raghubar Das announced that the first 'Khadi Mall' of the country will be opened in Jharkhand. The land in the Heavy Engineering Corporation (HEC) campus will be made available to the Khadi Board to develop the country's first Khadi mall.

Health Cover Under Odisha's Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana Increased

Odisha government decided to raise the health cover from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 7 lakh under Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY) for women.

PM Modi Inaugurated Several Development Projects In Madhya Pradesh

Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a bouquet of development projects in Madhya Pradesh on his visit. In the first leg of his visit, PM Modi was in Rajgarh where he dedicated the Mohanpura Dam Project to the nation. The dam in Mohanpura has been constructed at a cost of 3800 crore rupees.

Gujarat Launches Wind-Solar Hybrid Power Policy

Gujarat government announced wind-solar hybrid power policy - 2018, aiming to make optimum utilisation of the land and grid. The policy, which will have a coverage period of five years, provides encouragement to renewable power producers supplying to the grid as well as to those having captive use.

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