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# **HOW TO PREPARE FOR AN EMPLOYMENT INTERVIEW**

1. Prepare yourself for interview, have a glance over the subjects you have studied, be well- informed about current affairs.
2. Please take with you, your certificate and testimonials in original.
3. Reach Employer's Office in time, if possible a few minutes earlier.
4. Wear neat, tidy and formal dress, keep up your pleasant appearance.
5. When you enter the room, wish the interviewers and stand until you are offered a seat.
6. Sit relaxed, do not sit on the edge of the chair nor recline in it and not put your hands on the table of the interviewers.
7. Leave your troubles at home, attend the interview with an open and with full determination to succeed.
8. Be very clear and precise in your answer; do not try to bluff but speak with confidence.
9. Look into the eyes of the person interviewing you, be courteous, courageous and have no fear.
10. You should have a clear idea as far as possible regarding the nature of the job for which you are a candidate.
11. Never give anybody's reference that so and so has sent you or knows you.
12. Before leaving the room thank the employer, close the door behind gently.

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## **AGHARKAR RESEARCH INSTITUTE RECRUITMENT 2017**

### **Technical Officer Posts**

**Agharkar Research Institute Recruitment 2017 Technical Officer Posts:** MACS – Agharkar Research Institute (ARI), Pune has invited applications for the recruitment of Technical Officer – B in the Bioenergy vacancies. Eligible candidates may apply in prescribed application format on or before 21-04-2017. Other details like age limit, educational qualification, selection process, application fee & how to apply are given below....

#### **Agharkar Research Institute Vacancy Details:**

**Total No. of Posts: 01**

**Name of the Post: Technical Officer – B in the Bioenergy**

**Age Limit:** Candidates age limit should be 35 years. Age relaxation is applicable to 03 years for OBC, 5 years for SC/ST candidates, employees working in Govt./ Semi Govt./ Autonomous Bodies/ Public sector undertaking.

**Educational Qualification:** Candidates should possess 1st class B.Sc (Microbiology) with 10 years experience in research or 1st class M.Sc (Microbiology) with 3 years experience in the field of anaerobic microbiology, microbial taxonomy and bio-methanation.

**Selection Process:** Candidates will be selected based on interview.

**Application Fee:** Candidates should pay Rs. 100/- through demand draft in favor of Director, ARI, Pune.

**How to Apply:** Eligible candidates may send their application with enclosed self attested copies of qualifications, certificates, caste certificate issued by competent authority and passport size photographs & application fee in an envelope should be super scribed with “Application for the Post of TOB-Bioenergy” to the Director, ARI, Pune 4 on or before 21-04-2017.

**Last Date for Receipt of Application: 21-04-2017.**

**Source :** <http://www.freejobalert.com/agharkar-research-institute/5203/>

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**PUNE UNIVERSITY RECRUITMENT 2017**  
**TEACHING ASSOCIATE, JRF & OTHER POSTS**

**Pune University Recruitment 2017 – Teaching Associate & JRF Posts:** Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune has announced a notification for the recruitment of Teaching Associate, Junior Research Fellow (JRF) vacancies. Eligible candidates may apply in the prescribed application format within 10 days from the date of advt for Post 1, may apply on or before 31-03-2017 for Post 2. Other details like age, educational qualification, selection process and how to apply are given below...

**Pune University Vacancy Details:**

**Total No. of Posts: 03**

**Name of the Posts:**

1. Teaching Associate: 02 Posts
2. Junior Research Fellow (JRF): 01 Post

**Age Limit:** Candidates age should be 33 years for Post 1. Age relaxation is applicable by 5 years for women candidates.

**Educational Qualification:** Candidates should possess MD Ayurveda/ M.Pharm/ M.Sc Biomedical Sciences with Teaching/ Research experience in Integrative health/ Alternative Medicine/ Natural Product Drug Discovery for Post 1, M.Sc in Physics/ Physical Chemistry from a reputed university with at least B grade or 55% of marks for Post 2.

**Selection Process:** Shortlisted candidates will be called for interview.

**How to Apply:**

**For Post 1:** Eligible candidates may send their applications on plain paper along with copies of experience, qualification certificates to the Director, Centre for Complementary and Integrative Health, Interdisciplinary School of Health Sciences, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Ganeshkhind, Pune – 411007 within 10 days from the date of advertisement.

**For Post 2:** Eligible candidates may send their application in prescribed format hard copy along with relevant documents to Director, Interdisciplinary School of Scientific Computing, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune – 411007 or softcopy with CV by email to vaishali@unipune.ac.in with subject line as “post applied for” on or before 31-03-2017.

**Important Dates:**

**Date of Advertisement for Post 1: 01-03-2017**

**Last Date for Receipt of Applications for Post 1: Within 10 days from the date of advertisement.**

**Last Date for Receipt of Applications for Post 2: 31-03-2017.**

Source : <http://www.freejobalert.com/university-of-pune/6941/#TeachingAssociate-JRF>

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## महाराष्ट्र लोकसेवा आयोगामार्फत दिवाणी न्यायाधीश पदांच्या ७५ जागा

महाराष्ट्र लोकसेवा आयोगामार्फत दिवाणी न्यायाधीश पदांच्या एकूण ७५ जागा भरण्यासाठी २१ मे २०१७ रोजी घेण्यात येणाऱ्या दिवाणी न्यायाधीश कनिष्ठ स्तर व न्यायदंडाधिकारी प्रथमवर्ग पूर्व परीक्षा -२०१७ करिता पात्र उमेदवारांकडून अर्ज मागविण्यात येत असून ऑनलाईन पध्दतीने अर्ज करण्याची शेवटची तारीख ४ एप्रिल २०१७ आहे. अधिक माहिती साठी <http://nmk.co.in/NewsView.aspx?Articleid=33674> या संकेतस्थरावर जावे.

**Source : [www.nmk.co.in](http://www.nmk.co.in)**

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## न्यू इंडिया इन्शुरन्स कंपनीच्या आस्थापनेवर सहाय्यक पदांच्या ९८४ जागा

न्यू इंडिया इन्शुरन्स कंपनी यांच्या आस्थापनेवरील सहाय्यक पदांच्या एकूण ९८४ जागा भरण्यासाठी पात्र उमेदवारांकडून अर्ज मागविण्यात येत असून ऑनलाईन पध्दतीने अर्ज करण्याची शेवटची तारीख २९ मार्च २०१७ आहे.

**Source : [www.nmk.co.in](http://www.nmk.co.in)**

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## **PUNE UNIVERSITY RECRUITMENT 2017 SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE & PROJECT ASSISTANT**

**Pune University Recruitment 2017 – Secretarial Assistance & Project Assistant Posts:** Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune has advertised a notification for the recruitment of Secretarial Assistance & Project Assistant vacancies. Eligible candidates can apply in the prescribed application format on or before 06 & 31-03-2017. Other details like educational qualification, selection process and how to apply are given below...

### **Pune University Vacancy Details:**

**Total No.of Posts: 02**

**Name of the Posts:**

1. Secretarial Assistance: 01 Post
2. Project Assistant: 01 Post

**Educational Qualification:** Candidates should possess Bachelor Degree with 55% minimum marks from a recognized university with Computer knowledg, English, Marathi Typing 30 & 40w.p.m with minimum 3 years experience for S.No-1, M.Sc in Physics/ Physical Chemistry

from a reputed University with at least B grade or 55% marks with exposure to computational methods and techniques in physics/ chemistry for S.No-2 Posts.

**Selection Process:** Candidates will be selected based on applicants performance in Interview.

**How to Apply:**

**For S.No-1:** Eligible candidates can send their applications giving details of name, address,(e-mail), educational qualification and experience along with Xerox copies of all relevant documents to Prof. A. S. Kumbhar, CAS, Coordinator, Department of Chemistry, Savitribai Phule Pune University Pune -411007 on or before 06-03-2017.

**For S.No-2:** Eligible candidates can send their application in prescribed format hard copy along with relevant documents to Director, Interdisciplinary School of Scientific Computing, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune – 411007 or softcopy with CV mail to vaishali@unipune.ac.in with subject line as “post applied for” on or before 31-03-2017.

**Important Dates:**

**Last Date for Receipt of Applications for S.No-1: 06-03-2017.**

**Last Date for Receipt of Applications for S.No-2: 31-03-2017.**

**Source :** <http://www.freejobalert.com/university-of-pune/6941/#TeachingAssociate-JRF>

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**भारत संचार निगम मध्ये कनिष्ठ दूरसंचार अधिकारी पदांच्या २५१० जागा**

भारत संचार निगम लिमिटेड यांच्या आस्थापनेवरील कनिष्ठ दूरसंचार अधिकारी पदांच्या एकूण २५१० जागा भरण्यासाठी पात्र उमेदवारांकडून अर्ज मागविण्यात येत असून ऑनलाईन पध्दतीने अर्ज करण्याची शेवटची तारीख ६ एप्रिल २०१७ आहे.

**Source : [www.nmk.co.in](http://www.nmk.co.in)**

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**भारतीय लोकसभा सचिवालय हाऊस किपर पदांच्या एकूण २८ जागा**

भारत सरकारच्या लोकसभा सचिवाय यांच्या आस्थापनेवरील हाऊस किपर पदांच्या एकूण २८ जागा कंत्राटी पध्दतीने भरण्यासाठी पात्र उमेद्वारांकडून अर्ज मागविण्यात येत असून विहित नमुन्यातील अर्ज पोहोचण्याची शेवटची तारीख २७ मार्च २०१७ आहे.

**Source : [www.nmk.co.in](http://www.nmk.co.in)**

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## **PUNE UNIVERSITY RECRUITMENT 2017 PROJECT FELLOW POSTS**

**Pune University Recruitment 2017 – Project Fellow Posts:** Department of Chemistry, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune has published notification for the recruitment of Project Fellow vacancies for the project titled “Phytochemical potential of medicinal plants as a source of Anti-Sickling Agents for Health Management in Sickle Cell Disease” on temporary basis. Eligible candidates may apply in prescribed application format on or before 18-03-2017. Other details like age limit, educational qualification, selection process & how to apply are given below....

**Pune University Vacancy Details:**

**Total No. of Posts: 02**

**Name of the Post: Project Fellow**

**Educational Qualification:** Candidates should possess M.Sc in Biochemistry and Biotechnology with minimum 60% marks and minimum 55% for reserved candidates with research experience.

**Selection Process:** Candidates will be selected based on interview.

**How to Apply:** Eligible candidates may send their complete application on a plain paper with corresponding details (E-mail, phone no, mobile no) and attested copies of documents for academic qualification, experience, caste certificate to the Dr. Pooja J. Doshi, Principal Investigator at Department of Chemistry, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Ganeshkhind, Pune-411 007 on or before 18-03-2017.

**Important Dates:**

**Last Date for Receipt of Application: 18-03-2017.**

**Date of Interview: 23-03-2017**

**Source :** <http://www.freejobalert.com/university-of-pune/6941/#TeachingAssociate-JRF>

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### गोवा शिपयार्ड लिमिटेड यांच्या आस्थापनेवर विविध पदांच्या २९ जागा

भारत सरकारच्या संरक्षण मंत्रालय अंतर्गत गोवा शिपयार्ड लिमिटेड यांच्या आस्थापनेवरील विविध पदांच्या एकूण २९ जागा भरण्यासाठी पात्र उमेद्वारांकडून अर्ज मागविण्यात येत असून ऑनलाईन पध्दतीने अर्ज करण्याची शेवटची तारीख ५ एप्रिल २०१७ आहे.

**Source :** <http://nmk.co.in/NewsView.aspx?Articleid=33673>

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## केंद्रीय राखीव पोलीस दलात सहाय्यक उपनिरीक्षक पदांच्या २१९ जागा

केंद्रीय राखीव पोलीस दलाच्या आस्थापनेवरील सहाय्यक उपनिरीक्षक पदांच्या एकूण २१९ जागा भरण्यासाठी पात्र उमेदवारांकडून अर्ज मागविण्यात येत असून ऑनलाईन पध्दतीने अर्ज करण्याची शेवटची तारीख २५ एप्रिल २०१७ आहे.

Source : <http://nmk.co.in/NewsView.aspx?Articleid=33669>

## CURRENT AFFAIRS OF FEBRUARY 2017

### Awards

- The renowned Hindi writer who has been chosen for the Vyas Samman 2016 by the KK Birla Foundation for his novel "Kaatna shami ka vriksha padma-pankhuri ki dhar se" – **Surinder Verma**

### Defence:

- Indian Navy's second sail boat slated to be a platform for the first Indian all-women global circumnavigation which was inducted into the Indian Navy in Goa – **INSV Tarini**
- The multinational military exercise being held in Thailand from 14 to 24 February 17 with participation from about 30 countries is named – **Cobra Gold 2017**
- The Indian Navy's survey vessel which has become the first Indian warship to go green by installing a 5 kw solar power system on board – **INS Sarvekshak**
- The new exo-atmospheric interceptor missile test-fired by DRDO for engaging the targets in the exoatmosphere region at an altitude above 50 kilometers of earth's atmosphere – **Prithvi Defence Vehicle**
- The fifth multinational naval exercise with participation from 37 countries being conducted by Pakistan at Karachi is named – **Aman-17**

### Places:

- The place at which India's first integrated heliport was inaugurated by the Union Civil Aviation Minister Shri Gajapathi Raju – **Rohini, Delhi**
- The place at which the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has unveiled a 112-foot statue of Adiyogi - Lord Shiva, constructed by Isha Foundation – **Coimbatore**
- The place in Madhya Pradesh where establishment of Food Legumes Research Platform (FLRP) by ICARDA has been approved by the Union Cabinet – **Amlaha, Sehore**
- The sub-division of West Bengal's Darjeeling district which has been declared to be its 21st district – **Kalimpong**
- The State which has become the first in the country to make its public distribution system (PDS) completely cashless – **Gujarat**

### Venues of Conferences, Seminars, Fairs etc.:

- The venue of the Third National Dam Safety Conference organized by Central Water Commission in association with Uttarakhand Jal Vidyut Nigam and IIT Roorkee – **Roorkee**
- The venue of India's Western Regional Agriculture Fair – 2017 inaugurated by Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Radha Mohan Singh – **Bikaner**
- The venue of 11th biennial edition of International Aerospace and Defence Exhibition, the Aero India 2017 declared open by the Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar – **Yelahanka, Bengaluru**
- The venue of Indian Seed Congress 2017 held from 12 to 14 February 2017 with the theme "Seed For Joy" – **Kolkata**
- The venue of National Women's Parliament being held with the theme Empowering Women — Strengthening Democracy – **Amaravathi, A.P.**
- The venue of 11th biennial edition of International Aerospace and Defence Exhibition – Aero India 2017 to be held from 14th to 18th February 2017. – **Bengaluru**
- The venue of 17th International Counter Terrorism Seminar organised by National Security Guard on 08 and 09 February 2017 – **Manesar, Haryana**

### Sports:

- The Pakistani cricketer and former Captain of its national cricket team who announced retirement from international cricket – **Shahid Afridi**
- The Indian car racing driver who has become the first Indian to win Grand Prix by winning the New Zealand Grand Prix 2017 – **Jehan Daruvala**
- The US gymnast who has been awarded the Laureus World Sports Award for the Sportswoman of the Year 2017 – **Simone Biles**
- The Jamaican athlete who has been awarded the Laureus World Sports Award for Sportsman of the Year 2017 – **Usain Bolt**
- The Indian batsman who has become the first batsman in the world to score 4 double centuries in 4 consecutive series breaking the record of Sir Don Bradman and Rahul Dravid – **Virat Kohli**
- The team India defeated to win the T20 Blind World Cup in the finals at Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru – **Pakistan**
- The number of tests in which R Ashwin has reached 250 test wickets beating the record of Australian bowler Dennis Lillee who achieved it in 248 tests – **245**
- The biggest school sport outreach programme launched by the Central Govt to encourage school children to play football is named – **Mission XI Million**
- The official mascot (a clouded leopard) of the FIFA U-17 World Cup 2017 unveiled by the Sports Minister Vijay Goel is named – **Kheleo**
- The winners of Men's and Women's titles at the 81st Senior Badminton National Championships respectively – **Saurabh Verma and Rituparna Das**
- The place at which foundation stone for the first ever training center for para athletes was laid by the Sports Minister Shri Vijay Goel – **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**

### Persons:

- The former Chief Justice of India who passed away on 19 February 2017 – **Altamas Kabir**

- The internationally acclaimed Bangladeshi painter who has become the first foreign artist to live in Rashtrapati Bhavan as an Artist In-Residence as a guest of the Indian President – **Shahabuddin Ahmed**
- The Indian sand artist who has created a Guinness World Record by building the world's tallest sand castle which is 48 feet and 8 inch at the Puri beach – **Sudarsan Pattnaik**
- The additional secretary at the finance ministry's economic affairs department who has been chosen to succeed Shri U.K. Sinha as the Chairman of SEBI from 01 March 2017 – **Ajay Tyagi**
- The British scientist, recipient of the 2003 Nobel Prize (Physiology and Medicine) with Paul C. Lauterbur for discoveries concerning magnetic resonance imaging, who passed away on 08 February 2017 – **Peter Mansfield**
- The former Minister of State of External Affairs and MP for Mallapuram, Kerala who passed away following a cardiac arrest in the Parliament – **E. Ahamed**

#### **Themes:**

- The theme of National Science Day observed on 28 February 2017 – **Science and Technology for specially abled persons**
- The theme of National Productivity Week (12 to 18 February 2017) being observed by National Productivity Council, an autonomous body under Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, – **From Waste to Profits-through Reduce, Recycle and Reuse**
- The theme of Annual Maritime Power Conference-2017 being conducted by the National Maritime Foundation at the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA) Auditorium, New Delhi, on 09-10 February 2017 – **The Blue Economy: Concept, Constituents and Development**
- The theme State of 31st Surajkund International Crafts Mela - 2017 being held from 01 to 15 Feb 2017 at Surajkund, near Faridabad (Haryana) – **Jharkhand**

#### **Railways:**

- The stations between which the first Antyodaya Express (long-distance, fully unreserved, superfast train service) was flagged by the Union Railway Minister Shri Suresh Prabhu – **Howrah and Ernakulam**

#### **Space:**

- The ultra-cool dwarf star, 40 light years away from earth, around which NASA has discovered 7 planets about the size of earth – **Trappist-1**

#### **Miscellaneous:**

- The State which has become the second in the country to prohibit all stadiums, restaurants, airports and cinema halls from charging any price more than the printed Maximum Retail Price (MRP) for packaged food items such as drinking water bottles, wafer and biscuit packets (Maharashtra was the first State) – **Rajasthan**

- The University which along with Bhartiya Shikshan Mandal has organised a 3-day international conference on 'Bharat Bodh' - the idea of Bharat in New Delhi – **Indira Gandhi National Open University**
- The French car manufacturing company to which Hindustan Motors has sold its Ambassador brand for Rs. 80 crores – **Peugeot SA**
- The international airlines which has launched the world's longest scheduled commercial service with its inaugural flight from Doha to Auckland (a distance of 14,535 kilometers, or 9,032 miles which is the furthest distance between any two cities linked by direct flights.) – **Qatar Airways**
- The partner nation at the 31st Surajkund International Crafts Mela - 2017 being held from 01 to 15 Feb 2017 at Surajkund, near Faridabad (Haryana) – **Egypt**
- The tagline of National Capital Region Transport Corporation released by the Minister of Urban Development Shri M.Venkaiiah Naidu – '**Gati Se Pragati**' (**Progress with Speed**)

#### **Books in News:**

- **The Golden House** - Salman Rushdie
- **Veerappan, Chasing the Brigand** - K. Vijay Kumar

#### **Abbreviations in News:**

- **PRAGATI** - Pro-Active Governance And Timely Implementation
- **QR Code** - Quick Response
- **VoLTE** - Voice over Long-Term Evolution
- **PMGDISHA** - Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan

#### **Important Days of February:**

**World Wetlands Day:** 02 February 2017

Designated by: Ramsar Convention Secretariat

Theme: **Wetlands for Disaster Risk Reduction**

First Observed in: 1997

**World Cancer Day:** 04 February 2017

Designated by: Union for International Cancer Control (UICC)

Theme: **We Can, I Can (for 2016-18)**

First Observed in: 2000

**International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation:** 06 February 2017

Designated by: U.N.O.

Theme: **Building a solid and interactive bridge between Africa and the world to accelerate ending FGM by 2030**

First Observed in: 2013

**Safer Internet Day:** 07 February 2017

Designated by: European Union

Theme: Be the change: **Unite for a better internet**

First Observed in: 2004

**World Radio Day:** 13 February 2017

Designated by: UNESCO

Theme: **Radio is You**

First Observed in: 2013

**World Day of Social Justice:** 20 February 2017

Designated by: UNO

Theme: **Preventing conflict and sustaining peace through decent work**

First Observed in: 2008

### **Payment of Wages (Amendment) Bill 2016:**

The Parliament recently passed the Payment of Wages (Amendment) Bill 2016

Under the Payment of Wages Act, 1936 all wages must be paid either in coin or currency notes, or both. However, the employer may pay his employee's

- wages either by cheque or
- by crediting it into his bank account, after obtaining his written authorization.

The amendment removes the requirement of obtaining written authorisation from the employee and allows the employer to pay through cheque or by crediting into his bank account.

In addition with the amendment the relevant central or state government may specify certain industrial or other establishments where the employer should pay his employees only by:

(i) cheque; or (ii) crediting the wages in his bank account.

### **Academy Awards (Oscars) 2017:**

- Best Picture : **Moonlight**
- Best Director : **Damien Chazelle** for La La Land
- Best Actor : **Casey Affleck** for Manchester by the Sea
- Best Actress : **Emma Stone** for La La Land
- Best Animated Feature Film : **Zootopia**
- Best Foreign Language Film : **The Salesman** (Iran)

La La Land was nominated in 14 categories and won 6 awards - Best Director, Best Actress, Best Original Score, Best Original Song, Best Production Design, Best Cinematography.

### **SAATHIYA Resource Kit and SAATHIYA SALAH Mobile App:**

- SAATHIYA Resource Kit and SAATHIYA SALAH Mobile App for Adolescents were launched by the Health Secretary on 20 February 2017 as part of the Rashtriya Kishor Swasthya Karyakram (RKSK) program.

- One of the key interventions under the programme is introduction of the Peer Educators (Saathiyas) who act as a catalyst for generating demand for the adolescent health services and imparting age appropriate knowledge on key adolescent health issues to their peer groups. In order to equip the Saathiyas in doing so, the Health Ministry has launched the Saathiya Resource Kit (including 'Saathiya Salah' Mobile App).
- RKSK identifies six strategic priorities for adolescents i.e. nutrition, sexual and reproductive health (SRH), non-communicable diseases (NCDs), substance misuse, injuries and violence (including gender-based violence) and mental health.
- This Resource Kit comprises i) Activity Book, ii) Bhranti-Kranti Game iii) Question-Answer Book and iv) Peer Educator Diary.
- In addition to the kit is the mobile app 'Saathiya Salah' (downloadable from Google play-store) which acts as a ready information source for the adolescents in case they are unable to interact with the Peer Educators. The mobile app is also linked to another important piece of cost-effective information platform of a toll-free Saathiya Helpline (1800-233-1250) which will act as an e-counselor.

#### **Launch of TAMRA Portal and Mobile App:**

- Transparency, Auction Monitoring and Resource Augmentation (TAMRA) Portal and Mobile Application has been launched by the Ministry of Mines. It was simultaneously launched across 12 mineral rich States.
- TAMRA is a step to speed up mining activity in India and facilitate all the stakeholders to track the status of the statutory clearances associated with mining blocks for getting mines to reach till operationalisation for the same. It will be an interactive platform for all the stakeholders to compress the timelines for statutory and other clearances as it would help minimize the gestation period for commencing production.
- In case of delay in obtaining any clearances, TAMRA will send triggers to the concerned authority so that the remedial steps can be taken immediately by those responsible. The Ministry of Mines will also receive triggers generated by TAMRA, which will facilitate in expediting clearances in case the timelines set against each of the statutory clearances are not met.

#### **Launch of 104 satellites by ISRO:**

- In its thirty ninth flight (PSLV-C37), ISRO's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle successfully launched the 714 kg Cartosat-2 Series Satellite along with 103 co-passenger satellites on February 15, 2017 from Satish Dhawan Space Centre SHAR, Sriharikota. This is the thirty eighth consecutively successful mission of PSLV. The total weight of all the 104 satellites carried on-board PSLV-C37 was 1378 kg.
- The total number of Indian satellites launched by PSLV now stands at 46.
- The imagery from the Cartosat-2 series satellite will be useful for cartographic applications, urban and rural applications, coastal land use and regulation, utility management like road network monitoring, water distribution, creation of land use maps, change detection to bring out geographical and manmade features and various other Land Information System (LIS) and Geographical Information System (GIS) applications. The data sets could be used for urban planning of 500 cities under the Amrut Planning Scheme. The government initiative of 100 smart city programme in

which these data sets could be used for master plan preparation and detailed geospatial data preparation for rural roads and infrastructure development.

- Of the 103 co-passenger satellites carried by PSLV-C37, two – ISRO Nano Satellite-1 (INS-1) weighing 8.4 kg and INS-2 weighing 9.7 kg – are technology demonstration satellites from India. The remaining 101 copassenger satellites carried were international customer satellites from USA (96), The Netherlands (1), Switzerland (1), Israel (1), Kazakhstan (1) and UAE (1).
- With today's successful launch, the total number of customer satellites from abroad launched by India's workhorse launch vehicle PSLV has reached 180.

#### **South Asia Training and Technical Assistance Center (SARTTAC):**

- IMF's South Asia Training and Technical Assistance Center (SARTTAC) was inaugurated in Delhi by the Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, Shri Shaktikanta Das.
- SARTTAC is a collaborative venture between the IMF, the member countries, and development partners. Its member countries are Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. The centre has been established less than a year after IMF Managing Director Ms Christine Lagarde and the Finance Minister of India, Shri Arun Jaitley, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to establish a capacity development center for South Asia. SARTTAC, the newest addition to the IMF's global network of fourteen regional centers which are financed jointly by the IMF, external development partners, and member countries.
- The center's strategic goal is to help its member countries strengthen their institutional and human capacity to design and implement macroeconomic and financial policies that promote growth and reduce poverty.

#### **Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan:**

- The Union Cabinet has recently approved 'Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan' (PMGDISHA) to make 6 crore rural households digitally literate. The outlay for this project is Rs.2,351.38 crore to usher in digital literacy in rural India by March, 2019. This is in line with the announcement made by Finance Minister in the Union Budget 2016-17.
  - PMGDISHA is expected to be one of the largest digital literacy programmes in the world. Under the scheme, 25 lakh candidates will be trained in the FY 2016-17; 275 lakh in the FY 2017-18; and 300 lakh in the FY 2018- 19.
  - Digitally literate persons would be able to operate computers/digital access devices (like tablets, smart phones, etc.), send and receive emails, browse internet, access Government Services, search for information, undertaking cashless transactions, etc. and hence use IT to actively participate in the process of nation building.
  - As per the 71st NSSO Survey on Education 2014, only 6% of rural households have a computer. This highlights that more than 15 crore rural households (@ 94% of 16.85 crore households) do not have computers and a significant number of these households are likely to be digitally illiterate.
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## CURRENT AFFAIRS OF MARCH 2017

- The only black woman to be nominated for three Academy Awards who has been named Harvard's Artist of the Year 2017 - Viola Davis
- The period of maternity leave which has been allowed under the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961 with the Maternity Benefits (Amendments) Bill, 2016 passed by the Parliament recently - 26 weeks
- The theme of International Women's Day observed on 08 March 2017 - Be Bold for Change
- The Bengaluru based institution which has become the first Indian institute to be ranked (at 8th position) in the Top10 list of Times Higher Education list of best small universities - Indian Institute of Science
- The place in Gujarat where India's longest Extradosed bridge (across Narmada) was dedicated to the nation by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi - Bharuch
- The 11th edition of 14 day Indo-Nepal Joint Military Exercise being conducted at Pithoragarh (Uttarakhand) with the participation of elite DURGA BAKSH Battalion of Nepal and the EKTA SHAKTI Battalion of The Punjab Regiment - Surya Kiran XI
- The second edition of joint exercise between the Indian and Oman Army which commenced at Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh - Al Nagahli 2017
- The place in Punjab where country's largest national flag measuring 120 x 80 feet has been hoisted atop a 360feet tall flag post - Attari (Amritsar)
- The venue of 3 day festival Destination North East 2017 being organised by Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region from 6 to 8 March 2017 - Chandigarh
- The American physician and researcher who passed away on 04 March 2017 (He had performed the first human liver transplant in 1963, and the first successful human liver transplant in 1967) - Thomas E Starzl
- The Weapon Locating Radar (WLR) developed by DRDO and handed over to Indian Army for induction is named - SWATHI
- The State which is scheduled to hold India's biggest river festival Namami Brahmaputra from March 31 to April 4 - Assam
- The Pakistan diplomat who has been elected to the post of Secretary General of SAARC succeeding Nepal's Arjun Bahadur Thapa - Amjad Hussein B Sial
- The former Portuguese footballer who has been appointed the head coach of India's U17 football team by the All India Football Federation - Luis Norton De Matos
- The Telecom Secretary who has been chosen to be India's permanent representative to the World Trade Organisation with effect from 01 June 2017 - J.S. Deepak
- The place in Haryana from which Swachh Shakti Saptah was launched by Union Minister of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar - Gurugram
- The columnist, humorist, writer and playwright famous for his column Duniya Ne Undha Chasma in Gujarati who passed away on 01 Mar 2017 - Tarak Mehta

### **Books in News:**

- Rekha - The Untold Story Yasser Usman
- The Rise of Sivagami: Book 1 of bahubali Anand Neelakanthan



### **Important Days of March:**

Zero Discrimination Day: 01 March 2017

Designated by: UNAIDS

Theme: Make Some Noise for #Zero Discrimination

First Observed in: 2014

World Wildlife Day: 03 March 2017

Designated by: United nations General Assembly

Theme: Listen to the Young Voices

First Observed in: 2014

World Hearing Day: 03 March 2017

Designated by: W.H.O.

Theme: Action for Hearing Loss, Make a Sound Investment

First Observed in: 2007

### **Visitors Award 2017:**

- Visitor's Award for the Best University 2017 - **Jawaharlal Nehru University**
- Visitor's Award for Innovation - **Dr. Deepak Pant from Central University of Himachal Pradesh**
- Visitor's Award for Research - **Dr. Shyam Sunder from Banaras Hindu University and Prof. Niranjana Karak from Tezpur University.**

### **BCCI Annual Awards 201516:**

- Col. CK. Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award: Rajinder Goel, Padmakar Shivalkar
- BCCI Lifetime Achievement Award for Women: Shantha Rangaswamy
- BCCI Special award: VV Kumar, Late Ramakant Desai
- Polly Umrigar Award: Virat Kohli
- Dilip Sardesai award (For India's best cricketer in the West Indies series 2016): Ravichandran Ashwin

### **Woman Cricketers:**

- Jagmohan Dalmiya Award [Best Woman cricketer (Sr.) of 201516]: Mithali Raj of Railways
  - Jagmohan Dalmiya Award [Best Woman cricketer (Jr.) of 201516]: Deepti Sharma of Uttar Pradesh
  - Best Umpire in Domestic cricket in 201516: Nitin Menon
  - Best performance in BCCI Domestic tournaments of 201516: Mumbai Cricket Association
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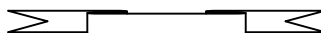
### CURRENT AFFAIRS QUESTIONS

SN	Questions			
1.	National Mathematics Day is observed on			
	A	December 20	B	December 22
	C	December 24	D	December 26
2.	Which country did India defeat to win the 2016 Under-19 Asia Cup international cricket tournament held in Sri Lanka in December 2016?			
	A	Pakistan	B	Bangladesh
	C	Sri Lanka	D	Malaysia
3.	Garv-II App launched by Govt of India is related to			
	A	Household electrification	B	Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
	C	Currency Demonetization	D	Drinking water in villages
4.	Which state observes its Statehood Day on 01 December?			
	A	Manipur	B	Nagaland
	C	Sikkim	D	Goa
5.	At which of the following places was a statue of renowned Tamil poet Thiruvalluvar installed recently?			
	A	Varanasi Allahabad	B	Mathura
	C	Vrindawan	D	Haridwar
6.	Which of the following football clubs lost 18 of its players in an air-crash in Columbia?			
	A	Chapecoense	B	Atletico Mineiro
	C	Corinthians	D	Atletico Nacional
7.	Stephane Del Vale who was crowned Miss World 2016 belongs to			
	A	Venezuela	B	Costa Rica
	C	Puerto Rico	D	Portugal
8.	Which state awards the Yash Bharti Awards to felicitate person in various fields?			
	A	Madhya Pradesh	B	Karnataka
	C	Uttar Pradesh	D	Rajasthan
9.	Which of the following teams won the 2016 Indian Super League football tournament?			
	A	Atletico de Kolkata	B	Kerala Blasters
	C	Chennaiyin	D	Delhi Dynamos
10.	On which date is the National Pollution Control Day observed in memory of people who lost their lives in Bhopal gas tragedy 1984?			
	A	Dec 2	B	Dec 3
	C	Dec 4	D	Dec 5
11.	Who of the following has been ranked the World's Most Powerful Person by Forbes?			
	A	Barack Obama	B	Vladimir Putin
	C	Donald Trump	D	Angela Merkel
12.	With which of the following sports is Nico Rosberg associated?			
	A	Cycling	B	Golf
	C	Mountaineering	D	Formula 1 Car Racing
13.	Ekuverin was a joint military exercise between the Indian Army and the defence forces of			
	A	Mauritius	B	Singapore
	C	Oman	D	Maldives
14.	For which category of travellers has the Indian Railways made AADHAR card mandatory for availing concessions?			
	A	Children below 5 years	B	Freedom fighters
	C	Senior citizens	D	Physically challenged
15.	Which South American country demonetized its highest denomination of 100 bolivar banknotes recently?			
	A	Venezuela	B	Columbia
	C	Chile	D	Peru
16.	With which of the following countries has India entered into an agreement to train its pilots on Sukhoi 30MK2 fighter aircraft?			
	A	Indonesia	B	Vietnam
	C	Thailand	D	Myanmar
17.	How many double centuries has Virat Kohli scored in the calendar year 2016?			
	A	one	B	two
	C	three	D	none

18.	Which country won the Women's Asia Cup T20 cricket tournament held in Thailand recently?			
	A	Pakistan	B	Sri Lanka
	C	India	D	Bangladesh
19.	The annual bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and the Royal Navy held recently is named			
	A	Exercise Konkan	B	Exercise Kyant
	C	Exercise Sahyadri	D	Exercise Kutch
20.	What was the name of the cyclone which the eastern coast of India causing loss to property and lives in December 2016?			
	A	Kyant	B	Vardah
	C	Hudhud	D	Priya
21.	How many types of disabilities have been recognised by the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill 2016 passed by the Parliament recently?			
	A	7	B	11
	C	16	D	21
22.	Which of the following is the correct expansion of UPI?			
	A	United Payments Interface	B	Unified Payments Interface
	C	Unified Payment by Internet	D	Utility Payment Interface
23.	What is the percentage of discount offered for cashless refuelling announced by the government to encourage cashless economy?			
	A	0.25%	B	0.50%
	C	0.75%	D	1%
24.	Who of the following has been awarded the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy by the ICC?			
	A	Virat Kohli	B	R Ashwin
	C	Alastair Cook	D	Quentin d Kock
25.	Who of the following has been presented the ICFA Global Agriculture Leadership Lifetime Achievement Award 2016?			
	A	Mukesh Ambani	B	Aziz Premji
	C	Narayan Murthy	D	Ratan Tata
26.	Who of the following is the only Indian woman to be included in the ICC Women's Team of the Year 2016?			
	A	Smriti Mardhana	B	Mithali Raj
	C	Harmanpreet Kaur	D	Poonam Raut
27.	On which of the following libraries was commemorative postal stamp released recently?			
	A	Khuda Baksh Oriental Library	B	Asafia State Library
	C	Hardayal Municipal Heritage Public Library	D	National Library of India
28.	Who of the following has been awarded the Sahitya Akademi Award 2016 for his writings in English?			
	A	Jerry Pinto	B	Ruskin Bond
	C	Arvind Adiga	D	Amitav Ghosh
29.	Karun Nair who became the second Indian to score a triple century in Test cricket achieved the feat against England in the test match at			
	A	Visakhapatnam	B	Chennai
	C	Mumbai	D	Rajkot
30.	With which game is Shiva Kesavan associated?			
	A	Lacrosse	B	Luge
	C	Ringette	D	Skiing

**Answers:**

1. (B) 2. (C) 3. (A) 4. (B) 5. (D) 6. (A) 7. (C) 8. (C) 9. (A) 10. (A) 11. (B) 12. (D) 13. (D) 14. (C) 15. (A) 16. (B) 17. (C) 18. (C) 19. (A) 20. (B) 21. (D) 22. (B) 23. (C) 24. (B) 25. (D) 26. (A) 27. (C) 28. (A) 29. (B) 30. (B)



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