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

1. Prepare yourself for interview, have a glance over the subjects you have studies, 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, tide 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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**BARC RECRUITMENT 2018**

Apply for 11 Stenographer, Junior Purchase Assistant Posts at [www.recruit.barc.gov.in](http://www.recruit.barc.gov.in)

Govt. Agency Name: Bhabha Atomic Research Centre

Post Name: Stenographer, Junior Purchase Assistant

Eligibility: 10th class, Bachelor Degree

Posting: Mumbai (Maharashtra)

Salary Structure: Rs. 25000 – 35400/- Per Month

Last Date: 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Advertisement Number: 1/DPS/2018

Official Website: [www.recruit.barc.gov.in](http://www.recruit.barc.gov.in)

Selection Process: Written Test and Skill Test

Source: <https://www.sabhijobs.com/state/maharashtra/>

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**MUMBAI PORT TRUST RECRUITMENT 2018**

Apply for 07 Deputy Chief Engineer vacancies

Govt. Department: Mumbai Port Trust

Post Name: Deputy Chief Engineer

Required Qualification: Graduate

Job Location: Mumbai (Maharashtra)

Salary Breakup: Rs. 16000 – 20800/- Per Month

Last Date: 05<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Official Website: [www.mumbaiport.gov.in](http://www.mumbaiport.gov.in)

Source: <https://www.sabhijobs.com/state/maharashtra/>

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**IISER RECRUITMENT 2018**

28 Laboratory Technician, Librarian & Various posts apply online at [www.iiserpune.ac.in](http://www.iiserpune.ac.in)

Govt. Department: Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Pune

Post Name: Laboratory Technician, Librarian

Required Qualification: Master Degree, 12th pass, ITI, Diploma

Job Location: Pune (Maharashtra)

Salary Breakup: Rs. 29200 – 144200/- Per Month

Last Date: 06<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Advt No.: 10/2018

Official Website: [www.iiserpune.ac.in](http://www.iiserpune.ac.in)

Source: <https://www.sabhijobs.com/state/maharashtra/>

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## **PUNE CANTONMENT BOARD RECRUITMENT 2018**

77 Junior Clerk, Teacher & Various Posts apply online at [www.punecantonmentboard.org](http://www.punecantonmentboard.org)

Govt. Department: Pune Cantonment Board

Job Name: Junior Clerk, Teacher

Eligibility: 12th pass, B.Ed, D.Ed, BA, B.P.Ed

Posting: Pune (Maharashtra)

Pay Scale: Rs. 5200 – 34800/- Per Month

Last Date: 07<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Advt No.: 01/2018

Official Web portal: [www.punecantonmentboard.org](http://www.punecantonmentboard.org)

Hiring Procedure: Written Test

Source: <https://www.sabhijobs.com/state/maharashtra/page/3/>

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## **NIOS RECRUITMENT 2018**

44 EDP Supervisor, Junior Assistant Vacancies

Govt. Agency Name: National Institute of Opening Schooling

Post Name: EDP Supervisor, Junior Assistant

Eligibility: Bachelor Degree, PG Diploma

Posting: All India

Salary Structure: Rs. 19900 – 112400/- Per Month

Last Date: 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Official Website: [www.nios.ac.in](http://www.nios.ac.in)

Hiring Procedure: Written Test and Interview

Source: <https://www.sabhijobs.com/state/all-india-govt-jobs/>

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## **AAI RECRUITMENT 2018**

Apply online 542 Junior Executive Officer Vacancies at [www.aai.aero](http://www.aai.aero)

Organization Name: Airports Authority of India

Post Name: Junior Executive Officer

Eligibility: Bachelor Degree

Posting: All India

Pay Scale: Rs. 40000 – 140000/- Per Month

Last Date: 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Advertisement Number: 01/2018

Official Website: [www.aai.aero](http://www.aai.aero)

Selection Process: GATE Exam

Source: <https://www.sabhijobs.com/state/all-india-govt-jobs/>

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## **PGCIL RECRUITMENT 2018**

Apply online 06 Executive Trainee (Law) posts at [www.powergridindia.com](http://www.powergridindia.com)

Govt. Agency Name: Power Grid Corporation of India Limited

Post Name: Executive Trainee (Law)

Eligibility: LLB

Posting: All India

Pay Scale: Rs. 24900 – 50500/- Per Month

Last Date: 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018

Advt No.: CC/03/2018

Official Website: [www.powergridindia.com](http://www.powergridindia.com)

Selection Process: CLAT 2018 exam, Interview & Group Discussion

Source: <https://www.sabhijobs.com/state/all-india-govt-jobs/>

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## **MITES RECRUITMENT 2018**

Apply online 02 Deputy General Manager posts at [www.mites.com](http://www.mites.com)

Government Organization: MITES Limited

Job Name: Deputy General Manager

Eligibility: Graduate, Post Graduate, MBA, PG Diploma

Posting: All India

Salary Structure: Rs. 70000 – 200000/- Per Month

Last Date: 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Official Website: [www.mites.com](http://www.mites.com)

Selection Process: Shortlisted and Interview

Source: <https://www.sabhijobs.com/state/all-india-govt-jobs/>

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## **PGCIL RECRUITMENT 2018**

25 Executive Trainee posts apply online at [www.powergridindia.com](http://www.powergridindia.com)

Govt. Agency Name: Power Grid Corporation of India Limited

Post Name: Executive Trainee

Eligibility: Post Graduate Degree, PG Diploma, MBA

Posting: All India

Pay Scale: Rs. 24900 – 50500/- Per Month

Last Date: 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018

Advt No.: CC/04/2018

Official Website: [www.powergridindia.com](http://www.powergridindia.com)

Selection Process: UGC-NET July 2018 exam, Personal Interview

Source: <https://www.sabhijobs.com/state/all-india-govt-jobs/>

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## **BHEL RECRUITMENT 2018**

12 Law Officer vacancies apply online at [www.bhel.com](http://www.bhel.com)

Govt. Agency Name: Bharat Heavy Electrical Limited

Job Name: Law Officer

Eligibility: Bachelor Degree, BL, LLB

Posting: All India

Pay Scale: Rs. 24900 – 50500/- Per Month

Last Date: 02<sup>nd</sup> May 2018

Official Web portal: [www.bhel.com](http://www.bhel.com)

Hiring Procedure: CLAT 2018 and Shortlisted

Source: <https://www.sabhijobs.com/state/all-india-govt-jobs/>

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## **OIL INDIA LIMITED RECRUITMENT 2018**

Apply online 09 General Manager, Senior Security Officer & Various Vacancies

Govt. Agency Name: Oil India Limited

Job Name: General Manager, Senior Security Officer

Eligibility: Graduate

Posting: All India

Pay Scale: Rs. 60000 – 280000/- Per Month

Last Date: 06<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Official Web portal: [www.oil-india.com](http://www.oil-india.com)

Hiring Procedure: Written Test, Group Discussion, Viva-Voice

Source: <https://www.sabhijobs.com/state/all-india-govt-jobs/page/2/>

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## **NPCIL RECRUITMENT 2018**

16 Medical Officer posts apply online at [www.npcil.nic.in](http://www.npcil.nic.in)

Govt Department: Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited

Post info: Medical Officer

Eligibility: MS, MD, MBBS, PG Diploma

Job Location: All India

Salary Structure: Rs. 70686 – 85302/- Per Month

Last Date: 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Advt No.: NPCIL/HRM/MO/2018/01

Official Website: [www.npcil.nic.in](http://www.npcil.nic.in)

Selection Process: Personal Interview

Source: <https://www.sabhijobs.com/state/all-india-govt-jobs/page/2/>

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## ONGC RECRUITMENT 2018

ONGC Recruitment 2018 Job alert both Fresher and Experienced can get updated on March 21, 2018 notification on recent ONGC recruitment 2018 openings across India. This is an exclusive page updated on 21.03.2018 for the latest recruitment notification ongcindia.com from Oil and Natural Gas Corporation ONGC 2018 it contains both active and recently expired Job openings and recruitment notification from ONGC 2018.

ONGC Recruitment 2018-19: Apply Online for one Executive vacancy in ONGC Recruitment 2018-19 Across India. New recruitment Jobs 2018-19 notification ongcindia.com published for the post Assistant Legal Advisor in ONGC Recruitment 2018-19 read complete details before applying. 19 Vacancies in ONGC for the post Assistant Engineer, Chemist, More Vacancies.

Executive vacancy in ONGC Recruitment 2018

ONGC has announced recruitment notification for the post Executive eligible candidates can submit their application before 27-04-2018.

ONGC March 2018 Notification	Details
Executive	Any Post Graduate, MBA/PGDM, PG Diploma
Job Location	Across India
Total Vacancies	Various
Date Added	20/03/2018
Last date to Apply	27/04/2018

Assistant Engineer, Chemist, More Vacancies in ONGC Recruitment 2018

ONGC has announced recruitment notification for the post Assistant Engineer, Chemist, More Vacancies eligible candidates can submit their application before 30-04-2018.

ONGC September 2017 Notification	Details
Assistant Engineer	B.Tech/B.E, M.Sc, M.E/M.Tech
Chemist	M.Sc
Geologist	M.Sc, M.E/M.Tech
Job Location	Dehradun
Total Vacancies	19
Date Added	19/09/2017
Last date to Apply	30/04/2018

Source: <https://www.sabhijobs.com/state/all-india-govt-jobs/page/2/>



## MPSC RECRUITMENT 2018

Apply Online 319 Job Vacancies March 2018

MPSC Recruitment 2018 Job alert both Fresher and Experienced can get updated on March 21, 2018 notification on recent MPSC recruitment 2018 openings across India. This is an exclusive page updated on 21.03.2018 for the latest recruitment notification mpsc.gov.in from Maharashtra PSC MPSC 2018 it contains both active and recently expired Job openings and recruitment notification from MPSC 2018.

MPSC Recruitment 2018-19: Apply Online for 25 Forest Services Preliminary Examination Vacancies in MPSC Recruitment 2018-19 in Mumbai. New recruitment Jobs 2018-19 notification mpsc.gov.in published for the post Assistant Town Planner in MPSC Recruitment 2018-19 read complete details before applying. 26 Vacancies in MPSC for the post Town Planner

Forest Services Preliminary Examination vacancy in MPSC Recruitment 2018  
MPSC has announced recruitment notification for the post Forest Services Preliminary Examination eligible candidates can submit their application before 04-04-2018.

MPSC March 2018 Notification	Details
Forest Services Preliminary Examination	Any Graduate
Job Location	Mumbai
Total Vacancies	25
Date Added	19/03/2018
Last date to Apply	04/04/2018

Source: <https://www.fresherslive.com/mpsc-maharashtra-public-service-commission-recruitment>

## CIMFR RECRUITMENT 2018

**Apply for 42 Project Assistant vacancies**

**Govt. Department:** Central Institute of Mining and Fuel Research

**Post Name:** Project Assistant

**Required Qualification:** B.Sc, BCA

**Job Location:** Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh)

**Salary Breakup:** Rs. 15000 – 25000/- Per Month

**Interview Date:** 06th & 7th April 2018

**Official Website:** [www.cimfr.nic.in](http://www.cimfr.nic.in)

**Selection Process:** Walk-in-Interview

<https://www.sabhijobs.com/state/chhattisgarh/>

## **ESIC RECRUITMENT 2018**

### **Apply Online 479 Job Vacancies March 2018**

ESIC Recruitment 2018 Job alert both Fresher and Experienced can get updated on March 21, 2018 notification on recent ESIC recruitment 2018 openings across India. This is an exclusive page updated on 21.03.2018 for the latest recruitment notification [esic.nic.in](http://esic.nic.in) from Employees State Insurance Corporation ESIC 2018 it contains both active and recently expired Job openings and recruitment notification from ESIC 2018.

#### **Part Time Specialist, Senior Resident vacancy in ESIC Recruitment 2018**

ESIC has announced recruitment notification for the post Part Time Specialist, Senior Resident eligible candidates can submit their application before 10-04-2018.

<b>ESIC March 2018 Notification</b>	<b>Details</b>
Part Time Specialist	MS/MD, PG Diploma
Senior Resident	MS/MD, PG Diploma
Job Location	Varanasi/Banaras
Total Vacancies	13
Date Added	21/03/2018
Last date to Apply	10/04/2018

#### **Senior Resident, Full Time/Part Time Specialist vacancy in ESIC Recruitment 2018**

ESIC has announced recruitment notification for the post Senior Resident, Full Time/Part Time Specialist eligible candidates can submit their application before 03-04-2018.

<b>ESIC March 2018 Notification</b>	<b>Details</b>
Senior Resident	Any Post Graduate, MBBS, PG Diploma
Full Time/Part Time Specialist	MBBS, Any Post Graduate
Job Location	New Delhi
Total Vacancies	11
Date Added	20/03/2018
Last date to Apply	03/04/2018

#### **Senior Resident Doctor vacancy in ESIC Recruitment 2018**

ESIC has announced recruitment notification for the post Senior Resident Doctor eligible candidates can submit their application before 05-04-2018.

ESIC March 2018 Notification	Details
Senior Resident Doctor	MBBS, MS/MD
Job Location	Ahmedabad
Total Vacancies	13
Date Added	03/03/2018
Last date to Apply	05/04/2018

### **Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor vacancy in ESIC Recruitment 2018**

ESIC has announced recruitment notification for the post Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor eligible candidates can submit their application before 02-04-2018.

ESIC March 2018 Notification	Details
Assistant Professor	Any Post Graduate
Associate Professor	Any Post Graduate
Professor	Any Post Graduate, M.Phil/Ph.D
Job Location	New Delhi
Total Vacancies	186
Date Added	03/03/2018
Last date to Apply	02/04/2018

### **Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Professor vacancy in ESIC Recruitment 2018**

ESIC has announced recruitment notification for the post Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Professor eligible candidates can submit their application before 02-04-2018.

ESIC March 2018 Notification	Details
Associate Professor	MBBS, MS/MD
Assistant Professor	MBBS, MS/MD
Professor	MBBS, MS/MD
Job Location	New Delhi
Total Vacancies	206
Date Added	02/03/2018
Last date to Apply	02/04/2018

Source: <https://www.fresherslive.com/esic-employees-state-insurance-corporation-recruitment>

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## NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY RECRUITMENT 2018

### Apply Online 26 Job Vacancies March 2018

North Eastern Railway Recruitment 2018 Job alert both Fresher and Experienced can get updated on March 21, 2018 notification on recent North Eastern Railway recruitment 2018 openings across India. This is an exclusive page updated on 21.03.2018 for the latest recruitment notification [ner.indianrailways.gov.in](http://ner.indianrailways.gov.in) from North Eastern Railway 2018 it contains both active and recently expired Job openings and recruitment notification from North Eastern Railway 2018.

North Eastern Railway Recruitment 2018-19: Apply Online for 26 Junior Clerk, Chief Office Superintendent, More Vacancies in North Eastern Railway Recruitment 2018-19 in Gorakhpur. New recruitment Jobs 2018-19 notification [ner.indianrailways.gov.in](http://ner.indianrailways.gov.in) published for the post Group C in North Eastern Railway Recruitment 2018-19 read complete details before applying. 21 Vacancies in North Eastern Railway for the post Sports Persons.

### Junior Clerk, Chief Office Superintendent, More Vacancies in North Eastern Railway Recruitment 2018

North Eastern Railway has announced recruitment notification for the post Junior Clerk, Chief Office Superintendent, More Vacancies eligible candidates can submit their application before 30-04-2018.

North Eastern Railway March 2018 Notification	Details
Junior Clerk	12TH, Any Graduate
Chief Office Superintendent	Any Graduate
Senior Translator	Any Graduate, Any Post Graduate
Job Location	Gorakhpur
Total Vacancies	26
Date Added	21/03/2018
Last date to Apply	30/04/2018

## CURRENT AFFAIRS OF FEBRUARY 2018

### Awards

- The veteran filmmaker who has been chosen for the V Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award of the Mumbai International Film Festival 2018 – **Shyam Benegal**
- The Magahi language writer who has been awarded the Bhasha Samman by the Sahitya Akademi – **Shesh Anand Madhukar**

### Defence

- The joint military exercise between special forces of Indian and Indonesian Army being held at Bandung from 19 Feb to 04 March is named – **Garuda Shakti**
- The Indian Air Force pilot who has become the first woman to fly a MiG-21 fighter aircraft (from Jamnagar Air Force base) – **Avani Chaturvedi**

### Sports

- The Indian gymnast who has become the first Indian to win a medal in an individual event at the Gymnastics World Cup by claiming a bronze medal in the women's individual vault event – **Aruna Budda Reddy**



- The Indian long-distance swimmer who has become the first Indian (and 9th in the world) to swim across the Cook Strait (between North and South islands of New Zealand) – **Rohan More**
- The Indian cricketer who has become the first woman cricketer to claim 200 wickets in one-day internationals (She achieved this landmark when she took the wicket of Laura Wolvadaart of South Africa) – **Jhulan Goswami**
- The American badminton player who has won the India Open 2018 Women's Singles title defeating Indian player PV Sindhu in the finals at Siri Fort Indoor Stadium, New Delhi – **Zhang Beiwen**

### **Persons**

- The new President of South Africa (fifth) who has taken over following the resignation of Jacob Zuma – **Cyril Ramaphosa**
- The CPN-UML candidate who has been appointed the new Prime Minister of Nepal by its President Bidya Devi Bhandari – **KP Sharma Oli**
- The PepsiCo Chairperson and CEO who has been appointed to the International Cricket Council as its first female independent director – **Indira Nooyi**
- The former Prime Minister of Bangladesh who has been sentenced to 5 years jail in a corruption case – **Begum Khaleda Zia**
- The veteran Kathakali artiste (Padma Bhushan - 2011) who passed away on 06 February 2018 – **Madavoor Vasudevan Nair**
- The new Director General of Sports Authority of India – **Neelam kapur**

### **Places**

- The railway station in Jaipur (North Western Railways) which has become the first non-suburban station to be entirely run by women – **Gandhinagar**
- The venue of 6th India Region Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference held from 16 to 19 February 2018 – **Patna**
- The venue of National Banana Festival held from 17 to 21 February 2018 with the focal theme 'Conserving diversity, Preserving Identity, Promoting Value Addition' – **Kalliyoor, Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala)**
- The State which has launched door-to-door DASTAK campaign against Acute Encephalitis Syndrome and Japanese Encephalitis – **Uttar Pradesh**

### **Miscellaneous**

- The theme of National Science Day being observed on 28 February 2018 – **Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future**
- The theme of 8th Theatre Olympics to be held for the first time in India at Red Fort, Delhi – **Flag of Friendship**
- World's most powerful rocket launched by SpaceX from Kennedy Space Centre near Cape Canaveral, Florida and carrying Elon Musk's Tesla roadster is named – **Falcon Heavy**
- The sanctuary in Andhra Pradesh where the first of its kind Pelican Festival 2018 was held on 04 February 2018 – **Atapaka Bird Sanctuary**
- The partner nation for 32nd Surajkund International Crafts Mela being held in Faridabad, Haryana from Feb 02 to 18 – **Kyrgyzstan**
- The theme State for 32nd Surajkund International Crafts Mela being held in Faridabad, Haryana from Feb 02 to 18 – **Uttar Pradesh**
- The four major rivers in Jammu and Kashmir which have been declared National Waterways by the Union Government – **Jhelum, Chenab, Indus and Ravi**

## Important Days of February

<b>World Wetlands Day:</b> 02 February 2018 Designated by: Ramsar Convention Secretariat Theme: Wetlands for a Sustainable Urban Future First Observed in: 1997	<b>World Cancer Day:</b> 04 February 2018 Designated by: Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) Theme: We Can, I Can (for 2016-18) First Observed in: 2000
<b>International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation:</b> 06 February 2018 Designated by: U.N.O. First Observed in: 2013	<b>Safer Internet Day:</b> 06 February 2018 Designated by: European Union Theme: Create, connect and share respect: A better internet starts with you First Observed in: 2004
<b>World Radio Day:</b> 13 February 2018 Designated by: UNESCO Theme: Radio and Sports First Observed in: 2013	<b>World Day of Social Justice:</b> 20 February 2018 Designated by: UN General Assembly Theme: Workers on the Move: The Quest for Social Justice First Observed in: 2008
<b>International Mother Language Day:</b> 21 February 2018 Designated by: UN General Assembly Theme: Linguistic Diversity and Multilingualism count for Sustainable Development First Observed in: 2008	<b>Rare Disease Day:</b> 28 February 2018 (Last day of February) Designated by: European Organisation for Rare Diseases (EURORDIS) First Observed in: 2008

## Chennai Open 2018

- Held in - **Chennai**
- Singles title winner - **Jordan Thompson** (Australia)
- Singles title runner-up - **Yuki Bhambri** (India)
- Doubles title winners - **Sriram Balaji** and **Vishnu Vardhan** (India)
- Doubles title runners-up - **Cem Ilkel** (Turkey) and **Danilo Petrovic** (Serbia)

## India South Africa ODI Series 2018

Held in: South Africa

SN	Venue	Winner	Man of Match
1	Durban	India	Virat Kohli
2	Centurion	India	Yuzvendra Chahal
3	Cape Town	India	Virat Kohli
4	Johannesburg	South Africa	Heinrich Klaasen
5	Port Elizabeth	India	Rohit Sharma
6	Centurion	India	Virat Kohli

Man of the Series: Virat Kohli

## 2018 Under-19 Cricket World Cup

- Held in - **New Zealand**
- Held from - 13 January to 03 February 18
- Winners - **India** (4th title)
- Runners-up - **Australia**
- Player of the series - **Shubman Gill**
- Most runs - **Alick Athanaze** (West Indies)
- Most Wickets - **Anukul Roy, Qais Ahmed, Faisal Jamkhandi** (14 wickets)

- Participants - Australia, Bangladesh, England, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka, West Indies, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Afghanistan, Kenya, Canada, Papua New Guinea, Ireland (16)

### CriSidEx

- CriSidEx is a composite index based on a diffusion index of 8 parameters, and measures MSE (Micro and Small Enterprises) business sentiment on a scale of 0 (extremely negative) to 200 (extremely positive).
- Developed by - **CRISIL** and **SIDBI**
- Launched by - Shri Arun Jaitley, FM of India
- First reading for October to December - 107

### Winter Olympics 2018

- Host City: **PyeongChang** (South Korea)
- Motto: **Passion Connected**
- Mascot: **Sooheorang**, a white tiger
- Nations participated: 92
- Held from 09 Feb to 25 Feb 2018

#### Medals Tally

SN	Contry	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Norway	14	14	11	39
2	Germany	14	10	07	31
3	Canada	11	08	10	29
4	United States	09	08	06	23
5	Netherlands	08	06	06	20

Next in 2022 at Beijing

### Death of actress Sridevi

- Born - 13 August 1963 Death - 24 February 18
- First film - Kandan Karunai (Tamil) at the age of 4
- Padma Shri

### Corruption Perception Index 2017

- Released by: Transparency International
- Scale: 0 for highly corrupt and 100 for very clean

Ranking	Country	2017 Score	2016 Score
1	New Zealand	89	90
2	Denmark	88	90
3	Finland	85	89
3	Norway	85	85
3	Switzerland	85	86
77	China	41	40
81	India	40	40
117	Pakistan	32	32

### Electoral Bond Scheme 2018

- **Eligibility for purchase:** A person, who is a citizen of India or incorporated or established in India. A person being an individual can buy Electoral Bonds, either singly or jointly with other individuals

- **Eligibility to receive:** Only the Political Parties registered under section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 (43 of 1951) and which secured not less than one per cent of the votes polled in the last general election to the House of the People or the Legislative Assembly of the State, shall be eligible to receive the Electoral Bonds. The Bond shall be encashed by an eligible political party only through a bank account with the authorized bank.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has been authorised to issue and encash Electoral Bonds initially at its 4 authorised Branches in Chennai, Kolkata, Mumbai and New Delhi.
- The first issue of the Scheme will be opened in March 2018 in place of January 2018 for the first quarter of 2018. Accordingly, the first sale of Electoral Bonds will commence from 01st March 2018 for a period of 10 days i.e. up to 10th March 2018.
- Electoral Bond shall be valid for fifteen days from the date of issue and no payment shall be made to any payee Political Party if the Bond is deposited after expiry of the validity period.

### Performance Health Outcomes Index

- Prepared by - NITI Aayog in technical collaboration with World Bank and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- Large States: **21**
- Top Overall Performers: **Kerala**, Punjab and Tamil Nadu
- Most Improved: **Jharkhand**, Jammu & Kashmir and Uttar Pradesh
- Smaller States: **8** (Mizoram, Manipur, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Goa, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura and Nagaland)
- Top Overall Performers: **Mizoram**, Manipur and Meghalaya
- Most Improved: **Manipur**, Goa and Meghalaya
- Union Territories: **7**
- Top Overall Performers: **Lakshadweep**, Chandigarh and Delhi
- Most Improved: **Lakshadweep** and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

### Khelo India School Games 2018

- Held in: New Delhi
- Held from 31 January to 08 February 2018

#### Medals Tally

State	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Haryana	38	26	38	102
Maharashtra	36	32	43	111
Delhi	25	29	40	94
Karnataka	16	11	17	44
Manipur	13	13	8	34

### Highlights of Budget 2018-19

- MSP for all unannounced kharif crops will be one and half times of their production cost like majority of rabi crops.
- Institutional Farm Credit raised to 11 lakh crore in 2018-19 from 8.5 lakh crore in 2014-15.



- 22,000 rural haats to be developed and upgraded into Gramin Agricultural Markets to protect the interests of 86% small and marginal farmers.
- Operation Greens launched to address price fluctuations in potato, tomato and onion for benefit of farmers and consumers.
- Two New Funds of Rs 10,000 crore announced for Fisheries and Animal Husbandary sectors.
- Re-structured National Bamboo Mission gets Rs.1290 crore.
- World's largest Health Protection Scheme covering over 10 crore poor and vulnerable families launched with a family limit upto 5 lakh rupees for secondary and tertiary treatment.
- Deficit pegged at 3.5 %, projected at 3.3 % for 2018-19.
- Ten prominent sites to be developed as Iconic tourist destinations
- NITI Aayog to initiate a national programme on Artificial Intelligence(AI)
- Standard Deduction of Rs. 40,000 in place of present exemption for transport allowance and reimbursement of miscellaneous medical expenses. 2.5 crore salaried employees and pensioners to benefit.

#### **Relief to Senior Citizens proposed:-**

- Exemption of interest income on deposits with banks and post offices to be increased from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 50,000.
- TDS not required to be deducted under section 194A. Benefit also available for interest from all fixed deposit schemes and recurring deposit schemes.
- Hike in deduction limit for health insurance premium and/ or medical expenditure from Rs. 30,000 to Rs. 50,000 under section 80D.
- Increase in deduction limit for medical expenditure for certain critical illness from Rs. 60,000 (in case of senior citizens) and from Rs. 80,000 (in case of very senior citizens) to Rs. 1 lakh for all senior citizens, under section 80DDB.
- Proposed to extend Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana up to March, 2020. Current investment limit proposed to be increased to Rs. 15 lakh from the existing limit of Rs. 7.5 lakh per senior citizen.

#### **Tax-Receipts**

- More concessions for International Financial Services Centre (IFSC), to promote trade in stock exchanges located in IFSC.
- To control cash economy, payments exceeding Rs. 10,000 in cash made by trusts and institutions to be disallowed and would be subject to tax.
- Tax on Long Term Capital Gains exceeding Rs. 1 lakh at the rate of 10 percent, without allowing any indexation benefit. However, all gains up to 31st January, 2018 will be grandfathered.
- Proposal to introduce tax on distributed income by equity oriented mutual funds at the rate of 10 percent.
- Proposal to increase cess on personal income tax and corporation tax to 4 percent from present 3 percent.

- Proposal to roll out E-assessment across the country to almost eliminate person to person contact leading to greater efficiency and transparency in direct tax collection.
- Proposed changes in customs duty to promote creation of more jobs in the country and also to incentivise domestic value addition and Make in India in sectors such as food processing, electronics, auto components, footwear and furniture.

#### Abbreviations in News

- **GOBAR DHAN**: Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan
- **FATF**: Financial Action Task Force
- **SRIJAN**: Station Rejuvenation Initiative through Joint Action

#### Books in News

- **Exam Warriors** - Shri Narendra Modi
- **One century is not enough** - Saurav Ganguly

### CURRENT AFFAIRS OF MARCH 2018

- The place in Madhya Pradesh where the 5th Nadi Mahotsav was inaugurated by the Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari - **Bandrabhan, Hoshangabad**
- The country in which World Hindi Secretariat was inaugurated by the Indian President Shri Ram Nath Kovind - **Mauritius**
- The hypersonic missile (with a range of 1200 km and speed 10 mach) launched by Russia from a Mig-31 supersonic interceptor aircraft is named - **Kinzhal**
- The place in Gujarat at which the Central Govt has approved setting up of India's first coastal policing academy viz. National Academy of Coastal Policing - **Devbhoomi Dwaraka**
- The place in Uttar Pradesh where the State's largest solar plant was inaugurated by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron - **Mirzapur**
- The team which has won the Deodhar Trophy 2018 defeating Karnataka in the final at HPCA Stadium in Dharamsala (H.P.) - **India B**
- The team which has won the 2018 Sultan Azlan Shah Trophy defeating England in the finals at Ipoh, Perak, Malaysia - **Australia**
- The Union Territory which has become the first in the country to run completely on solar power energy - **Diu**
- The State in which the country's first state-led incubator for women entrepreneurs named WE-Hub was launched recently - **Telangana**
- The multilateral Air Force exercise being conducted by Southern Air Command of the Indian Air Force from 12-17 Mar with participation from Air Forces of Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, UAE and Myanmar is named - **Samvedna**
- The case in which a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court upheld that the fundamental right to life and dignity includes right to refuse treatment and die with dignity - **Common Cause (Regd Society) vs Union of India**
- The portal launched by the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises for women entrepreneurs of India is named - **www.udyamsakhi.org**
- The scheme launched by the Maharashtra Govt for providing sanitary napkins at subsidised rates to rural girls and women is named - **Asmita**
- The BJP leader who has been sworn in as the 10th Chief Minister of Tripura by the Governor Tathagata Roy - **Biplab Kumar Deb**

- The Union Minister of Commerce and Industry who has been given the additional charge of the Ministry of Civil Aviation following the resignation of Ashok Gajapati Raju - **Suresh Prabhu**
- The biennial joint military exercise launched by the United States of America and Israel in Israel is named - **Juniper Cobra 2018**
- The venue of Women's Film Festival organised by National Film Archive of India with the theme Travelling Women from 09 to 11 March 2018 **Pune**
- The Indian architect who has become the first Indian to win Pritzker Prize for 2018 (often referred to as the Nobel Prize of Architecture) **Balkrishna Doshi**
- The venue of Swachh Shakti, a women's convention organised by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, in association with the Government of Uttar Pradesh on the occasion of International Women's Day - **Lucknow**
- The venue of four-day biennial event WINGS INDIA 2018 jointly organized by Ministry of Civil Aviation and Airport Authority of India from 08 March to 11 March with the theme India-Global Aviation Hub - **Hyderabad**
- The Pacific Ocean island nation which has become the first in the world to recognise a cryptocurrency (SOV) as a legal tender - **Marshall Islands**
- The National Democratic Progressive Party leader who has been sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Nagaland - **Neiphiu Rio**
- The multilateral naval exercise held at Port Blair from 06 to 13 March 2018 with the theme Friendship Across the Seas is named - **Milan 2018**
- The National People's Party President who has been sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Meghalaya - **Conrad Sangma**
- The cricket player from Afghanistan who has become the youngest captain in international cricket (age 19 years 165 days) - **Rashid Khan**
- The Indian film actor who has been awarded Lifetime Achievement Award by Britain's Asian Voice weekly newspaper at the annual Political and Public Life Awards in London - **Shatrughan Singh**
- The place in Maharashtra where the State's first mega food park was inaugurated by the Minister of Food Processing Industries, **Smt Harsimrat Kaur Badal Vill Degaon (Dist Satara)**
- The three week long exercise conducted by the Western Naval Command of the Indian Navy in the Arabian Sea to test its operational readiness was named - **Exercise Paschim Leher**

### Important Days of March

Zero Discrimination Day: 01 March 2018 Designated by: UNAIDS First Observed in: 2014	World Wildlife Day: 03 March 2018 Designated by: United nations General Assembly Theme: Big Cats: Predators under Threat First Observed in: 2014
World Kidney Day: 08 March 2018 Designated by: International Society of Nephrology (ISN) and the International Federation of Kidney Foundations (IFKF) Theme: Kidney & Women's Health: Include, Value, Empower First Observed in: 2006	
International Women's Day: 08 March 2018 Designated by: U.N.O. Theme: The Time is Now: Rural and Urban Activists Transforming Women's Lives First Observed by UN in: 1975	

World Hearing Day: 03 March 2018 Designated by: W.H.O. Theme: Hear the future First Observed in: 2007	World Consumer Rights Day: 15 March 2018 Designated by: Consumers International Theme: Making Digital Market Places Fairer
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### **World Happiness Report 2018 for 2015-17**

- Top 5 countries: 1. Finland; 2. Norway; 3. Denmark; 4. Iceland; 5. Switzerland
- India and its neighbours: 75. Paksitan; 86. China; 97. Bhutan; 101. Nepal; 115. Bangladesh; 133. India.
- Out of a total 156 countries under review, Burundi is the least happy country.

### **Stephen Hawking**

- Born - 08 January 1942
- Death - 14 March 2018
- Nationality - British
- Position held at the time of his death - Dennis Stanton Avery and Sally Tsui Wong-Avery Director of Research at Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics
- Awards - Adams Prize (1966); Albert Einstein Award (1978); Presidential Medal of Freedom (2009) and many other awards
- Books written - A Brief History of Time; Black Holes and Baby Universes and Other Essays; The Universe in a Nutshell; On the Shoulders of Giants; God Created the Integers: The Mathematical Breakthroughs That Changed History; The Dreams That Stuff Is Made of: The Most Astounding Papers of Quantum Physics and How They Shook the Scientific World; My Brief History

### **Laureus World Sports Awards 2018**

- Awarded by - Laureus Sport for Good Foundation
- Sportsman of the Year - Roger Federer (Switzerland)
- Sportswoman of the Year - Serena Williams (USA)
- Team of the Year - Mercedes F1 Team (U.K.)
- Breakthrough of the Year - Sergio Garcia (Spain)
- Comeback of the Year - Roger Federer (Switzerland)

### **90th Academy Awards 2018 (Oscars)**

- Best Picture- The Shape of Water directed by Guillermo del Toro
- Best Director - Guillermo del Toro for The Shape of Water
- Best Actor - Garry Oldman for Darkest Hour
- Best Actress - Frances McDormand for Three Billboards Outside Ebbing Missouri
- Best Animated Film - Coco by Lee Unkrich and Darla K Anderson
- Best Foreign Language Film - A Fantastic Woman (Spanish) submitted by Chile
- Best Original Score - Alexandre Desplat for The Shape of Water
- Most nominations - The Shape of Water (13)
- Indian entry in the Foreign Language Film category - Newton (Hindi) (Not nominated)

### **Abbreviations in News**

POSHAN: PM's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nourishment

Source : [www.leadthecompetition.in](http://www.leadthecompetition.in)

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### CURRENT AFFAIRS QUESTIONS

1. What is the name of indigenous aircraft designed and developed by CSIR-NAL which made its maiden flight in Bengaluru recently?  
a. Sarang                      b. Rajhans                      c. Saras                      d. Mayur
2. Om Prakash Rawat has taken over as India's new –  
a. Chief Election Commissioner      b. Chief Information Commissioner  
c. Attorney General                      d. Chief of Army Staff
3. In which of these languages was the Prime Minister's official website launched on 01 January 2018?  
a. Assamese and Bengali                      b. Gujarati and Sindhi  
c. Assamese and Manipuri                      d. Malayalam and Tamil
4. Which bank recently crossed 5 trillion in market capitalization at the Bombay Stock Exchange?  
a. State Bank of India      b. ICICI Bank                      c. Yes Bank                      d. HDFC Bank
5. Who of these sportspersons was recently awarded the Padma Bhushan?  
a. Somdev Devvarman      b. Pankaj Advani                      c. Saina Nehwal                      d. Mary Kom
6. Whistling language of which of the following countries was recently included in the UNESCO list of Intangible Heritage?  
a. Turkey                      b. Austria                      c. Russia                      d. Finland
7. Which State has recently chosen AR Rahman as its brand ambassador?  
a. Tamil Nadu                      b. Gujarat                      c. Manipur                      d. Sikkim
8. Which team has won the Ranji Trophy 2017-18 season?  
a. Vidarbha                      b. Delhi                      c. Saurashtra                      d. Mumbai
9. Transactions upto what amount are exempt from charges if made through debit card, BHIM app or AADHAAR enabled payment systems from 01 January 2018?  
a. Rs. 500                      b. Rs. 1000                      c. Rs. 2000                      d. Rs. 5000
10. Which country did India defeat to win the 2018 Blind Cricket World Cup?  
a. Pakistan                      b. Bangladesh                      c. Australia                      d. England
11. At which of the following places was iCreate (International Centre for Entrepreneurship and Technology) inaugurated by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu?  
a. Pachpadra                      b. Dev Dholera      c. Palitana                      d. Nadiad
12. Who of the following has been awarded the ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year (Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy)?  
a. Steve Smith                      b. Karunaratne      c. Virat Kohli                      d. Dean Elgar
13. The new Rs. 10 currency notes being introduced by the RBI have the picture of which monument?  
a. Sanchi Stupa                      b. Red Fort                      c. Somnath Temple                      d. Sun Temple
14. At which of the following institute was India's fastest computer, Pratyush unveiled recently?  
a. Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bengaluru      b. Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune  
c. Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru                      d. Institute of Rural Management, Jaipur
15. Which two countries play the cricket test series known as the Freedom Series?  
a. India and South Africa      c. India and Pakistan  
c. India and England                      d. India and Australia
16. Who of the following has been awarded the Filmfare Best Actor Award (Male)?  
a. Rajkumar Rao      b. Irrfan Khan                      c. Varun Dhawan                      d. Akshay Kumar
17. How many digits does the Virtual ID for Aadhar contain?  
a. 16                      b. 12                      c. 8                      d. 10
18. Where is the Jagadguru Rambhadracharya Handicapped University located?  
a. Nashik                      b. Jamshedpur                      c. Chitrakoot                      d. Madurai
19. Vijay, the mascot of Khelo India campaign is a/an –  
a. Bear                      b. Elephant                      c. Leopard                      d. Tiger
20. Ambassador of which country to India has been awarded the Padma Bhushan?  
a. United States      b. Israel                      c. Russia                      d. Singapore

#### Answers:

1. (c), 2. (a), 3. (c), 4. (d), 5. (b), 6. (a), 7. (d), 8. (a), 9. (c), 10. (a), 11. (b), 12. (c), 13. (d), 14. (b), 15. (a), 16. (b), 17. (a), 18. (c), 19. (d), 20. (c),
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