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STATE:

Rajasthan becomes the first state in the country to fix minimum educational qualification for contesting cooperative body polls

Rajasthan becomes the first state in the country to fix minimum educational qualification for contesting cooperative body polls. To this effect, the Rajasthan Government amended the State Cooperative Societies Rules, 2003. The new rules will benefit around 10,000 cooperative and agricultural credit societies. For contesting election as members of governing boards of dairy societies, farming societies, consumer societies, weavers' societies, urban banks, housing construction societies, primary land development banks, credit societies and cooperative unions, the minimum educational qualifications will range from class 5 to class 8. The primary committee members need to have passed at least class 8. For district level members the minimum qualification required is class 10, while those interested in being a member of State level committee will need to be a graduate.

Pro Tip:

State – Rajasthan

Capital – Jaipur

CM – Vasundhara Raje

Governor - Kalyan Singh

NATIONAL

BANK NAUKRI

Union Minister Kiren Rijiju to lead Central team to flood-hit States

Union Minister Kiren Rijiju will lead a high-level Central team to assess the rescue and relief operations in the flood-affected areas of the north-east. During the three day tour, beginning Thursday, the delegation will visit Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur, where more than 15 lakh people have been marooned by flood water.

Pro Tip:

Kiren Rijiju – Minister of state for Home Affairs

Constituency – Arunachal Pradesh West

India will host 8th edition of Theatre Olympics in 2018

India will host 8th edition of Theatre Olympics in 2018, the biggest theatre celebration of the world. The greatest carnival will start from February 17-April 08, 2018. India is hosting this event for the first time. Culture Minister Mahesh Sharma stated in New Delhi that the Theatre Olympics will put India firmly among the top nations in the world theatre map. The Theatre Olympics will take place simultaneously in various cities across the country. There will be five hundred plays and seven hundred ambience performances from across the world.

Pro Tip:

The first country to host the Theatre Olympics was Greece in 1995
The 7th Theatre Olympics were held in Wroclaw, Poland

The Telecom department has made GPS mandatory for all phones from January 1 2018

The Telecom department has made it mandatory for all phones, including feature phones, to install Global Positioning System (GPS) from January 1, 2018. The order aims to ensure consumers' safety as GPS can help locate them in emergency situations.

Pro Tip:

TRAI – Telecom Regulatory Authority of India

HQ – New Delhi

Chairperson – Ram Sewak Sharma

Secretary - Sudhir Gupta

The government has started a story-telling contest named 'Aadhaar Hai To Aasaani Hai' to create awareness about Aadhaar number

To create awareness about Aadhaar number, the government has started a story-telling contest named 'Aadhaar Hai To Aasaani Hai'. People willing to participate can send a 200-500 word-long story about Aadhaar till August 8 midnight. The top five stories will be awarded Rs 20,000 each, while the next 20 stories will be awarded Rs 5,000 each.

INTERNATIONAL

A Model United Nations (MUN) Regional Conference is being held at Kathmandu

A Model United Nations (MUN) Regional Conference is being held at Kathmandu. The event is organised by the US Embassy in partnership with the Youth Thinker's Society. Youths from 12 South and Central Asian countries including India are participating in 5-day conference. The basic aim of the MUN is to provide a platform to young minds to channelize energy and resources for a more prosperous and peaceful world. The conference simulate four UN committees-United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Economic and Financial Committee (ECOFIN), United Nations Security Council (UNSC) and United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC).

Pro Tip:

Country – Nepal

Capital – Kathmandu

Currency – Nepalese rupee

The United States has deployed anti-aircraft missiles for the first time in the Baltics

The United States has deployed anti-aircraft missiles for the first time in the Baltics for use in NATO military drills in Lithuania. This comes ahead of the Zapad exercise by Russia and Belarus, which NATO allies believe could increase Russian presence.

Pro Tip:

NATO – North Atlantic Treaty Organisation
HQ – Brussels, Belgium

BANKING & ECONOMY

SBI waives charge on IMPS fund transfer of up to Rs 1,000

Country's largest bank SBI has waived charges for fund transfer of up to Rs 1,000 through its IMPS (Immediate Payment Service) to promote small transactions. State Bank of India had been charging Rs 5 along with the applicable service tax for IMPS fund transfer of up to Rs 1,000. IMPS is an instant interbank electronic fund transfer service through mobile phones as well as internet banking. For IMPS, the charge will be Rs 5 along GST for fund transfer in the range of Rs 1,000 to Rs 1 lakh. The charge will go up to Rs 15 for transactions of Rs 1-2 lakh. GST at the rate of 18 per cent is applicable on all financial transactions.

Pro Tip:

SBI – State Bank of India
HQ – Mumbai
Chairperson – Arundhathi Battacharya

YES BANK Launches 'YES GST' Program to Assist MSMEs

YES Bank, India's fourth largest private sector bank, along with YES Global Institute has launched 'YES GST' program for MSMEs (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) under its MSME CSR initiative, 'Say YES to Sustainable MSMEs in India'. Through the program, the bank will help MSMEs to understand the impact of the changes in tax system and prepare them to know the new GST tax system. YES Bank has also launched GST-Ready products for MSMEs.

Pro Tip:

Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises – Kalraj Mishra
Constituency – Deoria (Uttar Pradesh)
YES Bank HQ – Mumbai
MD & CEO - Rana Kapoor
Tagline of YES Bank – Experience our Expertise

5 Indian States and a Union Territory have formally adopted the centre's GeM

5 Indian States (Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Telangana and Arunachal Pradesh) and a Union Territory (Puducherry) have formally adopted the Centre's Government e-Marketplace (GeM) initiative. In this regard, these states/UT have signed memorandum of understanding (MoU) to join GeM initiative. 4 more states including Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Jharkhand and Haryana, will ink such MoU soon.

Pro Tip:

What is Government e-Marketplace (GeM) initiative?

GEM Initiative is an Online Market platform to facilitate procurement of goods and services by various Ministries and agencies of the Government. It aims to enhance transparency, efficiency and speed in public procurement of goods and services and eliminate corruption.

APPOINTMENT

Iran appoints female CEO named Farzaneh Sharafbani to lead airline for the first time since 1940

Iran has appointed a female CEO to lead its national airline Iran Air for the first time since it was established in the 1940s. The state owned IRAN daily reported on Wednesday that the Transport Minister appointed Farzaneh Sharafbani, 44, who holds a PhD in aerospace engineering.

Pro Tip:

Country – Iran

Capital – Tehran

Currency – Iranian rial

Subhash Garg takes charge as Economic Affairs Secretary

Senior bureaucrat Subhash Chandra Garg assumed charge as Secretary of the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) in the Finance Ministry. A 1983 batch IAS officer from the Rajasthan cadre, Garg was World Bank Executive Director for Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, and Sri Lanka prior to this appointment. He succeeds Shaktikanta Das, who retired after an extended tenure on May 31. Corporate Affairs Secretary Tapan Ray was given additional charge of DEA Secretary after Das' exit.

Pro Tip:

New Economic Affairs Secretary - Subhash Garg

Preceded - Shaktikanta Das

Debi Prasad Dash has been appointed as the new director-general of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DG-DRI)

Debi Prasad Dash, a 1985-batch Indian Revenue Service (Customs) officer, has taken over as director-general of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DG-DRI), the premier agency that tackles smuggling and black money. Mr. Dash was the acting DRI chief for the past five months. He has earlier worked in the UN Security Council, Commonwealth Secretariat, and the CBI.

Pro Tip:

New DG-DRI - Debi Prasad Dash

Preceded - Jayant Misra

SPORTS

Mithali Raj became the first women's player to reach 6000 ODI runs

Mithali Raj has been India's premier player ever since she made her debut in 1999. Her exploits in the international stage in both Tests and ODIs have made her India's premier player. She created a world record by smashing seven consecutive fifty-plus scores, making her the first woman player to achieve the feat. In the crucial game against Australia, Mithali became the woman cricketer who has scored most runs in ODIs. Mithali Raj became the first women's player to reach 6000 ODI runs. England's Charlotte Edwards was the previous leading run-getter in ODIs with 5992 runs. 164 - Number of innings that has taken Mithali to achieve this feat. She has 48 not-outs to her name, which is the most in women's cricket.

Pro Tip:

Present Indian Women's team Captain - Mithali Raj

Sri Lankan Cricket captain Angelo Mathews resigned

Following Angelo Mathews' resignation as Sri Lanka's captain from all three formats, the country's cricket board has named: Dinesh Chandimal as the Side's Test captain. Upul Tharanga as the limited-overs captain.