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Progress MS-08: Unmanned Russian Cargo Ship launched to Space Station

Russian space agency Roskosmos has successfully launched Progress MS-08, an unmanned cargo spacecraft for the International Space Station (ISS). It was launched onboard of Soyuz-2.1a rocket from Russian-leased Baikonur launch facility in Kazakhstan. Soyuz-2.1a has four strap-on boosters and core engine, all fueled by mix of kerosene and liquid oxygen.

Indian Army to deploy 2,300 personnel to join UN peacekeeping mission in South Sudan

The Indian Army would be deploying about 2300 personnel in South Sudan, as a part of UN's peacekeeping mission in the war-torn nation. The announcement was made by Army Spokesperson Col Aman Anand. The mission aims to bring about peace and normalcy in the nation. The Indian army personnel chosen for the mission belong to the Infantry battalion of Garhwal Rifles regiment. The unit will be in operational control of the sensitive Jonglei state of South Sudan.

Chandrashekhara Kambara elected New President of Sahitya Akademi

Kannada litterateur Chandrashekar Kambar has been elected as president of the Sahitya Akademi in the election held for the post. He has replaced Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari. Hindi poet Madhav Koushik has been elected as vice-president. This is the second time election was held in the history of Sahitya Akademi, after Ananthamurthy's election to the post. Prof. Kambar has served as the member of the Akademi executive board for over 10 years and was vice-president for 2013-18.

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Ashok Das appointed Indian envoy to Brazil

Ashok Das, a 1987 batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, was named India's new Ambassador to Brazil. Das, presently additional secretary in the external affairs ministry, is expected to take up his assignment shortly, according to a ministry statement. Both India and Brazil are members of the BRICS economic grouping that also includes China, Russia and South Africa.

South Africa declares drought a 'national disaster'

South Africa, declared a "national disaster" over a drought that has ravaged parts of the country and threatened to leave the city of Cape Town without domestic tap water. The department of cooperative governance said it had elevated the drought to a "national disaster" after reassessing its "magnitude and severity". Cape Town is in the grip of a catastrophic three-year-long drought as sparse winter rains have failed to bring relief, and dam levels have dropped to dangerously low levels. South Africa's second city is now facing the prospect of having to turn its taps off under a so-called "Day Zero" scenario to conserve the city's remaining water supplies.

West Bengal becomes first state to opt out of 'Modicare'

Claiming that the Bengal government had already enrolled 50 lakh people under its own Swasthya Sathi programme, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has announced the decision to opt out of Centre's 'Modicare' scheme. This makes West Bengal the first state to withdraw from the ambitious programme. Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley had announced the NHPS on February 1, making it the biggest global plan to provide quality health cover to a population larger than the combined citizenry of the US, UK, Germany and France.

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Odisha's first female filmmaker Parbati Ghose passes away

Parbati Ghose, Odisha's first female filmmaker, passed away recently following a prolonged illness. She was 85. Parbati Ghose was born in Cuttack district in 1933, Parbati started as a child artiste in All India Radio and soon moved to the silver screen, also as a child artiste, playing Nila Madhava in Shri Jagannath (1949).

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QUIZ

(1) Who has been appointed as India's new Ambassador to Brazil?

- (A) Rajiv Mehra
- (B) Ashok Das
- (C) Sumit Gupta
- (D) Saurabh Mehta

Answer: B

(2) Who has been elected as the new President of Sahitya Akademi?

- (A) Chandrashekhara Kambar
- (B) Madhav Koushik
- (C) Prathibha Ray
- (D) Bhalachandra Nemade

Answer: A

(3) Name the Odisha's first female filmmaker, who passed away recently?

- (A) Sai Paranjpye
- (B) Kalpana Lajmi
- (C) Reema Kagti
- (D) Parbati Ghose

Answer: D

(4) Which country has declared drought a 'national disaster'?

- (A) South Africa
- (B) India
- (C) Nepal
- (D) Bhutan

Answer: A

(5) Which state became the first state to opt out of 'Modicare'?

- (A) Uttar Pradesh
- (B) Tamil Nadu
- (C) West Bengal
- (D) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: C

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Vacancies: 245

Qualification: 10th Class

Post Name: Postman/ Mailguard

Last Date: 15-03-2018

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CISF Recruitment 2018

Vacancies: 447

Qualification: 10th Class with Valid Driving License

Post Name: Constable/ Driver

Last Date: 19-03-2018

Online Apply Link

<https://tinyurl.com/CISF-CT-Driver>

RRB Recruitment 2018

Vacancies: 62907

Qualification: 10th Class

Post Name: Group D

Last Date: 12-03-2018

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<https://tinyurl.com/rrb-groupd>

UPSC Recruitment 2018

Vacancies: 782

Qualification: Any Degree

Post Name: Civil Service (Prelims) Exam 2018

Last Date: 06-03-2018

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UPSC Recruitment 2018

Vacancies: 110

Qualification: Any Degree

Post Name: Indian Forest Service Exam 2018

Last Date: 06-03-2018

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<https://tinyurl.com/UPSC-IFS>

IDBI Bank Recruitment 2018

Vacancies: 760

Qualification: Any Degree

Post Name: Executive

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Vacancies: 26502

Qualification: Matriculation/ SSLC, ITI (Relevant Trade)

Post Name: Asst Loco Pilot & Technician

Last Date: 05-03-2018

Online Apply Link

<https://tinyurl.com/RRB-ALP>

East Central Railway Recruitment 2018

Vacancies: 1898

Qualification: 10th Class, ITI (Relevant Trades)

Post Name: Apprentices

Last Date: 28-02-2018

Online Apply Link

<https://tinyurl.com/ECR-Apprentice>

DMRC Recruitment 2018

Vacancies: 1896

Qualification: ITI, Diploma, Any Degree

Post Name: Jr Engineer, Asst Manager

Last Date: 26-02-2018

Online Apply Link

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TSTRANSCO Recruitment 2018

Vacancies: 330

Qualification: Degree (Engg.)

Post Name: Assistant Engineer

Last Date: 16-02-2018

Online Apply Link

<https://tinyurl.com/TSTRANSCO-AE>

AIIMS Recruitment 2018

Vacancies: 1126

Qualification: GNM, B.Sc (Nursing)

Post Name: Staff Nurse

Last Date: 12-03-2018

Online Apply Link

<https://tinyurl.com/AIIMS-Staff-Nurse>

NMDC Recruitment 2018

Vacancies: 169

Qualification: Diploma, ITI, B.Sc

Post Name: Asst, HEM, Operator & Other

Last Date: 19-02-2018

Online Apply Link

<https://tinyurl.com/NMDC-Asst>

TSSPDCL Recruitment 2018

Vacancies: 153

Qualification: Degree (Civil/ Electrical Engg.)

Post Name: Assistant Engineer

Last Date: 19-02-2018

Online Apply Link

<https://tinyurl.com/TSSPDCL-AE>

TSSPDCL Recruitment 2018

Vacancies: 114

Qualification: B.Com/ M.Com/ CA/ ICWA

Post Name: Junior Accounts Officer

Last Date: 19-02-2018

Online Apply Link

<https://tinyurl.com/TSSPDCL-JAO>

TSPSC Recruitment 2018

Vacancies: 238

Qualification: Intermediate, D.Pharmacy

Post Name: Pharmacist Gr – II

Last Date: 28-02-2018

Online Apply Link

<https://tinyurl.com/TSPSC-Pharmacist>

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TSPSC Recruitment 2018

Vacancies: 219

Qualification: Any Degree with B.Ed

Post Name: Hostel Welfare Officer

Last Date: 06-03-2018

Online Apply Link

<https://tinyurl.com/TSPSC-HWO>

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