

## Examrace

# Current Affairs Short Questions for Competitive Exams 2020-- Part 4

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### **12 March 2014.**

#### **Soma Modal has been appointed as the new Director (Commercial) of NALCO**

Nirvana PSU National Aluminium Company Ltd (NALCO) on 12 March Modal joined Nalco in 1984 as a Graduate Engineer Trainee Earlier, she was working with the company as executive director (marketing at Nalco's corporate office

#### **Assam and Nagaland First States to Get Plastic Photo IDs for Elections**

Assam and Nagaland will be the first two states in India to be issued Plastic Photo Identity Card for elections. Earlier Election Commission of India has announced that it is planning to launch plastic voter ID like-hard plastic driving license that will replace old ID cards Currently Election commission issues the laminated voter identity cards that exists from a long period of time. Sudhir Tirupati, the Deputy Election Commissioner has disclosed about this plastic voter ID cards in Kohima on 12 March 2014.

### **13 March 2014.**

#### **World Kidney Day 2014 Observed Across the World**

World Kidney Day 2014 was observed on 13 March 2014 with the theme, Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) and aging World Kidney Day (WKD) is observed annually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in March. Australia also observed the World kidney Day with the theme kidneys Age, Just Like You-take care of them to create awareness on the prevention of kidney diseases World kidney Day (WKD) is a global health awareness campaign focusing on the importance of the kidneys and reducing the frequency and impact of kidney disease and its associated health problems worldwide.

#### **Rakish Sethi Appointed As Allahabad Bank CMD**

Rakish Sethi has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Allahabad Bank Sethi will take charge of CMD with immediate effect as the post was lying vacant since January 2014 when Shubhlakhmi Panse retired.

#### **Two Indians among America's Most Powerful CEOs Under-40**

In the Forbes Magazine List, Among most powerful American CEO's under age 40, Two Indian's were named. This list was topped by Google CEO and Co-Founder Larry Page. Hari K

Ravichandran stood at 19<sup>th</sup> position He is Endurance International Group CEO Ashish Pandey stood at 20<sup>th</sup> place He is Asset Management Firm Asset Management CEO

### **14 March 2014**

#### **Web-GIS Tool for Estimating Rooftop Solar power potential**

The Energy and Recourses Institute (TERI) has unveiled the first-ever cloud based open-source Web-GIS Tool for estimating rooftop solar power potential for Indian solar cities. The main objective of this initiative is to develop a high performing and flexible Web-GIS tool to estimate the rooftop solar power potential for Indian cities the web-GIS tool will be launched in Chandigarh followed by other cities. This initiative is being supported by Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation (SSEF), with strategic support from the Chandigarh Renewable Energy Science and Technology promotion Society (CREST), the ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI), and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

#### **Largest Yellow Star Ever Found In Galaxy**

Astronomers have spotted the largest yellow star ever observed in our galaxy and say it 1, 300 times larger than our own yellow star, the sun. The yellow hyper giant star HR 5171 A is also in the top- 10 of the largest stars known and about one million times brighter than the sun Despite its great distance of nealy 12, 000 light-years from earth, the object can just about be seen with the naked eye The two stars are so close that they touch and the whole system resembles a gigantic peanut His team estimated the star is 50 percent larger than the famous red supergiant Betelgeuse Yellow hyergiants are very rare, with only a dozen or so known in our galaxy HR 5171 A has been getting bigger over the last 40 years.

### **15 March 2014**

#### **Tomas Hali Won 2014 Templeton Prize**

Czech priest and intellectual Tomas Halik has won the 2014 Templeton prize under the award he will receive 1. 1 million Euro. In 2012 the prize went to the 14<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama and last year to South African Archbishop and anti-apartheid fighter Desmond Tutu

#### **NTPC approved 14366- crores rupees Investment for Jharkhand Pant**

NTPC on 15 March approved an investment of Rs 14, 366.58 crore for its Karanpura thermal power project in Jharkhand, for which coal blocks were reallocated to the company last year The Cabinet Committee on Investment (CCI) in 2013 cleared the proposal of NTPC allowing it to set up a 1980 MW power plant with three units of 660 MW each. The project was struck, since 2008 following the withdrawal of coal linkages by the Coal Ministry.