

GK DIGEST – 2nd Week of APRIL 2018

Apr 9th - Apr 15th

International Affairs

IAF to Conduct Biggest Combat Exercise Along Pakistan, China Borders

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) is going to conduct its biggest ever combat exercise named Gagan Shakti, 2018 along Pakistan and China borders.
- Depending upon the order of the Air Force Chief, the Air Force will mobilize its assets in the war scenario within 48 hours of the orders.
- For the first time, the indigenous Light Combat Aircraft Tejas will be taking part in the exercise and will perform both the offensive and defensive roles.

India and Nepal Agree To Strengthen Bilateral Relations In Key Areas

- India and Nepal have agreed to further strengthen bilateral relations in key areas of border security, connectivity, trade and agriculture.

- The two countries agreed to develop inland waterways for overall economic development of the region. Aiming to expand cross-border rail linkages, the two sides have also decided to construct a new electrified rail line, with India's financial support.
- The rail line will connect the border city of Raxaul in India to Kathmandu in Nepal.

FPI Investment Limit In Government Securities Hiked

- In a move that could temporarily soften bond yields, the Reserve Bank of India, in consultation with the Government, hiked the foreign portfolio investors (FPI) investment limit in Central government securities (G-Sec) from 5% of outstanding stock now to 5.5% in FY 2019 and 6% in FY 2020.
- The hike comes in the wake of 99.31% of the upper FII investment limit in G-Secs of Rs1,91,300 crore getting utilized.
- The FPI investment in State Development Loans (SDLs) has been left unchanged at 2% of outstanding stock of securities.

Singapore and China signed MoU Along Belt And Road Initiative

- Singapore and China signed a MoU in Beijing, China to promote greater collaboration between Singapore and

Chinese companies in third-party markets along the Belt and Road.

- Under the MOU, the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI), NDRC (China's lead agency for BRI) and Enterprise Singapore will form a working group to identify sectors and markets of mutual interest, and organise business matching activities and forums to facilitate third-party market cooperation between Singapore and Chinese companies along the Belt and Road.

National Affairs

Vice President Venkaiah Naidu Inaugurates Scientific Convention On World Homeopathy Day

- Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated a scientific convention on the World Homeopathy Day in New Delhi.
- The day is observed to commemorate the birth anniversary of Homoeopathy founder Dr Christian Friedrich Samuel Hahnemann (10 April 1755).
- The theme of the two-day convention is Innovate: Evolve, Progress: Exploring Science since 40 years.

Tenth DefExpo India Begins In Tamil Nadu

- The tenth edition of a biennial exhibition of weapons and military hardware – DefExpo India–2018 begun at Kancheepuram in Tamil Nadu.
- The four–day long defense expo was formally inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Indigenously developed military helicopters, aircraft, missiles and rockets, capabilities to manufacture submarines, frigates and corvettes would be showcased at the event.
- Over 700 exhibitors from over 50 countries are participating in the Defence Expo.

FSSAI Launches Initiative To Address Vitamin D Deficiency

- The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) launched 'Project Dhoop', an initiative aimed at shifting the school assembly time to noon to ensure maximum absorption of Vitamin D in students through natural sunlight.

- The project was launched in New Delhi and saw the participation of around 600 students from NCERT, NDMC and North MCD Schools.
- Project Dhoop's Noon Assembly is an innovative and effective concept to ensure that school students get adequate Vitamin D.

State Bank of India Launches UK Subsidiary With 225 Millions Pounds Capital

- State Bank of India SBI announced the launch of its UK subsidiary, SBI (UK) Limited, with an initial capital commitment of 225 million pounds from its parent entity.
- India's largest state-owned bank, which celebrated the new subsidiary with a special event in London, becomes the first foreign bank in the UK to ring fence its retail division from its wholesale business.

ISRO Launches Navigation Satellite IRNSS-1L

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System-1L, the eighth such satellite to be a part of a constellation.
- It was launched from the first launch pad at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. IRNSS-1L is expected to replace IRNSS-1A, the first of the seven navigation satellites that were rendered ineffective after its three rubidium atomic clocks failed.
- The seven satellites are part of the NavIC navigation satellite constellation.

Haryana to introduce Choice Based Credit System for undergraduate education

- Haryana soon to give relax to the undergraduate students as it is going to introduce a unique way which will bring a smile on their faces that is Choice based credit system (CBCS).
- The Haryana government decided to introduce choice-based credit system (CBCS) and also revise the syllabus and workload in eleven subjects at the undergraduate level "in keeping with global scenario".

- The subjects are economics, political science, psychology, mathematics, physics, chemistry, computer science, botany, zoology, commerce, and geography, said an official spokesperson of the higher education department.
- They would review the existing syllabi in the universities of Haryana, the neighboring states as well as the model curriculum of UGC to make an assessment of the workload and evolve choice-based credit system.

Sports

CWG 2018: India Win Badminton Team Gold For first time In CWG History

- India clinched their first-ever badminton mixed team event gold in Commonwealth Games history after defeating defending champions Malaysia 3-1 in the final at Gold Coast.
- India's previous best performance in the mixed team event at CWG was a silver-medal finish in the 2010 edition.
- Saina Nehwal and Kidambi Srikanth represented India in singles' matches of the five-member team event.

CWG 2018: Indian Men's Table Tennis Team Won Gold

- India defeated Nigeria to clinch gold in the men's table tennis team event at the Commonwealth Games for the first time since 2006.
- With this, India joined England to bag second-most table tennis gold medals (5) at CWG.
- This is the first time that India have won both men's and women's TT team events at a single CWG edition.

CWG 2018: Shooter Shreyasi Singh Won 12th Gold

- Indian shooter Shreyasi Singh won the women's double trap gold in a shoot-off after scoring 96 points to take India's gold medal tally at the 21st Commonwealth Games 2018 to 12.
- This was her second CWG medal after having claimed a silver at the 2014 Glasgow Games.
- Another Indian shooter Varsha Varman finished fourth in the event, scoring 86 points.

Important Quiz Questions - Weekly

- 1) Which state Tops In 4G Connectivity Among 20 Largest Cities according to report?
 - a) Andhra Pradesh
 - b) Patna
 - c) Tamil Nadu
 - d) Maharashtra

- 2) Which state Government Launches Mobile App Bilingual 'Uzhavan' For Farmers ?
 - a) Tamil Nadu
 - b) Kerala
 - c) Karnataka
 - d) Bihar

- 3) Which country agreed to Strengthen with India in Bilateral Relations In Key Areas recently?
 - a) Sri Lanka
 - b) Bangladesh
 - c) Nepal
 - d) Indonesia

- 4) Which city Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana launched recently?
 - a) New Delhi
 - b) Teleganna
 - c) Hyderabad

- d) Ahmedabad
- 5) Which famous personality to get Dadasaheb Phalke Excellence Award ?
- a) Anil Kapoor
 - b) Salman Khan
 - c) Sonam Kapoor
 - d) Anushka Sharma
- 6) Which bank to invest Rs 80 billion in Nepal's 900 MW hydro-electric project ?
- a) Indian Bank
 - b) Dena Bank
 - c) Canara Bank
 - d) State Bank of India
- 7) Which place Launches Initiative To Address Vitamin D Deficiency ?
- a) Food Regulatory portal
 - b) Standards Developing Organization
 - c) FSSAI
 - d) USDA Gain
- 8) Which state Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal pledges to serve the farmers on priority under APART project ?
- a) Assam
 - b) Tamil Nadu
 - c) Kerala
 - d) Karnataka

- 9) Who Inaugurated 7th Edition Of Home Expo India 2018 recently?
- a) Shri Naresh Iyer
 - b) Smt .Smriti Irani
 - c) Shri Suresh Kumar
 - d) Shri Dinesh Raj
- 10) Who is appointed as NASSCOM Chairman recently?
- a) Naresh Singh
 - b) Suresh Kumar
 - c) Rishad Premji
 - d) Ramesh Kumar
- 11) Who Launched Navigation Satellite IRNSS-1L recently?
- a) ISRO
 - b) NASA
 - c) Space Studies Institute (California)
 - d) Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency
- 12) Which rank did India obtained Index Of Economic Freedom 2018 recently?
- a) 130
 - b) 158
 - c) 250
 - d) 525
- 13) Which ministry launches UTTAM App For Quality Monitoring?
- a) Ministry of Power
 - b) Ministry of External Affairs

- c) Ministry of Information and technology
- d) Ministry of Telecommunication

14) Which hockey team won against Malaysia in Gold Coast Commonwealth Games ?

- a) Pakistan
- b) Indonesia
- c) India
- d) Saudi Arabia

15) How many percentage of Indian Railway catering services attract a uniform GST in trains and stations?

- a) 5%
- b) 15%
- c) 25%
- d) 35%

Answers:

1) B 2) A 3) C 4) B 5) D 6) D 7) C 8) A 9) B 10) C
11) A 12) B 13) A 14) C 15) A

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