

GK DIGEST – 3rd Week of APRIL 2018

Apr 15th - Apr 22nd

International Affairs

UK parliament can block Brexit divorce bill: Brexit minister Davis

- The Situations between the UK and European Union are always on the verge of slip.
- Brexit minister David Davis that parliament could veto any final deal negotiated with the European Union unless it has a “substantive” idea of what the future trading relationship.

Commonwealth Heads Of Government Meeting Begins In London

- The Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM 2018) begun in London, the UK.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will take part in the event on 19th and 20th of April.
- The theme of the summit is 'Towards a Common Future'. The biennial event has brought together delegates from 53 Commonwealth nations.

- The summit will focus on addressing common challenges across the Commonwealth for a more prosperous, secure and sustainable future.

Google to provide 'confidential mode' soon on its mailing service

- Tech giant Google is set to launch a new security layer for its mailing service Gmail that will help users to purge a mail or text after a period of time.
- The 'confidential mode' will enable users to set a passcode to open emails, which will be generated through text message.
- In addition, one can set an expiration date for sent emails.
- The new Gmail mode will available after its revamp. A company spokesperson said that Google will offer Gmail users the ability to try the redesign through an early access program in the coming weeks.

National Affairs

Union Minister Smriti Irani Inaugurates 7th Edition Of Home Expo India 2018

- The seventh edition of Home Expo India 2018, organized by Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH), was inaugurated at India Expo Centre & Martin Greater Noida.
- Union Minister of Textiles Smriti Irani inaugurated the fair, while Ajay Tamta, Minister of State for Textiles, was the guest of honor.
- Home Expo India 2018 is expected to generate business deals for direct import.

India signed Loan Agreement With World Bank For USD 48 Million For Meghalaya

- A Loan Agreement for IBRD loan of USD 48 million for the “Meghalaya Community - Led Landscapes Management Project (MCLLMP)” was signed with the World Bank.
- The main Objective of the Project is to strengthen community-led landscapes management in selected landscapes in the State of Meghalaya.
- The Project consists of three components: (i) Strengthening Knowledge and Capacity for Natural Resource Management; (ii) Community-led landscape planning and implementation and (iii) Project Management and Governance.

Venkaiah Naidu Launches Assam Govts Cashless Health Scheme

- Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu launched a health scheme of the Assam government named Atal Amrit Abhiyan that offers free medical care of up to 2 lakh rupees for every individual from Below Poverty Line (BPL) and Above Poverty Line (APL) families.
- The state government has earmarked 400 crore rupees for the scheme in the financial year 2018-19.
- The cashless scheme Atal Amrit Abhiyan will cover 92 percent of the state's population with annual income below 5 lakh rupees.

Odisha's second longest River Bridge Opened

- The much-awaited bridge 'Ib Setu' built over the Ib river in Sambalpur district was thrown open to the public by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik.
- The 2.5-km-long bridge, which is the State's second longest bridge, has been built in three years at a cost of Rs. 117.50 crore.
- The bridge has helped establish direct road connectivity between Sambalpur and Brajarajnagar and the distance has now been reduced by 50 km.

Madhya Pradesh Conferred Most Film Friendly Award

- The Most Film Friendly State Award was announced by the Chairman of the Jury, Shri Ramesh Sippy.
- State of Madhya Pradesh conferred the award for the Most Film Friendly State for its efforts towards easing filming in the State by creating a well-structured website and film-friendly infrastructure.
- Total 16 states have participated in this award.
- The State of Uttarakhand is given a Special Mention Certificate to recognize the efforts made by the State of Uttarakhand towards creating a film-friendly environment.
- The award will be conferred by the President of India in May 2018.

Gujarat Launches Pocket Cop Project

- The Gujarat police unveiled the Pocket Cop project, which will enable quicker verification of passport applicants, and search of accused persons, among others.
- The project was inaugurated by Chief Minister Vijay Rupani in Gandhinagar.
- Under the project, smartphones with data connectivity will be given to 4,900 police personnel, including every

police station in-charge, investigating officer, PCR van, and those involved in passport verification.

E-SANAD Portal and National Academic Depository Integrated

- The Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) launched integration of e-SANAD portal and NAD – National Academic Depository in a bid to make education system in India more transparent.
- e-Sanad is a project aimed at online submission and verification of documents with the ultimate object to extend contactless, cashless, faceless and paperless document attestation service.
- NAD is a 24X7 online storehouse of all academic awards viz. diplomas certificates, degrees, mark-sheets.

Sports

Indian Swimmer Double Crosses Bangla Channel Sets World Record

- Pune-based 17-year-old swimmer Sampanna Ramesh Shelar set a world record to double cross the Bangla Channel.

- Shelar is the first person to swim to and fro from Saint Martin's Island Jetty to Teknaf in Bangladesh also known as the Bangla Channel.
- He has completed the journey of 32.2 kilometers in 9 hours and 10 minutes.

Official Mascot Of FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019 Unveiled

- 'Son of Dreams' was unveiled as official Mascot of the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019 in China.
- The selection of Son of Dreams as China 2019's Official Mascot was the culmination of a unique process by FIBA.
- The mascot finalists were Chinese dragon ('Son of Dream'), a Siberian tiger ('Speed Tiger') and a lion ('Qiu Qiu'). For the first time, there are 32-teams in FIBA Basketball World Cup.
- The tournament will take place in eight Chinese cities from August 31 until September 15.

Sixteenth Federation Cup Junior National Athletics Championship Began

- The 16th Federation Cup Junior National athletics championship began in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

- Over 800 athletes from 32 states across the country will take part in this tournament.
- The meet will serve as the selections trials for the 18th Asian Junior Athletic Meet to be held at Gifu, Japan, in June.
- The three-day event will see 440 boys and 352 girls in the age group of 16 to 20 years take part in 44 events.

Daniel Ricciardo won Chinese Grand Prix 2018

- The 2018 Chinese Grand Prix was a Formula One motor race that took place at the Shanghai International Circuit in Shanghai, China.
- Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo won the race ahead of Valtteri Bottas and Kimi Raikkonen.
- The race was the third round of the 2018 FIA Formula One World Championship and marked the fifteenth time that the Chinese Grand Prix has been run as a round of the Formula One World Championship.

Important Quiz Questions - Weekly

- 1) Which state Anubhuti programme to let students get experience of villages?
 - a) Madhya Pradesh
 - b) Kerala
 - c) Tamil Nadu
 - d) Bihar

- 2) Which state to introduce Choice Based Credit System for undergraduate education ?
 - a) Tamil Nadu
 - b) Kerala
 - c) Haryana
 - d) West Bengal

- 3) Which bank Launches Products To Mark Foundation Day recently?
 - a) Canara Bank
 - b) Dena Bank
 - c) Andhra Bank
 - d) Punjab National Bank

- 4) Which company L&T signed Ink MoU For Defence Products recently?
- a) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
 - b) Ashok Leyland
 - c) Tech Mahindra
 - d) Federal Company
- 5) Who left to 5-Day Visit To Sweden & UK recently?
- a) Shri Arun Jaitley
 - b) Shri Ramesh Gupta
 - c) Shri Narendra Modi
 - d) Shri Dinesh Gupta
- 6) Who Inaugurated 7th Edition Of Home Expo India 2018 recently?
- a) Shri Naresh Iyer
 - b) Shri Suresh Kumar
 - c) Shri Dinesh Raj
 - d) Smt .Smriti Irani
- 7) Which state celebrated 71st Foundation Day recently ?
- a) Himachal Pradesh
 - b) Jaipur
 - c) Bihar
 - d) Kerala

8) How many edition Union Minister Smriti Irani Inaugurate of Home Expo India 2018 ?

- a)6
- b)8
- c)7
- d)15

9) Which sports player got World Record recently ?

- a)Virdhawal Khade
- b)Bangla Channel
- c)Sandeep Sejwal
- d)Shikha Tandon

10) Which bank launches GST Backed OverDraft Facility For MSMEs ?

- a)Andhra Bank
- b)Yes Bank
- c)Dena Bank
- d)Canara Bank

11) Which day is observed as World Haemophilia Day?

- a)May 10
- b)June 16
- c)July 15
- d)April 17

12) Which bank Pips SBI To Become India's 2nd Most Valuable Bank ?

- a)State Bank of India
- b)Kotak Mahindra Bank

c) Dena Bank

d) Canara Bank

13) Which bank among Top 50 Most Valuable Brand In India recently?

a) Bandhan Bank

b) Dena Bank

c) Canara Bank

d) State Bank of India

14) Which country Joins International Solar Alliance To Mark Narendra Modi Visit ?

a) UK

b) USA

c) Iran

d) Indonesia

15) Which state launches digital platform for police force recently?

a) Gujarat

b) Tamil Nadu

c) Kerala

d) Himachal Pradesh

Answers:

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

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