

GK DIGEST – 4th Week of APRIL 2018

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International Affairs

Iran Bans Banks From Using Cryptocurrencies

- Iran banned the use of bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies by its banks and financial institutions.
- As per the central bank of Iran, the ban was necessary since all cryptocurrencies have the capacity to be turned into a means for money-laundering and financing terrorism and in general can be turned into a means for transferring criminals' money.

Mario Abdo Benitez elected as New President Of Paraguay

- Mario Abdo Benitez won the presidential election conducted in Paraguay.
- He belongs to the ruling Colorado Party. He had secured 46.5% of the votes, with 96% of 21,000. Efrain Alegre of the Authentic Radical Liberal Party came second with 42.7% of the votes.
- Mario Abdo Benitez 5-year term begins on 15th August 2018.

Microsoft Is India's Most Attractive Employer: Randstad Survey

- Technology giant Microsoft India declared the most attractive employer brand, followed by e-commerce giant Amazon India.
- The winners were named by HR service provider Randstad Employer Brand Research (REBR) 2018. Sector-wise, Tata Consultancy Services is most favored in IT, while Larsen & Toubro tops Infrastructure & Construction and Hindustan Unilever emerges the winner in FMCG.

UN Chief Appoints Christine Schraner Burgener As Special Envoy On Myanmar

- UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres appointed Christine Schraner Burgener of Switzerland as his new special envoy on Myanmar.
- Until her appointment, Burgener was the Ambassador of Switzerland to Germany since 2015.
- Peru, Kuwait and the United Kingdom will co-lead the visit to Bangladesh and Myanmar.

National Affairs

Deepika Padukone, Virat Kohli Among TIME's 100 Most Influential People

- The TIME Magazine released the 100 Most Influential People List of 2018 designating individuals whose time is now.
- The 2018 list features the names of four self-made Indians- Bollywood actress Deepika Padukone, Indian cricket captain Virat Kohli, Ola co-founder Bhavish Aggarwal and Microsoft's CEO Satya Nadella.
- The list also features the US President Donald Trump. The list of 100 Most Influential People of 2018 includes the names of actress Nicole Kidman, 'Wonder Women' starring Gal Gadot, Prince Harry and his fiancée Meghan Markle and singers Rihanna and Jennifer Lopez.

TCS is the first Indian Company With 100 Billion Dollar Market Value

- Tata Consultancy Services created the history as the market capitalization of the company has hit the 100 billion dollar mark, making it the first Indian company to achieve the mark.

- TCS shares rose by 2% to Rs. 3476.75, pushing the market capitalization of India's biggest outsourcer to Rs. 6,64,918 crore.
- Shares of TCS had surged by nearly 7% recently, making investors richer by over Rs. 40,000 crores in a day.

India Signed Loan Agreement With World Bank For US\$ 125 Million

- A Loan Agreement for IBRD credit of US\$ 125 (equivalent) for the “Innovate in India for Inclusiveness Project” was signed with the World Bank in New Delhi.
- The Objectives of the project is to nurture indigenous innovation, foster local product development and accelerate commercialization process by bridging critical skill and infrastructure gaps to promote affordable and innovative healthcare products generation for inclusive development and increasing competitiveness in India.
- The closing date of Innovate in India for Inclusiveness project is 30 June, 2023.

Indu Malhotra First Woman Lawyer Appointed As SC Judge

- Senior lawyer Indu Malhotra was sworn in as the judge of the Supreme Court in the presence of Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra.
- The appointment was made by the President Ram Nath Kovind. Malhotra has now become the first woman lawyer to be directly appointed as a Supreme Court judge.
- In 2007, Mrs Malhotra was only the second woman to be appointed a senior advocate by the apex court, three decades after Leila Seth first made history.

NHAI Inks Pact With Macquarie

- The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) entered into a pact with Macquarie for road projects under the highway monetization drive.
- The Agreement has been signed with Macquarie for the first bundle of highway projects (USD 1.5 billion one of the highest FDI in highways).

Google Ranked As Most Trusted Internet Brand In India: Report

- Online search engine Google is the most trusted Internet brand in India, followed by Facebook, as per the TRA Brand Trust Report 2018.
- With 1.2 trillion searches per year, Google has become the first port of call for all things on the Internet. Google was followed by Facebook, Amazon and eBay.

- The biggest falls in trust were seen by Snapdeal, who fell by 142 ranks over last year.
- The top trust gainers this year were Netflix (up 506 ranks over last year).
- TRA's Brand Trust Report 2018 report covers 2488 consumer-influencers across 16 cities in India and generated 5 million data points.

Important Days

World Book And Copyright Day is observed on 23 April

- World Book and Copyright Day is celebrated globally this year on 23 April to provide the people with many ideas and plans to make them aware of the situation and condition in the World.
- The World Book Capital for 2018 is Athens, Greece. 23 April is a symbolic date for world literature.
- It is on this date in 1616 that Cervantes, Shakespeare and Inca Garcilaso de la Vega all died.
- It is also the date of birth or death of other prominent authors.

World Earth Day is celebrated on 22 April

- The World Earth Day (WED) is celebrated on 22nd April not only to spread awareness of the need for conservation but also to take action to protect the

environment. Earth Day is considered to be the largest secular world event.

- This day was first celebrated on April 22, 1970 and has ever since been an annual event.
- The theme for World Earth Day 2018 is 'End Plastic Pollution'.
- Earth Day 2018 is dedicated to providing the information and inspiration needed to fundamentally.

National Panchayati Raj Day is observed as 24 April

- The nation celebrates the National Panchayati Raj Diwas (24th Aril) as this date marks a defining moment in the history of decentralization of political power to the grassroots level.
- Activities of PM Modi on NPRD 2018: Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Mandla in Madhya Pradesh on the National Panchayati Raj Day.
- He launched the Rashtriya Gramin Swaraj Abhiyan, at a public meeting, and addressed Panchayati Raj representatives across the country, from Mandla.
Background: The Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992 that came into force with effect from 24th April 1993 has institutionalized Panchayati Raj through the village, Intermediate and District level Panchayats.
- The impact of the 73rd Amendment in rural India is very visible as it has changed power equations irreversibly. Accordingly, the Government of India decided in consultation with the States to celebrate 24th April as National Panchayati Raj Day. Ministry of

Panchayati Raj organizes National Conference on 24th April every year to commemorate the National Panchayati Raj Diwas.

World Intellectual Property Day is observed on 26 April

- World Intellectual Property Day is celebrated on 26th of April to learn about the role that intellectual property rights (patents, trademarks, industrial designs, copyright) play in encouraging innovation and creativity.
- The theme for WIPD 2018 is 'Powering change: Women in innovation and creativity'.

Sports

India Won 8th South Asian Judo Championship

- India won 8th South Asian Judo Championship held in Lalitpur, Nepal.
- On the concluding day of the championship, Indian women and men won team events. Keeping the unbeaten streak, Indian women whitewashed the championship by beating host Nepal by 5-0 in the final of team events.
- Indian men also won the team championship.

- They defeated Pakistan by 3-2 in the final. Earlier Indian women grabbed all 7 gold medals in the individual category while men bagged 3 gold and 3 bronze medals.
- India topped the medal tally winning 10 Gold and 3 Bronze medals in the individual category. Host Nepal remained second and Pakistan got third place.

Sixteenth Federation Cup Junior National Athletics Championship Began

- The 16th Federation Cup Junior National athletics championship begun 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) Under which scheme Union Cabinet Nod To Restructure the local bodies?
 - a) Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan Scheme
 - b) Central Government Health Scheme
 - c) Gramin Bhandaran Yojana
 - d) Janani Suraksha Yojana
- 2) Which day is celebrated on 22 April?
 - a) World Heart Day
 - b) World Earth Day
 - c) World AIDS Day
 - d) World Diabetes Day
- 3) In which field Shri Bhimsain Khurana belong to recently?
 - a) Arts
 - b) Sports
 - c) Animation
 - d) Engineering

4)) Which union minister and CBGs From G20 Agree For Economic Growth By Promoting Trade?

- a) Shri Naresh Iyer
- b) Shri Dilip Menon
- c) Shri Prakash Javadekar
- d) Shri Arun Jaitley

5) Which is the first Indian Company With 100 Billion Dollar Market Value recently?

- a) Infosys
- b) Wipro
- c) Tata consultancy Services
- d) Tech Mahindra

6) Among the given who is the TIME's 100 Most Influential People recently?

- a) Deepika Padukone
- b) Sonali bendre
- c) Dilip Misra
- d) Anil Kapoor

7) Which country's 1st E-Commerce Think Tank Meet Convened By Suresh Prabhu ?

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

8) How many millions did India Signed Loan Agreement With World Bank For US\$?

- a) 125
- b) 158
- c) 165
- d) 195

9) Which rank did India obtained in the World Press Freedom Index Report recently?

- a) 152
- b) 138
- c) 148
- d) 168

10) Who is elected as New President Of Paraguay recently?

- a) Mario Abdo Benitez
- b) Efrain Alega
- c) Federico Franco
- d) Juan Afra

11) Which country joined with Nepal IGC Meet Begins In Kathmandu ?

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

- 12) Which day is observed on 26 April recently?
- a) World Intellectual Property Day
 - b) World Laughter Day.
 - c) World War Orphan Day.
 - d) World Day for Water
- 13) Who is the First Woman Lawyer Appointed As SC Judge ?
- a) R Banumathi
 - b) Indira Jaising
 - c) Indu Malhotra
 - d) Sujata Manohar
- 14) Who is sworn in as As New US Secretary Of State recently?
- a) Mike Pompeo
 - b) Ryan Zinke
 - c) Wilbur Ross.
 - d) R. Alexander Acosta.
- 15) Among the online search engine, who is the Most Trusted Internet Brand In India?
- a) Yahoo
 - b) Look smart
 - c) Google
 - d) Lookup

Answers:

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

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