

## GK DIGEST – 1st Week of FEBRUARY 2018

### Feb 4th - Feb 10th

#### International Affairs

### John Hennessy appointed as Alphabet's New Board Chairman

- Alphabet appointed John L. Hennessy as the new board chairman of the company. Hennessy has been on the board since 2004 and Lead Independent Director since 2007.
- He replaced Eric Schmidt.
- Schmidt will remain as a "technical advisor" to Alphabet.
- Hennessy is a former president of Stanford University and has had an extensive career in the tech industry.

### Jerome H Powell Sworn In As 16th Chairman Of Federal Reserve

- Jerome H Powell was sworn in as the 16th Chairman of the Federal Reserve for a four-year term.
- He succeeded Janet Yellen, the first woman to lead the US central bank in its 100-year history.

- Powell was nominated for the post in November 2017 by President Donald Trump.
- The oath was administered by Vice Chairman Randal K. Quarles in the Boardroom.

## Sweden Commits Record \$370m Of Aid To UN World Food Programme

- Sweden and the United Nations World Food Programme signed a Strategic Partnership Agreement committing an unprecedented \$370 million dollars to WFP over the next four years.
- The contribution for the period 2018-2021 is the biggest ever made by a donor within a WFP Strategic Partnership Agreement.

## Bermuda Becomes first Country In World To Abolish Same-Sex Marriage

- Bermuda becomes the first country to legalize and then repeal same-sex marriage. Bermuda's governor John Rankin approved a bill reversing the right of gay couples to marry, despite a supreme court ruling last year authorizing same-sex marriage.

## China to reopen Nathu La pass for Mansarovar yatris in India

- China agreed to reopen the Nathu La pass for Indian pilgrims to undertake the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra, Minister of State for External Affairs VK Singh informed the Lok Sabha.
- China had closed the route last year citing "unfavourable conditions", at a time when India and China were engaged in a military standoff at Doklam.
- The four-month travel period to the Kailash Mansarovar yatra starts from June.

### National Affairs

## Arunachal Pradesh nods to much awaited Advertisement Policy 2018

- Arunachal Pradesh gave a nod to much awaited "Arunachal Pradesh Advertisement Policy 2018."
- State Cabinet headed by Chief Minister Pema Khandu approved Arunachal Pradesh Advertisement Policy 2018 which will enable the government to make payment of government advertisement bills to media houses on a timely basis.

- In another decision, the Cabinet approved the release of gratuitous relief of Rs 2,000 for all contingency and casual workers serving under Arunachal Government. Apart from approving the creation of 25 posts of Assistant Professors for government colleges of the state under Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), the Cabinet also approved enhancement of salary of teachers working under SSA and RMSA on contractual basis up to 22% with effect from April 1, 2018.
- The Cabinet directed the education department to ensure that salaries are disbursed by the first week of the subsequent month through the Aadhaar-based DBT through PFMS method.

## Prime Minister Narendra Modi Inaugurates Investors Summit In Assam

- One hundred and sixty MoUs with investment proposals of over 64,000 crore rupees were signed on the opening day of the first ever global investors summit at Guwahati in Assam.

- The summit hosted by the Assam government is a new beginning and will open a new chapter in boosting the relationship with ASEAN countries.
- The MoUs were signed by hundreds of industry leaders for investment in the state.

## Uttar Pradesh Government In Association With UNICEF Launches DASTAK Campaign

- Uttar Pradesh State government in association with UNICEF launched massive door to door campaign DASTAK to eradicate deadly Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) and Japanese Encephalitis (JE) disease in the state.
- The war cry of DASTAK is 'Darwaja Khatkhatao, AES aur JE ko bhagao'. In DASTAK campaign, whole state machinery with the help of UNICEF will now literally go door to door in 38 JES and AE affected districts which mostly fall in the Tarai region.

## Prime Minister Narendra Modi to address elections rallies at Sonamura & Kailashahar in Tripura

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address rallies at Sonamura in Sipahijala district and Kailashahar in Unakoti district.
- Assam Chief Minister and BJP leader Sarbananda Sonowal addressed public meetings in Teliamura and Majlishpur yesterday.
- Assam's former Chief Minister and Congress leader Tarun Gogoi campaigned in Balurghat constituency.
- Tripura Chief Minister Manik Sarkar addressed rallies in Kumar ghat and Kailashahar of Unakoti district. The state will go to polls on the 18th of this month to elect a new assembly.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be addressing rallies in Sonamura of Sepahijala and Kailashahar of Kailashahar districts. In view of PM's rally, the security arrangement has been beefed up in the state.
- Also, yesterday addressing a rally in Teliamura, Assam's Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal Prime Minister Narendra Modi wants to develop each and every state of the country.

## South Central Railway Becomes 1st Rail Zone With 100% LED Lighting At Stations

- The South Central Railway (SCR) become the first railway zone in the country to complete 100% LED lighting at all the stations under its jurisdiction.
- The SCR has been on the forefront of adopting energy conservation measures.
- It has attained the status of becoming the first zone in the Indian Railways to complete 100% LED lighting in all the 733 stations under its jurisdiction.

### Business

## Commerce Minister Kicks Off Consultations On The New Industrial Policy

- Commerce and Industries Minister Mr. Suresh Prabhu set off a series of nation-wide consultations with the industry on the proposed new Industrial Policy.
- The first consultation was held at Guwahati in February 2018. The event, organized by Department of Industrial

Policy and Promotion (DIPP) in partnership with Federation of Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), was attended by more than 120 industrialists from the North East in addition to government officials from the North Eastern States.

## Google and NCERT Join Hands To Teach Students Digital Safety

- Google and National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) signed a pact to integrate a course on 'Digital Citizenship and Safety' in information and communication technology curriculum.
- It was signed on the occasion of Safer Internet Day (06th February).
- The curriculum developed by NCERT in collaboration with Google will be used to train students from class I - class XII across 1.4 million schools in India where they will learn how to become good and responsible digital citizens. The curriculum is spread into four themes - being smart, being safe, being a digital citizen and being future ready.



## Sports

### India Won U-19 World Cup 2018

- India defeated Australia to lift the Under 19 World cup for the fourth time.
- The Men in Blue defeated the three-time champions Australia at Bay Oval, New Zealand.
- The Australian team had set the target of 214 runs and was chased down easily by India.
- Manjot Kalra was the Hero of the match with his brilliant century

### India Open 2018- Complete List Of Winners

- India Open is a badminton event held annually at the Siri Fort Sports Complex, New Delhi.
- In women's singles Defending champion P V Sindhu was defeated by American Beiwen Zhang to finish runner-up at the India Open Super 500 tournament.
- 1. Men's Singles - Shi Yuqi (China) 2. Women's Singles Beiwen Zhang (America) 3. Men's Doubles Marcus Fernaldi Gideon (Indonesia) 4. Women's Doubles Greysia Polii (Indonesia) Apriyani Rahayu (Indonesia) Jongkolphan Kititharakul (Thailand) and Rawinda

Prajongjai (Thailand) 5. Mixed Doubles - Mathias Christiansen (Denmark) Christinna Pedersen (Denmark).

## Jhulan Goswami 1st Woman In The World To Take 200 ODI Wickets

- Indian women's cricket team pacer Jhulan Goswami become the first woman in the world to take 200 wickets in ODI cricket.
- Goswami achieved the feat playing in her 166th ODI against South Africa.
- Goswami had become the leading wicket-taker in women's ODI in May 2017, overtaking former Australian pacer Cathryn Fitzpatrick's record of 180 wickets.

## Haryana emerges as first champion of Khelo India School Games with 38 gold medals

- Haryana youngsters outclassed others by achieving the highest number of medal tally in the inaugural edition of the Khelo India School Games.
- The competition concluded in New Delhi.
- The sports powerhouse won 102 medals including 38 gold medals, 26 silver medals, 38 Bronze medals. Maharashtra (110) finished second overall while Delhi (94) came third.

- Punjab and Kerala won the boys' and girls' gold medals respectively in Basketball competition.
- On the final day, Haryana emerged with the best haul of five medals, including one gold, two silver, and two bronze medals.
- Haryana archers showed impressive performance and won one gold medal on the final day. It clinched two silver and two bronze medals from Archery on the same day.

### Indian para cyclists win one silver, two bronze at Asian Championships

- The Indian contingent won a silver medal and two bronze medals at the Asian Para-Cycling Championships held in Naypyidaw, Myanmar.
- Last year's silver medallist Divij Shah repeated his silver-winning performance while BSF soldier Harinder Singh won bronze adding to his bronze from the last year. New entrant Madhu Bagri become the first para cyclist to win an international medal in hand cycling.

## Intel sets a Guinness world record with 1,218 drones at 2018 Winter Olympic Games

- The opening ceremony of the Winter Olympic Games 2018 saw a record-setting performance of 1,218 drones (unmanned aerial vehicles), flying in sync to create huge formations of various Olympic sports and the iconic Olympic rings.
- This record was set by Intel.
- The drones set a world record for the 'most unmanned aerial vehicles airborne simultaneously,' which was previously held by 500 drones during a 2016 performance in Germany.

## Important Quiz Questions - Weekly

- 1) Which country Becomes first Country In World To Abolish Same-Sex Marriage ?
  - a) Russia
  - b) Bermuda
  - c) Kenya
  - d) South Africa

- 2) Which state Chief Minister Lays Foundation Stone For Rhododendron Park ?
- a) Arunachal Pradesh
  - b) Bihar
  - c) Kerala
  - d) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Who launched the first ever Chat Based Job Search App recently ?
- a) Empzilla
  - b) Naukiri.com
  - c) Amazon.com
  - d) Times Job.com
- 4) Under which scheme CCEA approves enhancement of target ?
- a) Suraksha Savings Scheme
  - b) National Pension Scheme
  - c) National Health Scheme
  - d) Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana
- 5) Which state emerges as first champion of Khelo India School Games with 38 gold medals ?
- a) Haryana
  - b) Tamil Nadu
  - c) Kerala
  - d) Bihar

- 6) Who is appointed as SBI Card MD & CEO ?
- a) Suresh menon
  - b) Naresh iyer
  - c) Vignesh Krishnan
  - d) Hardayal Prasad
- 7) Which country obtained 44th In Global Intellectual Property Index?
- a) India
  - b) Pakistan
  - c) South Africa
  - d) North Africa
- 8) Which railway Become 1st Rail Zone With 100% LED Lighting At Stations ?
- a) Northern railway
  - b) Eastern railway
  - c) Western railway
  - d) South Central Railway
- 9) Who is the First Woman In The World To Take 200 ODI Wickets ?
- a) Jhulan Goswami
  - b) Harmanpreet Kaur
  - c) Poonam Raut
  - d) Latika Kumari

- 10) Which company launches #SecurityCheckKiya campaign?
- a) Samsung
  - b) Google
  - c) Apple
  - d) Twitter
- 11) Which Airport Becomes World's Busiest Single-Runway?
- a) Mumbai
  - b) Chennai
  - c) Hyderabad
  - d) Kolkata
- 12) Which country Commits Record \$370m Of Aid To UN World Food Programme?
- a) Australia
  - b) USA
  - c) Sweden
  - d) Russia
- 13) Which rocket Launches Its Most Powerful Rocket Towards Mars ?
- a) SpaceX
  - b) CartoSat
  - c) Agni VI
  - d) Aryabhata

14) Which bank Six Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy Statement Released ?

- a) RBI
- b) Canara Bank
- c) State Bank of India
- d) Dena Bank

15) How many solar cities have been developed under Development of Solar Cities scheme ?

- a) 50
- b) 60
- c) 45
- d) 35

### Answers:

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



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