

GK DIGEST – 4th Week of FEBRUARY 2018

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International Affairs

Sri Lanka soon to release all Indian fishermen as a goodwill gesture

- Sri Lankan government decided to release remaining 20 Indian fishermen in their custody for charges of poaching in Sri Lankan waters.
- This will be the first time in recent years that no Indian fishermen are left in Sri Lankan custody.
- Fishermen from India and Sri Lanka are frequently detained for illegally fishing in each other's territorial waters since the Arabian Sea does not have a clearly defined marine border and the wooden boats lack the technology to avoid being drifting away.

China elected as vice chair of FATF

- China was elected as vice chair of Financial Action Task Force (FATF), a global body mandated to combat terror financing and money laundering.
- In its plenary meeting in Paris, FATF had placed Pakistan under “grey list” subject to direct

monitoring and intense scrutiny by International Cooperation.

- It is an inter-governmental policy-making body that aims to establish international standards for combating money laundering and terrorist financing.
- It was established in 1989 during the G7 Summit in Paris (France) to combat the growing problem of money laundering.

National Affairs

Prime Minister Narendra Modi Inaugurates Projects Worth 1000 Crores In Daman

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid foundation stones for projects worth 1000 crore rupees in Daman in the union territory of Daman and Diu.
- He distributed keys for scooters to differently-abled beneficiaries, 'SWABHIMAN' cards to pregnant and Lactating Women, 'Badhai Kit' to the newly born girl children under 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao'.
- He also distributed cycles to school going girls under Saraswati Cycle Yojna, extended loans under 'Pradhan

Mantri MUDRA Yojna' and 'Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana' to beneficiaries.

- He also distributed permits for CNG drove public transport vehicles for a cleaner environment in Daman.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi Flags Off 'Run For New India' Marathon In Surat

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the 'Run for New India' marathon in Surat, Gujarat.
- The Marathon is aimed at creating awareness about social causes and call upon all to resolve to build a New India. The Marathon is divided into 4 categories.
- Around 1.50 lakh runners participated in the 'Run for New India' marathon which was organized by the Surat Nagrik Samiti.

First Mega Food Park Inaugurated In Maharashtra

- The first Mega Food Park in the state of Maharashtra Satara Mega Food Park Private Limited at Village Degaon, District Satara was inaugurated by Harsimrat Kaur Badal, Union Minister of Food Processing Industries.
- This is the 10th Mega Food Park being operationalized in the country and the 8th operationalized during the

tenure of the present government. Satara Mega Food Park has been set up in 64 acres of land at a cost of Rs. 139.30 crore.

Union Textile Minister Smriti Irani Attends 27th IJIRA In Kolkata

- Union Textile Minister Smriti Irani attended the 27th Technological Conference of Indian Jute Industries' Research Association (IJIRA) on Shaping the Future of Jute in Kolkata.
- The function was focused on the promotion of geotextiles in the northeast region.
- Geotextiles are absorbent fabrics which, when used in association with soil, have the ability to separate, filter, reinforce, protect or drain.

World's Largest Solar Park 'Shakti Sthal' Launched In Karnataka

- The Karnataka government inaugurated the first phase of a 2,000 megawatts (MW) solar park in the drought-prone district, Tumkur.
- The first phase of the Rs16,500 crore park called “Shakti Sthala” will generate 600MW, while the balance 1,400MW is expected to be commissioned by the end of 2018.

- The solar project is the largest in the world, is spread over 13,000 acres and five villages.
- It is part of the “Karnataka Solar Policy 2014-2021” which aims to decrease dependence on traditional power sources and move to environmentally friendly ones to meet the growing power needs of the state.
- The park ties in with the center’s scheme to generate 100 gigawatts (GW) of solar power by 2020.

Sports

Parupalli Kashyap Won Austrian Open

- Reigning Commonwealth Games champion Parupalli Kashyap overcame Malaysia's June Wei Cheam in straight games in the men's singles final to clinch the Austrian Open International Challenge, his first international title in over three years.
- The Indian looked in good touch throughout the tournament as he didn't drop a single game en route to his title win.

Aruna Budda Reddy Becomes 1st Indian To Win Individual Medal At Gymnastics World Cup

- Aruna Budda Reddy created history by becoming the first Indian to win an individual medal at the Gymnastics World Cup in Melbourne, Australia.
- She clinched a Bronze medal in the Women's Vault. Aruna, who hails from Hyderabad, scored 13.649 average points to finish third and claim the bronze medal at the Hisense Arena.
- Tjasa Kysslef of Slovenia took home the Gold, while Emily Whitehead of Australia won the Silver.

MC Mary Kom And Seema Poonia Bag Silver Medals

- In Strandja Memorial Boxing Tournament Indian stars Seema Poonia and MC Mary Kom have settled for Silver medals after losing in the final of 69th Strandja Memorial Boxing tournament at Sofia in Bulgaria.
- While Mary Kom lost to Bulgarian Sevda Asenova in the 48-kilogram title bout, Seema went down to Russian Anna Ivanova in the 81 kg final.

- Overall Indian women ended up with two silver and four bronze medals in one of the oldest boxing tournaments in Europe.

India Clinched 11 Medals At Strandja Memorial Boxing Tournament

- India comes up with best ever performance at the 69th Strandja Memorial Boxing Tournament in Bulgaria.
- At Sofia, the country ended with a whopping 11 medals – five from men and six from women boxers.
- Overall, the contingent clinched two gold, three silver, and six bronze medals.
- Vikas Krishan, who claimed a gold medal in 75 kg category, was also adjudged the best boxer of the event, a first for an Indian. Another Gold medal was clinched by Amit Panchal.

Tokyo Unveils Mascots For 2020 Olympics And Paralympics

- Tokyo unveiled its long-awaited mascot for the 2020 Olympic Games: a futuristic blue-checked, doe-eyed character with pointy ears and “special powers” that was picked by schoolchildren across mascot-mad Japan.
- One has an athletic figure and a strong sense of justice.
- The other is a cherry blossom-inspired superhero.

Vinesh Phogat bags silver at Asian Wrestling Championship

- India's star wrestler Vinesh Phogat has settled for Silver Medal in the 50kg Freestyle competition at the Asian Wrestling Championship in Kyrgyzstan.
- In the final of the event at Bishkek, yesterday, the Indian lost to China's Chun Lei. Another Indian, Sangeeta claimed Bronze in the 59kg division.
- Along with these two medals, India's medal tally has reached four in the ongoing championships.

IOC Restores Russia's Olympic Membership

- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) restored Russia's Olympic membership with immediate effect following its suspension from the Winter Olympics at Pyeongchang in South Korea.
- Russia was banned from February's Games by the IOC over state-sponsored doping. Before closing ceremony of Winter Olympics, the IOC had stated that the ban would be lifted, as long as there were no more anti-doping violations.

Navjot Kaur Wins Gold In Asian Wrestling Championship

- Navjot Kaur clinched the 1st gold medal for India in the Asian Wrestling championship in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. She defeated Imai Miyu of Japan in the final of women's 65 kg freestyle.
- With 1 gold, 2 silver, and 1 bronze medal, India was at the second spot in the medals tally.
- Vinesh Phogat and Pinki of Indian Railways claimed silver medals while Sakshi Malik won a bronze in the 62-kilogram category.
- China was leading the table with 4 gold and 1 bronze medal while Japan was at the third place with 1 gold, 1 silver, and 2 bronze medals.

India beat Pakistan to win Snooker Team World Cup

- India won the inaugural IBSF Snooker Team World Cup title.
- The Indian combine of Pankaj Advani and Manan Chandra defeated Pakistan in the best-of-five final played in Doha.

Important Quiz Questions - Weekly

- 1) Who Became first Indian To Win Individual Medal At Gymnastics World Cup ?
 - a) Aruna Budda Reddy
 - b) Dipa karmakar
 - c) Asish kumar
 - d) Dinesh karthik

- 2) Who inaugurated Projects Worth 1000 Crores In Daman
 - a) Shri Arun Jaitley
 - b) Shri Suresh menon
 - c) Shri Narayana Swamy
 - d) Shri Narendra Modi

- 3) Which state inks MoU with US based AutoGrid to transform and uplift electricity sector ?
- a) Bihar
 - b) Andhra Pradesh
 - c) Uttar pradesh
 - d) Kerala
- 4) Which year Andaman & Nicobar Command To Host Milan?
- a) 2020
 - b) 2025
 - c) 2018
 - d) 2030
- 5) How many crores Prime Minister Narendra Modi Inaugurates projects worth in Daman?
- a) 580
 - b) 920
 - c) 965
 - d) 1000
- 6) Which city National Conference On E-Governance held recently ?
- a) Chennai
 - b) Patna
 - c) New delhi
 - d) Hyderabad

7) Which city Fifteenth Edition Of BioAsia 2018 Held recently?

- a) Chennai
- b) New Delhi
- c) Hyderabad
- d) Patna

8) With Which state Microsoft Tie-Up To Accelerate Cloud Technology Adoption?

- a) Kerala
- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Jaipur

9) Which city India and Korea Business Summit held recently ?

- a) New Delhi
- b) Hyderabad
- c) Bihar
- d) Secunderabad

10) Which country is elected as vice chair of FATF?

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

11) What color Coloured Baal Aadhaar Card Launched By UIDAI ?

- a) Blue
- b) Yellow
- c) Red
- d) Orange

12) Who Launches 2nd Project Of Swajal Yojana In Rajasthan?

- a) Shri suresh Singh
- b) Shri Naresh Singh
- c) Smt Uma Bharti
- d) Smt Nitya Menon

13) How much percent did RISE Scheme: IITs set to get Government loans for higher education institutes ?

- a) 25%
- b) 35%
- c) 45%
- d) 65%

14) Who Introduces UAN- Aadhar Linking New Facility ?

- a) EPFO
- b) CBI
- c) SBI
- d) Dena Bank

15) Which state Uma Bharti Launches 2nd Project Of Swajal Yojana ?

- a) Hyderabad
- b) Chennai
- c) New Delhi
- d) Rajasthan

Answers:

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

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