

## GK DIGEST – 1st Week of MARCH 2018

### Mar 4th - 11th

#### International Affairs

#### Iraq overtakes Saudi Arabia as India's biggest Oil Supplier

- Iraq overtook Saudi Arabia to become India's top crude oil supplier by supplying 38.9 million tonnes (MT) crude oil in the current financial year. It was fifth of India's oil needs.
- India is 80% dependent on imports to meet its oil needs. India had imported 184.4 MT of crude oil during April. Saudi Arabia traditionally has been India's top oil source but Iraq dethroned it.
- Saudi Arabia supplied 30.9 MT of crude oil in first 10 months.

#### Indian Military Ranked 4th Strongest In World, USA Tops

- Out of 133 countries, India is ranked fourth on a global index for its military strength, only the United States, Russia and China are ranked above

India on the list, according to the latest report of the Global Firepower index 2017.

- The Neighbouring Pakistan is ranked 13th.
- India maintained its position above France in the top five military powers in the world. The Indian Army is equipped with 4,426 combat tanks, 6,704 armored fighting vehicles, and 7,414 towed artillery guns, as per the list.
- The Top 5 countries in the list are- 1. The USA, 2. Russia, 3. China, 4. India, 5. France.

## Washington Becomes First State to Enact Its Own Net Neutrality Rules

- Washington became the first state to pass a new law -- House Bill 2282 -- that restores and protects certain net neutrality rules, after the Federal Communications Commission voted 3-2 in favor of repealing net neutrality nationwide late last year.
- Washington state's new rules were signed into law by Governor Jay Inslee, and prevent internet service providers from blocking and slowing down content online.
- This will become nationwide law itself by April 23, 2018.

## UK college to teach Hinglish to students for jobs in India

- UK's Portsmouth College has offered to teach its students 'Hinglish', a mix of Hindi and English languages, becoming the country's first educational institution to do so.
- The course is being introduced partly due to India's growing economic importance and to prepare British students who may take up jobs in India or in Indian companies based in the UK.

## US President Donald Trump to meet North Korean leader Kim Jong un for 1st time by May

- President Donald Trump accepted an offer of a summit from the North Korean leader and will meet with Kim Jong Un by May, in a remarkable turnaround in relations between two historic adversaries. it would be the first time a sitting US president has met a North Korea leader.
- North Korea recently offered to denuclearise itself for a guarantee of security against military threats from the US.

## Maharashtra gets its very own first ever Mega Food Park in Satara

- Maharashtra got its own 1st ever Mega Food Park in Satara Mega Food Park Pvt. Ltd was inaugurated at Village Degaon in Satara district.
- Minister of Food Processing Industries Harsimrat Kaur Badal unveiled the Satara Mega Food Park in the presence of Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis. Satara Mega Food Park, first in Maharashtra, is the 12th Mega Food Park operationalized in the country so far and the 10th operationalized during the tenure of present government", Ministry of Food Processing Industries Harsimrat Kaur Badal
- The Ministry is focusing on boosting the food processing industry so that agriculture sector grows exponentially and become a major contributor to doubling the farmer's income and 'Make in India' initiative of the government.

## Punjab inks MoU with Nandan Nilekani's e-Gov to provide online services

- Punjab government in both transparent and smooth manner, the state government signed a

MoU with e-Governance Foundation (e-Gov) of Nandan Nilekani.

- According to the MoU, a total of 67 services would be provided online within a span of 1 year under 12 modules namely Property Tax, Water & Sewerage Management, Complaints and Grievance, Licensing, Fire Service, Verification, Birth and Death, ULB web portal, Mobile App, State and ULB Dashboards, Payroll and Financial Accounting.
- On this occasion, Local Government Minister Navjot Singh Sidhu "The Punjab Government is fully committed to fulfilling promises of delivering the citizen-centric services to the people of the state in a transparent and smooth manner so as to ensure that they don't have to make rounds of government offices to avail the same."

## Virat Kohli Named as first Brand Ambassador For Uber India

- Indian cricket team captain Virat Kohli named cab-hailing startup Uber's first Brand Ambassador in India.
- Kohli will also be involved in a series of marketing and customer experience initiatives.

## Karnataka To Become 2nd State In Country To Unveil Its Own Flag

- The Karnataka government unveiled the State flag (nada dhwaja ) for the state.
- If approved by the Centre, Karnataka will be the second State to have a flag after Jammu and Kashmir.
- The yellow-white-red flag has the State emblem at the center.
- The proposal will be now sent to the Union Home Ministry for approval since a State has no powers to announce its own flag.

### Sports

## 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.

## Viswanathan Anand Wins Tal Memorial Rapid Chess Title

- World rapid champion Viswanathan Anand annexed the Tal Memorial rapid chess title in Moscow, Russia after an easy final round draw against Boris Gelfand of Israel.
- His solitary loss came at the hands of Shakhriyar Mamedyarov of Azerbaijan in the third round.

## MS Dhoni Becomes Brand Ambassador Of Gaming Platform Dream 11

- Mahendra Singh Dhoni, become a brand ambassador of gaming platform Dream11.
- The former India Test skipper had led the country to a famous triumph in the inaugural World T20 Championship in 2007.
- He would be the new face of the gaming platform's multi-channel marketing campaigns and brand engagement activities.
- Currently, the gaming platform has a user base of 2 crore sports fans playing "fantasy cricket, football, kabaddi, and NBA".

## India win their 6th consecutive T20I against Bangladesh, Nidahas Trophy

- India defeated Bangladesh by six wickets in the second T20I of the Nidahas Trophy in Colombo,

to register their sixth consecutive T20I victory and maintain their 100% win record in T20Is against them. India will next face Sri Lanka in the tri-series on March 12. "Man of the Match" Awarded to: Vijay Shankar.

## Important Quiz Questions - Weekly

- 1) Which state gets its very own 1st ever Mega Food Park in Satara ?
  - a) Tamil nadu
  - b) Kerala
  - c) Maharashtra
  - d) Himachal Pradesh
  
- 2) Which state inks MoU with Nandan Nilekani's e-Gov to provide online services?
  - a) Punjab
  - b) Uttar pradesh
  - c) Himachal Pradesh
  - d) New Delhi
  
- 3) Which country Pakistan to win Snooker Team World Cup?
  - a) Saudi Arabia
  - b) Iran
  - c) Indonesia
  - d) India
  
- 4) Which company invests 4843.4 crore into its India units to take on Amazon ?



- a) Flipkart
  - b) Snapdeal
  - c) Snapchat
  - d) Ashok Leyland
- 5) Which company Flipkart Limited invests 4843.4 crore into its India units to take?
- a) Snapdeal
  - b) Flipkart
  - c) West Side
  - d) Amazon
- 6) Who is the next chief minister of Meghalaya?
- a) Conrad Sangma
  - b) Williamson A. Sangma
  - c) B. Lyngdoh
  - d) P. A. Sangma
- 7) Which won Tal Memorial Rapid Chess Title recently
- a) Krishnan Sasikiran
  - b) Viswanathan Anand
  - c) Baskaran Adhiban
  - d) Padmini Rout
- 8) Which magazine On India-Israel Relations Launched recently ?
- a) Namaste Shalom
  - b) Reader's Digest
  - c) The Week
  - d) Forbes india
- 9) Which country cuts off border agreement with India recently ?
- a) Myanmar
  - b) Indonesia

- c) Iran
- d) Iraq

10) Which cricket player Becomes Brand Ambassador Of Gaming Platform Dream 11 ?

- a) M S Dhoni
- b) Sachin Tendulkar
- c) Rahul Dravid
- d) Virat Kohli

11) Which city India's 1st Helicopter Taxi Service Launched recently?

- a) Hyderabad
- b) Kolkata
- c) New Delhi
- d) Bengaluru

12) Who is appointed as Nagaland Chief Minister recently?

- a) Neiphiu Rio
- b) Hokishe Sema
- c) Vizol Angami
- d) John Bosco Jasokie

13) Which rank did Mukesh Ambani got Forbes Billionaires List 2018: Amazon's Bezos Richest ?

- a) 19
- b) 25
- c) 36
- d) 56

14) Who is the first ITBP Woman Combat Officer recently?

- a) Prakriti
- b) Punita Arora

- c) Padmavathy Bandopadhyay  
d) Mitali Madhumita

15) Which city ranks 16th among the top 20 costliest cities in the world, according to the Knight Frank Wealth Report 2018.

- a) Mumbai  
b) Chennai  
c) Kolkata  
d) Hyderabad

### Answers:

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

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