

## GK DIGEST – 3rd Week of MARCH 2018

### Mar 19th - Mar 25th

#### International Affairs

#### Sri Lanka Pays Tribute To J Dalmiya With Book 'A Tribute To Jagu'

- Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) paid tribute to former BCCI president Jagmohan Dalmiya with a book titled, 'A Tribute to Jagu'.
- The cricket association felicitated Dalmiya posthumously as the greatest non-Sri Lankan contributor to Sri Lankan cricket.

#### UN Issues \$951 Million Appeal For Rohingya Refugees

- The United Nations issued an appeal for 951 million Dollars to meet the needs of nearly 900,000 Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.
- Over the months since the most recent Rohingya influx began, it has become the world's fastest-growing refugee crisis with tens of thousands fleeing by land and sea daily from

Myanmar northern Rakhine state at the peak of the emergency.

- So far, the emergency response from September 2017 to February 2018 received 321 million Dollars of the 434 million required.

## Navy Chief Sunil Lanba To Be On A 5-Day Visit To USA

- Navy Chief Admiral Sunil Lanba is on a five-day visit to the USA.
- The visit aims to consolidate relations between the Armed Forces of both the nations and to explore new avenues of defense cooperation.
- During the visit, Admiral Lanba will hold bilateral discussions with US Defence Secretary James Mattis, Secretary of the Navy Richard Spencer among others.
- The Admiral will also visit the Pacific Command Headquarters at Pearl Harbour in Hawaii, the Naval Surface Warfare Centre Dahlgren, the Pentagon and Arlington National Cemetery in Washington DC.

## Yi Gang Named Head Of People's Bank Of China

- US-educated economist Yi Gang named the next governor of China's central bank, the People's Bank of China (PBOC).
- Mr Yi has been deputy governor of the bank since 2008.
- It was one of a raft of appointments as the annual sitting of China's rubber-stamp parliament, the National People's Congress, draws to a close.

## India And EU Signed Agreement On Sharing Earth Observation Data

- India and the European Union (EU) have signed an agreement that will enable them to share earth observation data from each other's satellites.
- The pact was inked in Bengaluru.
- The Copernicus programme provides a wide range of applications like climate change, land, ocean, and atmosphere monitoring as well as support in forecasting, management and mitigation of natural disasters.
- Under this arrangement, Indian Space Research Organisation ISRO will share data from its earth observation satellites.

## US announced 60 billion dollar tariffs on China for its alleged unfair trade practices

- US President Donald Trump announced 60 billion US dollar tariffs on China for its alleged unfair trade practices.
- The White House the actions were necessary to counter unfair competition from China's state-led economy.
- The move is seen as a direct shot in a brewing trade war between the world's two biggest economies.
- The US Trade Representative Robert E. Lighthizer to announce within 15 days a proposed list of products to be hit with tariff increases. USTR already identified potential targets 1,300 product lines worth about 48 billion dollars.
- The President has also asked Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin to come up with a list of restrictions on Chinese investment.
- The US currently has about 500 billion dollars of trade deficit with China. China has forcefully

denounced President Trump's decision to impose tariffs on Chinese goods and accused him of putting the two economies on course for a trade war.

- China's embassy in Washington said in a statement said if a trade war was initiated by the United States, China would fight to the end to defend its own legitimate interests with all necessary measures.
- The embassy said it urges the US to cease and desist and warned that by endangering China-US trade relations, Washington will eventually end up hurting itself.

## National Affairs

### BHEL Commissions 1st Unit Of Kishanganga Hydro Project In Jammu & Kashmir

- State-run power equipment maker BHEL commissioned 1st unit of 110 MW of the Kishanganga hydroelectric project (HEP) of NHPC in Jammu and Kashmir.

- It is Located on the river Kishanganga, a tributary of the Jhelum in Bandipora district, all the three units of the 340 MW project will generate 1,350 million units (MU) of clean electricity annually.
- The other two units are also in advanced stages of commissioning.
- In J&K, BHEL commissioned 31 Hydro sets with a cumulative capacity of 1,257 MW.

## IRCTC Introduces Billing Through Point Of Sale In Trains

- Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) introduced billing through Point of Sale (POS) hand-held machines in trains to check overcharging by vendors.
- This move will help not only making passengers aware of relevant information but also in improving the passenger satisfaction.
- The POS billing machines will be introduced in trains in a phased manner.
- IRCTC has already introduced POS machines in New Delhi -Karnataka Express on a pilot basis.

## Kerala Declares Jackfruit As Official Fruit Of State

- Jackfruit attained a respected status with the state government declaring it as the official fruit of Kerala.
- Kerala has been producing around 30 to 60 crore jackfruits every year.
- As per the officials, the state can generate a revenue of around Rs 30,000 crore through value-added jackfruit products.

## Chhattisgarh bags 'Water Digest Award' for best water conservation and irrigation facility

- Chhattisgarh bagged the National 'Water Digest Award' for Water Conservation-Diversion and for increasing the irrigation capacity in the State.
- This is the first time that Chhattisgarh Water Resources Department had been given national Award during the past 17 years.
- The Union Minister of State for Water Resources Arjun Ram Megwal presented the award to Chhattisgarh Water Resources Department Secretary Sonmani Bora.



- The Award is presented every year by the globally renowned magazine 'Water Digest'-which focuses mainly on water resources.
- Chhattisgarh State bagged the award for increasing the irrigation capacity, community participation, water management -water diversion, water conservation, efforts towards inter-linking of rivers, better techniques utilized in irrigation facilities.

## Agreements and MoU

### Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Skill Development ink MoU on skill development at KVK

- The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship have signed MoU to conduct skill development training programmes for agriculture and allied sector.
- These skill development training programmes will be conducted at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVKs).
- The MoU will help to increase cooperation between both ministries and help in fulfilling Government's dream of "Kaushal Bharat-Kushal Bharat".



- KVK is a project of ICAR (Indian Council of Agricultural Research) for testing and transfer of Agricultural technologies at the grassroots level.

## Sports

### Purva Barve Won Women's Singles U-19 Title At Israel Junior 2018

- India's Purva Barve won the Women's Singles (Under-19) title at the Israel Junior 2018 Badminton tournament held in Rishon LeZion, Israel.
- She defeated the third-seeded and top-ranked Russian Anastasiia Pustinskaia in three sets.
- The title is her first in 2018 and third overall.
- Earlier she won the Israel Junior 2017, Italian Junior International 2017 apart from a bronze at the Russian Junior White Nights 2017.

### Yuki Bhambri defeated Mirza Basic to cruise into Miami Open tennis second round

- Ace Indian tennis player Yuki Bhambri moved to the second round of Miami Open after beating Bosnia's Mirza Basic 7-5, 6-3.

- The Indian Davis Cupper will now face world number 11 and eighth seed American Jack Sock in the next round.
- This will be the first meeting between the two after 2013 when Bhambri had beaten Sock in a Challenger event.
- He ranked 107 had qualified for the ATP 1000 series main draw with a 7-5, 6-2 win over Sweden's Elias Ymer in the second and final qualifying round.
- He created excellent results against top players as he registered the biggest win of his career, shocked world number 12 Lucas Pouille in the second round of Indian Wells Masters.

## Elavenil Valarivan Wins Gold In Junior ISSF World Cup Shooting

- Indian shooter Elavenil Valarivan shattered the qualification world record in 10-meter women's air rifle event of the season's first junior ISSF World Cup in Sydney, Australia.
- Besides her individual podium finish, Elavenil also combined with Shreya Agrawal and Zeena Khitta to claim the team gold medal.

- Arjun Babuta bagged his second junior world cup medal, claiming a bronze in men's 10-meter air rifle event.
- The 18-year-old Elavenil, competing in her second World Cup and first final.
- Her 631.4 in the qualification was a new world record.

## Important Quiz Questions - Weekly

- 1) Who Launches Campaign To Eradicate TB By 2025 ?
  - a) Shri Narendra Modi
  - b) Shri Arun Jaitley
  - c) Shri Suresh Varma
  - d) Shri Prakash Javadekar
- 2) Which state Launches M-Kerala App ?
  - a) Kerala
  - b) Bihar
  - c) Himachal Pradesh
  - d) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Which city Seventh India-Egypt Joint Commission Meeting Held ?
  - a) Hyderabad
  - b) New Delhi
  - c) Chennai
  - d) Patna

- 4) Which state Union Government Approves Plastic Park To Be Set Up ?
- a) Jharkhand
  - b) Tamil Nadu
  - c) Kerala
  - d) Andhra Pradesh
- 5) Which country signed Double Taxation Avoidance Treaty With Hong Kong?
- a) Pakistan
  - b) Indonesia
  - c) India
  - d) Iran
- 6) Which country Bans Use Of Venezuelan Cryptocurrency Petro?
- a) Saudi Arabia
  - b) USA
  - c) Indonesia
  - d) India
- 7) Which place GIC Re To Operate From Lloyd ?
- a) London
  - b) USA
  - c) Netherlands
  - d) Singapore
- 8) Which country Ink 14 Pacts with India Major Boost To Defence, Nuclear Energy Cooperation?
- a) Pakistan

- b) Indonesia
  - c) Russia
  - d) France
- 9) Which Introduces Billing Through Point Of Sale In Trains ?
- a) IRCTC
  - b) BSNL
  - c) ITC
  - d) BHEL
- 10) Which city topped in the report of World's Most Liveable City ?
- a) Singapore
  - b) Chennai
  - c) New york
  - d) Vienna
- 11) Which state Declares Jackfruit As Official Fruit Of State ?
- a) Tamil Nadu
  - b) Kerala
  - c) West Bengal
  - d) Madhya Pradesh
- 12) Who won Gold In Junior ISSF World Cup Shooting ?
- a) Anish Bhanwala
  - b) Manu Bhaskar
  - c) Anjum Moudgil
  - d) Elavenil Valarivan

13) Which city Becomes North India's 1st City To Install Digital Automatic Speed Gun Cameras ?

- a) Guwahati
- b) Ahmedabad
- c) Chennai
- d) Chandigarh

14) Which state launches e-learning app for students making them more prone to digitalization ?

- a) Haryana
- b) Uttar pradesh
- c) Himachal pradesh
- d) West Bengal

15) Which won Tal Memorial Rapid Chess Title recently ?

- a) Viswanathan Anand
- b) Krishnan Sasikiran
- c) Baskaran Adhiban
- d) Padmini Rout

### Answers:

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

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