

GK DIGEST – 2nd Week of May 2018

May 7th - May13th

International Affairs

Israel Withdraws From Race For UN Security Council Seat

- Israel withdrew from a race against Germany and Belgium for two seats on the United Nations Security Council in 2019–20.
- Israel, Germany and Belgium were competing for two seats allocated to the Western European and Others Group.
- Germany and Belgium are now running uncontested, but they still need to win more than two-thirds of the overall General Assembly vote to be elected.

Around 7.6 million babies are not breastfed each year: UNICEF

- The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) released a report titled 'Breastfeeding: A Mother's Gift, for Every Child',

claiming that over 7.6 million babies are not breastfed each year.

- Despite the fact that breastmilk saves lives, protects babies and mothers against deadly diseases and leads to better intellectual and educational outcomes, 21 percent of babies are never breastfed in high-income countries and in low-and-middle-income countries, the rate is 4 percent.
- The report was launched just before the Mother's Day that will be held on May 13, 2018.
- Babies are much more likely to be breastfed at least once in low- and-middle-income countries like Bhutan (99 percent), Madagascar (99 percent) and Peru (99 percent) than those born in Ireland (55 percent) the United States (74 percent) or Spain (77 percent).

USA Withdraws From Iran Nuclear Deal

- President Donald Trump announced US withdrawal from the 2015 landmark nuclear deal with Iran.
- Mr. Donald Trump signed a fresh set of sanctions against Iran and warned countries against any cooperation with Tehran on its controversial nuclear weapons programme.

- According to the President, the deal gave Iran millions in cash and did not prevent it from acquiring nuclear weapons.
- The historic nuclear deal was reached in Vienna in July 2015 between Iran and the P5 (the five permanent members of the UN Security Council) along with Germany and the European Union.

Carlos Alvarado Sworn In As Costa Rican President

- Carlos Alvarado was sworn in as the new President of Costa Rica.
- Alvarado swept to victory against conservative Protestant singer Fabricio Alvarado Munoz.
- At 39, Alvarado is the country's youngest president in modern history.

Walmart Buys Flipkart In World's Largest E-Commerce Deal

- US-based retail giant Walmart confirmed that it will buy 77% stake in India's largest e-commerce startup Flipkart for \$16 billion.
- The acquisition, which is the largest e-commerce deal in the world, will value the homegrown startup at a reported amount of \$20.8 billion.
- Notably, SoftBank CEO Masayoshi Son had announced the deal by mistake earlier in the day.

Beijing To Hold World Robot Conference

- The 2018 World Robot Conference (WRC) will be held in Beijing, China in August 2018.
- The event will see over 12,000 competing teams and 50,000 participants from more than 10 countries and regions.
- A robot competition will be held during the conference where participants will compete in five categories.

National Affairs

Skill India Organized 'Ajeevika And Kaushal Vikas Mela' In Bhubaneswar

- Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), together joined hands to amplify the “Gram Swaraj Abhiyan” of the current incumbent government which is promoting social harmony and awareness around the pro-poor initiatives of the government.
- MSDE organized a Kaushal and Rojgar Mela at New Women’s College in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, where more than 5000 people from different walks of life participated.

- More than 29 states of art multi-skill 'Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendras' was also launched digitally across the country by Union Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Dharmendra Pradhan

ISRO Develops Atomic Clock For Indigenous Navigation Satellites

- The Indian Space Research Organization developed an atomic clock to be used in navigation satellites. It is supposed to measure precise location data.
- Once it successfully clears all tests, the desi atomic clock will be used in an experimental navigation satellite to test its accuracy and durability in space.
- At present, ISRO imports atomic clocks from European aerospace manufacturer Astrium (EAMA) for its navigation satellites.
- With the development of indigenous atomic clocks, the space agency sure gets a mark of technological advancement.

India Signs USD 200 Million Loan Deal With World Bank For National Nutrition Mission

Current Affairs



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- India signed a loan deal worth \$ 200 million with the World Bank for the National Nutrition Mission (POSHAN Abhiyan).
 - The loan would help India in achieving its goal of reducing stunting in children 0-6 years of age from 38.4% to 25% by the year 2022.
 - A large component of POSHAN Abhiyaan involves gradual scaling-up of the interventions supported by the ongoing World Bank assisted Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Systems Strengthening and Nutrition Improvement Project (ISSNIP) to all districts in the country
- Google Names Nitin Bawankule Head Of India Cloud Business

NSIC signed MoU With MSME Ministry For Financial Year 2018-19

- The National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC) signed a MoU with Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) for the year 2018-19.
- The MoU envisages provision of enhanced services by NSIC under its marketing, financial, technology, and other support services schemes, for MSMEs in the country.

- The corporation projects to increase its total business by 21.30% from Rs. 22,258 crore in the year 2017-18 to Rs. 27,000 crore in the year 2018-19.

Malaysia Got Oldest Prime Minister In The World

- Mahathir Mohamad was sworn in as Prime Minister of Malaysia.
- He took the oath at the Istana Negara Palace in Kuala Lumpur. Mahathir's coalition, Pakatan Harapan, Zon 113 of the total 222 seats.
- He has replaced Najib Razak.
- His coalition defeated the governing Barisan Nasional coalition, led by Prime Minister Najib Razak, which has been in power for more than 60 years. Ninety-two-year-old, Mahathir becomes the oldest Prime Minister in the world.

Sports

Third South Asian Junior Athletics Championships: India Tops With 50 Medals

- India finished on top in the 7-nation 3rd South Asian Junior Athletics Championships in Colombo, Sri Lanka on the final day.

- India ended with 20 gold, 22 silver and 8 bronze medals (Total 50 Medals).
- Sri Lanka bagged rest of the 12 gold medals in the competition along with 10 silver and 19 bronze. Pakistan won one silver and a bronze to settle for the third place.
- The juniors will next represent India at the 18th Asian Junior Athletics Championships to be held in Gifu, Japan in June 2018.

Indian duo Manu Attri and Sumeeth Reddy storms into semi-finals of Australian Open

- The Indian duo of Manu Attri and B Sumeeth Reddy entered into the semi-finals of the Men's doubles event of Australian Open 2018.
- However, Sameer Verma and B Sai Praneeth bowed out of the tournament after losing their respective men's singles quarter-final matches. Manu Attri and B Sumeeth Reddy qualified for the semifinals after edging past compatriots Arjun MR and Shlok Ramchandran.
- Manu and Sumeeth defeated Arjun MR and Shlok Ramchandran by 17-21, 21-19, 21-18 in a match that lasted for only 51 minutes.
- The Indian pair will now take on top seeds Berry Angriawan and Hardianto Hardianto of Indonesia

in the semi-finals. In singles, second seed Sai Praneeth lost to Lee Cheuk Yiu by 21-23, 13-21 in a match that lasted for an hour.

- Earlier in the first round, Lee Cheuk Yiu also outclassed India's Lakshya Sen.
- Meanwhile, Sameer Verma lost to Lu Guangzu in straight games.
- Sameer went down 21-14 in the first game after Lu won six straight points after the mid-game break.

Important Quiz Questions - Weekly

1) With Which company NITI Aayog ink Sol to develop Precision Agriculture recently?

- a) IBM
- b) Cognizant
- c) Tech Mahindra
- d) Tata Consultancy Services

2) Which country tops with 50 medals Third South Asian Junior Athletics Championships ?

- a) Pakistan
- b) Indonesia
- c) Iran
- d) India

3) Which place Skill India Organized 'Aajeevika And Kaushal Vikas Mela' recently?

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

4) How many crores did Reserve Bank of India Bond Purchases worth ?

- a) 10,000
- b) 8,000
- c) 9,500
- d) 7,500

5) Which place First Apex Conference For CEOs Of Smart Cities inaugurated ?

- a) Bhopal
- b) Chennai
- c) Bhubaneshwar
- d) Hyderabad

6) Which country To Host 15th Asia Media Summit recently?

- a) Pakistan
- b) India
- c) Indonesia
- d) Iran

7) Which country Withdraws From Iran Nuclear Deal?

- a) USA
- b) Pakistan
- c) Iran
- d) Indonesia

8) Who Names Nitin Bawankule Head Of India Cloud Business ?

- a) Samsung
- b) Apple
- c) Google
- d) Vodafone

9) Which rank did India In Asia-Pacific On Power Index recently?

- a) 5
- b) 4
- c) 6
- d) 10

10) Which country withdrawn from Nuclear Deal with USA ?

- a) Indonesia
- b) Iran
- c) Pakistan
- d) South Africa

- 11) With Which Team NASA joined to Make Flying Cars A Reality ?
- a) Uber
 - b) Ola
 - c) Fastrack
 - d) Meru
- 12) Which company Buys Flipkart In World's Largest E-Commerce Deal?
- a) Amazon
 - b) Snapdeal
 - c) Walmart
 - d) Big basket
- 13) Which country signed two agreements with India - Venkaiah Naidu 3-Nation Visit ?
- a) Panama
 - b) Thailand
 - c) Indonesia
 - d) Singapore
- 14) Who Launches Website Of Digital India Internship Scheme recently?
- a) Shri Arun Jaitley
 - b) Shri Suresh menon
 - c) Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad

d)Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar

15) Who is Conferred With 'WEF 2018' Award ?

- a)Sudha Rajan
- b)Nithya Prakash
- c)Vinitha Suresh
- d)Nisha Bhalla

Answers:

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

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