

GK DIGEST – 3rd Week of May 2018

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International Affairs

UNDP to Set Up Skill Development Centre In Hyderabad

- UNDP aimed at empowering vulnerable and marginalized women by imparting skills training, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) announced to set up a skill development center at 'Bharosa,' an integrated support center for distressed women and children in Hyderabad. '
- Bharosa,' an initiative of Hyderabad City Police, is a state-of-the-art center to support women and children who are victims of violence.

WHO Launches 'REPLACE' To Eliminate Trans Fat In Foods By 2023

- The World Health Organization (WHO) launched a comprehensive plan to eliminate industrially-produced artificial trans fats from the global food supply by 2023.

- WHO calls on governments to use the 'REPLACE' action package to eliminate industrially-produced trans-fatty acids from the food supply.
- Elimination of trans fats is key to protecting the health and saving lives.
- The global health body estimates that every year, trans fat intake leads to over 5,00,000 deaths worldwide from cardiovascular diseases.

North Korea pledges to dismantle its nuclear site between 23 to 25 May

- The decision was taken by North Korea citing to dismantle the nuclear site has been welcomed by everyone.
- But the decision to dismantle it was not taken underway and shutting down every speculation, North Korean foreign ministry announced that the country will begin dismantling its nuclear test site between May 23rd and 25th.
- The site is located in a northeastern part of the country. Ministry officials say the complete tunnel complex used for nuclear testing will be destroyed.
- This will be followed by the removal of all observation facilities and closing off of the whole area.
- The dismantling of the nuclear site will be conducted through a ceremony which will involve the collapsing

of all tunnels using explosives and the removal of all observation facilities, research buildings, and security posts.

Sri Lanka swayed by heavy flash flood affecting over 8000 people

- Lashes of heavy rainfall swayed and created havoc in Sri Lanka Galle and Kalutara districts, affecting around 8000 people.
- Several people had been evacuated from their homes due to the heavy downpour, but as the rains had ceased by Monday morning, the situation was normalizing.
- Disaster Management Centre spokesperson Pradeep Kodippili said that nearly 7,740 people in Galle District and 635 people in Kalutara District were affected by the flood situation.
- There is no casualties or damages were reported but those living in low areas were urged to be vigilant.

IMF reaffirms that India will be the fastest-growing major economy in 2018

- The International Monetary Fund, IMF reaffirmed today that India will be the fastest-growing major economy in 2018, with a growth rate of 7(point)4 percent that rises

to 7(point)8 percent in 2019 with medium-term prospects remaining positive.

- The IMF's Asia and Pacific Regional Economic Outlook report said that India was recovering from the effects of demonetization and the introduction of the Goods and Services Tax.
- The recovery is expected to be underpinned by a rebound from transitory shocks as well as robust private consumption.
- The Medium-term consumer price index inflation is forecast to remain within but closer to the upper bound of the Reserve Bank of India's inflation-targeting band of four percent with a plus or minus two percent change.
- The consumer price increase in 2017 was 3.6 percent and projected it to be five percent in 2018 and 2019. Overall, the report said that Asia continues to be both the fastest-growing region in the world and the main engine of the world's economy.

National Affairs

Dharmendra Pradhan, UAE Minister Flag Off 1st Consignment Of ADNOC Crude For India

- Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and UAE Minister of State & Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) Group CEO Dr. Sultan

Al Jaber flagged off the first consignment of 2 million barrels of ADNOC crude for Mangalore Cavern.

- During the day, Mr. Pradhan also held the bilateral meeting with H.E. Dr. Jaber.
- The Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister also had an interactive session with over 250 Indian professionals, business leaders and community representatives working in the UAE.
- The event was organized by the Embassy of India in Abu Dhabi.

India is the Largest Remittance-Receiving Country In World

- India becomes the largest remittance-receiving country in the world, with migrant workers from the country sending home 69 billion US dollars in 2017.
- According to the report 'RemitSCOPE – Remittance markets and opportunities – Asia and the Pacific', remittances to the Asia-Pacific region amounted to 256 billion dollars in 2017.
- India with 69 billion Dollars, China with 64 billion Dollars and the Philippines with 33 billion Dollars are the three largest remittance-receiving countries in the world in 2017.
- Worldwide, an estimated 40% of the total value of remittances goes to rural areas.

- According to the report, cash-to-cash transactions remain by far the most common form of transfer.

Indore is India's Cleanest City In Swachh Survekshan-2018

- As per the Swachh Survekshan-2018 results, Indore emerged as the cleanest city in India.
- Bhopal ranked 2nd and Chandigarh 3rd in the survey at the national level.
- The announcement was made in New Delhi by Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri. Besides, Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh is India's cleanest big city with a population of over 10 lakh.
- Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh is 'Fastest Mover' big city. New Delhi Municipal Council is country's cleanest small city having a population between one lakh to three lakh.
- The Swachh Survekshan 2018 assessed 4203 urban local bodies and was organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban).
- The exercise was undertaken between 4th January to 10th March 2018.
- Jharkhand has been declared the best-performing state, followed by Maharashtra.

Union Environment Ministry Launches Green Skill Development Programme

- The Union Environment Ministry launched the Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP) with an aim to train over 5.5 lakh workers in environment and forest sectors in the country.
- Union Environment Minister Harsh Vardhan also launched a related mobile app 'GSDP-ENVIS' to boost employability and entrepreneurship of the youth in the country.
- The app can be used for information and for applying to the courses.
- The GSPD-ENVIS app can be downloaded on android mobile phones without any hassle.

Sports

Shooting high on success and victory, Heena Sindhu clinches gold in International Shooting in Hannover

- Ace Indian shooter Heena Sidhu secured the gold medal in the 10-meter air pistol category of the international shooting competition of Hannover, marking a strong build-up to next week's ISSF World Cup in Munich.

- Heena was in a carefree form in the final where she was tied with France's Mathilde Lamoille on 239.8 points.
- She won the tie to win the gold ahead of Mathilde. While Shri Nivetha finished on 219.2. After beginning with a series of scores in the 9s, Heena switched gears and scored 10 and above steadily to break away from the field.
- Her second series produced consistent 10s and she even hit a perfect 10.9 in the elimination round to put herself in contention for gold.

Lewis Hamilton Won Spanish Grand Prix

- Lewis Hamilton (of Mercedes) won for the second race in succession by dominating an eventful Spanish Grand Prix 2018.
- Valtteri Bottas of Mercedes stood second in the race.
- Sebastian Vettel finished fourth in the event.

First Para-National Games To Be Held Under Khelo India Scheme

- The inaugural National Para Games, on the lines of National Games for able-bodied athletes, will be held under the Khelo India Scheme in June-July 2018 in Bengaluru.
- The Games will be held for the age group of 16 to 40 (men and women) in 10 disciplines namely para-athletics, badminton, chess, blind judo, para powerlifting, shooting para-sport, para-swimming, table tennis, wheelchair basketball, wheelchair fencing.

Important Quiz Questions – Weekly

- 1) Who won Spanish Grand Prix recently?
 - a) Lewis Hamilton
 - b) Valtteri Bottas
 - c) Daniel Ricciardo
 - d) Brendon Hartley

- 2) Who presents National Geoscience Awards recently?
 - a) Shri Arun Jaitley
 - b) Shri Suresh Kumar
 - c) Shri Ram Nath Kovind
 - d) Shri Prakash Javadekar



3) Which union minister presented DRDO Awards 2016 & 2017 ?

- a) Shri Arun Jaitley
- b) Shri Nirmala Sitharaman
- c) Shri Naresh Iyer
- d) Shri Suresh Prabhu

3) Which steel To Acquire Bhushan Steel Through Its Step-Down Subsidiary Bamnipal Steel ?

- a) Bajaj Steel
- b) Tata Steel
- c) Ashok Leyland
- d) Birla Steel company

4) How many crores Smart Cities Mission Smart Cities Mission- 1,333 Projects Completed Or Under Implementation?

- a) 45,000 crores
- b) 25,000 crores
- c) 38,000 crores
- d) 50,026 crores

5) Who launched Intellectual Property Mascot IP Nani ?

- a) Shri Prakash Javadekar
- b) Shri Arun Jaitley
- c) Shri Suresh Prabhu

- d) Shri Kartik Prasad
- 6) Whom to head USIBC India Office recently?
- a) Smt Nithya Suresh
 - b) Shri Suresh Vijayan
 - c) Smt Ambika Sharma
 - d) Shri Nitish Kumar
- 7) Under which scheme First Para-National Games recently?
- a) Jan Dhan Yojana
 - b) Khelo India Scheme
 - c) Suraksha Scheme
 - d) Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana
- 8) Which department Launches Green Skill Development Programme recently?
- a) Finance Minister
 - b) Defence Minister
 - c) External Affairs Minister
 - d) Environment Minister
- 9) Who was honoured at Cannes Film Festival recently?
- a) Smt Late Sridevi
 - b) Smt Madhuri Diskidhi
 - c) Shri Vivek misra
 - d) Shri Nitya Bhaskar

10) Whom to Lay Foundation Stone Of India's Longest Road Tunnel In Jammu and Kashmir ?

- a) Shri Arun Jaitley
- b) Shri Prakash Javadekar
- c) Shri Narendra Modi
- d) Shri Naresh Iyer

11) Who is Confirmed as first female Director Of CIA ?

- a) Gina Haspel
- b) Avril Haines
- c) John Federel
- d) Ferrari Joseph

12) Who Becomes Youngest Indian Woman To Scale Mount Everest ?

- a) Bachendri Pal
- b) Shivangi Pathak
- c) Nungshi & Tashi Malik
- d) Anshu Jamsenpa

13) Who to share his thoughts with people in Mann Ki Baat programme on All India Radio ?

- a) Shri Suresh Prabhu
- b) Shri Naresh iyer
- c) Shri Narendra Modi
- d) Shri Suresh Rajan

14) Who launched China's 1st India-Dedicated Investment Fund recently?

- a) World bank
- b) ICBC
- c) Asian Express
- d) North Airway

15) Which year IMF reaffirms that India will be the fastest-growing major economy ?

- a) 2018
- b) 2026
- c) 2025
- d) 2058

Answers:

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

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