

## GK DIGEST – 1st Week of APRIL 2018

### Apr 1st - Apr 8th

### International Affairs

#### Top Pakistani News Channel Geo TV forced to go off-air for criticising Army

- Pakistan's largest television network Geo News says it has been forced off the air by cable operators in most parts of the country.
- The network's channel assignment on the cable distribution network has also been lowered. According to The New York Times, Mir Ibrahim Rahman, the chief executive of the network, Geo, said in an interview that they are off the air in 80 percent of the country, in a move widely seen as being forced by the military as it flexes its authority over civilian institutions.
- The Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority has insisted that it was not behind the move and put out a notice for cable operators not to disrupt Geo's transmissions.
- In the first week of March, Geo News was shut down in cantonment areas across the country and residential

neighborhoods that are administered by the military. Then, this month, all Geo channels including news, entertainment, and sports channels started being blocked across the country by cable operators.

## Google Acquires GIF Search Platform Tenor

- Technology giant Google acquired US-based Tenor, a GIF platform for Android, iOS, and desktop.
- Tenor's GIF-searching functionality will be integrated into Google Images and Gboard, the company's virtual keyboard.
- However, Tenor will continue to operate as a separate brand and Google will invest in their technology.

## Exim Bank Extends \$500 Million Loan Facility To 15-Nation Group In Africa

- The Export-Import Bank, Exim Bank announced that it will provide a USD 500 million credit facility to Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) to fund various development projects in western-south Africa.
- According to the Bank, with the signing of line of credit (LoC) agreement, the Bank till date has extended four LoCs to the Bank for Investment and Development (EBID) of West African States, taking the total value of LOCs to USD 1,000 million.

- The LoC of USD 500 million is an umbrella limit for financing developmental projects in 15-member countries.

## China's 7000-kg space station Tiangong-1 to crash into Earth this week

- Chinese space station weighing over 7 tonnes will crash into our planet on or around April 1.
- Chinese authorities are monitoring its move, it could crash in a northern US state such as Michigan.
- The European Space Agency most of the Tiangong-1 (Heavenly Palace) will burn up even before hitting the land and the extent of human casualty is receding.
- The station was put into orbit in September 2011 and took part in 2 missions. Northern China, central Italy, northern Spain, the Middle East, New Zealand, Tasmania, South America and South Africa have also been identified as regions with a high chance of impact.
- The Heavenly Palace is expected to break into pieces as big as 100kg while making a plunge into the planet. Tiangong-1 was launched on 1 October 2011, the Chinese National Day.
- In September 2016, Chinese officials confirmed that they had lost control of the space lab and that it would crash into Earth sometime in the latter half of 2017.

- In May, China told the United Nations that the lab would re enter Earth between October and April 2018.

## National Affairs

### India receives first consignment of LNG from United States

- India's first liquefied natural gas cargo from the United States landed at the Dabhol regasification terminal in Maharashtra. Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan received the first-ever shipment of 1.2 lakh tonne LNG under the long-term contract of 20 years.
- He describes the arrival of the first shipment and the conclusion of the long-term contract with the US-based Cheniere Inc as a new beginning in the Indo-US energy partnership and trade.
- The LNG supplies will help achieve the vision of moving towards a gas-based economy.
- He also announced a 700-crore rupees investment by the newly-created Gail arm Konkan LNG to complete an under-construction breakwater facility, that on completion will make the terminal an all-weather facility. Gail will be getting 22-24 shipments per annum till the breakwater is built.

- Once that is done we will be handling 80-90 ships a year.

## SIDBI Foundation Day Launches 'Samridhi- Virtual Assistant' & 'Bankability Kit'

- SIDBI (Small Industries Development Bank of India) celebrated its foundation day (2nd April 1990) as the day of Sampark (connect), Sanwad (interaction), Suraksha (security) and Sampreshan (disseminate).
- Chairman Managing Director of SIDBI Mohammad Mustafa launched a series of initiatives from its Lucknow bank headquarters.
- A MoU was signed with The New India Assurance Co. Ltd. and two MSMEs were issued insurance policies.
- He also launched 'Samriddhi- the virtual assistant' on banks revamped universal loan portal [www.udyami mitra.in](http://www.udyami mitra.in). During the day, a 'Bankability Kit' (brought in partnership with Bank of Baroda and IDBI Bank) was also launched.

## Agreements and MoU

### Rivigo Ties Up With IDFC, YES Bank, For Truck Loans

- Rivigo, a homegrown logistics start-up that owns as well as acts as an aggregator of trucks is tying

up with YES Bank, IDFC, and 10 other financial institutions to make cheaper funds available to truck owners and operators on its platform.

- The funds will be available at an interest rate of 1-2 percent per month, lower than the usual industry standard of 2-3 percent.

### FIEO and PayPal signed MoU

- Digital payments company PayPal and the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) signed an agreement for the promotion of outbound shipments among small and medium enterprises (SMEs) leveraging the partners' expertise and technology products.
- As part of the agreement, PayPal will work with FIEO to educate SMEs on how to leverage global opportunities help them receive money in a safe and timely manner with PayPal products.
- FIEO contributes to more than 70% of India's exports.

## Sports

### CWG 2018: Mirabai Chanu Wins India's First Gold Medal

- Weightlifter and current world champion Mirabai Chanu has clinched India's first gold medal of the 2018 Commonwealth Games.
- Mirabai Chanu becomes the first Indian to win a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games 2018. After finishing with the best lift of 86 kg in the snatch round, the 23-year-old finished with a total score of 196 points. Chanu is competing in the 48 kg category.
- The 23-year-old also set Commonwealth Games records in both Snatch (86 kg) and Clean and Jerk (110 kg) categories.

### Commonwealth Games 2018 Weightlifter P. Gururaja Won Silver

- On the first day of competitions at the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games 2018, in Australia, India

began their campaign with a Silver Medal in Weightlifting. In the 56 kilogram category, P Gururaja lifted a total weight of 249 kg to finish second in the event.

- The 25-year old Gururaja equaled his personal best. Malaysia took the Gold, while Sri Lanka settled for the Bronze.

## CWG 2018: Weightlifter Sanjita Chanu Won India's Second Gold Medal

- Weightlifter Khumukcham Sanjita Chanu delivered India its second gold medal of the 2018 Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast City, Australia by dominating the women's 53kg event.
- The defending champion, Loa Dika Toua of Papua New Guinea, claimed silver with a total lift of 182 (80 in the snatch and 102 in clean & jerk) and bronze went to Canada's Rachel Leblanc-Bazinet who finished with a combined effort of 181kg (81 in the snatch and 100 in clean & jerk).

## Indian women hockey team won against Malaysia in Gold Coast Commonwealth games

- The Indian women's hockey team registered a comprehensive victory over Malaysia by 4-1 in their second match of Pool A.
- This was the first win of the Indian team at the Gold Coast 2018 XXI Commonwealth Games campaign.
- Two goals from Gurjit Kaur and a goal each from skipper Rani and Lalremsiami led Indians to secure its first victory in the championship. India started the first quarter with electric pace and made chances inside the first minute itself.
- The team looked to press their opposition high up the pitch, which saw them regain possession quickly and make circle entries inside Malaysia's striking circle.
- India won three Penalty Corners in the first quarter, the last of which was converted successfully by drag-flicker Gurjit Kaur to give India a crucial lead in the 6th minute.
- India's defense made sure that the team maintained their lead at the end of the quarter.

## Deepak Lather Becomes Youngest Weightlifter To Win Medal

- Teenager Deepak Lather became the youngest Indian weightlifter to claim a Commonwealth Games medal, clinching a bronze in the men's 69kg category.
- The 18-year-old from Haryana lifted a total of 295 kg (136 kg+159 kg) to finish third after his nearest rival, Vaipava Ioane, fouled his last two lifts to end with a total of 292 kg.
- He held the 62kg category national record at 15. He trained at the Army Sports Institute as a diver before being pushed into weightlifting by the coaches there.

## Mithali Raj Becomes Most Capped Player In Women's ODI

- Indian women's cricket team captain Mithali Raj become the most capped player in women's ODI cricket after turning out for the 192nd time against England.

- Raj, who is also the highest run-getter in ODIs, overtook former England captain Charlotte Edwards, who had appeared in 191 WODIs.
- Indian fast bowler Jhulan Goswami is the third-most capped ODI player.

## CWG 2018 : Indian Women's Table Tennis Team won Gold

- India bagged three more Gold, one Silver and two bronze medals at the 21st Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast on the fourth day.
- Indian women's Table Tennis team won their first ever Gold Medal defeating Singapore.
- India now stands on the fourth position in the medals tally, having claimed seven gold, two silver, and three bronze medals so far.
- Manika Batra led Table tennis team's victory was historic as Singapore had never lost since 2002.
- Australia tops the medal tally with 67 medals, including 23 Gold, 20 Silver and 24 Bronze so far.

## Important Quiz Questions - Weekly

- 1) Who awarded Projects Worth Rs 1.22 Lakh Crore In FY18 ?
  - a) BSNL
  - b) Ashok Leyland
  - c) Larsen and Toubro Limited
  - d) NHAI
- 2) Who is appointed as Deputy Election Commissioner recently?
  - a) Chandra Bhushan
  - b) Suresh Rajan
  - c) Rohit Sharma
  - d) Naresh Singh
- 3) Which bank got RBI Nod To Acquire IL&FS Arm recently ?
  - a) Dena bank
  - b) Canara Bank
  - c) State Bank of India
  - d) IndusInd Bank
- 4) Who released First Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy Statement recently ?
  - a) Canara Bank
  - b) Dena bank
  - c) Reserve bank of India
  - d) IndusInd Bank
- 5) Which bank life insurance appoints Sanjeev Nautiyal As New MD & CEO?
  - a) SBI Life Insurance
  - b) Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance

- c) Federal Life Insurance
  - d) Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance
- 6) Which medal did Mirabai Chanu won at Commonwealth Games recently?
- a) Gold
  - b) Silver
  - c) Certificate
  - d) Bronze
- 7) Who is appointed as Next Ambassador Of India To Serbia?
- a) Radhakrishnan Gokhale
  - b) Subrata Bhattacharjee
  - c) Vijay Sekhar
  - d) Naresh Subhash
- 8) Which country signed two agreements with Azerbaijan recently?
- a) India
  - b) Syria
  - c) Albania
  - d) Iraq
- 9) Which company Partners With MakeMyTrip To Offer Travel Services ?
- a) Flipkart
  - b) Snapdeal
  - c) Amazon
  - d) Payzapp
- 10) Which city Ninth India Japan US trilateral meeting held recently?
- a) Chennai
  - b) Hyderabad

- c) Bihar
  - d) New Delhi
- 11) Which ministry launches UTTAM App For Quality Monitoring?
- a) Ministry of Power
  - b) Ministry of External Affairs
  - c) Ministry of Information and technology
  - d) Ministry of Telecommunication
- 12) Which rocket sounding rocket launched for atmospheric studies by ISRO ?
- a) Agni - IV
  - b) RH300
  - c) CartoSat
  - d) Brahmos - II
- 13) Which country allows women to join national service amidst intensified diplomatic blockade by Arab quartet ?
- a) Qatar
  - b) Iran
  - c) Iraq
  - d) Syria
- 14) Which hockey team won against Malaysia in Gold Coast Commonwealth Games ?
- a) Pakistan
  - b) Indonesia
  - c) India
  - d) Saudi Arabia
- 15) How many percentage of Indian Railway catering services attract a uniform GST in trains and stations?
- a) 5%
  - b) 15%

c) 25%

d) 35%

### Answers:

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

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