

## GK DIGEST – 4th Week of JANUARY 2018

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#### International Affairs

### China adds 24 GW in just two months making it biggest producer of solar energy

- Renewable energy use is increasing day by day almost everywhere.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi also weighed on the increase in the use of solar power and also brought 'Suryaputra' nations together for better and cleaner future.
- Solar energy use was noted by China when the country managed to add 10.52 gigawatts (GW) of solar capacity to its national total over the course of July 2017, in addition to the 24.4 GW of capacity that was installed over the first six months of the year.
- The country is already the biggest producer of solar energy in the world, and that doesn't seem likely to change anytime soon. In the last two months alone, China has added 24.02 GW of solar capacity.

- To put that into context, figures from earlier this year put Australia's total capacity at around 6GW, a figure that's projected to double by 2020. The US currently has a total capacity of 44.7 GW.
- Meanwhile, China already cleared its goal of reaching a capacity of 105 GW by the end of 2020.
- The country has now attained 112.34 GW, and as such tweaked its forecast for 2017, now predicting that this year's installations will total between 40 and 45 GW.

## Sri Lanka bans import of non-airbag equipped vehicles from July 1

- Sri Lanka restricted the import of the vehicles which do not carry airbags for driver and front seat passenger, Anti-Locking Braking System standards (ABS) and three-point seat belts for driver and passengers traveling front and rear seats.
- This decision after considering the representations made by motor vehicle importers and manufacturers for a lead time to make required adjustments to comply with the proposed emission standards and safety measures.
- Accordingly, the importation of motor vehicles, which are below emission standards of the Euro IV or its

equivalent and not complied with the following safety standards, will totally be prohibited effective from 1st July 2018.

## World Economic Forum Summit in Switzerland Concludes

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi returned home after concluding his visit to Davos, Switzerland. During the visit, the Prime Minister delivered a keynote address at the plenary session of the 48th annual meeting of World Economic Forum.
- He became the first Indian prime minister in two decades to join the world's top business leaders in the Swiss resort town of Davos.
- He outlined climate change, terrorism and protectionism as three global threats.
- He also met his Canadian counterpart, Justin Trudeau. Both leaders discussed issues of mutual interest and reiterated their commitment to stand firm in combating terrorism.
- He also held a meeting with Queen Maxima of the Netherlands and discussed steps to deepen the bilateral relationship.

- At the end, He interacted with top global CEOs at the International Business Council event.

## India Ranks 62nd on WEF's Inclusive Development Index

- India was ranked at the 62nd place among emerging economies on an Inclusive Development Index of World Economic Forum (WEF).
- In the report, China is on 26th position and Pakistan is on 47th.
- Norway remains the world's most inclusive advanced economy, while Lithuania again tops the list of emerging economies, according to the report. India was ranked 60th among 79 developing economies in 2017.
- Among advanced economies, Norway is followed by Ireland, Luxembourg, and Switzerland in top three.

## Mumbai to get 40 electronic buses announcement by CM Fadnavis

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- Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis approved and tweeted to let 40 electronic buses run on the streets of Mumbai.
- This concept was coined by three members Armaan Jain, Murtuza Kothawala and Shyam Dyate working under the CM Fellowship program. With the aim of contributing their share, they came up with the idea of providing Mumbai with electronic buses.
- The BEST issued tender of buying new buses in order to put this idea into action.



## India-ASEAN Business & Investment Conference Held in New Delhi

- India-ASEAN business and investment conference held in New Delhi ahead of the landmark commemorative summit meeting on the 25th of January.
- In the conference, Commerce Minister Suresh Prabhu stresses enhanced connectivity via land to strengthen trade ties.
- Silver jubilee of India-ASEAN partnership is being celebrated in New Delhi on the 25th January with an unprecedented summit meet.

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## India is the fifth Most Attractive Market for Investments: PwC Survey

- India emerged as the fifth most attractive market for investments and the optimism over global economic growth is at a record level, as per the survey of CEOs by global consultancy PwC.
- The US remains the top spot for global investment. Around 46% of global CEOs consider the US as one of the three most important countries for growth, followed by China (33%) and Germany (20%) at second and third places, respectively.
- India (9%) bumps Japan (8%) as the fifth most attractive market in 2018.

## India to Host 16th International Energy Forum Meet

- The 16th International Energy Forum (IEF) Ministerial meeting will be held in New Delhi in April 2018.
- According to the Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan, the meeting will be hosted by Government of India in New Delhi and co-hosted by the Government of China and South Korea.
- Representatives from 92 countries will be participating in the conference, including 72 member countries of IEF and 20 guest countries.

## Agreements and MoU

### Telangana and Tokyo Body Signed MoU for Municipal Waste Incineration

- The Telangana government signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Clean Authority of Tokyo in connection with municipal solid waste incineration in Hyderabad.
- The two bodies exchanged knowledge in municipal solid waste incineration facilities and make an effort to

realize human resource exchanges in view of technical cooperation in the future.

## Ministry Of Road Transport & Highways Signed MoU With IL&FS For Construction Of Zojila Tunnel

- The Memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation (NHIDCL) under the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, and M/S IL&FS Transportation Networks Ltd for construction of the 14.150 km long, 2-lane bi-directional Zojila Tunnel in Jammu & Kashmir.
- This would be India's longest road tunnel and the longest bi-directional tunnel in Asia.
- The construction of this tunnel will provide all-weather connectivity between Srinagar, Kargil, and Leh.
- The total capital cost of the project is Rs 6808.69 crore.
- The construction period of the project is seven years.

## Andhra Pradesh Government and Zurich Sign Sister State Agreement

- The Andhra Pradesh Government and the Canton of Zurich signed a letter of intent, to promote mutual prosperity and development.
- The agreement was signed in the presence of Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh N Chandrababu Naidu and Government Counselor Minister Carmen Walker Spah for sister state relation.
- This will bring the State of Andhra Pradesh and Canton of Zurich closer and ensure that a framework is created, which supports the exchange between both the parties.

## Sports

### India Defeats Pakistan to Win Blind Cricket World Cup 2018

- India beat Pakistan by two wickets to win the Blind Cricket World Cup 2018 for the second time after a thrilling match at Sharjah Cricket Stadium, the UAE.
- Pakistan had set India a target of 308 runs at a loss of eight wickets in their allotted 40 overs after they were put into bat.

- India conquered the modest target in the 39th over, with two balls to spare and eight wickets lost.
- For his brilliant all-around performance, Sunil Ramesh was declared the man of the match.

## West Indies to Host 2018 Women's World T20

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced the 2018 edition of the Women's World T20 will be hosted by West Indies in November 2018. Hosts Windies will defend the title they won over Australia in Kolkata in 2016.
- The three venues were selected by Cricket West Indies through a bidding process and have been ratified by the ICC.
- The November event in the Caribbean will be the first stand-alone ICC Women's World Twenty20 after the past five events were played alongside the men's event.

## Lifter Rakhi Halder created a new national record

- Lifter Rakhi Halder created a new national record in clean and jerk to a gold medal in the 63kg women's

category in the 33rd Women Senior National Weightlifting Championships, in Mangaluru, Karnataka.

- Rakhi lifted 128 kgs in the clean and jerk for a total of 230 kgs to create a new national record, bettering Karnam Malleswari feat (127 kg) created in Athens in 1999.

## India beat Japan 4-2 in Four Nations Invitational Tournament

- India beat Japan 4-2 in the second leg of the Four Nations Invitational Tournament in New Zealand
- India, coming on the back of a 5-4 win over Belgium secured a place in the final of the second leg of the tournament. India had thrashed Japan 6-0 in their pool match in the first leg of the tournament.

## Important Quiz Questions - Weekly

- 1) Which country Defeated Pakistan to Win Blind Cricket World Cup 2018 ?
  - a) India
  - b) Saudi Arabia
  - c) Afghanistan
  - d) Nigeria
  
- 2) Who is appointed as New Chief Election Commissioner ?
  - a) Shri Om Prakash Rawat
  - b) Shri Naresh iyer
  - c) Shri Suresh Singh
  - d) Shri Vignesh Kumar
  
- 3) Who Inaugurates Pondicherry 1st POPSK at Karaikal?
  - a) Shri Sushma Swaraj
  - b) Shri smriti Irani

- c) Shri Sheela Bhaskar
  - d) Shri Sudha Viswanathan
- 4) Which country banned import of non-airbag equipped vehicles from July 1 ?
- a) Sri Lanka
  - b) Pakistan
  - c) India
  - d) South Africa
- 5) Which country added 24 GW in just two months making it biggest producer of solar energy ?
- a) China
  - b) Indonesia
  - c) Japan
  - d) Thailand
- 6) Who won Swedish Open Junior Badminton Title ?
- a) Siddharth Singh
  - b) Saina Nehwal
  - c) P V Sindhu
  - d) HS Prannoy
- 7) Which country is the 5th Most Attractive Market for Investments according to PwC Survey ?
- a) India
  - b) Pakistan

c) Sri Lanka

d) Australia

8) Which state minister got Dr. Kalam Innovation in Governance Award ?

a) Kerala

b) Andhra Pradesh

c) Tamil nadu

d) Bihar

9) Which state government and Zurich Sign Sister State Agreement recently ?

a) Andhra Pradesh

b) Bihar

c) Kerala

d) Tamil nadu

10) How many million loans did India signed agreement with World Bank to fund improved water supply in Uttarakhand ?

a) 150

b) 180

c) 120

d) 250

11) Which city First International Dam Safety Conference held ?

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

12) Who is the first 1st Oscar nominated female cinematographer recently ?

- a) Rachel Morrison
- b) Mandy Walker
- c) Amy Vincent
- d) Reed Morano

13) Which country to Host 16th International Energy Forum Meet ?

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

14) Who Takes Charge As Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre Director ?

- a) Shri S Somanath
- b) Shri Dr S Ramakrishnan
- c) Shri Dr K Radhakrishnan.
- d) Shri M C Dathan

15) How many Children won National bravery Awards from Narendra Modi ?

- a)15
- b)25
- c)35
- d)18

**Answers:**

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

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