

Weekly Current Affairs February 2018: Week II

Banking and Financial Awareness:

- The Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Shri Arun Jaitley launched CriSidEx, India's first sentiment index for micro and small enterprises (MSEs).
- 6th Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement released by RBI
 - The repo rate was kept unchanged at 6 percent.
 - The reverse repo rate under the LAF (liquidity adjustment facility) remains at 5.75 percent, and the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the bank rate at 6.25 percent.
- RBI to Set up Ombudsman for NBFCs.
- RBI: Base Rate to be Linked with MCLR.
- IndusInd Bank Launches New Sonic Identity, A Musical Logo.

Appointments

- Mahmud Hossain appointed new Chief Justice of Bangladesh.
- Jerome H Powell Sworn in as 16th Chairman of Federal Reserve.
- NPCI Appoints Biswamohan Mahapatra as Non-Executive Chairman.
- Indra Nooyi Becomes ICC's 1st Independent Female Director.
- Hardayal Prasad Appointed SBI Card MD & CEO.

Honour and Awards

- The Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) has been ranked the top environment policy think tanks in India.

MOU's and Agreement

- Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) has signed a project agreement with the World Bank for Jal Marg Vikas Project on river Ganga.
- Assam Government, Ola Sign MoU for River Taxi Service.
- India and Palestine Sign 6 MoUs.
- Ministry of Railways sign MoU with Ministry of AYUSH.

Important News- World

- Sri Lanka celebrated its 70th anniversary of Independence Day on 4th February 2018.
- Dubai Retains Rank as World's Busiest International Airport in 2017.
- Bermuda Becomes 1st Country in World to Abolish Same-Sex Marriage.
- Sweden Commits Record \$370m of Aid to UN World Food Programme.
- Maldives Crisis- Government Declares State of Emergency.

Important Dates

- World Cancer Day- 4 February 2018
- 6 February: International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation

Obituaries

- Noted Litterateur Chandrasekhar Rath Passes Away.
- Actor John Mahoney Passes Away.
- Kathakali Maestro Madavoor Vasudevan Nair Passes Away.

Important News- India

- Exam Warriors' Authored by PM Narendra Modi Released.
- 7th India Energy Congress held in New Delhi.
- First International Kala Mela inaugurated in New Delhi
- The "Green Good Deeds" campaign is launched by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- DIPP Launches States' Rankings on Start-ups Initiatives.
- Sourav Ganguly's autobiography "A century is not Enough ": first look unveiled.
- The Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi is on a 3 Nation visit to Palestine, UAE and Oman.
- India ranked 44th in Global Intellectual Property Index.
- The Fifth edition of South Asia Region Public Procurement Conference was held in New Delhi from 5-7 February 2018.
- Union Home Minister has launched the Centre for learning Sanskrit language in Gujarat University, Ahmedabad.
- India Retains Top Spot as Source Market for Dubai in 2017.
- NHAI to Start 'Pay as You Use' Pilot Project On Delhi-Mumbai National Highways.
- 5th South Asia Region Public Procurement Conference Held in New Delhi.

- South Central Railway Becomes 1st Rail Zone with 100% LED Lighting at Stations.
- First Ever Chat Based Job Search App 'Empzilla' Launched.
- Mumbai Airport Becomes World's Busiest Single-Runway Airport.

Business, Science and Technology

- Google and National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) signed a pact to integrate a course on 'Digital Citizenship and Safety' in information and communication technology curriculum.
- CCI Slaps Rs 136 Crore Fine On Google for Unfair Business Practices.
- Direct Tax Collections Rise 19.3% In April- January.

Defence

- Agni I Missile Test Fired Successfully.
- The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has developed the first flight of Hawk-i with indigenous Real Time Operating System (RTOS).
- Prithvi II Missile Successfully Launched.
- SpaceX has successfully launched the world's most powerful operational rocket Falcon Heavy towards Mars.

Important News- States

- Advantage Assam Global Investors Summit 2018 Inaugurated.
- Uttar Pradesh State Government, in association with United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has launched 'DASTAK' on 5th February 2018.
- Maharashtra to become the first state to have Transgender Welfare Board.
- The President of India inaugurated the Mahamastakabhisheka Mahotsav 2018 of Gommateshwara Bhagwan Sri Bahubali Swami at Shravanabelagola, Karnataka.
- Arunachal Pradesh CM Lays Foundation Stone for Rhododendron Park.

Sports News

- India Clinched under-19 Cricket World Cup 2018.
- Jhulan Goswami Becomes the 1st woman in the World to take 200 Wickets in ODI.
- Winter Olympic Games Starts in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

- first Khelo India School Games concluded in New Delhi with sports powerhouse Haryana topped the overall medal tally.
- Shubhankar Sharma Becomes Best Indian Golfer in The World.

