
WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIRS MARCH 2018: WEEK 2ND

BANKING AND FINANCIAL AWARENESS:

- European Development Bank Approves India's Membership.
- SIDBI, CSC Partner to Offer MSMEs Better Credit Access.
- Paytm Money Receives SEBI Nod As Registered Investment Adviser.
- RBI Slaps Rs 40 Lakh Penalty On SBI For Flouting Fake Note Norms.
- RBI Slaps Penalty On Axis Bank And Indian Overseas Bank.
- RBI To Conduct Additional Repo Operations to Provide Liquidity Support to Banks.

APPOINTMENTS

- Virat Kohli Named 1st Brand Ambassador For Uber India.
- Ministers Ashok Gajapathi Raju And Y S Chowdary Submit Resignations To PM.
- Prakriti To Be 1st ITBP Woman Combat Officer.
- Biplab Deb Takes Oath As Tripura Chief Minister.
- Vivek R Wadekar Appointed New Special Director In ED.
- Neiphiu Rio Appointed Nagaland CM.
- Conrad Sangma Takes Oath As New CM Of Meghalaya.

HONOUR, AWARDS AND RANKS

- 90th Oscar Awards 2018- Winners List
 - Best Picture - The Shape of Water
 - Best Actress Frances McDormand for "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri"
 - Best Actor - Gary Oldman, "Darkest Hour"
 - Best Director - The Shape of Water," Guillermo del Toro.

- Balkrishna Doshi Wins The Prestigious Pritzker Prize.
- Knight Frank Wealth Report 2018: Mumbai, 16th Most Expensive City.
- World's Best Airport: Delhi and Mumbai Airports Tie at No. 1.
- Forbes Billionaires List 2018: Amazon's Bezos Richest, Mukesh Ambani Ranked 19.
- Indian Military Ranked 4th Strongest In World, USA Tops.

MOU'S, AGREEMENT AND SUMMITS

- India, Russia, Bangladesh Sign Pact for Rooppur Atomic Plant.
- Microsoft Inks Renewable Energy Deal for Bengaluru Facility.
- India, Israel Inked MoU on Water Conservation.
- India, Vietnam Inks three MoUs.
- PM Inaugurates National Legislators Conference On 'We For Development'.
- World ATM Congress 2018 Held in Spain.
- 4th India-Europe 29 Business Forum Held In New Delhi.

IMPORTANT NEWS- WORLD

- Iraq Becomes India's Biggest Oil Supplier.
- Washington Becomes 1st State To Approve Net-Neutrality Rules.
- Marshall Islands 1st Country To Launch Own Cryptocurrency As Legal Tender.

IMPORTANT DATES

- International Women's Day- 8 March
Theme is #PressforProgress.

OBITUARIES

- Veteran Sufi Singer Pyarelal Wadali Passes Away.
- Veteran Actor Shammi Passes Away.

- Veteran Literateur Prafulla Das Passes Away.

IMPORTANT NEWS- INDIA

- Govt Ropes in IIFT, ICAI for Improving 'Doing Business' Ranking.
- Trafficking of Persons Bill, 2018 Approved by Cabinet.
- CCEA Doubles Bank Guarantee Limit for Pulses and Oilseeds for NAFED.
- Cabinet approves Action Plan for Champion Sectors in Services.
- Cabinet approves Fugitive Economic Offenders Bill, 2018.
- Government Approves Rs 2,919 Crore to Nirbhaya Fund.
- Centre Approves Rs. 1151.80 Crore Fund For Crop Residue Management.
- Dearness Allowance For Government Employees Hiked to 7%.
- Cabinet Approves Relief Measures For Stressed Telecom Sector.
- Sukhad Yatra App And Emergency Number Launched For Highway Users.
- Government Launches Biodegradable Sanitary Pads 'Suvidha'.
- PM Launches National Nutrition Mission and Pan India Expansion of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao.
- Rs. 5600 Crore Sanctioned Under Swadesh Darshan Scheme And Rs. 687.92 Crore Under PRASHAD Scheme.

BUSINESS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- Economic Affairs Secretary Subhash Chandra Garg Committee Constituted to Regulate Fintech Sector.

DEFENCE

- Military Strength Ranking 2017: India Ranks 4th.

IMPORTANT NEWS- STATES

- India's first Aviation Multi Skill Development Centre launched in Chandigarh.
- Animal Welfare Board of India Shifted Headquarters from Chennai to Haryana.
- India's first Heli taxi launched in Bengaluru.
- Swachh Shakti 2018 Campaign Organised in Lucknow.
- Diu Becomes First UT To Be 100% Powered By Solar Energy.
- India's biggest Media & Entertainment Services Market - enTTech 2018 was inaugurated in Mumbai.
- Odisha Launches 'KHUSHI' Scheme to Provide Free Sanitary Pads.
- Karnataka Unveils Healthcare Scheme 'Arogya Karnataka'.
- Karnataka to Become 2nd State in Country to Unveil Its Own Flag.
- Telangana Launches India's 1st State-Led Incubator for Women.
- Haryana's 1st Cyber Police Station Opened in Gurugram.
- Madhya Pradesh Announces Pension For Single Women.

SPORTS NEWS

- Navjot Kaur Becomes First Indian Woman to Win Gold at Asian Championships.
- Tejaswin Shankar Smashes National Record in High Jump.
- ISSF World Cup 2018- Anjum Moudgil Wins Silver.
- MS Dhoni Becomes Brand Ambassador Of Gaming Platform Dream 11.
- Viswanathan Anand Wins Tal Memorial Rapid Chess Title.