
WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIRS MAY 2018: WEEK 4TH

BANKING AND FINANCIAL AWARENESS:

- SIDBI to Extend Direct Funding Facility to VLEs in CSCs.
- Bank of Baroda Locates Major Operations at GIFT City.
- SBI Reports Loss of Rs. 7,718 Crore in March Quarter.
- RBI Slaps Rs5-Cr Penalty On South Indian Bank.

APPOINTMENTS

- Amit Khare to be Appointed as New I&B Secretary.
- Rajinder Singh Appointed as New Hockey India President.
- Justice C K Prasad Likely to Become PCI Chief for 2nd Time.
- The New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) has promoted Stacey Cunningham to President, making her the first sole woman head of the 226-year-old exchange.
- Ganeshi Lal and Kummanam Rajasekharan were appointed as Governors of Odisha and Mizoram.
- Airtel Payments Bank Appoints Anubrata Biswas as MD and CEO.
- Barbados Elects Mia Mottley as 1st Female Prime Minister.
- HD Kumaraswamy Took Oath as New Karnataka CM.
- Pravin Agrawal Appointed BHEL Director.
- Venezuela's President Maduro Wins Re-Election.
- Anil Kumar Jha Appointed CMD of Coal India.

HONOUR, AWARDS AND RANKS

- India:6th Wealthiest Country as per AfrAsia Bank Global Wealth Migration Review 2018.
- Man Booker International Prize for English translation of 'Flights'.
- As per the annual rankings compiled by International Institute for Management Development (IMD), India ranks 44th.
- INSV Tarini Team Conferred Nari Shakti Puraskar 2017.
- CSIR Bags Clarivate Analytics India Innovation Award 2018.
- Lionel Messi Wins European Golden Shoe for The 5th Time.
- Prajnesh Gunneswaran Wins T.K. Ramanathan Award for 2017-18.
- India Stands 44th In Competitive Rankings, USA Tops.
- India 145th In Healthcare Access, Quality, Iceland Tops, according to a Lancet study.
- India's Q4 GDP Growth Likely at 7.4%: ICRA Report.

OBITUARY

- Alan Bean, 4th Man to Walk On the Moon Died.
- Telugu Writer Yaddanapudi Sulochana Rani Passes Away.

MOU'S, AGREEMENT AND SUMMITS

- NITI Aayog has signed a Statement of Intent (SoI) with ABB to make India Artificial Intelligence ready.
- PM of Netherlands Inaugurates Indo-Dutch Ganga Forum.
- 5th India CLMV Business Conclave Held in Cambodia.
- PM Modi Leaves for Sochi for Informal Summit with Russian President.
- Finance Ministry Ties Up with 40 Companies Under Mudra Scheme.
- Ministry of Railway & Rail Vikas Nigam Limited Sign MoU.
- Mission Innovation Ministerial Meeting Held in Sweden.
- Prime Minister Modi Chairs 26th Pragati Interaction.

IMPORTANT NEWS- WORLD

- 1st Floating Nuclear Power Plant Unveiled by Russia.
- According to an analysis by the National Crime Agency (NCA), Pakistan has been identified among three main source countries for money laundering in the UK.
- Indo-Dutch Ganga Forum Inaugurated by the PM of Netherlands.
- Mission Innovation (MI) Ministerial Held at Malmo, Sweden.
- Nepal -1st country in South East Asia to eliminate Trachoma.
- SCO Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) meeting held in Pakistan.
- Netherlands PM Mark Rutte Arrives in India.
- Air Chief Marshal BS Dhanoa On 4-Day Visit to Israel.

IMPORTANT DATES

- The International Day for Biological Diversity is celebrated annually on May 22. The theme is "Celebrating 25 Years of Action for Biodiversity".
- Anti-Terrorism Day: 21 May

IMPORTANT NEWS- INDIA

- NITI Aayog's Venture Capital Symposium 2018 Held in New Delhi.
- The Commission for Scientific and Technical Terminology (CSTT) has decided to adopt the acronym "AYUSH" as a word for scientific and technical purposes.
- Workshop on Challenges and Opportunities of Arbitration in SAARC Region Held in New Delhi.
- The Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) will organize a children's theatre and personality development workshop from 21st May to 21st June, 2018 in New Delhi.

- According to the Centre of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Nipah virus infection is an emerging disease.
- Union Finance Ministry ties up with 40 companies to extend loans under MUDRA scheme.
- Workshop on 'Ganga and its biodiversity: Developing a road map for habitat and Species conservation'.
- Union Govt. Releases Model Contract Farming Act 2018.
- Smart Cities Expo 2018 Started in New Delhi.
- The Union Cabinet has approved an ordinance to amend the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC).
- Prakash Javadekar launches Samagra Shiksha scheme for school education.
- PMs of India and Bangladesh Inaugurate Bangla Bhavan in Shantiniketan.
- HRD Ministry Launches Samagra Shiksha Scheme.
- India to Achieve 9% Growth Rate by 2022: NITI Aayog.
- Government Notifies 8.55% Interest On PF for 2017-18.
- Sushant Singh Rajput to Promote 2 Major Initiatives of NITI Aayog.

BUSINESS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- MCX Launches India's 1st Copper Options.
- MobiKwik Launches UPI On Platform, Offers Own VPA Handle.
- RIL Gets Green Nod for Rs 2,338 Cr Expansion Project in Maharashtra.
- India Successfully Test-Fires BrahMos Missile Along Odisha Coast.

DEFENCE

- BrahMos Missile successfully test fired along Odisha coast.
- Navika Sagar Parikrama (INSV Tarini) – Indian Navy's all-women crew completes circumnavigating around globe.
- Chhattisgarh to get 'Black Panther'- specialized combat unit.
- The joint military exercise between India and Nepal will be conducted at Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand from 30th May to 12th June 2018.
- Indian Navy Commissions 4th Ship of Landing Craft Utility MK-IV.
- Minimum Compensation of Rs1 Crore to Paramilitary Jawan Who Dies In Action.
- Tamil Nadu to Build India's Next Generation Defence Aircraft.

IMPORTANT NEWS- STATES

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Zojila Tunnel in Jammu and Kashmir's Leh district.
- 1st commercial flight of Arunachal Pradesh under UDAN scheme.
- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched 'My MP Rojgar Portal' in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- Kishanganga Hydroelectric project inaugurated by PM Modi at J&K.

- India's 1st National Sports University to set up in Manipur.
- Cabinet Approves (Universal Service Obligation Fund) USOF Scheme for Meghalaya.
- Kalinga Literary Festival 2018 to be held in Bhubaneshwar.
- PM Modi Lays Foundation Stone of Projects Worth Rs27,000 Crore in Jharkhand.
- Madhya Pradesh Launches 'My MP Rojgar Portal'.
- 9th Edition of 'Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav' Inaugurated in Uttarakhand.

SPORTS NEWS

- Japan Win Uber Cup to End 37-Year Drought.
- Archery World Cup Stage II 2018 Starts in Turkey.
- Tejaswini Strikes Gold at Munich Grand Prix.
- AB De Villiers Retires from International Cricket.
- Manika Batra, Mirabai Chanu Sign Up with IOS Sports.
- Bala Prasath Wins Formula Junior Racing Series 2018 Championship.
- Rafael Nadal Beats Zverev to Win Italian Open.
- South Korea Wins Asian Champions Trophy 2018.
- WHO, Russia Launch New Campaign for Football World Cup 2018

