

Monthly One-Liner GK Digest- April 2018

Banking and Financial Awareness:

- The Reserve Bank has postponed the adoption of the Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) for commercial banks by one year as many banks are not prepared to migrate to the new accounting system.
- IndusInd Bank Gets RBI Nod To Acquire IL&FS Arm.
- SIDBI Foundation Day- Launches 'Samridhi- Virtual Assistant' & ' Bankability Kit'.
- Jana Small Finance Bank Commences Operations.
- SEBI Doubles Investment Limit Of Angel Funds To Rs10 Crore.
- RBI Changes Methodology For Bond Valuation To Check Manipulation.
- India's foreign exchange reserves hit a life-time high of 424.361 billion US dollar after rising by 1.828 billion dollar in the week to March 30, according to the Reserve Bank of India data.
- 11 Public Sector Banks Placed Under RBI's PCA Framework.
- RBI Switches Back to GDP Model from GVA Model.
- State-run Punjab National Bank (PNB) launched new products such as pre-approved credit card and UPI solution to mark its 124th foundation day.
- NERL Brings In ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank As Repository Participants.
- World Bank Approves \$55mn For Bangladesh Project.
- J&K Bank Launches Special Financing Scheme For Industrial Units.
- SBI Launches UK Subsidiary With 225 Mn Pounds Capital.
- SBI To Invest Rs 80 Bn In Hydropower Project Of Nepal.
- India's GDP To Grow 7.3% This Fiscal, 7.6% In Next: ADB.
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- Long Term Capital Gains Tax To Come Into Effect From 01st April.
- Exports In February Up 4.5% To \$25.8 Billion.
- GST Council Approves Rollout Of E-Way Bill From April.
- Govt Makes Passport Mandatory For Bank Loans Of Rs. 50 Crore & Above.
- India To Grow 7.6% In 2018: Moody's.
- India's GDP Growth Rises To 7.2% In December Quarter
- US Puts India on Currency Watch List.
- SBI India's Most Trusted bank, ICICI Tops in Private Sector.
- Yes Bank Gets RBI Nod To Open Offices In London And Singapore.
- SBI Allows Cash Withdrawal Through PoS Machines.
- NABARD Approves Rs 14,690 Cr Funding To Rajasthan.

- Bandhan Bank Among Top 50 Most Valuable Brand In India.
- Yes Bank Launches GST Backed Over Draft Facility For MSMEs.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank Pips SBI To Become India's 2nd Most Valuable Bank.
- PNB Launches Products To Mark Foundation Day.
- India, World's 6th Largest Economy At \$2.6 Trillion: IMF.
- India To Grow At 7.4% In 2018: IMF.
- CII Pegs India's GDP Growth At 7.3-7.7% For 2018-19.
- World Bank: India highest recipient of remittances in 2017.
- BoI Inks Pact with NeSL to Share Data Under Insolvency Rules.
- IOB Inks Information Utility Pact with NeSL.
- Rs 10,012 Cr Aid Given to UP In 2017-18: NABARD.
- Paytm Payments Bank Registers 100M KYC Wallets

Appointments

- Vineet Joshi to Head National Testing Agency of India.
- Himanta Biswa Sarma Elected as President of Badminton Association of India.
- Subrata Bhattacharjee Appointed As Next Ambassador Of India To Serbia.
- SBI Life Appoints Sanjeev Nautiyal As New MD & CEO.
- Debjani Ghosh Appointed New President Of Nasscom.
- US Diplomat DiCarlo Becomes 1st Female UN Political Chief.
- Lt Gen Harpal Singh Takes Charge As Director General Border Roads.
- Shuttler Kidambi Srikanth Appointed As Deputy Collector In Andhra Pradesh.
- Chandra Bhushan Appointed Deputy Election Commissioner.
- Rakesh Bharti Mittal: New President of CII (Confederation of Indian Industry) for 2018-19.
- Rishad Premji Appointed New Chairman of NASSCOM.
- Balram Bhargava has been appointed the new Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) until 2021.
- Deutsche Bank Names Christian Sewing New CEO.
- IPS Officer Rajesh Ranjan Appointed DG Of CISF.
- Ban Ki-Moon Elected BFA Chairman.
- Lt Gen Harpal Singh Takes Charge As Director General Border Roads.
- Shuttler Kidambi Srikanth Appointed As Deputy Collector In Andhra Pradesh.
- Bhanu Pratap Sharma Appointed Chairman of Bank Board Bureau.
- Lt Gen PP Malhotra Appointed as the New Director-General of NCC.
- Dilip Chenoy Takes Over As FICCI Secretary General.
- US Senate Narrowly Confirms Trump's New NASA Chief.
- IPS Officer Rajesh Ranjan Appointed DG Of CISF.

- Indu Malhotra has been chosen to be the first woman lawyer to become a SC judge.
- Shooter Gauri Sheoran Made Brand Ambassador for Haryana's Health Programmes.
- IndiGo Chief Aditya Ghosh Resigns.
- UN Chief Appoints Christine Schraner Burgener as Special Envoy On Myanmar.

Honour, Awards and Ranks

- India Ranks 37th in Global Startup Ecosystem in 2017.
- NIRF Rankings 2018: IISc Bangalore Tops.
- Lyricist and director Sreekumaran Thampi has been selected for the J.C. Daniel Award, the Kerala government's highest honour for lifetime contribution to Malayalam cinema.
- Worldwide Cost Of Living Report 2018- Singapore Most Expensive, Damascus Least.
- 105th Indian Science Congress- DRDO Gets 'Most Informative Pavilion' Award
- Canadian Mathematician Robert Langlands Wins Abel Prize
- Singapore Airport Rated World's Best, Mumbai Ranked 63rd
- 105th Indian Science Congress- NHAJ Receives Best Design Pavilion Award.
- Global Economic Freedom Index 2018: India ranks 130.
- Late Veteran Actor Vinod Khanna Awarded Dadasaheb Phalke Award.
- Anushka Sharma To Get Dadasaheb Phalke Excellence Award.
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- Dharmendra to be Conferred with Raj Kapoor Lifetime Achievement Award.
- BCCL Chairman Indu Jain Gets Lifetime Contribution To Media Award.
- Madhya Pradesh Conferred Most Film Friendly Award.
- Aditi Rao Hydari To Receive Dadasaheb Phalke Excellence Award For Bhoomi.
- CSIR Wins National Intellectual Property (IP) Award 2018.
- The annual World Press Freedom Index report was recently published by the RSF (Reporters Without Borders). India's ranking in the Press Freedom Index has fallen two places to 138. Norway topped the list of having the world's freest press for the second year in a row.
- Egyptian Photographer Mahmoud Abu Zeid Wins UNESCO Press Freedom Prize.

MOU's, Agreement and Summits

- MoU Between Indian Army And HDFC Bank.
- Turkey Hosts Critical Summit On Syria War With Russia And Iran.
- Global Logistics Summit Held In New Delhi.

- India-Japan-US Trilateral Talks Held In New Delhi.
- Nirmala Sitharaman In Russia To Attend Moscow Conference.
- India And Nepal Agree To Strengthen Bilateral Relations In Key Areas.
- Centre, Maharashtra Govt & World Bank Sign 420 Million Dollar Project.
- FIEO And PayPal Inks MoU.
- India and Azerbaijan have inked two documents for the visa waiver for diplomatic, official and service passports holders and cooperation between diplomatic training institutes.
- SoftBank Signs \$930 Million Deal To Set Up Solar Venture In India.
- India, Nepal Decide to Develop Inland Waterways.
- An MoU has been signed between India and World Expo 2020 in order to showcase the inventions of the Industrial Revolution.
- 8th Regional 3R Forum in Asia and the Pacific was held in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, India, from 9-12 April 2018.
- India Mobile Congress 2018 To Be Held In New Delhi.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 16th International Energy Forum Ministerial Meeting in New Delhi.
- Nepal President Inaugurates International Conference On Human Rights In South Asia.
- Conference On Water, Environment And Climate Change Begins In Nepal.
- Turkey Hosts Critical Summit On Syria War With Russia And Iran.
- Global Logistics Summit Held In New Delhi.
- India is going to host the India Mobile Congress (IMC) between 25-27 October 2018.
- Indian companies and Russian Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) signed 7 MoUs at the DefExpo 2018 held in Thiruvudanthai, Chennai.
- India and World Bank Sign a loan Agreement of \$48 Million for Meghalaya.
- The first meeting of National Council on India's Nutrition Challenges under POSHAN Abhiyaan was held in New Delhi.
- Malaria Summit Held in London.
- EAM Sushma Swaraj Left For China On 4-Day Visit For SCO Meet.
- India-Wiesbaden Conference 2018 Held In New Delhi.
- Commonwealth Heads Of Government Meeting Begins In London.
- The Union Ministry of Finance has signed a Loan Agreement with the World Bank for IBRD credit of US\$ 125 for Innovate in India for Inclusiveness Project.
- Dalmia Bharat Limited has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Ministry of Tourism for adoption of Red Fort monument under the "Adopt a Heritage" project.
- India Agrees to Send Buddhist Relics for Vesak in Sri Lanka.
- Government to Tie Up with US and Finland to Jointly Develop New Pollution-Forecast System.
- CSIR and DoT Enter into MoU for Establishing Nationwide Time Stamping.
- India and World Bank Signs Agreement to Improve Rural Road Network in MP.

Important News- World

- Brazzaville Declaration Signed to Protect World's Largest Tropical Peatland.
- UAE And Malaysia Conclude Joint Military Exercise 'Desert Tiger 5'.
- President 3-Nation Visit: India And Equatorial Guinea Sign 4 Agreements.
- Turkey Hosts Critical Summit On Syria War With Russia And Iran.
- Russia Starts Building Turkey's 1st Nuclear Power Plant
- President Ram Nath Kovind has returned to New Delhi after three African nations tour of Equatorial Guinea, Swaziland and Zambia.
- Bangladesh Ends Reservation In Government Jobs.
- India Signs MoU With World EXPO 2020 Dubai.
- President 3-Nation Visit: Signs 4 Agreements With Zambia.
- Singapore And China Signed MoU Along Belt And Road Initiative.
- President 3-Nation Visit: 2 Agreements Signed With Swaziland.
- UAE And Malaysia Conclude Joint Military Exercise 'Desert Tiger 5'.
- Nitin Gadkari On 4-Day Visit To South Korea.
- UN Launches Initiative to Improve Road Safety Worldwide.
- India Wins 6 Elections to UNECOSOC Bodies.
- PM Narendra Modi Held Talks With German Chancellor, Returns India.
- President 3-Nation Visit: Signs 4 Agreements With Zambia.
- Prince Charles To Succeed His Mother Queen Elizabeth II As Head Of Commonwealth.
- Swaziland King Changes Country's Name To 'Kingdom Of ESwatini'.
- Bisket Jatra Being Celebrated In Nepal.
- India Wins Election To Crucial NGO Committee In UN.
- The 6th Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) has kicked off in Tehran.
- North, South Korea Commit to Denuclearization in Historic Summit.
- Mario Abdo Benitez Elected New President of Paraguay.
- PM Modi Embarks On 3-Day Visit to China.
- Sushma Swaraj Attends Meeting of India-Mongolia Joint Committee.
- Iran Bans Banks from Using Cryptocurrencies.
- EU, UN Co-Host Conference On Syria Aid.

Important Dates

- New Jersey Declares April as Sikh Awareness Month
- World Autism Awareness Day- 2 April.
- 12th April – International Day of Human Space Flight
- VP Venkaiah Naidu Inaugurates Scientific Convention On World Homeopathy Day(10th April).
- World Health Day- 7th April.

- National Maritime Day: 5 April.
- 18th April is celebrated all over the world as International Day for Monuments and Sites (IDMS).
- Ujjwala Diwas to be observed on 20th April 2018 in Telangana.
- 21st April 2018 to be Celebrated as World Creativity and Innovation Day (WCID).
- 12th Civil Services Day which was inaugurated on 20th April 2018 by Vice President.
- World Earth Day: 22 April
- 23rd April – World Book & Copyright Day. The theme for World Book Day 2018 is “Share a Story”.
- The Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways will observe the 29th road safety week from 23rd April 2018.
- National Panchayati Raj Day: 24 April
- 25th April – World Malaria Day. The theme for World Malaria Day 2018 is "Ready to beat malaria".
- 26th April – World Intellectual Property Day. The theme “Powering Change: Women in Innovation and Creativity”.
- 28th April – World Day for Safety and Health at Work. This theme - “Generation safe and healthy.”

Important News- India

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has given its nod for the continuation of Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) and City Compost Scheme beyond 12th Five Year plan till 2019-20.
- 10% import Duty on Key Smartphone Parts Levied by the govt. of India.
- Government Constitutes Committee to Regulate News Portals.
- Delhi-Pathankot Flight Under UDAN Scheme Inaugurated.
- Suresh Prabhu Launches Digital Initiative For Ease Of Export.
- E-Way Bill For Inter-State Movement Of Goods Comes Into Force.
- Mangaluru Airport Adjudged India's Cleanest Airport.
- Two Unknown Languages Walmiki and Malhar Discovered.
- Union Health Ministry has banned over-the-counter sale of 14 ointments containing steroids and antibiotics without a prescription.
- Madhubani Railway Station gets a makeover with Mithila Paintings.
- PM to Inaugurate 16th International Energy Forum Ministerial.
- AIIB to Invest \$140 Million to Improve Rural Connectivity.
- NHAI Signs Agreement For Its First International Project.
- e-FRRO Scheme Launched- for Foreigners regional registration Office.
- The seventh edition of Home Expo India 2018 will be inaugurated on 16th April at India Expo Centre & Mart in Greater Noida.
- The Vice President of India, Mr. Venkaiah Naidu formally released the book titled “Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar: Vyakti Nahin Sankalp” at the Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi.

- Centre Raises NABARD Authorised Capital to Rs 300 Billion.
- World Bank: India's GDP growth to be 7.3% for 2018-19.
- Environment Ministry Releases Draft of National Clean Air Programme.
- Communications Ministry Launches DARPAN-PLI App.
- Govt. Launches Study in India Programme to Attract Foreign Students.
- The Group of Ministers (GoM) constituted by the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has recommended a One Nation One Tax Policy to ensure a seamless movement of commercial vehicles across the country.
- The Union Cabinet has approved promulgation of Criminal Law (Amendment) Ordinance to provide death penalty for those convicted of raping girls below 12 years of age.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs gave its approval for restructured centrally sponsored scheme of Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA).
- 4 Indians among TIME's 100 Most Influential People. The names of four self-made Indians- Indian cricket captain Virat Kohli , Deepika Padukone (Actress) , Bhavish Agarwal (Founder of Ola) , Satya Nadella (Microsoft CEO).
- "Adi Shankaracharya: Hinduism's Greatest Thinker" – Book released from the author Shri Pavan Varma.
- The Justice Rajesh Bindal committee has submitted on legal issues related to inter country removal & retention of children its report to Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD).
- The NITI Aayog has launched Atal New India Challenge under the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM).
- National Bamboo Mission Approved by CCEA.
- 2nd Edition of Unnat Bharat Abhiyan Launched by HRD Ministry.
- India's GDP to Reach \$5 Trillion By 2025.

Business, Science and Technology

- India Receives First LNG Consignment from United States.
- Jio Payments Bank Limited has commenced operations with effect from April 3, 2018.
- India's 1st All Electric Superfast Train flagged off.
- The Indian Space Research Organization launched the navigation satellite IRNS-1L from Sriharikota on 12th April 2018.
- Exoplanet-Hunting Telescope TESS launch by NASA.
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- TCS becomes India's first \$100 billion IT company.
- BIS Grants 1st license for Liquid Chlorine on All India Basis.
- The first meeting of e-Commerce Think Tank was convened by the Union Commerce and Industry Minister, Mr. Suresh Prabhu.
- Microsoft Is India's Most Attractive Employer: Randstad Survey.

- Google Ranked as Most Trusted Internet Brand in India: Report.

Defence

- Indian Navy To Host Bilateral Exercise 'Varuna' With French Navy.
- IAF To Conduct Biggest Combat Exercise Along Pakistan, China Borders.
- Sahyog- Hyeoblyeog 2018: Indian, Korean Coast Guards Hold Joint Exercise.
- USA And South Korea Begin Joint Military Exercise- 'Foal Eagle'.
- 10th DefExpo India Begins In Tamil Nadu.
- IAF To Conduct Biggest Combat Exercise Along Pakistan, China Borders.
- Sahyog- Hyeoblyeog 2018: Indian, Korean Coast Guards Hold Joint Exercise.
- IAF Conducts War Exercise "Gagan Shakti".
- Govt. forms Defence Planning Committee (DPC).
- The Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) has developed Bhabha Kavach, a next-generation bulletproof jacket for the Indian armed forces.
- Harimau Shakti: Indo Malaysian Joint Military Exercise.
- DAC Approves Capital Acquisition Proposals of Over Rs3,687 Crore.
- Coastal Security Exercise 'Sagar Kavach' Held in Kerala.

Important News- States

- Hindon Elevated India's Longest Elevated Road Inaugurated in Uttar Pradesh.
- Bengal Introduces 'Rupashree' for Marriage of Poor Girls.
- Himachal Pradesh government has launched Mother's Absolute Affection Programme to promote breastfeeding in the state..
- Surat Becomes 1st District To Have 100% Solar Powered Health Centres.
- UP Government Launches Ganga Hariteema Yojana.
- Assam Spring Festival organised at Manas National Park.
- Tamil Nadu Launches Uzhavan App for Farmers.
- The first meeting of NITI Forum for North East was conducted in Agartala, Tripura.
- Delhi Launches "Mission Buniyaad" to Improve the Learning Skills of Students.
- VP Venkaiah Naidu Launches Atal Amrit Abhiyaan in Assam.
- Gujarat Launches Pocket Cop Project.
- Odisha's 2nd Longest River Bridge Opened.
- Himachal Pradesh Celebrates Its 71st Foundation Day
- The Sunderban Reserve Forest is likely to be declared a Ramsar Site soon.
- The Union Home Ministry has withdrawn the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) totally from Meghalaya as well as 8 out of 16 police stations in Arunachal Pradesh.
- GI Tag for Telangana's Adilabad Dokra, Warangal Dhurries.

- Diu Smart City becomes first to run on 100% Renewable Energy.
- MHA to relax Protected Area Permit regime from Nagaland, Mizoram, Manipur.
- Bengal's Digambarpur, India's Best Gram Panchayat.
- Uttarakhand to Get Rs1,700 Crore Aid from ADB.
- Shirui Lily Festival Concludes in Manipur.

Sports News

- CWG 2018: Weightlifter Punam Yadav Wins 5th Gold For India.
- CWG 2018: Indian Women's TT Team Wins Gold.
- CWG 2018: Manu Bhaker Claims 10m Pistol Gold.
- Leander Paes Becomes Most Successful Player In Davis Cup.
- CWG 2018: Weightlifter Sathish Sivalingam Bags Third Gold For Country.
- Mithali Raj Becomes Most Capped Player In Women's ODIs.
- CWG 2018- Deepak Lather Becomes Youngest Weightlifter To Win Medal.
- Weightlifter and current world champion Mirabai Chanu has clinched India's first gold medal of the 2018 Commonwealth Games.
- Kidambi Srikanth becomes world No. 1 badminton player.
- Mary Kom : 1st Indian woman to win CWG gold in Boxing.
- CWG 2018: Kidambi Srikanth Wins His 1st CWG Silver.
- CWG 2018: Saina Nehwal Wins Historic 2nd CWG Gold.
- CWG 2018: Sanjeev Rajput Clinches Gold In Shooting.
- CWG 2018: Neeraj Chopra, 1st Indian To Win Gold In Javelin Throw.
- CWG 2018: Naman Tanwar Wins India's 1st Boxing Medal.
- Wrestler Bajrang Punia won his first Commonwealth Games gold medal, defeating Wales' Kane Charig by technical superiority in the men's freestyle 65 kg final in Gold Coast, Australia.
- CWG 2018: Tejaswini Sawant Wins India's 5th Shooting Gold.
- Fifteen-year-old shooter Anish Bhanwala became India's youngest gold medalist at the Commonwealth Games.
- Daniel Ricciardo Wins Chinese Grand Prix 2018.
- 'Son of Dreams' was unveiled as official Mascot of the FIBA Basketball World Cup 2019 in China.
- Indian Swimmer Double Crosses Bangla Channel, Sets World Record.
- CWG 2018 Concludes: Australia Tops Medal Tally, India Third.
- India Wins 8th South Asian Judo Championship.