

# WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIRS APRIL 2018: WEEK IV

## BANKING AND FINANCIAL AWARENESS:

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- India Wins 8th South Asian Judo Championship.

