

Weekly Current Affairs April 2018: Week III

Banking and Financial Awareness:

- 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.

Appointments

- 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.

Honour, Awards and Ranks

- 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.

MOU's, Agreement and Summits

- 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.

Important News- World

- 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.

Important Dates

- 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

Important News- India

- 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.

Business, Science and Technology

- Exoplanet-Hunting Telescope TESS launch by NASA.
- The Indian Space Research Organization launched the navigation satellite IRNS-1L from Sriharikota on 12th April 2018.

Defence

- IAF Conducts War Exercise “Gagan Shakti”.
- Govt. forms Defence Planning Committee (DPC).

Important News- States

- 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.

Sports News

- 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.

