
WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIRS APRIL 2018: WEEK 2ND

BANKING AND FINANCIAL AWARENESS:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

APPOINTMENTS

- 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 CISE.
- 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.

HONOUR, AWARDS AND RANKS

- 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.
- 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- NHAI Receives Best Design Pavilion Award.

MOU'S, AGREEMENT AND SUMMITS

- 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.

IMPORTANT NEWS- WORLD

- 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.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 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.

IMPORTANT NEWS- INDIA

- 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.
- AIB to Invest \$140 Million to Improve Rural Connectivity.
- NHAI Signs Agreement For Its First International Project.

BUSINESS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- 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.

DEFENCE

- 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.

IMPORTANT NEWS- STATES

- 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.

SPORTS NEWS

- 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.

