WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIRS MARCH 2018: WEEK 1ST

BANKING AND FINANCIAL AWARENESS:

- RBI Raises Currency Derivative Trade Limit to $100 Million.
- RBI Launches Ombudsman Scheme for NBFCs.
- RBI Directs Banks to Link SWIFT to CBS by April 2018.
- India to Grow 7.6% In 2018: Moody's.
- India's GDP Growth Rises to 7.2% In December Quarter.
- 9.9% Growth in Foreign Exchange Earnings in January 2018 Over January 2017.
- PNB and ICICI Bank Increases MCLR Rates.
- SBI Hikes Lending Rate to 8.15%.
- IndusInd Bank and Ripple Tie-Up for Cross-Border Remittances.
- Catholic Syrian Bank Ties Up with Celebrus Capital for Online Trading Services.
- State Bank of India Set for UK Restructuring.
- EPFO Makes Online Claims Must for PF Withdrawals Above Rs 10 Lakh.
- EPFO Introduces UAN- Aadhar Linking New Facility.

APPOINTMENTS

- TV Journalist Rahul Mahajan Named Rajya Sabha TV Editor-In-Chief.

HONOUR AND AWARDS

- Roger Federer Becomes Most Decorated Laureus Award Winner.

MOU'S AND AGREEMENT

- India, Bangladesh, Russia Sign Pact for Rooppur Atomic Plant.
- India-Jordan Sign 12 Agreements.

IMPORTANT NEWS- WORLD

- TAPI Gas Pipeline Work Begins in Afghanistan.
- China Elected as Vice President of FATF.
- Michael McCormack Named Australia's New Deputy Prime Minister.
- Armen Sarkisian Elected Next Armenian President.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Assam to Mark September 22 as Rhino Day.
- National Science Day- 28 February 2018. The theme for National Science Day 2018 is "Science and Technology for a sustainable future."

OBITUARIES

- Eminent Odia Writer Kanakalata Mohanty Passes Away.
- Kanchi Seer Jayendra Saraswathi Passes Away.
- Former Cabinet Secretary T.S.R. Subramanian Passes Away.
- Legendary Bollywood Actress Sridevi Passes Away.

IMPORTANT NEWS- INDIA

- Inclusive Internet Index 2018: India ranks 47th.
- Establishment of National Financial Reporting Authority Approved.
- India Impose Anti-Dumping Duty on China's Ceramicware.
- Blue Coloured Bal Aadhaar Card Launched.
- RISE Scheme: IITs to Get 25% of Government Loans.
- King of Jordan in India On 3-Day Visit.
- Union Cabinet Approves Anti-Trafficking Bill Draft.
- Centre Approves Rs 2900 Crore to Make Cities Safer for Women.
- Cabinet Clears Setting Up of NFRA to Oversee Auditors.
- International Conference On Sustainable Biofuels Begins in New Delhi.
- National Conference On E-Governance in Hyderabad.
- I&B Minister Smriti Irani Releases 'India-2018' Book.

BUSINESS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- India-Korea Business Summit in New Delhi.
- 7th Meeting of EPG On Nepal-India Relations Concludes.

DEFENCE

- Anti-Tank Guided Missiles Nag Successfully Tested.
- Paschim Lehar: Tri-service Maritime Exercise Concludes.
- India-Seychelles Exercise Lamitye 2018.
- DRDO Successfully Carries Out Test Flight of Rustom-2 Drone.

IMPORTANT NEWS- STATES

- Odisha Govt Launches 'Ama Gaon, Ama Vikas' Programme.
- World's Largest Solar Park 'Shakti Sthala' Launched in Karnataka.
- 1st Mega Food Park Inaugurated in Maharashtra.
- Uma Bharti Launches 2nd Project of Swajal Yojana in Rajasthan.

- Tamil Nadu, Microsoft Tie-Up to Accelerate Cloud Technology Adoption.
- Union Textile Minister Smriti Irani Attends 27th IJIRA in Kolkata.
- Chilika Lake Largest Habitat of Irrawaddy Dolphins Globally.
- 15th Edition of BioAsia 2018 Held in Hyderabad.
- PM Modi Inaugurates Projects Worth 1000 Crores in Daman.
- PM Modi Flags Off 'Run for New India' Marathon in Surat.

SPORTS NEWS

- Navjot Kaur 1st Indian Woman to Win Gold in Asian Wrestling Championship.
- 27th Sultan Azlan Shah Cup Hockey Tournament Begins in Malaysia.
- IOC Restores Russia's Olympic Membership.
- Tokyo Unveils Mascots for 2020 Olympics and Paralympics.
- India Clinched 11 Medals at Strandja Memorial Boxing Tournament.
- MC Mary Kom and Seema Poonia Bag Silver Medals in Strandja Memorial Boxing Tournament.
- Aruna Budda Reddy Becomes 1st Indian to Win Individual Medal at Gymnastics World Cup.