
WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIRS MARCH 2018: WEEK 3RD

BANKING AND FINANCIAL AWARENESS:

- Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India inks MoU with RBI.
- Muthoot Finance Ties Up With Global IME Bank.
- SEBI Raises Currency Derivative Trade Limit to \$100 Million.
- ICICI Bank Launches Online Overdraft Facility for MSME Customers.
- SBI Reduces Charges On Non-Maintenance Of Minimum Balance.

APPOINTMENTS

- Justice Khanwilkar to Head Mahanadi Water Disputes Tribunal.
- Gina Haspel Appointed Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)'s First Female Director.
- Angela Merkel Elected To 4th Term As German Chancellor.
- Sangeeta Bahadur Appointed Next Ambassador Of India To Belarus.
- Xi Jinping Re-Elected China President, Wang Vice President.

HONOUR, AWARDS AND RANKS

- ICMR wins 2017 Kochon Prize for TB Research.
- Bidya Devi Bhandari, Nepal's 1st Female President, Wins Acond Term.
- World Happiness Index 2018: India ranks 133.
- Jackie Shroff's 'Shunyata' Wins International Award In US.
- Indian Film 'Halkaa' Bags Award at Montreal Fest.
- ICMR Wins 2017 Kochon Prize For TB Research.
- WEF Energy Transition Index 2018: India Ranks 78th, Sweden Tops.
- GST, 2nd Highest Tax Rate In World: World Bank Report.
- Andhra Pradesh Stands at 51st Position in Global Multidimensional Poverty Index.
- Pune Tops in Improved Quality Governance: Survey.

MOU'S, AGREEMENT AND SUMMITS

- End of TB Summit Held in New Delhi.
- India And ADB Signed \$120 Million Loan To Improve Rail Infrastructure.
- IATA Collaborates With Civil Aviation Ministry In India.

- Health Ministry And WHO Signed Agreement For Enhanced Cooperation For Healthcare.
- India, Madagascar Sign Umbrella Agreement in Defence Sector.
- Home Minister Rajnath Singh Inaugurates Asia-Pacific Regional Conference Of IACP.
- India inks \$120 Million Loan agreement with ADB to improve Rail Infrastructure.

IMPORTANT NEWS- WORLD

- President Kovind Inaugurates World Hindi Secretariat building in Mauritius.
- Oklahoma to Become 1st US State To Use Nitrogen Gas For Executions.
- President Of India Inaugurates World Hindi Secretariat In Mauritius.
- Angela Merkel Elected To 4th Term As German Chancellor.
- Saudi Arabia Cabinet Approves Nuclear Power Program National Policy.
- Maldives Parliament Approved Anti-Defection Bill.
- Sri Lanka Pays Tribute To J Dalmiya With Book 'A Tribute To Jagu'

IMPORTANT DATES

- World Consumer Rights Day- 15 March
Theme for this year's WCRD 2018 is 'Making Digital Marketplaces Fairer'.

OBITUARIES

- Actor Narendra Jha Passes Away At 55 after Heart Attack.
- Scientist Stephen Hawking Has Died Aged 76.

IMPORTANT NEWS- INDIA

- India-UK Joint Team wins Newton-Bhabha Fund.
- LaQshya Program Launched to Improve Quality of Maternity Care.
- The Executive Committee held its first meeting to decide on the roadmap for the Mission. The Committee headed by Sh. Rakesh Srivastava.
- Government Forms Committee to Probe Illegal Cultivation of HT Cotton.
- Milk Production Up 20% in 2014-2017.
- India Announces USD 100 MI LoC For Mauritius.
- LaQshya Program Launched To Improve Quality Of Maternity Care.
- NITI Aayog Released SATH-E Roadmaps.
- WHO Member-Countries Commit To End TB By 2030.
- The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) launched a mobile app called 'Citizen Services'.

- Book Signed By Tagore Auctioned For USD 700.

BUSINESS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- World Bank Projects India's GDP Growth At 7.3% for 2018-19.
- Amazon Launches First Debit Card In Mexico E-Commerce Push.

DEFENCE

- MILES-18: Naval Exercise Held in Andaman.
- Samvedna 2018: IAF's First Multilateral HADR Air Exercise in South Asia.

IMPORTANT NEWS- STATES

- PM Modi, French President Macron Jointly Inaugurate Solar Power Plant At Mirzapur In UP.
- PM Inaugurates 105th Indian Science Congress In Imphal.
- Telangana, Kay Ventures Tie Up For Apparel Hub.
- Centre Forms Tribunal to Solve Mahanadi Water Dispute between Odisha & Chhattisgarh.
- Annual Krishi Unnati Mela Begins In New Delhi.
- Odisha Government to collaborate with RIMES for disaster management.
- Jaipur to witness 8th Theatre Olympics.
- Maharashtra Government bans use of plastic.

SPORTS NEWS

- Nepal Cricket Team Gains ODI Status.
- Deepa Malik Becomes Asian Rank 1 In Javelin F-53 Category.