
WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIRS MAY 2018: WEEK 2ND

BANKING AND FINANCIAL AWARENESS:

- YES Bank Set to Launch Water-Security Programme.
- RBI Announced Rs10,000 Crore Bond Purchases.

APPOINTMENTS

- Mahathir Mohamad was sworn in as Prime Minister of Malaysia.
- FB Appoints Product Exec Chris Daniels to Take Over WhatsApp.
- Nikol Pashinyan Becomes Prime Minister of Armenia.
- Google Names Nitin Bawankule Head of India Cloud Business.
- New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman Resigns.
- Vladimir Putin Sworn-In as Russian President for 4th Term.

HONOUR, AWARDS AND RANKS

- The Swedish Academy that awards the Nobel Prize for literature has announced that they will not give out an award this year.
- FDI Confidence Index 2018 – India ranked 11th.
- India ranks 4th in Asia Pacific on Power Index.
- Prof Muhammad Yunus Conferred KISS Humanitarian Award 2018.
- Nisha Bhalla Conferred with 'WEF 2018' Award.
- Business Optimism Index: India Ranks 6th, Austria Tops.
- India Fastest Growing Economy at 7.4% In 2018: IMF.
- Forbes Most Powerful People in The World: PM Modi 9th, Xi Jinping Tops.

OBITUARY

- Oscar-Winning Film Editor Anne V. Coates Passes Away.
- Renowned Marathi Singer Arun Date Passes Away.

MOU'S, AGREEMENT AND SUMMITS

- 12th Informal Meeting of SAARC Finance Ministers held in Manila.
- Google to Grant \$3 million for e - learning, Teachers in India.
- India to host 15th Asia Media Summit.

- The 19th edition of TOONZ Animation Masters Summit 2018 was held in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- India and Guatemala sign MoU to cooperate in diplomatic training.
- MoU signed between Ministry of MSME and NSIC.
- Gujarat-Poland Sign MoU On Organizing Independence Centenary.
- Venkaiah Naidu 3-Nation Visit: India, Panama Sign 2 Agreements.
- NSIC Inks MoU with MSME Ministry for FY 2018-19.
- Venkaiah Naidu 3-Nation Visit: India, Guatemala Sign Agreement in Education Sector.
- NITI Aayog, Google Sign Sol to Help Grow AI Ecosystem in India.
- India Signs USD200 Million Loan Deal with World Bank for National Nutrition Mission.
- CBDT Approves Amendment of India-Kuwait Tax Agreement.
- Customs and Postal Department Hold 1st Ever Joint Conference.
- India, Sri Lanka Agree On Information Exchange for Drug Control.
- SCO Tourism Ministers' Conference Held in China.
- Beijing to Hold World Robot Conference.
- U.S.- India Aviation Summit Held in Mumbai.

IMPORTANT NEWS- WORLD

- Jaipur Foot is a world famous and most widely used artificial limb which will be exhibited at the United Nations headquarters in New York.
- Israel Withdraws from Race for UN Security Council Seat.
- USA Withdraws from Iran Nuclear Deal.
- NASA, Uber Team Up to Make Flying Cars a Reality.

IMPORTANT DATES

- International No Diet Day is celebrated each year on 6th May.
- BRO (Border Roads Organization) celebrates 58th Raising Day.
- 8th May – World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day. The theme of World Red Cross Day 2018 is "Memorable smiles from around the world".
- International Nurses Day: 12 May. the theme "Nurses A Voice to Lead – Health is a Human right".
- National Technology Day: 11 May. theme is "Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future".

IMPORTANT NEWS- INDIA

- Exhibition on Indian Civilization inaugurated in New Delhi.
- National Mission for Clean Ganga Approved.
- NITI Aayog and IBM Join Hands to Develop AI Based Precision Farming.
- Cochlear Implant Awareness Programme Organized in Haryana.
- GST Council approves simplified tax return filling systems.

- 3rd Edition of UNPCAP conducted in New Delhi.
- India signs \$200 million loan agreement with World Bank for POSHAN Abhiyaan.
- Additional 100 One Stop Centres to be set up for women safety.
- International Children Theatre festival to be held in Kolkata.
- Ravi Shankar Prasad Launches Website of Digital India Internship Scheme.
- TRAI Releases Draft of Telecom Interconnection Regulations.
- India Pavilion Inaugurated at Cannes Film Festival 2018.
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- Indian Tea Industry Records Highest Ever Production, Export in FY18.
- Finished Steel Exports Increased by 16.7% In 2017-18.
- General Bipin Rawat, Chief of Army the Staff released the book 'Across the Bench - Insight into the Indian Military Judicial System' by Lt Gen Gyan Bhushan.
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BUSINESS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- Gravity RAT, a malware allegedly designed by Pakistani hackers, has recently been updated further and equipped with anti-malware evasion capabilities.
- China's Alibaba Buys Pakistan E-Commerce Firm Daraz.
- Walmart Buys Flipkart in World's Largest E-Commerce Deal.
- Google Names Nitin Bawankule Head of India Cloud Business.
- SpaceX Launches Most Powerful Falcon 9 Rocket.
- China Launched Gaofen-5 To Monitor Air Pollution.
- ISRO Develops Atomic Clock for Indigenous Navigation Satellites.
- Google Officially Launches Things, Its IoT Platform.

DEFENCE

- Vijay Prahar Exercise of Indian Army Concludes in Rajasthan.
- President Ram Nath Kovind, 2nd President to Visits Army Base in Siachen.

IMPORTANT NEWS- STATES

- 'Go to Village' Launched by Manipur CM.
- First Organized Census of Indus Dolphins in Punjab.
- First Apex Conference for the CEOs of Smart Cities 'in Bhopal.
- Telangana Government Launches Rythu Bandhu Scheme for Farmers.
- CM Pema Khandu Inaugurates Arunachal Pradesh's Biggest Solar Plant.
- Madhya Pradesh Launches India's 1st ICCC for Its Smart Cities.

SPORTS NEWS

- India finished on top at the 3rd edition of South Asian Junior Athletics Championship.
- 3rd South Asian Junior Athletics Championships: India Tops with 50 Medals.

