
WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIRS MAY 2018: WEEK 3RD

BANKING AND FINANCIAL AWARENESS:

- RBI Puts Dena Bank under PCA (Prompt Corrective Action).
- Automatic Recurring Payments Feature Introduced by Paytm.
- YES Bank Launches Agenda 25x25.
- Fino Payments Bank Launched Digital Suite.

APPOINTMENTS

- BJP legislature party leader B S Yeddyurappa took oath as the Chief Minister of Karnataka.
- Susheela Jayapal Becomes 1st South Asian to Be Elected in Oregon.
- Ambika Sharma to Head USIBC India Office.
- Gina Haspel Confirmed as 1st Female Director of CIA.
- Uttam Pacharne Appointed Regular Chairman of Lalit Kala Akademi.

HONOUR, AWARDS AND RANKS

- Forbes World's Most Powerful People List 2018 – Modi Ranked 9th.
- Lata Mangeshkar Conferred with Swara Mauli Award.
- The KISS Humanitarian Award 2018 was presented to Prof. Muhammad Yunus. This was the 11th edition of the Award.
- According to a report by the Mercom Communications, India emerged as the third largest solar market in the world in 2017.
- Sir William Mark Tully has been chosen for this year's RedInk award for lifetime achievement in journalism.
- Swachh Survekshan 2018 - Indore the cleanest city.
- Bollywood actor Sridevi was honored with the TITAN Reginald F Lewis Film Icon Award at the Cannes Film Festival.
- According to the United Nations estimates, Delhi is projected to become the most populous city in the world around 2028.
- Japanese Director Wins Cannes' Top Award.
- India's Jagriti Yatra Wins Charity Award In UK.
- Neymar Named France's Player Of The Year.
- Senior journalist Mark Tully will be honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the annual Red Ink Awards in Mumbai.
- Anindita Honoured With Jayadev Rashtriya Yuva Puraskar Award.

- DRDO Awards 2016 & 2017 Presented By Defence Minister.
- Noted Lyricist, Poet, Politician Balkavi Bairagi Passes Away.

OBITUARY

- The actor Margot Kidder, best known for playing Lois Lane in the Superman films died.

MOU'S, AGREEMENT AND SUMMITS

- BIMSTEC Summit 2018 to be Hosted by Nepal.
- 1st Ever Joint Conference Conducted by Customs and Post Department in New Delhi.
- NTPC Limited signed an MoU with the Bihar Government to improve the performance of Power Sector in Bihar.
- 1st apex Conference for Smart City CEOs held in Bhopal.
- The Cell for IPR Promotion and Management (CIPAM) organized a conference on National Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Policy in New Delhi.
- 4 States Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Haryana and Uttarakhand Ink MoUs with Centre On Health Protection Mission.
- PM Modi to Visit Russia for Informal Summit with Vladimir Putin.
- NALCO Inks MoU with Government of India for FY 2018-19.
- NTPC Inks Pact to Acquire 3 Projects in Bihar.
- NITI Aayog's 3-Day Venture Capital Symposium 2018 Begins.
- 2-Day Regional Conference On "Physical and Social Infrastructure for Regional Development" Held in Guwahati.
- Smriti Irani Chairs Meeting of Stakeholders On 'Samarth'- Scheme in Delhi.

IMPORTANT NEWS- WORLD

- China's 1st Indigenous Aircraft Carrier Type 001A begins Sea Trial.
- WHO published its 1st Essential Diagnostics List.
- SCO Cultural Ministers Meeting held in China.
- Netherlands PM Mark Rutte to Be On 2-Day Official Visit to India.
- Army Chief Begins 4-Day Visit to Sri Lanka.
- Russia Unveils World's 1st Floating Nuclear Power Station.
- Guatemala Becomes Second Country to Open Jerusalem Embassy.

IMPORTANT DATES

- International Day of Families: 15 May. the theme for the event is 'Families and inclusive societies'.

- World Telecommunication and Information Society Day: 17 May. theme for WTISD was "Enabling the positive use of Artificial Intelligence for All".

IMPORTANT NEWS- INDIA

- Committee Constituted to Look into Black Money and Performance of PSBs.
- Chief of Army Staff Released a Book "Across the Bench – Insight into the Indian Military Judicial System".
- Cabinet Reshuffle: Piyush Goyal Gets Additional Charge of Finance Ministry.
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) will soon set up a skill development centre at 'Bharosa' in Hyderabad.
- A High-Level Committee (HLC), chaired by Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh, approved central assistance of Rs 1,161.17 crores to 4 States and 1 UT.
- Rs 16,500 Crore Earmarked by Govt. to Implement Swachh Bharat Mission in 2018-19.
- Environment Minister Launched Programme to Train 5.5 Lakh Workers by 2021.
- The President of India, Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the 4th Global Exhibition on Services at the Bombay Exhibition Centre, in Mumbai.
- WHO launched REPLACE to eliminate trans-fat by 2023.
- The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) unveiled a National Wind-solar Hybrid Policy.
- The South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network (SAWEN) held its first ever meeting in India.
- ICBC launched China's 1st India-dedicated investment fund.
- Meeting to discuss 'Samarth Scheme' held in New Delhi.
- The Integrated Centre for Crisis Management (ICCM) was inaugurated by the President Ram Nath Kovind at BARC (Bhabha Atomic Research Centre) in Mumbai.
- The subscriber base of the Atal Pension Yojana (APY) had crossed the one-crore mark since its launch in 2015.
- National Policy on Biofuels 2018 approved by the Union Cabinet.
- The Ministry of Commerce has issued a notification for a unified Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR).
- President Ram Nath Kovind has inaugurated the 4th edition of Global Exhibition on services in Mumbai.
- India Released Grant Of NRs 18.07 Crore To Nepal For River Training.
- India Unveils National Wind-Solar Hybrid Policy.
- Suresh Prabhu Launched Intellectual Property Mascot 'IP Nani'.

BUSINESS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- Bharti Airtel and Telenor India Merger Approved by DoT.
- BSE becomes 1st Indian stock exchange to get US SE's DOSM recognition.
- Tata Steel To Acquire Bhushan Steel Through Its Step-Down Subsidiary Bamnipal Steel.
- Foxconn Unit Writes Off Another \$40 Million In Snapdeal Investment.

- Retail Inflation Surges To 4.58%, WPI At 4-Month High In April.

DEFENCE

- Max Thunder: US-South Korea joint military drill begins.
- Army Finalises Rs 15,000 Crore Ammunition Production Project.

IMPORTANT NEWS- STATES

- The first workshop of Ayushman Bharat Program was held in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.
- Uttarakhand's first City Gas Distribution (CGD) network was inaugurated by the Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat.
- India's 1st solar powered railway station in Guwahati.
- Gujarat Govt. to launch a free treatment scheme for road accident victims.
- PM Modi Laid Foundation Stone Of India's Longest Road Tunnel In J&K.

SPORTS NEWS

- Lewis Hamilton Wins Spanish Grand Prix.
- 1st Para-National Games To Be Held Under Khelo India Scheme.
- India Wins U-16 Four-Nation Football Tournament In Serbia.
- Indian shooter Heena Sidhu clinched the gold medal at the International Shooting Competitions of Hannover (ISCH), in Germany.

