

# Weekly Current G.K.

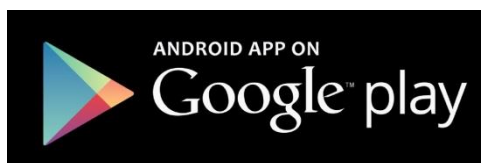
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**RRB:-** 62907 posts for GROUP-D by 31.03.2018

**PPSC:-** 207 posts by 04.04.2018

**NABARD:-** 92 Assistant Manager Posts by 02.04.2018

**Pb&Hr HC:-** 13 clerk Post by 01.05.2018

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **April 2** : World Autism Awareness Day
- **April 5** : National Maritime Day
- **April 6** : International Day of Sport for Development and Peace
- **April 7** : World Health Day

## NATIONAL EVENTS

- **114th Indus Commission meet held in New Delhi** 114th meeting of the Permanent Indus Commission (PIC) took place in New Delhi on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2018. The meeting focused on technical deliberations on various issues related to Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) between India and Pakistan. Indian side that took part in this meeting comprised Indus water commissioner P.K. Saxena, technical experts and a representative of the Union Ministry of External Affairs,

while Pakistani delegation was led by Syed Muhammad Mehar Ali Shah.

- **World-Class tourist amenities unveiled at Konark Sun Temple** On April 1, 2018, Union Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated World-Class tourist amenities at Konark Sun Temple in Odisha. Inauguration of World-Class tourist amenities at Konark Sun Temple coincided with Utkal Diwas the foundation day of Odisha State.
- **IISc Stood First in National institutional ranking framework (NIRF) by HRD ministry** The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Bengaluru has been named the overall best institution in India by the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) of HRD (Human Resource Development) ministry.

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- **Turkey launches construction of first-ever nuclear plant** On April 3, 2018, Russian President Vladimir Putin and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan launched construction of Turkey's first ever nuclear plant on the Mediterranean coast at Akkuyu.

- **China set to unveil world's longest sea bridge** In 2018, China will unveil the world's longest cross-sea bridge, connecting Hong Kong, Macau and mainland China. This cross-sea bridge will be 55km-long and six lanes wide, comprising of four tunnels and four artificial islands.
- **US, South Korea begin "Foil Eagle drill" army drills amid diplomatic thaw** On April 1, 2018, United States and South Korea kicked off the annual military exercise 'Foil Eagle drill'. This edition of 'Foil Eagle drill' will be a low-key event, featuring fewer strategic weapons, as North Korea has proposed to hold summits with the South Korea and US, which has in turn eased the tension and diplomatic rhetoric on Korean peninsula.

### PERSONS IN NEWS

- **Sanjeev Nautiyal** : On April 3, 2018, SBI Life Insurance Company Limited appointed Sanjeev Nautiyal as its new MD and CEO.
- **Debjani Ghosh** : On 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018, Debjani Ghosh took charge as the President of NASSCOM (National Association of Software and Services Companies).
- **Himanta Biswa Sarma** : On 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018, Himanta Biswa Sarma was elected as the President of the Badminton Association of India (BAI) for the next 4 years.
- **Julius Maada Bio** : On 5<sup>th</sup> April 2018, Julius Maada Bio was elected the new President of Sierra Leone.

### OBITUARY

- **Ray Wilkins** : On 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018, Ray Wilkins, ex-England midfielder, passed away after suffering from a cardiac

arrest, at St George's Hospital in Tooting, south-west London.

- **Efrain Rios Montt** : On 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018, former Guatemalan military dictator Efrain Rios Montt died due to heart attack at his residence in Guatemala.
- **C.V. Rajendran**: On 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018, film director CV Rajendran died after a long term illness at a private hospital in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

### PLACES IN NEWS

- **Delhi becomes first city to roll-out Euro VI fuel** : On 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018, Delhi started supplying Ultra-clean Euro-VI or Bharat Stage (BS)-VI grade petrol and diesel without any additional cost in order to curb air pollution. Delhi has become the first city in India to switch from Euro-IV grade petrol and diesel to Euro-VI grade petrol and diesel.
- **Nepal launches its first accessible trekking trail**: India's neighbouring country, Nepal has launched its first accessible trekking trail (for the differently-abled and the elderly) in Pokhara city.
- **Qatar introduces national service for women**  
Qatar has introduced national service for women for the first time as per a law issued by Qatar's Emir Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani.

### AWARDS

- **Chhattisgarh awarded 'State of the Year'** On 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018, Chhattisgarh won the 'State of the Year' Award under the 'business leader' category at the India Business Leader Awards (IBLA) in New Delhi.
- **Study Khazana, an e-portal has been awarded "For best emerging online Education Portal in North India"**

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- **Mangaluru airport adjudged India’s cleanest airport:** Mangalore Airport director V V Rao received the award at the 23rd annual day function of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) in New Delhi on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.
- **Mahendra Singh Dhoni :** On 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018, Mahendra Singh Dhoni was honoured with the Padma Bhushan Award by President Ram Nath Kovind at an event in Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.

## SPORTS

- **Kerala beat West Bengal in dramatic shootout, win Santosh Trophy for the 6th time** On 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018, Kerala defeated West Bengal and won its sixth title in the 72nd Santosh Trophy (Football) at the Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata, West Bengal.
- **Paddler Sathiyam Gnansekaran jumps three places to become World No. 46** Indian Table Tennis player Sathiyam Gnansekaran has reached his career-best ranking of 46 in the latest International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) rankings.
- **South Africa pacer Morne Morkel to retire from International cricket** On April 3, 2018, South African fast bowler Morne Morkel bid adieu to international cricket at the conclusion of South Africa-Australia test series. 33-year-old Morne Morkel had announced his retirement from International Cricket in February 2018 itself, after South Africa-Australia test series, stating that the demanding schedule has put a lot of strain on his family life.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **NASA’s Hubble Telescope captures the most distant star ever seen named ‘Icarus’** National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)’s Hubble Space Telescope has discovered ‘Icarus’, the farthest individual star ever seen. The star has been named Icarus after the Greek mythological character who flew very close to the Sun with wings of feathers and wax that melted. Official name of Icarus is MACS J1149+2223 Lensed Star 1.
- **SpaceX successfully launched its Falcon 9 rocket** On 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018, SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket successfully launched its Dragon spacecraft – SpaceX’s 14<sup>th</sup> commercial resupply services mission to the International Space Station (ISS).

## BUSINESS & ECONOMY

- **India becomes world’s second largest mobile phone producer: ICA** As per information shared by Indian Cellular Association (ICA) with Telecom Minister Manoj Sinha and IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad, India is now the second largest mobile phone producer in the world after China.
- **SoftBank, China’s GCL team up for \$930 million Indian solar venture** SoftBank Group Corp of Japan has planned to launch a \$930 million Indian joint solar energy venture with GCL System Integration Technology Co, a Chinese firm, as part of its India solar investment roadmap.

## MISCELLANEOUS GK

- Central Government’s ‘Gobardhan Yojna’, a scheme for managing and converting cattle dung and solid waste into manure and biogas, will be

launched nationally from Karnal, Haryana on April 30, 2018.

- India has become the ninth most affected country in the world and second most affected country in Asia-Pacific Japan region in cryptojacking activities, as per the 'Internet Security Threat Report' presented by Symantec, a security solutions provider.
- India has surpassed Japan and has become the world's second largest producer of crude steel in February 2018, according to Steel Users Federation of India (SUFI).
- Mukesh Ambani, Chairman of Reliance Industries, owning a fortune of \$38 billion, is Asia's third-richest man and has secured 19<sup>th</sup> rank in the Bloomberg Billionaires Index as of 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018.

1. Indian Air Force
  2. Indian Railway
  3. Indian Navy
  4. Air India
  5. None of these
5. Which city has ranked No.1 among 20 largest cities in India in terms of 4G availability, as per a report by Open Signal?
    1. Mumbai
    2. Bangalore
    3. Patna
    4. Kolkata
    5. None of these
  6. Where is Jammu's first tulip garden located?
    1. Sansar
    2. Katra
    3. Majhin
    4. Rohtak
    5. None of these
  7. Which state government launched Amma Free Wi-Fi zones in 5 cities on 5th April 2018?
    1. Kerala
    2. Tamil Nadu
    3. Telangana
    4. Andhra Pradesh
    5. None of these
  8. Where was the 34th annual session of FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO) held on 5th April 2018?
    1. New Delhi
    2. Mumbai
    3. Kochi
    4. Pune
    5. None of these
  9. Indian Army signed a MoU with which bank regarding the Defence Salary Package on April 3, 2018?
    1. IDBI Bank
    2. HDFC Bank
    3. SBI
    4. IndusInd Bank
    5. None of these
  10. Ridlr, a public transport ticketing and commuting app, has been acquired by\_\_\_\_?
    1. Uber
    2. Ola
    3. Redbus
    3. Ibibo
    4. None of these

## CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

1. On 28th March 2018, a Multi Modal Logistics Park was inaugurated at Balli Station on Konkan Railway route, near Madgaon in \_\_\_\_?
  1. Maharashtra
  2. Gujarat
  3. Goa
  4. Andhra Pradesh
  5. None of these
2. Which state government has launched the "Rupashree" scheme aimed at providing marriage assistance to girls coming from economically weaker families?
  1. Gujarat
  2. West Bengal
  3. Tamil Nadu
  4. Maharashtra
  5. None of these
3. What is the rank obtained by the Indian start up ecosystem among 125 countries, during 2017, as per the report released by StartupBlink?
  1. 35
  2. 37
  3. 45
  4. 15
  5. None of these
4. \_\_\_\_\_ has inducted three '09-3X Dynamic Tamping Express machines', the state of the art integrated track maintenance machines?

**ANSWERS : 32223/12122**