

# Weekly Current G.K.

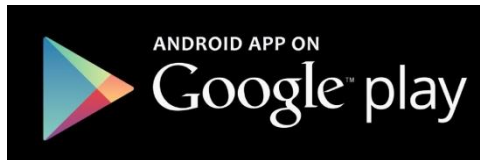
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**RRB:-** 62907 posts for GROUP-D by 31.03.2018

**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 5** :National Maritime Day
- **April 7** :World Health Day
- **April 18** :World Heritage Day
- **April 21** :Secretaries Day
- **April 22** : Earth Day

## NATIONAL EVENTS

- **Tripura CM Launches State Component of PMKVY:** Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb launched the state component of Pradhanmantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna (PMKVY) in Agartala. He assured that the target to give training to more than 1 lakh 16,000 youths by 2020. Tripura is the first state in the North East to implement the state component of PMKVY through Directorate of Skill Development (DSD).

- **PM Modi Launches India's 1st All-Electric High-Speed Train: Prime Minister Narendra Modi** flagged off India's first all-electric high-speed locomotive in Bihar. The first big Make-in-India project completed by France's Alstom, the train has the country's most powerful engine with 12,000 horsepower and a maximum speed of 120 km/hr. The average cost of one high-speed locomotive is around Rs25 crore.

## INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- **Index of Economic Freedom 2018: India Ranks 130th, Hong Kong Tops:** India has jumped 13 places in the last one year to 130th spot in the latest annual Index of Economic Freedom released by a top American think-tank the Heritage Foundation. As per the latest Index of Economic Freedom, China has jumped one spot to 110th and Pakistan is now at 131 position. The top 3 countries in the list are-

- Hong Kong
- Singapore
- New Zealand.
- **President 3-Nation Visit: Signs 4 Agreements With Zambia:** President Ram Nath Kovind has asked Indian Diaspora in Zambia to become the partner in India's growth and asked them to take advantage of **Overseas Citizen of India, OCI** programme. Four MOUs were signed between the two countries which include, the establishment of Entrepreneurship Development Institute in Zambia, taxation, visa exemption on diplomatic passports and judicial cooperation. This is the first time in three decades that a President of India is undertaking a state visit to Zambia.

## PERSONS IN NEWS

- **Balram Bhargava:** Balram Bhargava has been appointed the new Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Secretary of the Department of Health Research.
- **Ban Ki-moon:** Former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has been elected chairman of 'Boao Forum for Asia' (BFA). He has replaced former Japanese Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda.
- **Christian Sewing:** Deutsche Bank AG named Christian Sewing as the Chief Executive officer of the Bank. He has replaced John Cryan. Sewing will take over with immediate effect.

## PLACES IN NEWS

- **Bangladesh:** Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has decided to scrap the quota system in government services after thousands of

students marched across the country in protest against a controversial policy of setting aside jobs for special groups.

- **Gujarat:** Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani approved setting up a **5,000 MW** capacity solar park at the Dholera Special Investment Region (SIR), which would be the largest such entity in the world after its completion. The proposed solar power generation project would be set up in **11,000 hectares of land** with an investment of Rs 25,000 crore.
- **Agartala:** Tripura hosted the first meeting of the **NITI Forum- a unit of NITI Aayog in Agartala.** In this meeting, Chief Ministers of all Northeastern States, Minister of Development of North Eastern Region and senior officials of NITI Aayog and Union Government joined the conclave.

## AWARDS

- **Anushka Sharma :** Bollywood actor Anushka Sharma will be awarded the Dadasaheb Phalke Excellence Award for her successful movies as a producer. The award will be given by an organisation called Dadasaheb Phalke Foundation, a Mumbai-based organisation, which is different from the Government of India instituted Dadasaheb Phalke Award, awarded during National Awards ceremony held annually in New Delhi.

## SPORTS

- **India's Kidambi Srikanth Becomes World No. 1 Badminton Player :** Kidambi Srikanth has become the first Indian male badminton player to attain the world number one ranking since

Prakash Padukone in the 1980s. Srikanth had become the first-ever Indian to win four Superseries titles in a year in 2017. It helped India win gold at the mixed team event at the Commonwealth Games for the first time ever.

- **Sebastian Vettel Wins Bahrain Grand Prix: Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel** won his second Grand Prix in as many races, at the **Bahrain Grand Prix**, while **Mercedes' Valtteri Bottas** finished second by just **0.699 seconds**. Meanwhile, reigning world champion Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton finished third.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- **ISRO Launches Navigation Satellite IRNSS-1I:**

The Indian Space Research Organisation launched the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System-1I, the eighth such satellite to be a part of a constellation. It was launched from the first launch pad at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. **IRNSS-1I** is expected to replace IRNSS-1A, the first of the seven navigation satellites that was rendered ineffective after its three rubidium atomic clocks failed. The seven satellites are part of the NavIC navigation satellite constellation.

## MISCELLANEOUS GK

- **The United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Malaysia** concluded joint military exercise "**Desert Tiger 5**" aimed at sharing expertise and enhancing joint military actions in **Dubai, UAE**.
- **Nation remembers Dr Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar** on his **127th birth**

**anniversary**. Floral tributes were paid at Babasaheb's Statue in the **Parliament House Complex, New Delhi**.

- **On the occasion of Birth anniversary of Dr BR Ambedkar**, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the **phase one of the Ayushman Bharat schemes** that aim at creating a healthy, prosperous and strong India. The first phase of Ayushman Bharat will see 1.5 Lakh such Centers being set up across the country.
- **The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)** launched '**Project Dhoop**', an initiative aimed at shifting the school assembly time to noon to ensure **maximum absorption of Vitamin D** in students through natural sunlight. The project was launched in New Delhi and saw the participation of around 600
- **CWG-2018**
- **Jitu Rai and Mehuli Ghosh Breaks CWG Record**
- **India Win Badminton Team Gold for 1st Time in CWG History**
- **Indian Men's TT Team Wins Gold**
- **Weightlifter Punam Yadav Wins 5th Gold For India**
- **Indian Women's TT Team Wins Gold**
- **Heena Sidhu Wins Gold in 25m Pistol Event**
- **Shooter Shreyasi Singh Wins 12th Gold**
- **Om Mitharval Wins Bronze in Shooting**
- **Sushil Kumar Wins Gold in Wrestling**
- **Rahul Aware Wins India's 1st Wrestling Gold**
- **Tejaswini Sawant Wins India's 5th Shooting Gold**
- **Anish Bhanwala Becomes India's Youngest CWG Gold Medalist**
- **Naman Tanwar Wins India's 1st Boxing Medal**
- **Bajrang Punia Wins His 1st CWG Gold**
- **Sanjeev Rajput Clinches Gold in Shooting**
- **Neeraj Chopra, 1st Indian to Win Gold in Javelin Throw**

- **Mary Kom, 1st Indian Woman to Win CWG Boxing Gold**

## CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

- Name the country with which India has signed 7 MoUs at Defence Expo at Chennai, Tamil Nadu?**
  - France
  - The USA
  - The UK
  - Russia
  - China
- Home Minister Rajnath Singh launched the web-based application e-FRRO scheme under which foreigners can avail, various visa and immigration-related services online. What does 'RR' stands for in e-FRRO?**
  - Rural Registration
  - Regional Registration
  - Re-habitation Registration
  - Remittance Registration
  - None of the given option is true
- Name the body that has recently announced a plan to promote micro-enterprises in 115 aspirational districts across the country after tying up with Common Service Centre (CSC).**
  - RBI
  - SEBI
  - IRDAI
  - EPFO
  - SIDBI
- The Reserve Bank of India tightened reporting norms for which of the following scheme under which an individual can transfer up to USD 2,50,000 abroad in an year?**
  - Forex Reserve Revising Scheme
  - Liberalised Remittance Scheme
  - Retail Remittance Scheme
  - Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana
  - Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana
- Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is in which of the following country to attend the 7th Moscow Conference on International Security?**
  - Netherlands
  - South Africa
  - Indonesia
  - Russia
  - France
- Name the state government that has introduced a new scheme called 'Rupashree' in order to provide marriage assistance to girls coming from economically weaker families with a budgetary allocation of Rs 1500 crore.**
  - Telangana
  - West Bengal
  - Karnataka
  - Odisha

- Bihar
- Reliance Industries Chairman and Managing Director Mukesh Ambani has been ranked \_\_\_\_\_ on Bloomberg Billionaires Top 100 Index.**
    - 21st
    - 25th
    - 19th
    - 14th
    - 10th
  - According to report released by global startup ecosystem map Startup link, India was ranked \_\_\_\_\_ out of 125 countries in global startup ecosystem in 2017.**
    - 27th
    - 30th
    - 35th
    - 37th
    - 45th
  - Name the payment bank that has recently (April 2018) got its approval from RBI to commence its operations as a payments bank.**
    - Jio Payments Bank Limited
    - Bharti Airtel Payment Bank
    - Aditya Birla Payment Bank
    - Paytm Payment Bank
    - None of the given options is true
  - On the first day of competitions at the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games 2018, P Gururaja won the Silver Medal. He is related with which of the following sports?**
    - Archery
    - Shooting
    - Weightlifting
    - Table Tennis
    - Boxing

**ANSWERS: dbebd/bcdac**