

GK BITES : MAY 2016

- Virat Kohli rises to top in ICC T20I rankings
- Oscar Winning Actress Patty Duke Has Passed Away
- Kachhabali Becomes 1st Liquor-free village in Rajasthan
- India-US to sign MoU for building LIGO (Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory) project
- European Investment Bank to loan €450 million for Lucknow Metro
- Vijaya Bank to get Rs 220 crore capital infusion from government
- Nadda launches GIS-enabled HMIS application, self-printing of e-CGHS Card
- Jitendra Jagota Has Appointed As The Chairman of IDSA
- PM Modi And Belgian PM Charles Michel Launch Asia's Biggest Telescope
- Govt. launches Startup India portal and mobile app It was launched by the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP) Ramesh Abhishek
- 4th Nuclear Security Summit begins in Washington,USA
- Partial Liquor ban across Bihar
- German Bank to provide loan assistance of Rs. 3,750 crores for metro system of Nagpur
- Vietnam s parliament elects first female speaker
- Renowned Iraqi-British Architect Zaha Hadid passes away
- First 3D map of Zika virus will help develop treatments and vaccines
- Gatimaan Express, India's Fastest Train, To Debut On 4th April Delhi, to Agra
- ISRO Sign An MoU With The Airport Authority Of India to provide scientific parameters for construction of airports.
- 2nd April : World Autism Awareness Day
- India expects \$500M AIIB loan for solar power projects in 2016
- Nifty Launches New Index For Mid And Small Cap Stocks
- Those earning Rs 50 lakh a year must declare assets
- West Indies Men and Women win World T20
- Shiva Thapa wins Silver medal at Asian/Oceania Qualifying event in China
- Germany's Development Bank KfW to provide loan assistance to metro system for Nagpur
- Renowned journalist Babu Bharadwaj passes away
- Union Government imposes safeguard duty on import of steel products
- Union Government releases Indian Intellectual Property Panorama
- Blackstone To Acquire HP's 60% Stake In Mphasis
- World's largest oil firm Aramco to invest in India
- IIT Madras and IIM Bangalore top the list of best Indian universities
- Vedanta sets Guinness World Record for mass plantation
- "Vidyut Pravah" App Launched By Piyush Goyal
- Green Delhi Initiative Phase 1 Has Launched By Arvind Kejriwal
- India Ranked 6th In Top 10 Largest Manufacturers List : UN Report
- Former Mumbai cricketer Ranjan Baidoor dies aged 61
- Kenya's Kotut and Jepkesho win Paris Marathon
- Viswanathan Anand to be conferred with Hridaynath Award
- World's first public dengue vaccination programme launched in Philippines
- Government releases Rs. 25,834 crore to FCI as Food Subsidy
- Aadhaar enrollments hit 100 cr.
- World's 1st Sanctuary For White Tigers Opens In MP
- India's first Cash Giving App 'CASHe' Launched
- First Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement, 2016-17

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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Stand Up India Scheme
- Mother Dairy Partners Delhi Daredevils As Principal Sponsor
- National Geoscience Awards – 2014 Presented By President
- Odisha Government launches 100 AdarshaVidyalayas and CBSE-affiliated English medium schools in 14 districts of the state
- Complete Ban On Alcohol In Bihar Imposed By State CM
- Government to develop 25 regional airports
- India signs \$100 million draft export pact with IDB
- Madhukar Gupta committee constituted to suggest ways to strengthen security along Indo-Pak border
- Mumbai gets its first-ever AC local train
- Memorial for Abdul Kalam to be opened at DilliHaat
- Manish Sharma first Indian to be Executive Officer Panasonic Corporation
- M H P Rao, The Architect Of Madras Atomic Power Station Passed Away
- World Health Day – 7th April
- Nita Ambani most powerful businesswoman in Asia: Forbes
- Kamla Advani passes away wife of Lal Krishna Advani
- 3rd phase of Mission Indradhanush begin
- IITs to hike fees from Rs. 90k to Rs. 2 lakh for UG courses
- Sigurdur Ingi Johannsson names as new PM of Iceland
- North East-ASEAN Business Summit begins in Imphal
- Indian men win Asian Nations Cup Chess tournament
- Credit Suisse's "Emerging Consumers scorecard 2016" topped by India
- NE-ASEAN Business Summit commenced in Imphal
- Rajasthan becomes the first state in India to clear land title Bill
- WHO publicized Global Report on "Diabetes"
- World Bank initiated "Climate Action Plan"
- Federal Bank-Phillip Capital tie-up announced at Singapore
- Vietnam Parliament approved Nguyen Xuan Phuc as Prime Minister
- GoJavas Appointed Amitabh Coomar As Its New CEO
- HP unveils world's thinnest laptop, business notebook
- Saina sinks to World No. 8, Srikanth out of top 10 in BWF ranking
- Kansai Nerolac ties up with Gujarat Lions for IPL Season 9
- Arvind Kejriwal launches Emraan Hashmi's book "The Kiss of Life How a Superhero and my son defeated cancer"
- Merle Haggard, country music's outsider hero, dies at 79
- Veteran Journalist and Author Yogendra Bali passes away.
- Centre to Issue Universal ID-Cards for Differently-Abled People
- Union Minister Piyush Goyal Lays Foundation Stone for IPDS Work
- 'Green UP – Clean UP' Programme: Five crore trees to be planted in UP
- All UP homes will get power by 2019: Piyush Goyal
- Prime Minister visits Puttingal Devi Temple following fire mishap
- Dubai to build tower taller than Burj Khalifa
- US Navy leads largest maritime exercise in Middle East
- India offers \$20 billion investment in Iran
- Indian-South African judge Navaneetham Pillay bags top French honour
- Delhi girl Priyadarshini Chatterjee crowned Miss India World 2016
- Anthony Joshua claims American's world International Boxing Federation title

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- Centre Recommends Rs. 1,304 Crore For Drought Relief To UP
- BSNL Testing Wi-Fi Technology to Connect 1 Lakh Panchayats in a Year
- Pakistan successfully test-fires anti-ship 'Zarb' missile
- UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize 2016 Received By Khadija Ismayilova
- Centre Constitutes B Tandon Committee to Monitor Government Advertisements
- Priyanka Chopra To Be Awarded With Dadasaheb Phalke Film Foundation Award 2016
- Danny Willett Won US Masters Golf 2016 Championship
- Lee Chong Wei Has Won Malaysian Open 2016
- China Successfully Launches Retrievable Satellite
- PM Modi inaugurates 3rd Asia Ministerial Conference on Tiger Conservation
- 12 April: International Day of Human Space Flight
- Union Government appoints Meeran Borwankar as DG of Bureau of Police Research & Development BPR&D
- President Presents Padma Awards To 56 Eminent Personalities
- G7 Foreign Ministers' Meet Held In Hiroshima
- Fairfax India To Invest \$300 million in Sanmar Chemicals
- Bharti Airtel First Entity To Get Payments Bank Licence From RBI
- Virat Kohli Named As Brand Ambassador Of Premier Futsal Football League
- Indian Teams Clinch Asian Kho Kho Championship Title
- India, Germany sign pact on Ganga Rejuvenation
- Ajay Devgn and Kajol to be brand ambassadors of Andhra Pradesh tourism
- Haryana Government decides to rename Gurgaon as Gurugram
- India may expand by 7.7% in fiscal year 2017: Fitch
- India to notch up to 7.5 pc growth in 2016-17: IMF
- Postal department to launch payments bank by January
- Ex-army chief JJ Singh gets highest French civilian honour
- Padma Sachdev selected for 2015 Saraswati Samman
- India world's largest remittance recipient in 2015: World Bank
- PM Modi launched Gram Uday Se Bharat UdayAbhiyan
- Bernie Sanders Wins TIME 100 Reader's Poll
- Nauru becomes 189th member of IMF, World Bank
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- Vijay Shekhar Sharma appointed chairman of IAMAI payments banks group
- UN observes birth anniversary of Dr. Ambedkar for first time
- Maharashtra becomes first state to pass law against social boycott
- SushilaKarki: First female Chief Justice of Nepal's Supreme Court
- Kerala celebrates harvest festival, Vishu
- Kane Williamson named Wisden Almanack's Cricketer of the Year
- PM Narendra Modi inaugurates Maritime India Summit 2016
- PM launched E-National Agriculture market
- Susmita Pande appointed as Chairman of National Monument Authority (NMA)

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- India offers to invest \$20 billion in oil and other projects in Iran
- India to get \$250m for renewables from New Development Bank
- Google, Rail Tel expand free Wi-Fi service to 9 more railway stations in India
- India, South Korea ink MoU for cooperation in development of Ports
- Ajay Banga appointed as member of US cyber security body
- Delhi ranked 44th among world's 50 'future-ready cities'
- Super computer Param Kanchenjunga launched at Sikkim National Institute of Technology (NIT)
- Himachal Pradesh is celebrating the 69th Himachal Day.
- Malick Sidibe (Photographer) has recently passed away
- Panagarh AFS (Air force Station) renamed after former IAF chief Arjan Singh
- Volodymyr Groysman sworn as new prime minister of Ukraine .
- Delhi Government bans sale of all forms of chewable tobacco for 1 Year.
- BRICS Bank disburses \$250 million loans for renewable energy project to Canara Bank
- Canada ranks near bottom on UNICEF's 'fairness' Report Card
- Australia won the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2016Centre to increase monthly minimum wages to 10,000 rupees for contract labourers
- Govt to launch 'Twitter Seva' for startups on April 21
- Indian Army conducts Shatru jeet battle exercise in Rajasthan
- SC/ST victims to get minimum compensation of Rs 8.5 lakh from state government
- Forbes Releases First Ever 'Global Game Changers' List, Three Indians Make The Cut
- US jury slaps \$940 million fine two companies of India's Tata group
- Dipa Karmakar becomes first Indian woman gymnast to qualify for Olympics
- World Heritage Day being observed across globe
- Nico Rosberg won 2016 Formula 1 Pirelli Chinese Grand Prix
- Rafael Nadal wins Monte Carlo Masters title
- Rangana Herath announces limited-overs retirement
- New Centre for Ganga River Basin Management and Studies
- Banks To Share All Transaction Details In Standard Format
- T N Ninan gets Mumbai Press Club's lifetime achievement award
- Novak Djokovic, Serena Williams bag top honours at Laureus World Sports awards
- World Bank Group to Invest 2.5 Billion US Dollars in Education Projects
- Govt. releases commemorative coins to mark Tatyia Tope Martyrdom Day
- FIH announces new structure of int'l hockey events from 2019
- India's trade deficit declines 5.07 billion dollars in March
- President Pranab Mukherjee presents Hindi SeviSamman for 2012-14
- PCB appoints Inzamam-ul-Haq as new chief selector
- Hockey India decides to withdraw from Sultan of Johor Cup
- IMF, WB, UN and OECD form new group to stop tax erosion
- Harsh Vardhan launches Twinning Network Program in Kohima
- RBL Bank launches branch for startups
- BCCI appoints Rahul Johri as CEO
- Indian-American Geeta Pasi nominated as US envoy to Chad
- Communist Laos appoints new president, prime minister
- Goa appoints Justice P.K. Mishra as Lokayukta
- China suspends G-20 anti-corruption task force
- PM Modi inaugurates super specialty hospital in Katra
- Gujarat govt exempts small salt producers from VAT

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- Government merges Rajiv Gandhi KhelAbhiyan with Khelo India
- Inflation in negative zone for 17th month, at -0.85% in March
- Renowned Hollywood actress Doris Roberts passes away
- India, Mauritius ink MoU to promote traditional medicine
- India's Durga Thakur promoted as FIH international umpire
- PM Modi inaugurates 10th Civil Services Day
- Europe becomes world's first region to end malaria: WHO
- Seven women officers granted permanent commission by Navy
- Women allowed to enter Maharashtra's Trimbakeshwar temple
- Govt. decides Chandigarh to host International Yoga day
- Former WWE women's champion Chyna (45-years) real name Joanie Laurer dies
- Union Cabinet gives nod to operationalisation of IISER Tirupati
- India, China agree for peaceful negotiations to settle border issue
- President honours Chinese professor for promoting Hindi
- Uttarakhand HC quashes President's Rule
- Union Government renames Department of Disinvestment as DIPAM
- 22nd APRIL - EARTH DAY .
- Centre to release 10,000 metric tonnes of pulses from buffer stock
- Chadian President Idriss Deby wins fifth term
- Prince Rogers Nelson(57-years), popularly known as Prince was found dead at his home in suburban Minneapolis.
- Simhastha Kumbh Mela 2016 begins in Ujjain
- Centre appoints A Ajith Kumar as Rubber Board chief
- Comedian Victoria Wood dies after short cancer
- ISRO Scientists develop world's lightest material Silica Aerogel
- President nominates 6 eminent members to Rajya Sabha
- India signs Paris climate pact along with over 170 nations at UN
- Bhupendra Kainthola appointed Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) Director
- Anti-slavery activist Harriet Tubman to replace former US president on \$20 bill
- India replaces China as top FDI destination in 2015: FDI Intelligence Report
- Indian Diplomat Amitav Banerji Honoured By Cyprus
- Govt. to appoint 10,000 new LPG distributors in FY17
- Kendra Sangeet Natak Akademi Samman for 3 Odiya artists
- Flame for Rio Olympic Games Lit in Greece
- Manoj Bajpayee to receive Dadasaheb Phalke award for 'Aligarh'
- 23 April: World Book and Copyright Day
- Salman Khan named as Indian contingent's Goodwill Ambassador for 2016 Rio Olympics
- India, France launch \$1 Trillion Potential Solar Programme under ISA
- India's first online interactive heritage portal Sahapedia launched
- Union Government notifies new rules to revamp SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act

Current Rates after First Bi-monthly Policy 2016-17 -

Repo Rate	6.50%	Reduced by 25 Basis Point
Reverse Repo Rate	6.00%	Increased by 25 Basis Point
Marginal Standing Facility	7.00%	Reduced by 75 Basis Point
Bank Rate	7.00%	

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Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR)	4%	Unchanged
Statutory Liquidity Ratio	21.25 %	Reduced by 25 Basis Point
Base Rate	9.30% - 9.70%	
Savings Deposit Rate	4.00%	
Term Deposit Rate > 1 Year	7.00% - 7.50%	

- 24 April: National Panchayati Raj Diwas
- 25 April: World Malaria Day
- 26th April: World Intellectual Property Day
- Govt. of India has banned import of milk and milk products, certain mobile phones and some other items from China after finding them of poor quality.
- Govt to provide Rs 1 lakh per month to Rio-bound athletes as out of pocket allowance to the sports persons under the Target Olympic Podium (TOP)
- Haryana govt to give free laptops to first 500 meritorious students who would secure 95% marks
- Uber partners with Election Commission in Tamil nadu
- Heart of Asia conference begins in New Delhi
- Missed call service launched for local train updates
- Govt. constitutes Ashok Dalwai committee for doubling farmers' income
- Parliament passes Sikh Gurdwaras (Amendment) Bill, 2016
- Finance Ministry approves 8.7% interest on EPF for 2015-16
- India rower Dattu Bhokanal qualifies for Rio Olympics 2016
- Rafael Nadal wins 9th Barcelona Open 2016
- Mouamba Clement appointed as Prime Minister of Congo
- Centre modifies SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act 1989
- India to host 2018 Commonwealth Judo Championships
- BCCI to host first Day-Night test against New Zealand this year
- Mairaj wins India's first skeet medal at a shooting WC
- Riyad Mahrez becomes first African footballer to win Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) Player of the Year
- Experian India launches new fraud solution for banking and insurance
- Lobsang Sangay re-elected as prime minister of Tibetan government-in-exile
- IT dept to pay interest on TDS refund
- Deepika Kumari equals world record in recurve event at Archery World Cup being held in Shanghai.
- Railway Ministry to set up Rs 1 lakh crore Rashtriya Rail SanrakshaKosh
- Natekar became first non-cricketer to become a member of Cricket Club of India (CCI's) Legend Club
- Govt plans to keep 1% of highways project cost for road safety
- J&K Cabinet approves 5% interest subsidy for flood-hit traders
- Kerala cartoonist VT Thomas passes away
- India successfully launches seventh navigation satellite
- Sudarsan Pattnaik bags gold medal at Sculpture Championship in Moscow (Russia)
- Allan Donald appointed Australia's bowling coach
- Kane Williamson named New Zealand's captain in all three formats
- Sanath Jayasuriya Returns as Sri Lanka Cricket's Chief Selector
- Nagaland's Kohima declared 'smoke-free city'
- The Railway Ministry has decided to set up two new Directorates tasked with increasing the speed of trains and boosting non-fare revenues and advertisement.

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- Shri S. K. Bhagat appointed as DG of Railway Protection Force
- Election Commission of India has launched an innovative mobile application names “e-voter” for Kerala Assembly poles
- Russia launches first rocket from new Vostochny Cosmodrome
- Indian Naval Ships Veer and Nipat decommissioned
- Gujarat govt. decides to provide 10 % reservation to economically backward of higher castes
- China develops graphene electronic paper
- Odisha CM launches 100 piped water supply projects
- Garima wins gold at Commonwealth Judo Championship

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