

RBI lowers GDP growth forecast to 7.2% for 2019-20

The RBI lowered the GDP growth forecast for the current fiscal to 7.2 per cent from the earlier estimate of 7.4 per cent amid probability of El Nino effects on monsoon rains and uncertain global economic outlook. The central bank had projected the GDP growth for 2019-20 at 7.4 per cent. The Monetary Policy Committee of India (MPC), **headed by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das**, noted that the output gap remains negative and the domestic economy is facing headwinds, especially on the global front.

Kohli second Indian to complete 8,000 T20 runs

Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) skipper **Virat Kohli** became **only the second Indian player after Suresh Raina to score 8,000 runs in T20 cricket during the Indian Premier League match against Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru**. Kohli also became the highest run-getter in IPL history, bettering Raina here as well. Kohli now has 5,110 runs in his kitty to Raina's 5,086. Kohli got to the landmark in his 257th match

Nasscom appoints WNS's Keshav Murugesh its Chairman

The Indian IT industry's apex **body Nasscom (National Association of Software and services companies)** said WNS global services' Chief Executive Keshav Murugesh will be its new Chairman for fiscal 2019-20. Global software services' Infosys' Chief Operating Officer U.B. Pravin Rao will be the new Vice Chairman of Nasscom for FY20.

David Malpass elected as World Bank President

Former Under Secretary of United States Treasury Department, David Malpass, was appointed as **the 13th president of the World Bank Group**. On February 6, US President Donald Trump had nominated Malpass for the candidature in the elections to appoint the next president of the World Bank.

- **Extra info.: World Bank Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States**

Praful Patel becomes the first Indian in FIFA Executive Council

Praful Patel, president of **All India Football Federation (AIFF)**, has become the **first Indian to be elected as a member of FIFA Executive Council**. Patel, who serves as a Senior Vice President at the Asian Football Confederation (AFC), was one of the eight candidates vying for the spot in the election, which was held during the 29th AFC Congress in Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia .

National Maritime Day

The **National Maritime Day (NMD)** is observed every year on 5 April to commemorate the maiden voyage of the first Indian owned ship “**SS Loyalty**” sailed from **Bombay to London on 5th April 1919**. This year is its 55th edition of NMD and the theme is “**Indian Ocean-An Ocean of opportunity**”. The NMD is being observed annually since 1964.



Prevention of Blindness Week 2019

- **April 1 to 7 is observed as Prevention of Blindness Week** every year in India. It is observed to alert and awaken the society towards various factors which causes blindness. It is **organised by National Society for the Prevention of Blindness-India (NSPB-I)** along with the support of state and local branches. Initiated in 1960, Prevention of Blindness Week was **launched by Jawaharlal Nehru and Raj Kumari Amrit Kaur, under Societies Registration Act of 1860**.

- **Sheikh Salman designated to be president of Asian Football Confederation**

On 6th April, 2019, **Gianni Infantino, President of FIFA** (Federation Internationale de Football Association) hailed the **re-election of Sheikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa**, Asian football chief to help the region move forward in stability.

Key points

- i. Sheikh Salman will extend his term as president until at least 2023.
- ii. He Sheikh Salman has returned unopposed in the election after Mohammed Khalfan Al Romaithi and Saoud Al Mohannadi.

Asian Football Confederation:

- ◆ Headquarters: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- ◆ President: Salman Bin Ibrahim Al-Khalifa

About FIFA:

- ◆ **Headquarters:** Zurich, Switzerland
- ◆ **President:** Gianni Infantino

International day of Sport for development and Peace – April 6

The United Nations’ (UN) International day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDS DP) is observed annually on April 6 to recognize the power of sport in promoting peace and erasing cultural barriers worldwide.