


GK Power Capsule – April` 2014 (The Hindu Review)

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1. Reserve Bank of India Governor Raghuram Rajan kept the repo rate unchanged in Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy on 1st April since retail inflation still remains 'sticky', but introduced steps to increase liquidity and contain volatility in the money market.
 - a. Bank Rate – 9 % (Unchanged)
 - b. Cash Reserve Ratio – 4 % (Unchanged)
 - c. Statutory Liquidity Ratio – 23 % (Unchanged)
 - d. Repo Rate – 8 % (Unchanged)
 - e. Reverse Repo Rate – 7 % (Unchanged)
 - f. Marginal Standing Rate – 9 % (Unchanged)
2. The 15th International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards 2014 was held in Tampa Bay, US from 23 April to 26 April 2014.
 - a. Best Picture - Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra - Bhaag Milkha Bhaag
 - b. Best Direction - Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra - Bhaag Milkha Bhaag
 - c. Performance in a Leading Role (Male) - Farhan Akhtar - Bhaag Milkha Bhaag
 - d. Performance in a Leading Role (Female) - Deepika Padukone - Chennai Express
 - e. Music Direction - Mithoon, Ankit Tiwari, Jeet Ganguly - Aashiqui 2
 - f. Outstanding Contribution To International Cinema - John Travolta
 - g. Lifetime Achievement - Shatrughan Sinha
3. The 61st National Film Awards for 2013 was announced in New Delhi on 16 April 2014 by the Directorate of Film Festivals. Ship of Theseus directed by Anand Gandhi was selected as the Best feature film.
 - a. Best Actor – Raj Kumar for Shahid in hindi
 - and Suraj Venjaramoodu for Perariyathavar in Malayalam
 - b. Best Actress – Geetanjali Thapa for Liar's Dance in Hindi
 - c. Best Direction – Hansal Mehta for film Shahid
4. Economic Affairs Secretary Arvind Mayaram has been designated as new Finance Secretary. Previous Finance secretary was Sumit Bose.



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5. Justice Rajendra Mal Lodha was appointed as 41st Chief Justice of India. He will succeed Justice P. Sathasivam.
6. Justice G Rohini was appointed as the Next Chief Justice of Delhi High Court.
7. Ratan Tata was appointed as a member of the Board of Boao Forum for Asia (BFA). The post is a rare distinction for an Indian in the Chinese government-backed influential body.



8. Viktor Orban was re-elected as Prime Minister of Hungary for the second consecutive four-year term.
9. Rajeev Suri appointed as President and CEO of Nokia Corporation.
10. Marie-Lousie Coleiro Preca was sworn-in as the President of Malta.
11. R Gandhi was appointed as the Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India for a period of three years. He replaced Anand Sinha.
12. D K Pathak was appointed as the new Director General of the Border Security Force.
13. Karim Massimov, the Chief of Staff of Kazakhstan was named as the new Prime Minister of the country by the President, Nursultan Nazarbayev.
14. President Francois Hollande appointed Interior Minister Manuel Valls as next prime minister of France.
15. NR Narayana Murthy was honoured with the 2014 Canada India Foundation Chachalani Global Indian Award in Toronto, Canada.
16. Environmental activist Ramesh Agrawal won the prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize for the year 2014.
17. Hollywood star John Travolta received the Most Popular All Time International Star in India at the International Indian Film Academy. The 15th IIFA awards were held in Tampa Bay, Florida from 23 to 26 April 2014.
18. Time Magazine released the 100 most influential people in the world list on 24 April 2014. The four Indian have made it in to the list. The cover page of

the annual issue of Times Magazine features American Pop singer Beyonce Knowles. The Four Indians who made in to the list are Narendra Modi, Arvind Kejriwal, Arundhati Roy and Arunachalam Muruganantham.

19. Vijay Seshadri won the prestigious 2014 Pulitzer Prize in the poetry category.
20. Ratan Tata received the Knight Grand Cross award by UK Government.
21. Union Government announced that legendary poet and film lyricist Gulzar was selected for the 45th Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2013.
22. British-American physicist Stuart Parkin won Millennium Technology Prize 2014.
23. Indian American novelist, Jhumpa Lahiri's Lowland has been shortlisted for the 2014 Baileys Women's Prize for Fiction.
24. Koyal Rana won the 51st edition of the Femina Miss India 2014 crown.
25. MS Dhoni won the United Kingdom's 2014 Asian Award for outstanding achievement in Sports.
26. Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd recieved the Most Efficient Navratna Award for the year 2013.
27. Renowned music director Zubin Mehta won the special jury award of Times Now NRI Awards 2014.
28. George Clooney stepped down from his role as UN's Messenger of Peace amid the reports of his engagement with the human rights lawyer, Amal Alamuddin.
29. Union Ministry of External Affairs appointed Suresh Kumar Reddy as India's first Ambassador to the separate Indian Mission to Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) & East Asia Summit.
30. Indian-American professor Rajendra Singh was named as one of ten Solar Champions of Change by the White House.
31. Indian-American hotelier Sant Singh Chatwal pleaded guilty at a US court for violating federal election laws by using straw donors.
32. President Barack Obama nominated Sunil Sabharwal as the next US Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).
33. Election Commission confirmed Amir Khan as its national icon for the Lok Sabha elections 2014. The

other four national icons were President A P J Abdul Kalam, cricketer M S Dhoni, badminton star Saina Nehwal and boxer Mary Kom.

34. British actor Bob Hoskins died.
35. Arturo Licata, the World's oldest man died in Italy.
36. Gabriel Garcia Marquez, the Nobel laureate in literature died.
37. Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Anja Niedringhaus shot dead by a policeman in Afghanistan.
38. Prime Minister of South Korea Chung Hong-won resigned. He resigned over the government's inability and untimely response to the ferry disaster that happened on 16 April 2014.
39. Nancy Powell, the US Ambassador to India announced her resignation.
40. Earthquake of magnitude 8.3 on Richter Scale struck Solomon Islands on 13 April 2014.
41. The Supreme Court reconstituted a Special Investigation Team to monitor the probe into the black money case. Court appointed retired judge MB Shah as its Chairman and retired Judge Arijit Pasayat as the Vice Chairman.
42. The Supreme Court constituted a three-member committee headed by N R Madhava Menon to frame guidelines to prevent misuse of public funds by the government and its authorities by providing advertisements in newspapers and television.
43. South Korean ferry carrying 459 passengers and crew drowned on 16 April 2014. The ferry ran into trouble some 20 kilometres off the island of Byungpoong.
44. United States and India launched a reading initiative named READ (Read-Engage-Achieve-Dream) Alliance. This initiative has been launched with an aim to improve the reading skills of millions of primary school-aged children in India.
45. Publisher Simon & Shuster announced that they will release a book named Hard Choices authored by Hillary Rodham Clinton.
46. A memoir entitled "Crusader or Conspirator? Coalgate and other Truths" authored by former Coal Secretary PC Parakh was released.

47. A memoir entitled the 'The Accidental Prime Minister: the making and unmaking of Manmohan Singh' authored by Sanjaya Baru was released.
48. India dropped to 78 in the latest Freedom of the Press freedom index. Sweden topped the list.
49. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released its report titled Climate Change 2014: Impacts, Adaptation, and Vulnerability in Yokohama, Japan. The report warns that due to global warming, poorer Nations may see fall in their GDP by 2%.

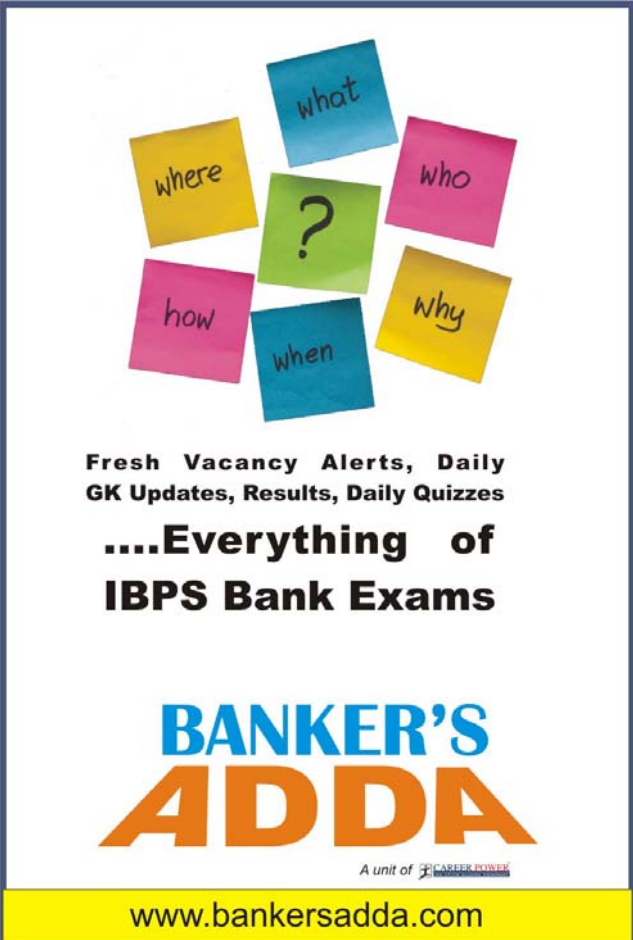


50. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited handed over a Dornier Nabhrathna light-weight aircraft to DRDO.
51. India successfully test fired indigenously-developed surface-to-air Akash missile from at Chandipur Wheelers island Odisha.
52. India test-fired an exo-atmospheric interceptor missile, called Prithvi Defence Vehicle with capability to neutralise any long-range missile at higher altitude. This interceptor was test-fired for the first time from Integrated Test Range at Wheeler Island, about 100 km from Balasore in Odisha.
53. Admiral Robin K Dhowan took over as the 22nd Chief of Indian Navy. He is a successor of Admiral DK Joshi, who resigned taking moral responsibility of the accident on INS Sindhuratna in Mumbai.
54. Stockholm International Peace Research Institute released a report. World military expenditure declined by 1.9 percent in real terms, since 2012. The release ranked India at the ninth position in the list of top spenders in 2013 compared to 8th rank in 2012. As per the report the three highest spenders with substantial increases are China, Russia and Saudi Arabia.
55. INS Vikrant, the decommissioned aircraft carrier of the Indian Navy has been sold for 60 crore rupees to a company named IB Commercial Pvt Ltd.

56. India and Nepal started a joint military exercise named Ex-Surya Kiran Drills VI at Saljhandi in Rupandehi district of Nepal.
57. India threatened to drag the European Union to the World Trade Organization if the 28-nation bloc did not lift its ban on the import of Indian mangoes and vegetables.
58. Petroleum minister M Veerappa Moily has made it clear that once the Election Commission lifts its model code of conduct on May 12, its order for the deferment of a new gas pricing regime based on the Rangarajan formula will cease to exist and a price hike would come into effect.
59. Government said foreign investors will pay only 5 per cent withholding tax on interest earned from such investments till May 2015.
60. The United States named China and India among countries on its blacklist of countries failing to properly protect US copyrights and patents but kept their status unchanged from the previous review.
61. India is now the world's third largest economy in terms of purchasing power parity, ahead of Japan and behind the US and China which hold the top two spots. This was revealed by the 2011 round of the World Bank's International Comparison Program (ICP) released.
62. Centre revealed names of 18 persons in the Supreme Court who allegedly stashed black money with LST Bank in Liechtenstein and against whom prosecution have been launched by the Income Tax department.
63. Social Progress Index 2014 has put India at a dismal rank of 102. The study measures a country's achievement on three pillars of satisfying Basic Human Needs, Foundations of Wellbeing, and Opportunity to progress. Top three countries are New Zealand, Switzerland and Iceland.
64. Given even the first forecast of the met predicts a 60% chance of El Niño and a 23% chance of a deficit monsoon, the government is taking no chances and is finalising a comprehensive contingency plan for 500-odd districts to deal with any exigency.
65. India slid down to 83rd spot among 148 economies in terms of leveraging information and communications technologies (ICT) for growth and well being, says a World Economic Forum report.
66. The railways will launch semi-high-speed trains that will run at an average speed of 130 km per hour. To start with, these trains are expected to become operational on three routes — Delhi-Chandigarh, Delhi-Lucknow and Delhi-Bhopal — by the end of this year.
67. Andhra Pradesh has recorded highest growth in terms of both milk production and per-capita milk availability at over 41 per cent and about 36 per cent, respectively.
68. India has concluded an 'in substance' agreement with the US to combat possible tax evasion by Americans through Indian financial entities. The 'in substance' agreement with India under Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) was concluded on April 11, the US Treasury said.
69. The Supreme Court lifted the nearly one-and-a-half-year ban on iron ore mining in Goa.
70. International Monetary Fund expects country's economic growth to move up to 5.5 per cent in the current fiscal and 6.25 per cent in the next fiscal.
71. China's economic growth recorded its slowest pace in 18 months at the start of 2014. The economy grew 7.4 percent in the January-March quarter from a year earlier.
72. Finance ministers and central bank governors of the Group of 20 Nations reiterated their commitment to boost global growth by 2 per cent, or over USD 2 trillion, over the next five years and achieve exchange rate flexibility. G-20 said in a communique issued on the sidelines of the annual spring meeting of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank in Washington.
73. Having received USD 70 billion in 2013, India has topped the list of countries receiving remittances from overseas workers, the World Bank said.
74. Global rating agency Fitch pegged India's growth at 5.5 percent in the current fiscal and 6 percent in 2015-16.

75. Gold and silver imports declined 40 per cent to USD 33.46 billion in 2013-14 mainly due to restrictions imposed by the government. Imports of gold and silver in 2012-13 stood at USD 55.79 billion.
76. Foreign direct investment (FDI) in the services sector declined by about 61 per cent year-on-year to USD 1.8 billion during April-January.
77. Congress CM Prithviraj Chavan's Maharashtra has emerged as the number one investment destination in India replacing Gujarat.
78. India's GDP is poised to accelerate to 5.5 per cent in 2014-15 on the back of improved performance in industry and services but it may take some time for the country to reach its potential growth rate, says an Asian Development Bank (ADB) report.
79. In a bid to prevent bank failures in the future, a high-powered panel has proposed the setting up of a Financial Resolution Authority (FRA) to deal with any exigency in a financial institution and even allow "temporary public ownership" of troubled banks. The committee under Financial Stability and Development Council, chaired by RBI deputy governor Anand Sinha, said the experience and expertise of Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) could be transformed into the proposed FRA to deal with failures of banks.
80. Reserve Bank's plan to put in circulation Rs 10 plastic currency notes on trial basis will be delayed as the initial bids have failed to qualify the technical criteria and the whole process will start again. The selected cities are Kochi, Mysore, Jaipur, Shimla and Bhubaneswar.
81. The Foreign Investment Promotion Board deferred a decision on HDFC Bank's proposal to increase its overseas shareholding limit to 67% from 49%.
82. Government is planning to make additional infusion of up to Rs 7,000 crore in the public sector banks during the current fiscal. In the interim budget, the government provided Rs 11,200 for the public sector banks.
83. Of the 369 million debit and credit cards in the country, 10-15 per cent are used only for online transactions, the Reserve Bank said.

84. Qatar-based Doha Bank has entered into an agreement with HSBC Bank Oman to purchase the latter's banking business in India.



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85. Stepping up pressure on public sector banks (PSBs) to bring down bad loans, the finance ministry has widened its monitoring of non-performing assets (NPA) from 'top 30' NPA accounts to 'top 50' for all state-owned lenders.
86. ICICI Bank has lodged an FIR in a city police station alleging fake currency notes with a face value Rs 10 crore were deposited in its different branches in the past several years.
87. After launching accounts on Facebook and Youtube, the country's largest lender SBI took one more step on the social media front by launching a twitter handle.
88. IDFC Ltd and Bandhan Financial Services Pvt Ltd won banking licences, with the Raghuram Rajan's RBI approving permits for only two of the 25 applicants.

- 89.** Reserve Bank asked banks not to levy penal charges on customers who don't maintain a minimum balance in basic savings bank accounts.
- 90.** A recent and most modern acquisition of the Indian Air Force from the United States, the C-130J Super Hercules military transport aircraft, crashed near Gwalior.



- 91.** Fiji's military rulers set September 17 as the date for the South Pacific nation's first democratic elections in nearly eight years following a military coup.
- 92.** India's total external debt stock stood at \$426 billion as on December 31, 2013, or 5.2 per cent higher than that on March 31, 2013. The external debt to gross domestic product (GDP) ratio has marginally worsened to 23.3 per cent from 21.8 per cent.
- 93.** Ajay S. Shriram has been elected President of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2014-15. He succeeds S. Gopalakrishnan.
- 94.** The BJP announced the expulsion of senior leader Jaswant Singh and Subhash Mahariya for six years.
- 95.** President Pranab Mukherjee cleared the re-promulgation of the SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) Ordinance. The move to arm the regulator with more stringent powers against the proliferation of chit fund companies and the Rs.2,000-crore Sardhaa chit fund scam.
- 96.** The UN's International Court of Justice (ICJ) asked Japan to stop its whaling programme in the Antarctic. Japan catches about 1,000 whales each year in the region for what it calls scientific research.
- 97.** Communications satellite INSAT-3E has completed its life and gone out of service.
- 98.** The Centre will provide an assistance of Rs. 352 crore to farmers for replanting horticulture crops that were hit by untimely rain and hailstorm earlier this month in parts of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and Rajasthan. The fund

release was sanctioned by an Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) headed by Union Agriculture Minister Sharad Pawar.

- 99.** RBI Governor, Raghuram Rajan said that the central bank had adopted the new Consumer Price Index as the key measure of inflation instead of Wholesale Price Index.
- 100.** NATO decided to freeze bilateral cooperation, while the European Union promised to help Ukraine reduce its energy dependence on Russia.
- 101.** The RBI-appointed Urjit Patel panel, in its report, has set CPI target of 8 per cent by 2015 and 6 per cent by 2016.
- 102.** Axis Bank, on the occasion of its 20th anniversary, announced the launch of 'Asha Home Loan', a 30-year home loan product for first time home buyers in the lower income segment, seeking affordable EMIs.
- 103.** The 1992 Babri Mosque demolition was an "act of planned sabotage", news portal Cobrapost claimed on the basis of a sting operation it carried over a period of two years.
- 104.** India marched towards establishing its own navigation system when its Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C24) put into precise orbit the country's second navigation satellite, the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS-1B). IRNSS-1B will form part of a constellation of the seven navigation satellites. It was the 25th success in a row for the PSLV, after it majestically lifted off from the first launch pad at Sriharikota.
- 105.** Doha Bank will be opening its first branch in Mumbai next month.
- 106.** The Uttar Pradesh police lodged an FIR in Bijnore against Bharatiya Janata Party's general secretary in-charge of Uttar Pradesh Amit Shah for his alleged "hate speech" in Muzaffarnagar.
- 107.** India was the third most affected country in 2013 by the notorious Zeus malware-attack that is used to steal sensitive data from industries like finance.
- 108.** Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Jio Infocomm has signed an agreement with younger brother Anil Ambani-controlled Reliance Communications

- (RCom) for sharing the latter's extensive intra-city optic fibre infrastructure.
- 109.** Social media giant Facebook has crossed 100 million active users in India, its largest base outside the US.
- 110.** Sabotage is one of the six possible reasons for the sinking of kilo-class submarine INS Sindhurakshak in August 2013 according to the committee report chaired by Commodore Deepak Bisht.
- 111.** India's Mars Orbiter completed half the distance of its epic voyage to the red planet. On 10 April, the spacecraft sailed past 34 crore kilometres of its 68-crore-km curved path. On November 5, 2013, the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C25) put the Mars Orbiter into its earth-orbit. ISRO has been continuously monitoring the spacecraft using its deep space network station at Byalalu, near Bangalore.
- 112.** The World Bank projected an economic growth rate of 5.7 per cent in fiscal year 2014 for India.
- 113.** The National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom) appointed Executive Vice-Chairman of Cognizant India R. Chandrasekaran as its Chairman for 2014-15.
- 114.** Delhi witnessed a record 64.77 per cent voter turnout.
- 115.** State Bank of India has hit the overseas bond market with a dual tranche benchmark issue of 5-year and 10-year maturity to raise up to \$1 billion.
- 116.** Election Commission directed the Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh to initiate criminal proceedings against Azam Khan and Amit Shah and ban public meetings where they are expected to be present.
- 117.** India has decided to send the naval stealth frigate INS Shivalik to participate in an international fleet review and maritime exercise hosted by the Chinese Navy on April 23. China's People's Liberation Army (PLA) Navy is hosting the review and exercise in the northeastern port of Qingdao, the headquarters of its North Sea fleet, as it prepares to mark its 65th anniversary with great fanfare.
- 118.** Gunmen attacked Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Saleh al-Mutlak's convoy in the Abu Ghraib area west of Baghdad.
- 119.** Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA) imposed a fine of Rs.1.77 crore on Reliance Life Insurance for violation of various norms.
- 120.** U.S. regulators have warned Facebook and WhatsApp to uphold the data privacy of their users, following the announcement of their \$19 billion merger.
- 121.** Libya's interim Prime Minister Abdullah al-Thani stepped down.
- 122.** In a ground-breaking trial, researchers in the UK will test artificial blood made from human stem cells in patients for the first time.
- 123.** Supreme Court recognised the transgender community as a third gender along with male and female.
- 124.** Noida Authority sealed realty firm Supertech's two 40-storey towers with more than 800 flats following the Allahabad High Court's order to demolish the buildings.
- 125.** India-born poet Vijay Seshadri has won the prestigious 2014 Pulitzer Prize in the poetry category for his collection of poems "3 Sections."
- 126.** State Bank of India launched three digital banking facilities at the customer's door step using TAB banking; one for customers opening Savings Bank accounts and another for Housing Loan applicants. The third is e-KYC (Know your Customer).
- 127.** The Mt Gox bitcoin exchange in Tokyo is headed for liquidation after a court rejected its bankruptcy protection application.
- 128.** The Supreme Court made it clear that it was open to the Delhi Lieutenant-Governor deciding on the timing for dissolution of the Assembly and it could not impose any opinion on him or the President of India as to when they should take a call on the issue.
- 129.** The Supreme Court made it clear that private companies that share revenue from natural resources such as spectrum with the government would be subjected to audit by the Comptroller and Auditor General.

- 130.**Russia, the United States, the European Union and Ukraine have agreed on a plan to resolve the crisis in Ukraine through a constitutional reform that would grant more powers to Russian-speaking regions. After eight-hour talks in Geneva, the Foreign Ministers of the four nations signed a joint statement on de-escalation of the Ukraine crisis.
- 131.**India's foreign exchange reserves jumped to \$309.444 billion in the week ended April 11 on the back of a healthy rise in currency assets.
- 132.**China has for the first time released details of its recently announced "maritime Silk Road" plan, announcing that the Indian Ocean-focused initiative will prioritise building ports and improving infrastructure in littoral countries like Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.
- 133.**Syria will hold presidential elections on June 3, despite a civil war.
- 134.**After a six-year-long court battle, Rohit Shekhar heaved a sigh of relief when the Delhi High Court decreed him to be the biological son of Congress leader N.D. Tiwari.
- 135.**For the first time, senior Indian Army officers interacted with the Chinese General responsible for troop operations on implementing the Border Defence Cooperation Agreement (BDCA).
- 136.**Pakistan conducted a successful training launch of the short range surface-to-surface ballistic missile Hatf III (Ghaznavi), which can carry nuclear and conventional warheads to a range of 290 km.
- 137.**Reserve Bank of India has suggested that banks introduce two-stage authentication to ensure security of transactions. The banks have been mandated to issue EMV (card with chip and pin) to certain category of customers and for the other customers, banks have been given option to either issue EMV cards or adopt Aadhaar biometric authentication as additional factor of authentication.
- 138.**India has concluded an 'in substance' agreement with the U.S. to combat possible tax evasion by Americans through Indian financial entities. The 'in substance' agreement with India under the Foreign


Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) was concluded on April 11, the U.S. Treasury said.

- 139.**Promoters of National Power Exchange have decided to wind up the company. National Power Exchange is jointly promoted by NTPC, PFC and NHPC and private sector Tata Consultancy Services.
- 140.**India and Bhutan signed an agreement for the development of joint hydropower projects in a bid to further strengthen their bilateral strategic partnership.



- 141.**Air passengers can now use portable electronic devices such as mobiles, laptops and tablets in all phases of flight, the Directorate General Civil Aviation (DGCA) said.
- 142.**AAP leader Somnath Bharti was on assaulted allegedly by BJP workers at the Assi ghat at an election-related programme.
- 143.**WhatsApp now has 500 million regular, active users around the world. Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg announced in February that his social network was acquiring WhatsApp for \$19 billion.
- 144.**The Supreme Court has clarified that children born out of a live-in relationship, where the couple have lived together for a long time as husband and wife, could not be called illegitimate.
- 145.**Siddharth, a Hindi film by Indian-Canadian director Richie Mehta, was the surprise winner at the Beijing film festival.
- 146.**The tiny Pacific nation of the Marshall Islands is taking on the United States and the world's eight other nuclear-armed nations. The island group that was used for dozens of U.S. nuclear tests after World War II was filing a suit against each of the nine countries in the International Court of Justice in The Hague, Netherlands.
- 147.**The much-publicised Inflation-Indexed Bonds (IIBs) failed to attract investor interest, either retail or institutional, in the last financial year. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is now planning to re-launch this product in a restructured form.


- 148.**The Enforcement Directorate filed a “prosecution complaint” before a Delhi court against former Telecom Minister A. Raja, Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam MP K. Kanimozhi and DMK chief M. Karunanidhi's wife Dayalu Ammal among others for money laundering in the 2G spectrum allocation case.
- 149.**Japan and the United States have announced joint support for the U.N. Women’s Safe City Programme in Delhi. The announcement was made during U.S. President Obama’s visit to Tokyo.
- 150.**Ecuador’s President Rafael Correa has ordered all U.S. military officers to leave the country by the end of the month and cancelled a security cooperation programme with the Pentagon, U.S. officials said.
- 151.**Syria still holds around eight per cent of its declared chemical weapons material, as the deadline for it to be handed over expired on 27 April according to Sigrid Kaag, head of the joint Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons-U.N. team.
- 152.**The Philippines and the United States announced they would sign an agreement to allow a greater U.S. military presence on Filipino soil for the next decade.



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