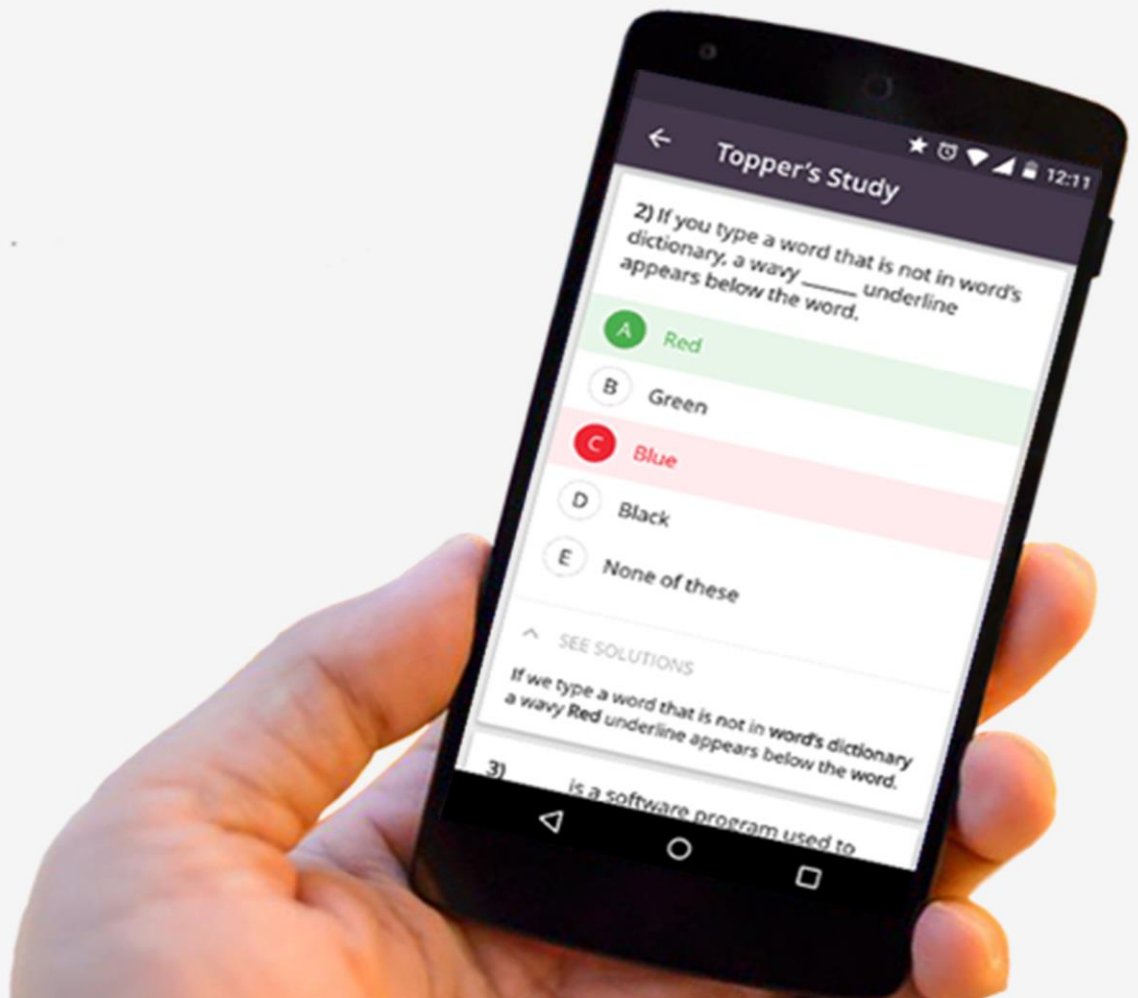




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**Weekly One Liner Updates**  
**8<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

**Dear readers,**

Weekly One Liner Updates is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the **Second week (8<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>) of November 2017**. This file is important for, **Banking interviews** and all upcoming Banking & Insurance exams.

**Banking & Financial Awareness**

1. Digital payment platform has introduced payments using “BHIM UPI” BHIM (Bharat Interface for Money) UPI (Unified Payment Interface) on its platform\_\_**Paytm**.  
**Note:**
  - Now, users can create their own Paytm BHIM UPI ID on the app, which will be issued by Paytm Payments Bank.
  - As per the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) guidelines, users can send up to Rs. 1 lakh a day using BHIM UPI; while there's no receiving limit.
2. All direct-to-home (DTH) operators to enable online payment system to promote digital transaction \_\_ **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)**.  
**Note:**
  - The initiative will help in promoting a less-cash economy and provide convenience to consumers.
  - DTH operators should enable online payment system using BHIM, UPI and Bharat QR code.
3. India has signed a loan agreement with World Bank for the Odisha higher education programme for excellence and equity project\_\_ **119 million Dollar**.  
**Note:**
  - The objective of the project is to improve the quality of students' equitable access to selected institutions and enhance governance of the higher education system in Odisha.
4. The Union govt has doubled the import duty on wheat to curb cheap shipments and give positive price signal to farmers in the ongoing Rabi season\_\_**20%**.  
**Note:**
  - It has also imposed import duty of 50% on peas to check cheaper shipments from countries like Canada and to boost domestic prices.
  - It seeks to increase rate of basic customs duty on wheat from 10 to 20% and on Peas from present Nil rate to 50%.
5. Bank of China's first branch in South Asia \_\_\_\_ **Karachi (Pakistan)**.  
**Note:**
  - The bank would strengthen the "brotherly relations" between the two countries in the financial sector.
6. The Reserve bank of India (RBI) has asked banks to provide doorstep banking facilities to senior citizens (above 70 years) and differently-abled persons by\_\_ **December 2017**.  
**Note:**
  - Banks have also been advised that a fully KYC compliant account should automatically be converted into a 'Senior Citizen Account' based on the date of birth available in the bank's records.
  - The RBI asked banks to provide a minimum of 25 cheques leaves every year for a savings bank account free of charge.
7. Full GST council headed by Union Finance minister Arun Jaitley meet and review the impact of the new tax regime in the first quarter of its implementation in \_\_ **Guwahati**.
8. HDFC Bank has announced the launch of its SmartUp Zone in \_\_ **Kochi**.  
**Note:**
  - The objective is to harness the potential of the startup and fintech eco-system using a multi-pronged approach.

- **SmartUp Zones** will be launched in over 65 branches in 30 cities across India.
9. UAE's Emirates NBD has started operations in India by opening a branch in \_\_\_**Mumbai**.
- Note:**
- This branch is Emirates NBD's fifth international branch outside of its UAE, offer a range of services to corporate, institutional clients and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)
  - The bank has planned to invest USD 100 million capital into its Indian operations over a period of time.
10. The bank has "strategic alliance" with mobile wallet major MobiKwik to launch a co-branded virtual Visa prepaid card for customers of MobiKwik \_\_\_ **IDFC Bank**.
- Note:**
- This pre-paid card will now allow MobiKwik users to shop from Amazon or Flipkart where currently MobiKwik wallet use is not allowed.
  - This Visa pre-paid card is replica of the wallet and can be used anywhere.
11. GST Council reduces tax on 178 items from 28 to \_\_\_**18%**.
- Note:**
- Tax on 178 items have been reduced to 18% from 28% and only 50 items now remain in the highest tax slab of 28%.
  - The Council has decided that food at all restaurants in the country, except those in starred hotels, will be taxed at 5% rather than 18%, without Input Tax Credit (ITC).
  - The new rates will be effective from the 15th of this month.
12. American digital payments company has launched domestic operations in India \_\_\_**PayPal**.
- Note:**
- Indian consumers will be able to make transactions at select online merchants.
  - Indian customers will not be able to store any money in their PayPal accounts as the company is yet to receive a prepaid payment instrument (PPI) licence from the RBI.

## Obituaries

1. Padma literature who wrote a 'cartoon poem' every day in 'Janvarta' passed away at Varanasi\_\_\_ **Shri Manu Sharma**.
- Note:**
- He was elected by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi as the Navratna for the Cleanliness Campaign.
2. Former Prime Minister of Nepal passed away at Kathmandu\_\_\_ **Kirti Nidhi Bista**.
- Note:**
- He served three times as Prime Minister from 1969 to 1970, 1971 to 1973 and 1977 to 1979.
3. Recently Veteran cyclist passed away in an accident on the Sion-Panvel highway\_\_\_ **Ashok Khale**.
- Note:**
- He had represented India in Giro d'Italia event and called as the King of the Ghats.
  - Shiv Chhatrapati awardee Khale won several other medals for cycle-riding in state and national-level championships.

## New Appointments

1. Who has been appointed Director General of Police (DGP) of Telangana State\_\_\_ **M Mahender Reddy**.
- Note:**
- He succeeds Present DGP Anurag Sharma (who will superannuate today).
  - M Mahender Reddy is a civil engineering graduate from the Regional Engineering College, Warangal, Mr Reddy got selected for IPS while pursuing his M.Tech. in IIT of Delhi.
2. Who has been appointed as Director-General of UNESCO \_\_\_ **Audrey Azoulay**.
- Note:**
- She will replace outgoing Director-General Irina Bokova (till 15 November 2017).
  - The UNESCO is a specialized agency of the United Nations (UN) based in Paris, pursues its objectives through five major programs, education, natursciences, social/human sciences, culture and communication/information.

## Honour & Awards

1. The Insurance Company has been conferred with the 21st Asia Insurance Industry Awards in the “General Insurance Company of the Year” category\_\_ **Apollo Munich Health Insurance.**  
**Note:**
  - It joint venture between integrated healthcare provider, Apollo Hospitals Group, and the Munich Re Group.
2. Indian short film has won the Best Short Film Award at the South Asian Film Festival of Montreal (SAFFM)\_\_ **The School Bag.**  
**Note:**
  - The movie’s plot is based in Peshawar (Pakistan)
  - A story about the relationship between a mother and her seven-year-old son who wants a new school bag on his birthday, but fate has something else in store for him.
  - The film is directed by Dheeraj Jindal.
3. Who has become World’s top city for International Visits\_\_ **Hong Kong.**  
**Note:**
  - According to the Euromonitor International, Hong Kong remains the world’s most visited city by international travelers.
  - 25.7 million arrivals are expected in Hong Kong this year, Bangkok (Thai capital) retains second place, London (Europe’s top city) in third place with 19.8 million arrivals.
  - The report was authored by Wouter Geerts (Euromonitor’s senior travel analyst) on top 100 city destinations.

## Important News – India

1. The 20th International Children’s Film Festival of India (ICFFI) was held in the city \_\_\_\_**Hyderabad.**  
**Note:**
  - This year New India is the main theme.
  - 317 films from over hundred countries will be screened in about 40 theatres in Hyderabad and also at the district head-quarters across the state.
  - Children's Film Society, India (CFSI) and Telangana State Government jointly organized the biennial children’s event.
2. Union Minister **Smriti Irani** flagged off Digital Rath in New Delhi to create awareness among people for \_\_ **cashless transaction.**  
**Note:**
  - UPI transactions have increased from 3.8 million in April to 77 million in October this year.
  - The digital Rath will travel (20 thousand kilo-metre) from Delhi to Lucknow, then Kolkata, Puducherry, Mumbai, and Bhopal till 31st Dec 2017.
3. India successfully conducted a test of its indigenously designed and developed long-range sub-sonic cruise missile at Chandipur, Odisha \_\_**Nirbhay.**  
**Note:**
  - Nirbhay missile carry warheads of up to 300 kg and capable of carrying 24 kinds of war weapons.
  - Nirbhay is very manoeuvrable and can fly at tree-top level, making it difficult to detect on radar, and strikes targets of 1,000 km away carrying nuclear warheads.
4. Prince of Wales accompanied by Camilla (Duchess of Cornwall) arrived on a 2-day visit to India\_\_ **Charles Philip Arthur George.**  
**Note:**
  - This visit is a part of their ten days tour to Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, and India.
  - This visit will be the 9th visit of the Prince of Wales to India.
  - India is the 3rd largest investor in the UK and the 2nd largest international job creator in the United Kingdom(UK).

5. Union Minister Smt Maneka Gandhi has launched online complaint Management System for working women to lodge complaints of sexual harassment at workplace\_\_\_ **SHe-Box**.

**Note:**

- The SHe-Box has been launched to provide platform to aggrieved women to make their complaints directly so that suitable action is taken to redress their grievances.

6. PM Modi and Sheikh Hasina has jointly inaugurated the direct train-service between Kolkata and Khulna through video-conferencing\_\_\_ **Bandhan Express**.

**Note:**

- The Bandhan Express is the second cross-border train between the two neighboring countries start from 16 November onwards.
- The train will run in either direction twice a week, cover the 177- km distance between Kolkata and khulna within 4 1/2 hours.

7. 2nd edition of India International Cherry Blossom festival has begun in \_\_\_**Shillong**.

**Note:**

- The State Govt is focusing on promoting tourism potential of the State by organizing such festivals which will not only boost tourism but also protect and preserve the forest and wildlife biodiversity.
- The festival is being organized by Government of Meghalaya, Institute of Bio-resource and Sustainable Development with support from the Indian Council of Cultural Relations.

8. The Union Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister, Shri Radha Mohan Singh has inaugurated the three-day 'Organic World Congress -2017' at \_\_\_**India Expo Centre, Greater Noida**.

**Note:**

- The Organic World Congress (OWC) is organized once every three years in a different country.
- In 2014, the last edition of the Organic World Congress took place in Istanbul, Turkey.
- 1,400 representatives from 110 countries, and 2000 delegates from India is participating in the OWC 2017

9. According to the Insurance Regulatory Authority of India (IRDAI), all insurance policies must be linked with \_\_\_**Aadhaar**.

**Note:**

- Linkage of Aadhaar number to Insurance Policies is mandatory under the Prevention of Money-laundering (Maintenance of Records) Second Amendment Rules- 2017.
- These rules have statutory force and, as such, life and general insurers has to implement them without awaiting further instructions.

10. The Union Minister Shri Radha Mohan Singh has inaugurated the three-day 'Organic World Congress -2017' (19th edition) at India Expo Centre in\_\_\_ **Greater Noida**.

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11. The Union Home Ministry has formed two new divisions to exclusively deal with emerging security challenges such as radicalization and cyber-crime\_\_\_ **CTCR & CIS**.

**Note:**

- The two divisions also encompass merger of some of the Ministry's existing divisions.
- The CTCR (Counter-Terrorism and Counter-Radicalisation) wing is basically modified version of the Home Ministry's internal security-II division to focus on tracking & assessing the online reach of global terrorist outfits and devising strategies to counter their propaganda.
- The CIS (Cyber and Information Security) division will monitor online crimes and threats (cyber fraud, hacking) and also suggest ways to minimise and fight them.

12. The Union Minister Kiren Rijiju has inaugurated the 'India Disaster Response Summit' in \_\_\_**New Delhi**

**Note:**

- The summit focused on how best to leverage social media platforms to 'prepare, respond and recover' during and after a disaster.
- The summit has been organized jointly by National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) & Facebook.

13. Who releases proposal to develop electric vehicle charging infrastructure in Delhi\_\_ **NITI Aayog**.

**Note:**

- NITI Aayog **Vice Chairman Rajiv Kumar** has released a proposal to develop electric vehicle charging infrastructure in Delhi.
- The "**quick pilot**" project includes 55 locations with 135 charging stations.
- The proposal can be used to provide a structure for electric vehicle infrastructure rollout in the Gurgaon-Indira Gandhi International Airport-South Delhi-Noida corridor.

14. Who directed only 50,000 pilgrims will be allowed to visit the Vaishno Devi shrine in Jammu to avoid any unfortunate incident\_\_ **National Green Tribunal (NGT)**.

**Note:**

- If the number of pilgrims exceeds the prescribed cap, they will be stopped at Ardhkuwari / Katra town, considering that the Vaishno Devi Bhawan structure cannot accommodate more than 50,000 persons.
- No horses (or mules) shall be allowed on the new route to the shrine, these animals shall be removed slowly from the old path as well.

15. The union govt. has launched its second and final phase of \_\_\_**BharatNet project**.

**Note:**

- BharatNet project' will provide high-speed broadband service in all Gram Panchayats by March 2019, implemented at an outlay of around 34 thousand crore rupees.
- Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has signed MoUs with states for the implementation of the second phase of BharatNet to provide remaining 1.5 lakh Gram Panchayats in the country.

### Important Day

1. Uttarakhand state is celebrating its 17th formation day on \_\_\_**9th November**.

**Note:**

- On 9th November 2000, Uttarakhand became the 27th state of the Republic of India, being created from the Himalayan and adjoining north western districts of Uttar Pradesh.

2. The World Science Day for Peace and Development (WSDPD) is annually held across the world \_ **10th November**.

**Note:**

- The day highlights the important role of science in society and the need to engage the wider public in debates on emerging scientific issues.
- The theme of 2017 is 'Science for Global Understanding'.

3. Public Service Broadcasting Day is being observed every year on \_\_\_**12th November**.

**Note:**

- The commemorate the first and last visit of Mahatma Gandhi to the studio of All India Radio(AIR), Delhi in 1947.
- Mahatma Gandhi addressed the displaced people, who had temporarily settled at Kurukshetra in Haryana after partition.
- On this occasion, Akashvani Award on Gandhian philosophy was also announced.

### States News

1. Kerala govt has launched a scheme to distribute free sanitary napkins to girl students from classes VI to XII in schools \_\_\_**She Pad**.

**Note:**

- The scheme will be implemented in 300 schools in 114 panchayats by the Kerala Women Development Corporation with the support of local self-governing bodies.
- First time, a state government is distributing sanitary napkins to school students.

2. Delhi Govt signs twin City agreement with \_\_\_**Seoul Mayor**.

**Note:**

- The agreement has been signed between **Park Won Soon** (Mayor of Seoul Metropolitan Government) and **Arvind Kejriwal** (Chief Minister of Delhi) referred to as 'Establishment of Friendship City Relationship'.

3. Recently, the state govt. has declared Urdu as the state's second official language\_\_\_ **Telangana**.

**Note:**

- According to CM Rao every office in the state will have an Urdu speaking officer.
- Muslims form 12.7% of the state's total population.

4. The Uttar Pradesh govt. has constituted a commission headed by CM Yogi Adityanath to double farmers' income by 2022 \_\_\_ **Krishak Samriddhi Aayog**.

**Note:**

- Agriculture Minister Surya Pratap Shahi will be Vice-Chairman of the commission.
- The commission will help in finding ways and implement them for doubling farmers' income by 2022.
- It will also give suggestions in drafting of policies for sustainable and equal agriculture development.

5. The Himachal Pradesh Governor **Acharya Devvrat** has inaugurated the four-day traditional fair at Rampur \_\_\_ **Lavi Fair**.

**Note:**

- This fair remained an important for trade between India and Tibet for centuries and was a unique example of the glorious, social, cultural, economic history and legacy of Himachal Pradesh.

6. Longest river bridge of Asia will be constructed over \_\_\_ **Brahmaputra river**.

**Note:**

- The 20 kms long river bridge will be constructed over the Brahmaputra between Dhubri and Phulbari.
- The Assam government will construct 320 bridges at rural areas under PMGSY as well as 8000 kilometres of rural roads.

7. The recipient of the Mother Teresa Memorial Award -2017 for Social Justice \_\_\_ **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)**.

**Note:**

- The UNHCR provides humanitarian aid to innumerable people internally displaced by conflicts and helping stateless people all over the world.
- Harmony Foundation has instituted the official award in memory of Mother Teresa and the theme for 2017 is Compassion Beyond Borders.

### Important News - World

1. Scientists have discovered the most ancient spiral galaxy in the universe that existed years ago \_\_\_ **11 billion**.

**Note:**

- The galaxy, known as A1689B11, existed just 2.6 billion years after the Big Bang, when the universe was only one fifth of its present age.
- Researchers used a powerful technique that combines gravitational lensing with the Near-infrared Integral Field Spectrograph (NIFS) to verify the vintage and spiral nature of the galaxy.

2. Twitter is ending its iconic 140-character limit and giving nearly everyone \_\_\_ **280 characters**.

**Note:**

- The expanded limit will get more people tweeting more, helping its lackluster user growth.
- 9% of tweets written in English hit the 140-character limit.
- Twitter was created in March 2006 by Jack Dorsey, Noah Glass, Biz Stone, and Evan Williams and launched in July of that year.

3. Who has been re-elected as the member of the UNESCO's executive board \_\_\_ **India**.

**Note:**

- The election was held at the 39th session of the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in Paris.
- UNESCO's executive board meets every two years, and is attended by Member States and Associate Members, together with observers for non-Member States, intergovernmental organisations and non-governmental organisations (NGOs).

4. Morocco has successfully launched an earth observation satellite from French Guyana Space Centre \_\_\_ **Mohammed VI-A**.

**Note:**

- The 'Mohammed VI-A satellite' built for Morocco by Thales Alenia Space as prime contractor and Airbus as co-prime.
- It will be used for mapping and land surveying activities along with regional development and agricultural monitoring.
- The satellite has been launched by European consortium Arianespace's Vega rocket.

5. Countries have advised its citizens from traveling to Lebanon amidst rising regional tension between Riyadh & Tehran over Yemen and the Lebanon issue \_\_\_ **UAE, Saudi & Kuwait**.

**Note:**

- Earlier, Lebanese prime minister Saad Al Hariri announced his sudden resignation while visiting the Saudi kingdom.
- Bahrain has already issued a similar advisory for its nationals.

6. Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the meeting of **East Asia and the India-ASEAN Summits**.

**Note:**

- He also visited the global rice research centre 'IRRI' (International Rice Research Institute) in the Philippines.
- India is setting up a regional centre of the IRRI in Varanasi to develop high-yielding rice varieties.

7. The fourth India-Canada Annual Ministerial Dialogue to focus key commercial drivers to enhance the **partnership** **New Delhi**.

**Note:**

- The trade ministers of both countries will discuss issues to explore ways of expediting the early conclusion of the CEPA and the Foreign Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement.
- Canada has over 1.2 million Persons of Indian Origin, comprising more than 3% of its population.

## Sports News

1. Recently, the country has won the three-match T20 Cricket series 2-1 against New Zealand **India**.

**Note:**

- India beat New Zealand by six runs to win the three-match T20 Cricket series 2-1 at Thiruvananthapuram.
- 1st T20I: India won by 53 runs
- 2nd T20I: New Zealand won by 40 runs.

2. Gold medal in the Asian Boxing Championships in the Light Flyweight category (48-Kg) at Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam **Mary Kom**.

**Note:**

- She defeated DPR Korea's Kim Hyang Mi in the final bout 5-0 by unanimous judge decision.
- This is Mary Kom's first international gold medal since the 2014 Asian Games and her first medal in over a year.

3. The men's champion in the 82nd Senior National Badminton Championship **H S Prannoy**.

**Note:**

- Prannoy beat Srikanth 21-15, 16-21, 21-7 to lift the men's singles title.
- Saina (World No- 11th) beat Sindhu (World No. 2) in the final to claim the women's singles title at the 82nd Senior Badminton National Championship, in Nagpur.
- Satwik Sai Raj R and Ashwini Ponnappa clinched the mixed doubles crown.

4. Indian duo has lifted Knoxville Challenger men's doubles Tennis title at Tennessee in United States **Leander Paes and Purav Raja**.

**Note:**

- They defeated American-Australian duo of James Cerretani & John Patrick Smith 7-6, 7-6 in the final at the indoor hard court of Good friend Tennis Center.

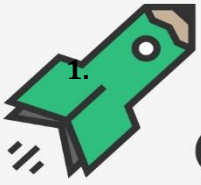
5. Ace Indian cueist lifted the IBSF World Billiards Championship in the IBSF World Billiards Championship at Doha **Pankaj Advani**.

**Note:**

- In the best-of-11 summit clash, Advani beat Russell 6-2 to defend the 150-up format title he had won in Bengaluru last year.

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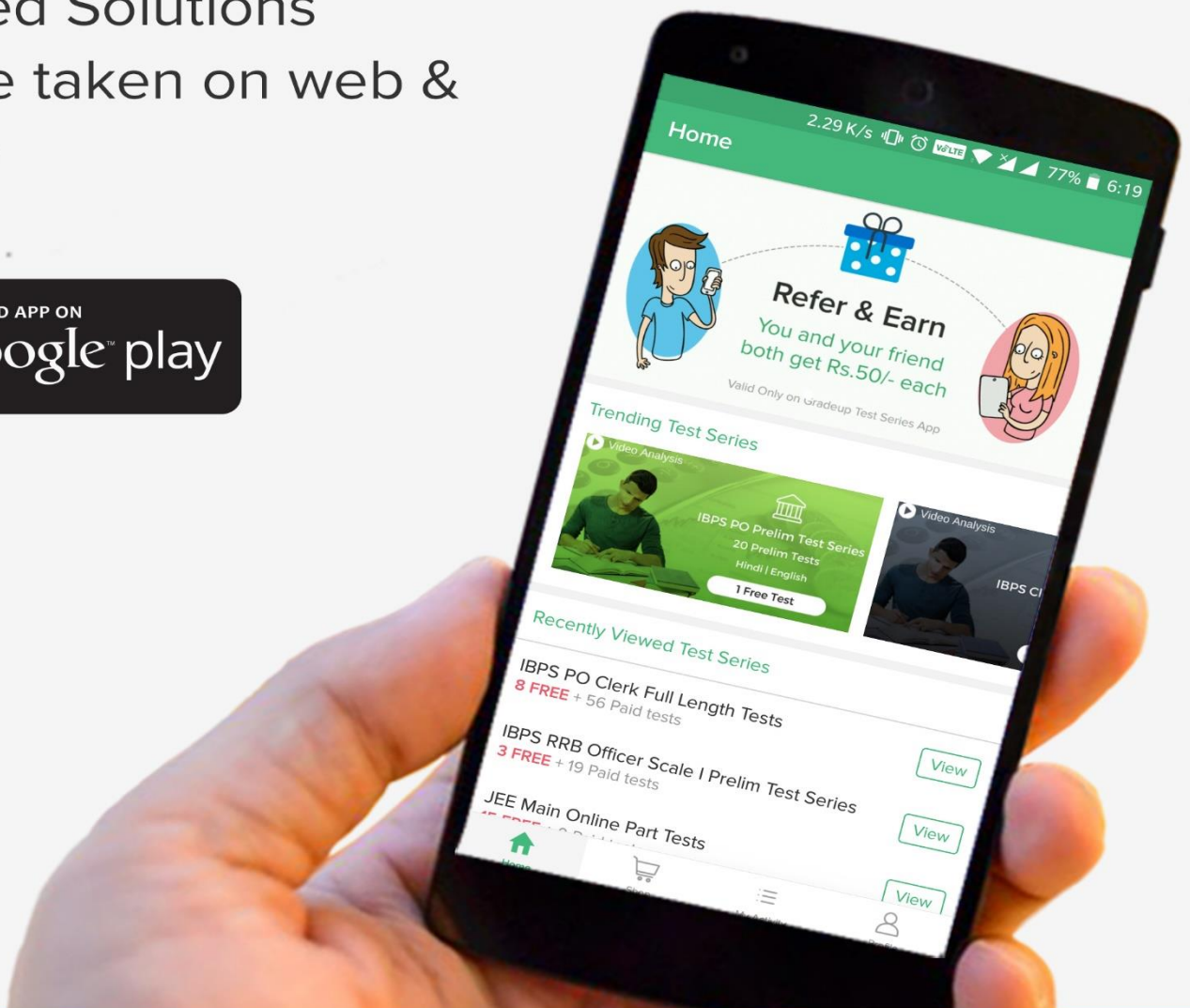




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