



# Weekly One Liner

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**Dear readers,**

Weekly One Liner Updates is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the fourth week (22-30<sup>th</sup>) of **November** 2018. This file is important for, **Banking interviews** and all upcoming Banking & Insurance exams.

**Banking & Financial Awareness**

1. Who has become the **most valuable US company** (USD 753.3 billion) in market capitalization, past **Apple** (USD 746.8 billion) for the first time since 2010\_\_ **Microsoft**.  
**Note:**
  - Currently, Amazon with USD 736.6 billion is at third and Alphabet (the parent company of Google) with USD 725.5 billion is at the fourth spot.
  - Now, the investors are betting big on companies with robust Cloud services and software services which are witnessing an increased demand.
2. Finance Minister Arun Jaitley will present the interim Budget for 2019-20 fiscal on\_\_\_ **1st of February 2019**.  
**Note:**
  - The work for preparation of interim Budget has already commenced and is now gaining momentum.
3. Indian public sector bank has increased fixed deposit (FD) rates for some select maturity periods \_\_\_**State Bank of India (SBI)**.  
**Note:**
  - According to the revised rates, SBI is offering 6.8% interest rate on FDs with maturity period of one to two years (earlier 6.7%).
  - The interest rate for senior citizens also goes up to 7.30% on SBI FDs for one to two years (earlier-7.2%).
  - Now, SBI is offering 6.80% interest rate on FDs with maturity period between two to three years (earlier- 6.75%).
  - The interest rate for senior citizens goes up to 7.30% on SBI FDs for one to two years tenure (earlier 7.25%)
  - SBI has kept interest rate unchanged for FDs with other maturity tenures.
4. Markets regulator has come out with new rules for re-classification of a promoter as a public investor\_\_\_ **Security and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)**.  
**Note:**
  - Besides, the promoter would not be allowed to have any representation on the board of directors or act as a key managerial person in the listed entity.
  - Furthermore, the promoter seeking re-classification must not be a wilful defaulter or a fugitive economic offender.
5. The Reserve Bank has relaxed norms for External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs) by reducing the mandatory hedging provision to \_\_\_**70% (current 100%)**.  
**Note:**
  - The relaxed norms will apply to the ECBs with a maturity period between 3 and 5 years.
6. Who has fined brokerage house Anand Rathi Rs 1 lakh for violating stock broker norms by transferring funds from the client's account to own account \_\_ **SEBI**.  
**Note:**
  - The regulator had outlined strict segregation of client's funds, member account's funds and transfer of funds is permitted as an exception under specific instances.
7. National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) has launched a mobile application and web-based platform for retail investors to buy government securities\_\_\_ **NSE goBID**.  
**Note:**

- The new app –, was launched by Sebi chairman Ajay Tyagi.
8. The union government will infuse how many Crore in the state-owned banks by March-end \_\_ **RS. 42,000 crores.**  
**Note:**
- Earlier, The union government pumped INR 11,336 crore in five PSBs (PNB, Allahabad Bank, Indian Overseas Bank, Andhra Bank, and Corporation Bank) to improve their financial health.
9. Who has launched a survey to gauge their scope with respect to turnover, profitability, and workforce \_\_ **Reserve Bank.**  
**Note:**
- According to the RBI, the survey forms have been mailed to all startup entities registered with the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion.

### Important Dates

1. The birth anniversary (549th) of 1st Sikh Guru is being celebrated across the country \_\_ **Guru Nanak Dev jee.**  
**Note:**
- On this day, Sikh devotees around the world visit Gurudwaras and offer prayers.
  - The union Cabinet approved building and development of Kartarpur corridor from Dera Baba Nanak in Gurdaspur district of Punjab to the International Border.
  - This will provide a smooth and easy passage to pilgrims to visit Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Pakistan throughout the year.
  - Guru Nanak was the founder of Sikh religion and the first of the ten Sikh Gurus.
  - His words are registered in the form of 974 poetic hymns in the holy text of Sikhism.
2. The National Milk Day (NMD) has been observed across India on \_\_ **26th November.**  
**Note:**
- The day mark the birth anniversary of the Father of the White Revolution **Dr. Verghese Kurien.**
  - The idea of observing National Milk Day was first mooted by Indian Dairy Association (IDA) in 2014 on the lines of World Milk Day that is observed on 1st June every year under the aegis of UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
3. The Constitution Day in India is being celebrated every year on \_\_ **26th of November.**  
**Note:**
- The constitution of India (supreme law of India) was adopted by the Constituent Assembly on 26th of November 1949 and came into force on 26th January in 1950.
  - The constitution declares India a sovereign, socialist, secular, democratic republic, assuring its citizens justice, equality and liberty, and endeavours to promote fraternity.
4. Commemoration Day being observed across UAE (United Arab Emirates) on \_\_ **29th November.**  
**Note:**
- The day recognize the sacrifice and dedication of Emirati martyrs who have given their lives in the field of civil, military and humanitarian service.
  - The UAE Flag (local time - at 8 AM) will be lowered across the country for three hours followed by one minute of silence and supplication.

### Obituaries

1. Noted Social activist and former BJD MP passed away in Bhubaneswar, Odisha \_\_ **Baishnab Charan Parida.**  
**Note:**
- He served as the BJD member in Rajya Sabha from 2010 to 2016.
  - Earlier, he was the President of the Odisha unit of Samajwadi Party form 1999-2018.
2. Classical music stalwart passed away in the US after a brief illness \_\_ **Ustad Imrat Khan.**  
**Note:**

- Mr. Khan dedicated his life to propagating the Sitar and the surbahar worldwide.
  - Imrat Khan famously turned down the Padma Shri last year saying the recognition had come too late and diminished his achievements.
3. Former Railway Minister, senior most Congress leader passed away in Bengaluru\_\_ **CK Jaffer Sharief**.
- Note:**
- He held the office of the Minister of Railways under PV Narasimha Rao (from 1991 to 1995).
  - Sharief served eight terms as the member of parliament, the last of which was from 1999 to 2000.
  - Jaffer Sharief was born in Chitradurga district of Mysore kingdom (now Karnataka).
4. Well-known singer passed away in Mumbai \_\_ **Mohammed Aziz**.
- Note:**
- Mohammed Aziz recorded over 20,000 songs in his three -decade long career.
  - Some of Aziz's famous songs include, "Mard Taangewala" (first break in Bollywood) 'Imli Ka Boota', 'Aap Ke Aa Jaane Se', 'Ek Dusre Se Karte Hai Pyar Hum', 'Roz Roz Aankhon Tale', 'Aankhon Hi Aankhon Main', 'Lal Dupatta Malmal Ka' and 'My Name is Lakhan'.
5. Italian filmmaker passed away at his home in Rome \_\_ **Bernardo Bertolucci**.
- Note:**
- Bertolucci won Oscars with "The Last Emperor" and whose erotic drama "Last Tango in Paris" enthralled and shocked the world.

### New Appointments

1. Who has been elected as the Interpol President for two-year term \_\_ **Kim Jong Yang (South Korea)**.
- Note:**
- He replaced Meng Hongwei (Deputy Minister of Public Security of China) who is alleged to have resigned via an undersigned postal letter (in October 2018) after his detention and disappearance by Chinese authorities on corruption charges.
  - The decision was taken at the 87th General Assembly of the Agency in Dubai (first time) UAE.
  - The International Criminal Police Organization is the international organization that facilitates international police cooperation.
2. Senior IAS officer has been appointed as the chief secretary of Delhi \_\_ **Vijay Kumar Dev**.
- Note:**
- He will replace Anshu Prakash (transferred last week as the additional secretary of the Department of Telecommunications).
  - Earlier, Mr. Dev has served as the chief election officer of Delhi.
  - Chief Secretary (Mukhya Sachiv) is the senior-most position held in the civil services of the states and union territories of India.
3. Who has been appointed as the first 'Youth Advocate' of the north eastern region by the UNICEF to fight for child rights \_\_ **Nahid Afrin**.
- Note:**
- The UNICEF engages 'Youth Advocates' to harness their voice as agents of change in society.
  - Nahid made her playback debut in the 2016 Bollywood film 'Akira' starring Sonakshi Sinha in the lead.
  - She received the best female playback singer award at the Assam state Film Award 2018.
4. Who has been appointed the new Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India\_\_ **Sunil Arora**.
- Note:**
- Mr. Arora (62-years) succeeds the incumbent CEC Mr. Om Prakash Rawat
  - The Chief Election Commissioner heads the Election Commission of India, a body constitutionally empowered to conduct free and fair elections to the national and state legislatures.
  - Election Commission headquarters is in New Delhi.

5. Who has been appointed as the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Delhi \_\_ **Ranbir Singh**.

**Note:**

- Mr. Singh succeeded Vijay Kumar Dev who has been appointed as the Chief Secretary of the national capital.
- Earlier, Ranbir Singh served as the commissioner of the East Delhi Municipal Corporation.

6. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship \_\_ **Shri A.M. Naik**.

**Note:**

- **Shri A M Naik** is the **Group Chairman** of Larsen & Toubro Limited (L&T).
- NSDC has developed a unique model combining skill development with strong industry partnerships.
- The objective of NSDC to promote skill development by catalysing creation of large, quality and for-profit vocational institutions.

7. President of LG's Home Entertainment Company will leader the Mobile Communications (MC) Company \_\_ **Brian Kwon**.

**Note:**

- Current president Hwang Jeong-hwan will focus fully on as head of LG's Convergence Business Development Office.
- LG Electronics Inc. is a South Korean multinational electronics company headquartered in Seoul, South Korea.
- LG comprises four business units: Home Entertainment, Mobile Communications, Home Appliance & Air Solution, and Vehicle Components.

8. Emmy-nominated British actress has been appointed as UNICEF's newest Goodwill Ambassador \_\_ **Millie Bobby Brown**.

**Note:**

- She is joined by stars and leaders in entertainment, government, sport and business who are rallying for children in support of their rights.
- **UNICEF Youth Ambassadors:**

Name	Profession	Ambassador
Wang Yuan (Roy Wang), 18 year	Singer (China)	UNICEF China
Hima Das (18-year)	Athlete (India)	UNICEF India
Hinna Asefi Wardak (15-year)	Television presenter (Afghanistan)	UNICEF Afghanistan
Sonam Wangchen (16-year)	Singer, songwriter and musician (Bhutan)	UNICEF Bhutan
El Sistema	The National Children's Orchestra of Venezuela (Venezuela)	UNICEF Venezuela

### Important News - India

1. The Union Government of India and the World Bank have signed a USD 310 million Loan Agreement for \_\_ **JPSIP**.

**Note:**

- The Project is part of the Government of India's Power for All program launched in 2014.
- The plan envisages addition of over 4.5 GW generation capacities by 2022 (including a significant share of 1.5 GW from solar energy), through a mix of Private and Public-sector investments.
- As per data from the Jharkhand Distribution Company, more than 80% of all citizens in the State have access to electricity.

2. The Union HRD Minister Shri Prakash Javadekar has launched a program under Innovation cell of MHRD in New Delhi \_\_ **Institution's Innovation Council (IIC)**.

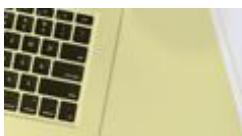
**Note:**

- It is significant step in institutionalizing innovation and developing a scientific temperament in the country.

- The HRD ministry has established an "Innovation cell" at AICTE with a purpose to systematically foster the culture of Innovation in all Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) across the country.
3. Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stones of City Gas Distribution (CGD) projects in **129 districts**.
- Note:**
- It will herald the availability of convenient, environment-friendly and cheaper natural gas for almost half of the country's population spread across 26 States and Union Territories.
  - Till September 2018, 96 cities and in different parts of the country were covered for development of CGD networks.
  - About 46.5 lakh households and 32 lakh CNG vehicles are availing the benefit of clean fuel through existing CGD networks.
4. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has given its approval to expand the scope of mandatory packaging norms under the **Jute Packaging Material (JPM) Act, 1987**.
- Note:**
- The CCEA approved that 100% of the food grains and 20 percent of sugar shall be mandatorily packed in diversified jute bags.
  - The decision to pack sugar in diversified jute bags will give an impetus to the diversification of the jute industry.
  - The CCEA also approved establishment of National Facility for Airborne Research with a financial commitment of 130 crore rupees during 2020-21 and beyond.
5. According to The Geological Survey of India (GSI) report, how many new coal blocks found in four eastern states **44**.
- Note:**
- These coal blocks spread across **West Bengal's** Purulia and Birbhum districts, coal city of Talcher in **Odisha**, **Bihar's** Bhagalpur and **Jharkhand's** East Bokaro and south Karanpura.
  - The GSI has done National Geo Chemical Mapping (NGCM) of over **1,82,000 Sq km area** in the eastern region of the country in the last 10 years to find out the elements which are economically fruitful to the country.
6. Malaria cases declined in India by **24%**.
- Note:**
- According to World Health Organization (WHO), India is the only country to have recorded a substantial decline in malaria cases in 2017 out of the 11 highest burden countries worldwide.
  - India accounted for 4% of global malaria cases in 2017.
  - Malaria is a mosquito-borne infectious disease affecting humans and other animals caused by parasitic single-celled microorganisms belonging to the Plasmodium group.
7. Who has developed a new technology '**Impact Based Forecasting Approach**' to assess the **rise of water level in rivers** and reservoirs by rain **India Meteorological Department (IMD)**.
- Note:**
- The technology shows pre-event scenario, can help state governments to minutely monitor the impact of rain and take real-time decisions.
8. Who has selected Uttar Pradesh's Noida and Greater Noida to participate in its Global Sustainable Cities 2025 initiative **United Nations**.
- Note:**
- The twin-cities in Gautam Buddh Nagar district, adjoining the national capital, have been selected in the "University City" category ahead of Mumbai and Bengaluru as the only invitee from India.
  - Overall 25 cities across the world have been selected in five categories by the UN Global Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) cities initiative.
  - The SDGs are a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity.
9. Vice President of India Sri Venkaiah Naidu laid the foundation stone of the Dera Baba Nanak - Kartarpur Sahib Corridor at Mann village of **Gurdaspur district (Punjab)**.
- Note:**
- The corridor will provide smooth and easy passage to Sikh pilgrims to visit 'Gurdwara Darbar Sahib' in Pakistan throughout the year (completed by 23rd November, 2019).
  - Currently, Sikh pilgrims have to go through the long visa process, wait for particular dates of buses to reach the Gurudwara via Wagah border.
10. The union Government to set up National Sports Stadium for differently-abled in **Meghalaya**.
- Note:**



- The decision was taken after Conrad Sangma (Meghalaya Chief Minister) came forward with the proposal and provided 50 acres of land for the same.
  - The stadium is expected to be completed before National Games 2022.
- 11. National festival for CCI children inaugurated in New Delhi \_\_HAUSLA-2018.**
- Note:**
- The four-day National Festival for Children of Child Care Institutions (CCIs) 'Hausla 2018' held in New Delhi.
  - 'Hausla 2018' has seen the participation of more than 600 children from CCIs across 18 states.
  - The theme for the event is 'child safety'.
- 12. The Union Minister Smt. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi flag off the HAUSLA-2018 Sports Meet in \_\_New Delhi.**
- Note:**
- The HAUSLA- 2018' sports meet is part of various events like painting competition, athletics meet, football, chess competition and speech writing.
  - The inter-Child Care Institution festival, which is witnessing participation of more than 600 Children drawn from CCIs.
- 13. The Union Minister 'Suresh Prabhu' has launched the 'logo' and 'brochure' of \_\_ Logix India 2019.**
- Note:**
- The three-day mega logistics event (31st Jan to 2nd Feb 2019) is being organized by the Federation of Indian Export Organizations (FIEO) to improve logistics cost effectiveness and operational efficiencies for India's global trade.
  - FIEO will also focus on investment opportunities in infrastructure development, warehouse consolidation, technology integration and IT enablement and skilling of manpower.
  - India ranked 44 in the World Bank Logistics Performance Index 2018.
- 14. The company has been conferred with the status of Miniratna: (Category -I) by the Government of India\_\_ National Projects Construction Corporation Limited (NPCC).**
- Note:**
- The empowerment of Miniratna Status to NPCC will help the company in taking speedy decisions by enhancing the delegation of powers to the Board.
  - Tag (CATEGORY I) is applies to only those PSEs who can made a profit consistently from the period of last three years or can holds average of profit of Rs. 30 crore or more.
- 15. The Minister of State for Home Affairs Kiren Rijiju has inaugurated the 14th Formation Day of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in \_\_New Delhi.**
- Note:**
- The theme of this year's Formation Day is 'Early Warning for Disasters'.
  - NDMA also released training manual for masons on Hazard-Resistant Construction and "Gujarat floods 2017: A Case Study".
- 16. Who has decided to set up a Consortium of Academic and Research Ethics (CARE) which will prepare a fresh list of credible quality journals in the non-science disciplines\_\_ University Grants Commission (UGC).**
- Note:**
- According to commission, the percentage of research articles published in poor quality journals is reported to be high in India which has adversely affected its image.
  - Members of CARE will prepare lists of quality journals in their respective disciplines within a defined timeframe.
- 17. The Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh has launched the India's first Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) at \_\_Mandi (Himachal Pradesh).**
- Note:**
- All emergency numbers, including 100 (for police), 101 (for fire), 102 (for ambulance) and disaster response have been integrated into countrywide one number, 112.
  - The system would identify the location of the person in distress connecting through voice or data and immediate assistance would be provided.
  - The union Government has allocated RS. 321.69 Crore under Nirbhaya Fund for implementation of ERSS project across the country.
- 18. The President Shri Ram Nath Kovind has inaugurated the 2nd International Ambedkar Conclave in \_\_New Delhi.**
- Note:**
- The Conclave is being organized by the Forum of SC and ST Legislators and Parliamentarians and the Dr Ambedkar Chamber of Commerce.



19. President Shri Ram Nath Kovind received the first copy of the book from Finance minister Shri Arun Jaitley \_\_ **Making of New India: Transformation under Modi Government.**

**Note:**

- Mr. Jaitley formally released it at a function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.
- This book contains fifty-one essays on themes ranging from economy to diplomacy, education to public health.

### States News

1. The state Assembly dissolved after rival alliances stake claim to form govt \_\_ **Jammu and Kashmir.**

**Note:**

- The Governor's rule was imposed in the state on 19th June for a 6-month period following the collapse of the PDP-BJP coalition government after BJP withdrew its support.
- The state went to polls at the end of 2014 and the Assembly's tenure was till October 2020.

2. The state government has launched a Rs 351-crore project for the conservation of the Gir lions \_\_ **Gujarat.**

**Note:**

- The project is launched in the backdrop of the Canine Distemper Virus (CDV) outbreak that claimed 23 Asiatic lion lives in their only dwelling Gir National park in Saurashtra.
- This intensive project will also include an emergency ambulance van akin to the 108 emergency services.

3. Tripura Governor has inaugurated the 7th International Tourism Mart in \_\_ **Agartala.**

**Note:**

- This is an annual event organized in the North Eastern region with the objective of highlighting the tourism potential of the region in the domestic and international markets.
- It brings together the tourism business fraternity and entrepreneurs from the eight North Eastern States.

4. The state Government has launched 'Bhuseva' and 'Bhudaar' web portal through which people can view land records online \_\_ **Andhra Pradesh.**

**Note:**

- People can get land record online through these portals using Aadhaar card.
- Bhudaar security policy was also launched to provide security to the land records of farmers.
- Bhudaar card can be generated by the land owner or property owner from Bhuseva web portal.
- Two types of Bhudaar cards are available including e-Bhudaar and M-Bhudaar.

5. To increase transparency and build transport solutions, the transport department of the state govt. has launched the Open Transit Data platform \_\_ **Delhi government.**

**Note:**

- It is a major step to promote collaboration and co-creation of innovative and inclusive transport solutions for the people of Delhi.
- The portal was designed and developed by IIIT Delhi on behalf of the Delhi government.

6. Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar unveiled a 70-foot tall statue of Lord Buddha at \_\_ **Rajgir.**

**Note:**

- It is the second tallest statue of Buddha in the country.
- The statue has been installed above a 16-metre radius pedestal in the middle of Lake Ghora Katora.

7. The Uttarakhand government has decided to rename the Dehradun Jolly Grant airport after former prime minister \_\_ **Atal Bihari Vajpayee.**

8. Who have signed a 200 million USD loan agreement to finance widening and upgrading of about 230 Kilometers State Highways in Bihar \_\_ **Asian Development Bank.**

**Note:**

- The agreement was signed by Sameer Kumar Khare (Additional Secretary in the Finance Ministry) and Rajeev P. Singh (Officer-in-Charge of ADB's India Resident Mission) in New Delhi.
- This loan will help the State government to upgrade all State Highways to meet the minimum two-lane standard with better surfaces and improved road safety.

9. Telangana Chief Electoral Officer Dr Rajat Kumar inaugurated five-day exhibition on \_\_ **Our Vote- Our Future.**

**Note:**

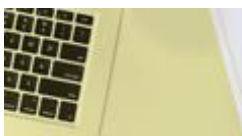
- He also highlighted the measures that are being taken for Accessible Election and Ethical voting in Telangana (on 7th December).



- 46 panels of photos were displayed in the exhibition which depicted the election process and its transformation ever since it started in the country.
10. Who will provide a 75 million USD loan for a water supply project in four coastal towns of Karnataka\_ **Asian Development Bank (ADB)**.
- Note:**
- The project would ensure round the clock water supply in four towns (Kundapura, Mangalore Puttur and Udupi).
  - The objective of the programme to improve urban water resource management in selected river basins in Karnataka through modernisation and expansion of urban water supply and sanitation infrastructure.
11. The first edition of 'Arunachal Literature Festival' is being organized in \_\_\_\_ **Itanagar**.
- Note:**
- The theme of the Arunachal Literature Festival is 'building bridges through literature'.
  - The festival organized by the State Information and Public Relation Department ((IPR).

### Important News – World

1. India, US Joint **Special Forces Exercise 2018** commenced at Mahajan Field Firing Range (MFFR), Bikaner in Rajasthan \_\_ **Vajra Prahar**.
- Note:**
- The 12 days exercise was called between Special Forces of both countries to deal with operations for counter-terrorism and is being done at unit as well as sub-unit levels.
  - US Army is represented by contingent of one officer and 10 Other Ranks from Special Forces Group of United States Pacific Command.
2. The Nepal's minister has inaugurated an exhibition of construction equipment and technology at Bhaktapur (near Kathmandu) in Nepal \_\_ **ConMac 2018**.
- Note:**
- The Embassy of India in Nepal and CII (Confederation of Indian Industry) jointly organized this exhibition of construction equipment and technology- 'ConMac 2018'.
  - The objective of the exhibition is to further enhance high level engagements between construction industry of the two countries.
3. MEA Sushma Swaraj co-chaired 9th meeting of India-Lao PDR Joint Commission in \_\_\_\_ **Vientiane**.
- Note:**
- The two sides have reviewed the entire gamut of bilateral relations covering areas of Defence, Agriculture, Trade and Investment, Science and IT, Energy and Mining among others.
4. 12th World Congress on Mountain Medicine started in \_\_ **Kathmandu, Nepal**.
- Note:**
- The biennial event mainly focuses on science and research aspects of high-altitude medicine.
  - The theme of congress is "Mountain Medicine in the Heart of the Himalayas".
5. Nepal Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli has launched a Security Scheme for formal sector workers of the country \_\_ **Social Security Scheme**.
- Note:**
- People of all ages and categories would be included in the scheme.
  - The new social security scheme is contribution based and it will cover health and medical facilities, safe motherhood, accident and physical incapacity security, security to dependent family members and security at old age.
6. The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken part in the 13th G-20 summit in \_\_ **Buenos Aires (Argentina)**.
- Note:**
- The theme of the summit is 'Building Consensus for a Fair and Sustainable Development'.
  - During the G20 summit, India will highlight the need for reformed multilateralism which reflects the contemporary realities and can effectively strengthen collective action for global good.
7. The Sustainable Blue Economy Conference was held in \_\_\_\_ **Nairobi, Kenya**.
- Note:**
- Sustainable Blue Economy is marine-based economy that provides social and economic benefits for current and future generations, restores, protects and maintains diversity, productivity of marine ecosystems.
  - The Sustainable Blue Economy Conference organized by Kenya and co-hosted by Japan and Canada.



- The theme of this conference was "The Blue Economy and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development."
8. The European Union (EU) has urged government, businesses, citizens and regions to join it in an ambitious plan to cut emissions and make the bloc carbon neutral by \_\_\_ **2050**.
- Note:**
- EU climate commissioner Miguel Arias Canete said in a press conference in Brussels today that block is kicking off a process to determine how Europe's energy and climate policy will evolve between now and 2050.
  - Member states will submit their draft national climate and energy plans to the EU by the end of 2018.
9. NASA's robotic lander successfully landed on Red Planet Mars after the six-month journey \_\_\_ **InSight**.
- Note:**
- The spacecraft has been designed to dig deep into the rocky surface of the Mars to reveal its secrets.
  - The lander sent signals indicating that its solar panels are open and collecting sunlight on the Martian surface.
  - The InSight lander touched down near Mars' equator on the western side of a flat, smooth expanse of lava called Elysium Planitia.
  - InSight will study the interior of Mars and will teach about valuable science as they prepare to send astronauts to the Moon and later to Mars.
10. Air forces of the United States and India will participate in a 12-day joint exercise at two air force stations in West Bengal \_\_\_ **Cope India 2019**.
- Note:**
- The exercise will be held from 3rd to 14th December at Air Station Kalaikunda and Air Station Arjan Singh (Panagarh).
  - The exercise showcases efforts and commitment of the two nations to a free and open Indo-Pacific region.
  - The Cope India exercise is being held after a gap of eight years, with the last one having taken place in 2010.
  - Exercise CI19 focused on enhancing US-Indian mutual cooperation and building on existing capabilities, aircrew tactics and force employment,".
11. The Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) reliable workhorse PSLV-C43 rocket successfully lifted off with earth observation satellite \_\_\_ **HysIS (hyperspectral imaging satellite)**.
- Note:**
- The 30 commercial satellites (1 micro and 29 nano) from eight countries, combined weight is 261.5 kg
  - HysIS can provide hyperspectral imaging capabilities for a variety of purposes, including agriculture and forestry.
  - It carries two payloads one to capture images in the visible near-infrared (VNIR) range of the light spectrum and another in the shortwave infrared (SWIR) range.
  - The satellite will provide Earth observation service till 2023.

### Honor & Awards

1. Mexican government has honored Indian academician with "Orden Mexicana del Águila Azteca" (Mexican Order of the Aztec Eagle) \_\_\_ **Shyama Prasad Ganguly**.
- Note:**
- It is the highest civilian honor given to a foreigner by Mexico.
  - He was awarded for disseminating Spanish language and Mexican culture to strengthen Mexico-India cultural relations. He is first Indian Academician to get this award.
  - He is former professor of Spanish and Latin American Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU).
2. Who has been honored with the International Federation of Film Producers Associations (FIAPF) award in Brisbane \_\_\_ **Nandita Das**.
- Note:**
- Nandita Das started her career as an actor in films like "1947 Earth", "Fire" and "Hazaar Chaurasi Ki Maa".
  - She made her directorial debut with the critically-acclaimed feature "Firaaq".
3. Bollywood superstar has been awarded the third Sayaji Ratna Award for contribution to social causes \_\_\_ **Amitabh Bachchan**.
- Note:**
- Earlier, N R Narayana Murthy (Infosys co-founder) and Ratan Tata (noted industrialist) have been given the award earlier.
  - In 2013, The Baroda Management Association had instituted the award to mark the 150th birth anniversary of the ruler, known for undertaking major social reform measures during his rule in the early twentieth century.



4. Veteran writer has been honored with the IFFI special award for his lifetime contribution to Indian cinema \_ **Salim Khan**.

**Note:**

- He got cash prize of 10 lakh rupees, a certificate and a shawl at the closing ceremony of International Film Festival of India in Goa.

5. Who won the coveted Golden Peacock Award at the 49th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) \_ **Donbass**.

**Note:**

- The Golden Peacock Award carries a cash prize of Rs 40 lakhs to be shared equally between the Producer and the Director (Sergei Loznitsa), Trophy and the citation.
- Donbass tells the story of a hybrid war taking place in a region of Eastern Ukraine, involving an open armed conflict alongside killings and robberies perpetrated on a mass scale by separatist gangs.
- Lijo Jose Pellissery won the Best Director Award for his 2018 film 'Ee.Ma.Yau'.
- The Best Actor (Male) Award has gone to Chemban Vinod for his portrayal in Ee.Ma.Yau .
- The Best Actor (Female) Award has gone to Anastasiia Pustovit for her portrayal of a 'Larysa', a teenage girl in the Ukrainian film 'When the Trees Fall'.
- Alberto Monteras II receives 'Best Debut Feature Film of a Director' for Respeto.

6. Indian business tycoon conferred with the highest French civilian distinction Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur (Knight of the Legion of Honour) \_\_\_ **Azim Premji (chairman of Wipro)**.

**Note:**

- His economic outreach in France and his laudable contribution to the society as a philanthropist through the Azim Premji Foundation and Azim Premji University.
- It is the highest civilian award given by the French Republic for outstanding service to France, regardless of the nationality of the recipients.

### Sports News

1. The national governing body for cricket in India has announced doubling of the ban for age frauds in cricketers sport \_\_\_ **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)**.

**Note:**

- Now, any cricketer who is found guilty of tampering his/her date of birth will be disqualified and barred from participating in any BCCI tournament for a period of 2 years.
- Earlier, a cricketer faced a ban of one year.

2. Indian gymnasts have won two bronze medals in the men's and women's group events of the FIG Acrobatic World Cup in Baku \_\_\_ **Prins Aris & Rejilesh Suribabu**.

**Note:**

- Russian gymnasts won both the gold and silver.

3. Who becomes first female boxer to win **6 gold medals** at World C'ships \_\_\_ **Mary Kom**.

**Note:**

- India's MC Mary Kom (35-year) defeated Hanna Okhota (Ukraine) by 5-0 in the 48kg light flyweight to clinch an unprecedented 6th gold medal at the women's World Championships at the KD Jadav Indoor Stadium in New Delhi.
- Mary Kom has become the first female boxer to win six gold medals at world championships.
- India finished with one gold, one silver (Sonia Chahal) and two bronze medals (Simranjit Kaur and Lovlina Borgohain).

4. India's batting star has been named as captain of the ICC Women's World Twenty20 XI \_\_\_ **Harmanpreet Kaur**.

**Note:**

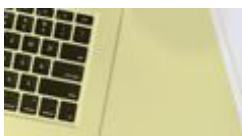
- A selection panel of ICC has picked up the team based on the players' performances in the tournament.
- Three players from England and India , two from Australia and one each from Pakistan, New Zealand and the Windies have also been named in the eleven.

5. Who has won the gold medal in the Sabre event in the Senior Commonwealth Fencing Championship 2018 in Canberra, Australia \_\_\_ **Bhavani Devi**.

**Note:**

- She defeated England's Emily Ruaux 15-12 in the final.

6. Ace Indian shuttler has clinched the Men's Singles title of Syed Modi International Badminton Championships against Guangzu Lu (China) \_ **Sameer Verma**.

**Note:**

- With this win, Verma sealed his spot in the BWF World Tour Finals.
  - Men’s doubles pair of Satwik Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty and women’s doubles players Ashwini Ponnappa and Sikki Reddy also settled for silver in their respective finals.
7. The 19th edition of Laureus World Sports Awards will be held in February 2019 in \_\_**Monaco**.

**Note:**

- The Laureus World Sports Awards (considered ‘Oscars of sports’) celebrate global sporting achievements across the calendar year.
- Last year, tennis great Roger Federer won the Laureus Sportsman of the Year award for a record fifth time.
- Serena Williams won the Sportswoman of the Year recognition for the fourth time.

8. Who has won the World Chess Championship title -2018 in London, England \_\_**Magnus Carlsen**.

**Note:**

- Norwegian Magnus Carlsen (26-year-old) beat American Fabiano Caruana 3-0 and regain his World Chess Championship title-2018 in London, England.
- Carlsen won USD 625,000 as the winner, and Caruana received USD 511,400 as the runner-up.
- The World Chess Championship 2018 organized by the FIDE (commercial partner-Agon) at The College in Holborn, London.

9. The opening ceremony of the 14th edition of Men’s Hockey World Cup (HWC) held at the Kalinga Stadium in \_\_**Bhubaneswar**.

**Note:**

- Around 1,100 artists, star actors Shahrukh Khan and Madhuri Dixit and AR Rahman (music composer) has performed at the ceremony.
- The 2018 Men’s HWC will be the 14th edition of the Hockey World Cup field hockey tournament, scheduled to be held from 28th November to 16th December 2018.
- Sixteen teams (divided into four groups) will fight for the Men’s Hockey World Cup title.

Pool	Teams Names
Pool A	Argentina, New Zealand, Spain, France
Pool B	Australia, England, Ireland, China
Pool C	Belgium, <b>India</b> , Canada, South Africa
Pool D	Netherlands, Germany, Malaysia, Pakistan

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