

# Weekly One Liner

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**Weekly One Liner Updates**  
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**Dear readers,**

**Weekly One Liner Updates** is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the **first week** (1-7th) of **September 2019**. This file is important for, **Banking interviews** and all **upcoming Banking & Insurance** exams.

**Banking & Financial Awareness**

1. Who has announced two contests to promote innovations and ideas in the payment and settlement systems\_\_ **Reserve Bank of India.**

**Note:**

- Shortlisted participants will get an opportunity to present their ideas before a jury of eminent persons while outstanding innovators will be awarded prizes and citations.
- The contest will be organised through the Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT), Hyderabad.
- The submissions can be made under the categories of Offline payments, Payment options for feature phone users, Simple and easy Know Your Customer, Automated.

2. Who has tied-up with **Religare Health Insurance** to offer a product which covers health, death and illness\_\_ **PNB MetLife India Insurance Co. Ltd.**

**Note:**

- The tie-up will offer the additional earning opportunity for the life insurer's distribution channel partners.
- The product will be a seamless integration exercise to ensure that it comes as a single policy to a customer.

3. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed Jai Bhagwan Bhorla as the PMC bank's \_\_\_\_ **administrator.**

**Note:**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has superseded the Board of Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank Limited, Mumbai.
- According to an official release, the amount of withdrawal from the bank allowed to depositors has been increased from one thousand to ten thousand rupees.
- The RBI's directives will remain in force for a period of six months.

4. Who has signed a MoU with the **Indian Army**, under which the bank will offer customized services, along with a host of facilities to account holders\_\_ **Bank of Baroda.**

**Note:**

- The MoU includes free personal accident insurance cover, free air accident insurance cover of ₹15 lakh to ₹50 lakh, and an overdraft facility up to three times the monthly salary
- The features are also applicable for pensioners of the Indian Army up to the age of 70 years.

5. Who has launched a computer-generated **Document Identification Number** (DIN) to ensure greater transparency and accountability in tax administration\_\_ **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).**

**Note:**

- According to the CBDT, the DIN system becomes operative from 1 October 2019.
- This system will apply to all kinds of communications from the income tax department, whether it is related to assessment, appeals, investigation, penalty, and rectification among other things.
- This system would also help taxpayers detect fake notices and letters as the notice would be verifiable on the department's e-filing portal.

6. India's private sector bank 'Axis Bank' has announced the launch a digital fixed deposit (FD) product \_\_ **Express FD.**

**Note:**

- It allows the customer to open an FD account in three minutes through the digital mode without opening a savings account with the bank.
- 'Express FD' offers attractive interest rates, zero issuance fees and no penalty on pre-mature withdrawal of up to 25% of the amount.
- A customer can open an Express FD account by investing a minimum Rs 5,000 up to Rs 90,000, for a tenure of 6 to 12 months.

7. **Public sector lender** has launched three new digital products namely **UCash, Digilocker** and an App\_\_**Uco Bank**.

**Note:**

- UCash enables customers to withdraw money from ATMs through mobile banking without using debit card.
- Digilocker aims to eliminate the use of physical documents and enables sharing of verified electronic documents.

8. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in its fourth bi-monthly monetary policy review, reduced the policy repo rate under the Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF) by \_\_**25 basis points**.

**Note:**

- The Repo Rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) reduced by 25 basis points to 5.15 percent from 5.40 percent with immediate effect.
- Consequently, the reverse repo rate under the LAF stands reduced to 4.90 percent.
- The Bank Rate and the Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rate are reduced to 5.40 percent.
- Reserve Bank of India has also reduced the Real GDP Growth for 2019-20 from 6.9% to 6.1%

**Current Policy Rates:**

<b>Policy Repo Rate</b>	<b>5.15%</b>
<b>Reverse Repo Rate</b>	<b>4.90 %</b>
<b>Marginal Standing Facility Rate</b>	<b>5.40%</b>
<b>Bank Rate</b>	<b>5.40%</b>
<b>CRR</b>	<b>4 %</b>
<b>SLR</b>	<b>18.75%</b>

**Obituaries**

1. **Legendary Mexican** singer passed away at a hospital in Florida\_\_ **Jose Jose**.

**Note:**

- **Jose Jose** was often called '**El Principe de la Cancion**' or 'The Prince of Song,
- His most successful album, Secretos was released in 1984.
- In a career of more than four-decade, the singer sold millions of albums and picked by 6 Grammy nominations.

2. Renowned international opera star passed away at New York hospital in the USA\_\_ **Jessye Norman**.

**Note:**

- She established herself in Europe in the 1970s and made her debut at the Metropolitan Opera in New York in 1983.
- Norman earned many prestigious Kennedy Center Honor (in 1997), a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award (in 2006); a National Medal of Arts (in 2009) and France's Legion d'Honneur.

3. The doyen of nutrition research in India passed away in Chennai \_\_ **Colathur Gopalan**.

**Note:**

- Gopalan was a recipient of the Padma Shri and the Padma Bhushan.



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- Dr Gopalan held eminent positions, including being the Director of the National Institute of a Nutrition (NIN), Hyderabad, and the Director-General of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) from 1973-79.
4. Centenarian philatelist and coin collector passed away at his residence\_\_ **Krishna Gopalkrishna Kadekodi**.
- Note:**
- He started his career as a revenue inspector and retired as a special deputy commissioner at the Regional Commissioner's Office in Belagavi.
  - He was the first tahsildar of Panaji after the liberation of Goa from Portuguese occupation.
  - He was a recipient of a gold medal from the Government of India for having a unique collection of stamps of Mahatma Gandhi released by 64 countries.
  - He had founded the Philatelic and Currency Collectors Association in Belagavi.
5. Indian-Origin Journalist in South Africa passed away\_\_ **Farook Khan**.
- Note:**
- A prominent Indian-origin journalist in South Africa and cultural activist passed away in his hometown Durban after battling cancer.
  - He was famous for his investigative reporting during apartheid.
  - Farook Khan started the Miss India South Africa Pageant as part of the Miss India Worldwide Pageant.

### Important Days

1. The **International Day of Older Persons** is observed every year on \_\_\_**1st October**.
- Note:**
- The day raise awareness about issues affecting the elderly, such as senescence and elder abuse.
  - It is also a day to appreciate the contributions that older people make to society.
  - The theme of the 2019 commemoration is 'The Journey to Age Equality'.
2. The **Military Nursing Service** celebrating its \_\_\_**94th Raising Day**.
- Note:**
- On the occasion, **nursing officers** will re-dedicate themselves to render high quality, selfless nursing care to their patients by reading the Florence Nightingale Pledge.
  - The Military Nursing Service (MNS) came into on 28th March 1888 with the arrival of the first batch of 10 qualified British Nurses in Bombay, to organize nursing in Military hospitals in India.
  - In 1893, it was designated as **Indian Army Nursing Service** and in 1902 as Queen Alexandra Military Nursing Service.
3. The **150th birth anniversary** of Mahatma Gandhi was celebrated across the country on \_\_\_**2nd October**.
- Note:**
- Every year on 2 October, the birth anniversary of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi is observed with prayer services and tributes across the nation.
  - Mahatma Gandhi was born on 2 October 1869 in Porbandar, Gujarat. This day is also celebrated as World Non-Violence Day.
  - Mahatma Gandhi was shot dead by Nathuram Godse on 30th January, 1948.
4. **World Teachers' Day** or International Teachers' Days is being celebrated across the world on \_\_\_ **5th October**.
- Note:**
- It is being held annually since 1994 to commemorates the anniversary of the adoption of the 1966 ILO/UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers.
  - The Recommendation concerning the Status of Higher-Education Teaching Personnel was adopted in 1997 to complement the 1966 Recommendation by covering teaching and research personnel in higher education.

### New Appointments

1. An Indian Information Service (IIS) officer has been appointed as the **28th principal spokesperson** of the Union government\_\_ **Kuldeep Singh Dhatwalia**.
- Note:**

- He has replaced **Sitanshu Kar**.
  - Mr. Dhatwalia has been posted as the new principal director general of the Press Information Bureau (PIB), the publicity wing of the central government.
  - Currently, **Mr Dhatwalia** was serving as the **Director-General** (DG) Training and Research in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, besides holding the charge of the DG of the Indian Institute Mass Communication (IIMC).
2. The government has appointed an eminent economist as the Executive Director for India on the board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) \_\_ **Surjit S Bhalla**.
- Note:**
- Surjit S Bhalla will succeed former RBI deputy governor **Subir Gokarn** who died in the US on July 30 after a brief illness.
  - In December last year, he resigned as a part-time member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM).
3. **Air Marshal** has been appointed as the chief of South Western Air Command\_\_ **SK Ghotia**.
- Note:**
- He replaced Air Marshal H S Arora, who moved to Air Headquarters as the Vice-Chief of Air Staff.
  - Prior to assuming the present appointment, Air Marshal Ghotia was the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Training Command.
4. Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** flagged off the **Delhi-Katra Vande Bharat Express** from the New Delhi Railway Station to \_\_\_\_**Katra**.
- Note:**
- Train number 22439 New Delhi-Katra Vande Bharat Express will depart from the New Delhi Railway Station at 6 am to reach Katra at 2 pm.
  - En route, the train will halt at Ambala Cantt, Ludhiana and Jammu Tawi for two minutes each.
  - This is the second Vande Bharat Express, the first runs between Delhi and Varanasi.
5. Former India captain resigned from the Cricket Advisory Committee of Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)\_\_\_ **Kapil Dev**.
- Note:**
- Kapil Dev resigned as the chief of the CAC days after Shanta Rangaswamy stepped down from the 3-member committee.
  - Kapil did not reveal the reason for his resignation but wrote an email to the Supreme Court-appointed Committee of Administrators (CoA), informing them about his decision.
  - The CAC was tasked with the role of picking the head coaches of India women's and men's cricket teams. Kapil-led CAC had conducted interviews and re-appointed Ravi Shastri as head coach of the senior national team.
6. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Punjab National Bank\_\_ **SS Mallikarjuna Rao**
- Note:**
- Presently, Mr. Rao is the chief executive of Allahabad Bank, which is going to be merged with the Indian Bank.
  - Mr Rao will head the Delhi-based PNB till September 18, 2021.
  - He will replace Sunil Mehta in PNB, which is currently under a process of three-way amalgamation with the Oriental Bank of Commerce (OBC) and the United Bank of India.
7. Who has been named as **Managing Director** (MD) and Group Chief Executive Officer (CEO) designate of the Tata Communications \_\_ **Amur Lakshminarayanan**.
- Note:**
- Lakshminarayanan comes with 35 years of experience in a broad range of leadership roles across industries and regions across the world, the company said in a statement.
8. **Oil India Limited** has appointed new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) \_\_ **Sushil Chandra Mishra**.
- Note:**

- He played a key role in framing and implementing procurement policies and procedures for inventory management, vendor development, framework agreement and its related strategies.
- He acquired significant Board level exposure at corporate office at the time of launch of OIL's IPO in 2009 and developing the Strategic Plan 2020.

### Important News – India

1. Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** has launched the website of **11th edition** of DefEXpo, to be held in\_\_\_ **Lucknow**.  
**Note:**
  - The website '**defexpo.gov.in**' provides online services to exhibitors, besides hosting informative content about the product profile of Defence Public Sector Undertakings and Ordnance Factories.
  - Exhibitors can avail early **bird discounts** by booking space on the website before the 31st of next month.
  - The **website enables exhibitors** to register and book space online as per their requirements on the **first-come-first-serve basis**, make online payments, book conference.
2. Country's **first corporate sector train** will provide **compensation to the passengers** on late arrival\_\_\_ **Tejas**.  
**Note:**
  - Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) will pay compensation of 100 rupees if the train is late for more than one hour and 250 rupees for more than two hours.
  - The Railway Board also issued an order of compensation on 1st October.
  - This will be the first time that the railway will compensate passengers on the delay of the train.
3. The **World Economic Forum** (WEF) is organizing India Economic Summit (IES) in \_\_\_ **New Delhi**.  
**Note:**
  - The **World Economic Forum** (WEF) has organized a two-day **India Economic Summit** (IES) from 3rd - 4th October 2019 in New Delhi.
  - The summit is being hosted in collaboration with **Industry body Confederation of Indian Industry** (CII).
  - The summit will be co-chair by Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina along with Singapore Deputy Prime Minister Heng Swee Keat.
  - Tennis star **Sania Mirza** representing UN Women in the Summit.
4. New book titled '**The Tech Whisperer**' written by \_\_\_ **Jaspreet Bindra**.  
**Note:**
  - A new book titled "The Tec Whisperer" which features chapters on **Artificial Intelligence** is released.
  - The book will describe and simplify "emerging technologies like AI, blockchain, Internet of things, virtual reality," and talk about how companies can employ these to drive their digital transformation
5. A book titled 'India and the Netherlands - Past, Present and Future,' was released in Amsterdam\_\_\_ **Venu Rajamony**.  
**Note:**
  - The book gives an insight into the cross-cultural legacy between the two countries and was released at a function attended by the king and queen of the Netherlands.
  - The seminar, jointly organized by the Embassy of India and the Royal Asian Art Society, was held at the Rijksmuseum (National Museum), Amsterdam.
  - The book highlights the significant place India occupied in the Dutch worldview and the relationship between the two nations secured by strong economic ties and vibrant exchanges in culture, sports, and yoga.
6. Who successfully test-fired a land-attack version of BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from Chandipur coast in Odisha's Balasore district\_\_\_ **DRDO**.  
**Note:**
  - BrahMos is the world's fastest supersonic missile, which can fly at almost three times the speed of sound.
  - It has been fitted with increased indigenous equipment and is a version used by the Army.
  - The BrahMos is a medium-range ramjet supersonic cruise missile that can be launched from submarine, ships, aircraft, or land.
  - It is a joint venture between the Russian Federation's NPO Mashinostroyeniya and India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) who together have formed BrahMos Aerospace.
7. Who launched Audio Guide facility App "Audio Odigos" for 12 sites of India\_\_\_ **Ministry of Tourism**.  
**Note:**
  - On occasion of "Paryatan Parv 2019" Ministry of Tourism has launched the Audio Guide facility Audio Odigos for 12 sites of India (including Iconic Sites).

- Audio Guide: Audio Odigos, offers Government of India verified content, with visuals & voice over support. With Audio Odigos, tourists will now enjoy a more enriching experience and take back historical insights into the Indian culture and heritage.
8. On 150th birth anniversary of Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** declared India as **Open Defecation Free (ODF)**.
- Note:**
- On 02nd October, the 'Swachh Bharat Divas' program was organized in Sabarmati, Ahmedabad where PM Modi announced the country to be open defecation free.
  - During the event, the PM Modi released commemorative Rs 150 coins on Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary.
  - According to the PM Modi, under the massive, Swachh Bharat Mission India has built almost 11 crore toilets for about 60 crore people in just a period of 60 months.
9. The Union government has launched a portal for better coordination among the ministries of power, coal and Indian Railways for coal supply to power plants **\_\_\_PRAKASH**.
- Note:**
- The Prakash portal will enable all stakeholders to monitor coal right from mines to transportation.
  - This is a laudable project in ensuring adequate availability optimum utilisation of coal at thermal power plants.
  - The Portal is designed to help in mapping and monitoring the entire coal supply chain for power plants.
10. The **country's first corporate train** has been flagged by Uttar Pradesh **Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath** in Lucknow **\_\_\_Tejas Express**.
- Note:**
- The train will run on the Lucknow-New Delhi route. The Tejas Express will reach the destination in 6.15 hours
  - According to the schedule, the train will leave Lucknow at 6.10 am and reach New Delhi Railway station at 12.25 pm. On its return journey, the train will leave Delhi at 3.35 pm and reach Lucknow at 10.05 pm.
  - The Tejas Express will have only two halts — Kanpur and Ghaziabad.
  - Tejas is the first train run by IRCTC the subsidiary of the Indian Railways.
11. The Goa Maritime Conclave (GMC)-2019 was inaugurated at **\_\_\_Goa**.
- Note:**
- The Conclave was conducted by Naval War College.
  - The 31st edition of the Naval War College Journal was also released by the NSA on the occasion.
  - The theme for the conclave is "Common Maritime Priorities in IOR and need for Regional Maritime Strategy".
  - The sub-theme for the first session was "Opportunities and Challenges in IOR".
12. The **20th National Health Informatics conference** will be held on February 7 and 8 2020 in **\_\_\_Kochi**.
- Note:**
- The conference will be jointly organised by the Health Informatics and Information Management Association (HIIMA), Kerala, and the Health Records Association of India
13. **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)**, NITI Aayog and **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** India jointly launched **\_\_\_Youth Co:Lab**.
- Note:**
- To mark the launch, a Letter of Intent (LOI) was signed between AIM, NITI Aayog and UNDP India.
  - Through Youth Co:Lab, young entrepreneurs and innovators will get a chance to connect with governments, mentors, incubators and investors, who will help equip them with entrepreneurial skills.
14. The **Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)** is all set to have a permanent deployment of more than 300 highly trained personnel at Baglihar Hydro Electric Power Plant in **\_\_\_Jammu and Kashmir**.
- Note:**
- This Hydroelectric Power Project is one of the most sensitive hydroelectric plants. Recently, the security forces gunned down two militants along with a top Hizbul Mujahideen commander.
  - Baglihar Dam also known as Baglihar Hydroelectric Power Project, is a run-of-the-river power project on the Chenab River in the Ramban district of the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir.
15. Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan has launched the **\_\_\_Trans-Fat Free logo**.
- Note:**
- The logo can be used by the Food establishments which use trans-fat free fats/oil and do not have industrial trans-fat more than 0.2g/100g of food, in compliance with the Food Safety and Standards (Advertising and Claims) Regulations, 2018.

- The logo can be voluntarily used by food business operators in their outlets and also on food products.

### Important News – State

1. A **Gandhi film festival** is being organized by **Films Division in association** with India Tourism in \_\_\_**Mumbai**.

**Note:**

- This film festival (Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary) will focus on Gandhiji's message of non-violence and Swachh Bharat.
- The select documentaries and feature films will be screened at the Films Division Complex, including, The Making of Mahatma, Gandhi, Gandhi My Father and Maine Gandhi Ko Nahin Mara.

2. The **state government** has signed an agreement with **Dalmia Cement a cement company** to make the state plastic-free by 2022\_\_\_ **Meghalaya**.

**Note:**

- The objective of this agreement is to turn plastic waste into fuel for their cement plants and at the same time ensure that all the environmental standards are maintained.
- The agreement was signed during an official programme in Shillong to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

3. The state govt. has announced a **ban on Paan masala** containing magnesium carbonate, nicotine, tobacco, **mineral oil** and flavored 'supari' in the state\_\_\_ **Rajasthan government**.

**Note:**

- All such products will now be banned in the State under the Food Safety Act. This is an important decision taken to curb addiction among youth.
- Production, storage, distribution and sale of these products will not be allowed in the State.
- With this, Rajasthan has become the third state after Maharashtra and Bihar to announce such a move.

4. India's largest charkha or **spinning wheel**, made of used plastic waste was inaugurated in \_\_\_**Noida**.

**Note:**

- The 1,650-kg spinning wheel has been installed in Sector 94 near the Mahamaya flyover.
- According to officials, the charkha, which symbolises Mahatma Gandhi's dream of Swadeshi (self-sufficing and self-reliance), measures 14 ft by 20 ft by 8 ft and is made of 1,250 kg of used plastic.
- The charkha has been recognized as the largest made of used plastic waste in the country by India Book of Records.

5. Odisha chief minister **Naveen Patnaik** has formally launched the **governance people**-centric initiative\_\_ **Mo Sarkar programme**.

**Note:**

- The objective of the programme is to provide service to people, coming to government offices, with dignity.
- All the departments dealing with the delivery of public services will implement the Mo Sarkar programme by March 5, 2020.
- As part of the initiative, the government will collect feedback on the behaviour and professionalism of government officers.

6. Andhra Pradesh CM, YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has launched the \_\_\_**YSR Vahana Mitra scheme**.

**Note:**

- Under this scheme, the government will provide Rs 10,000 allowance to self-employed drivers of autos, taxis and taxi cabs.
- The amount of Rs 10,000 is for the recurring expenses like insurance and maintenance of the vehicle to procure fitness certificate.
- The allowance of Rs 10,000 would be given every year and the amount will be credited into the bank accounts directly.

7. The **Bhopal Municipal Corporation (BMC)** and the **Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)** have joined hands to set up the country's first e-waste clinic in\_\_\_ **Bhopal**.

**Note:**

- It would enable segregation, processing, and disposal of waste from both household and commercial units.
- The clinic is a three-month pilot project, if successful, would be replicated elsewhere in the country.
- Electronic waste will be collected door-to-door or could be deposited directly at the clinic in exchange for a fee.

8. **Punjab government** has appointed Justice **Vinod Kumar Sharma** as \_\_\_**Punjab Lokpal**.



**Note:**

- Justice Satish Kumar Mittal resigned from the post of Lokpal in April 2018 and became the **chairman of Haryana Human Rights Commission**, since then this post was lying vacant.
- Justice Sharma had worked as an advocate in Punjab and Haryana High Court from 1974 till his elevation as Judge of Punjab and Haryana High Court on March 2006.

**Important News – World**

1. India and Kazakhstan conducted Joint Military Exercise 'KAZIND-2019' at \_\_\_ **Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand.**

**Note:**

- The exercise will comprise of nearly **100 soldiers** from both Indian and **Kazakhstan Army**.
- Exercise '**KAZIND-2019**' is the fourth edition of an **annual event which is conducted alternatively** in Kazakhstan and India.
- The **aim of this exercise** is to conduct company level joint training with the **emphasis on counter-terrorism** operations in mountainous terrain.

2. China unveiled the **DF-41 intercontinental-range ballistic missile**, touted to be the most powerful missile on the planet at the National Day parade in \_\_\_ **Beijing.**

**Note:**

- DF-41 has a range of up to 9,320 miles (15,000 kilometers), more than any missile on Earth.
- According to the Missile Defense Project at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, the missile is capable of carrying 10 independently targeted nuclear warheads and could theoretically, hit the United States in 30 minutes.
- The DF-41 was unveiled during the National Day parade, as China observed its 70th anniversary of Communist rule.

3. According to the **IMD Smart City Index**, who is the smartest city in the world\_ **Singapore.**

**Note:**

- The first edition of the IMD Smart City Index 2019 ranks 102 cities worldwide.
- Zurich ranked second and Oslo is the third smartest city in the world.
- The other smartest cities in the list are Geneva (4th), Copenhagen (5th), Auckland (6th), Taipei City (7th), Helsinki (8th), Bilbao (9th) and Dusseldorf (10th).
- The index assesses a city's efforts and success in embracing smart technologies to improve the lives of its citizens, thus being able to rate each city on a certain level of 'smartness'.
- Indian city Hyderabad ranked 67 in the list, while the capital of India, New Delhi is the 68th smart city in the world.

4. Who issued a commemorative **postage stamp** on the occasion of the **150th birth anniversary** of **Mahatma Gandhi** with an aim of honoring Gandhi's "heritage and values" \_\_\_ **Palestine.**

**Note:**

- The Minister of Telecommunications and Information Technology of the Palestine Authority (PA), Ishaq Sadar, released the ticket in the presence of Sunil Kumar, India's representative in the PA.

5. In the Global Firepower's 2019 Military Strength Ranking, the Indian military has been ranked as the strongest military power in \_\_\_ **South Asia.**

**Note:**

- Pakistan has been ranked second and Bangladesh is ranked the third most powerful military power in South Asia.
- In the world ranking, the United States has topped the list, followed by Russia, and China.
- The military strengths of 137 countries in total have been considered in the GFP.

6. Who has launched an **unmanned spacecraft** towards the International Space Station\_ **Japan.**

**Note:**

- The **H-2B rocket** lifted off at 1:05 am local time (1605 GMT Tuesday) with cargo vessel Kounotori8.
- The launch took place from the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency's Tanegashima Space Center in southwestern Japan.
- Kounotori8, meaning "white stork" in Japanese, intends to deliver about 5.3 tonnes of supplies to astronauts at the ISS, including fresh food and water as well as batteries and devices needed for experiments.

7. The festival of **Fulpati** is being celebrated with **gaiety** and religious fervor in \_\_\_ **Nepal.**

**Note:**

- Fulpati is observed on the seventh day of the Dashain festival.
  - In Nepali, “Ful” means flower and “Pati” means leaves and plants.
  - There is a tradition in Nepal to bring nine types of Fulpati into homes on the seventh day of Navaratri.
8. The fourth joint military exercise between India and Kazakhstan that began in Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand\_\_ **KAZIND-2019**.  
Note:
- The exercise was inaugurated by Brig SK Mandal, Commander of the 111 Independent Infantry Brigade.
  - According to military officials, this joint exercise will enhance defence cooperation between the two countries as well as strengthen bilateral relations.
  - The soldiers of both the countries involved in Kajind-2019 will be trained in counter-insurgency, counter-terrorism operations in forests and hilly areas.
9. The 14<sup>th</sup> edition of Indo – Mongolian joint military training, Exercise Nomadic Elephant–XIV started on \_\_\_**5th October**.  
Note:
- The exercise will be conducted from 05 to 18 Oct 19 at Bakloh. In this exercise, the Indian Army is being represented by a battalion of the RAJPUTANA RIFLES Regiment.
  - Nomadic Elephant – XIV is the fourteenth edition between the two nations aimed at training troops in counter-insurgency & counter-terrorism operations under the United Nations mandate.
  - The joint exercise will enhance defence co-operation and military relations between the two nations.

### Honor & Awards

1. Who has won the prestigious **United Nations Global Climate Action Award** in the ‘Climate Neutral Now’ category \_\_\_**Infosys**.  
Note:
- Infosys is the only corporate from India to earn the recognition for its efforts to combat climate change.
  - The award will be presented to Infosys at the UN Climate Change Conference (COP25) in Santiago, Chile (December 2019).
  - Infosys began its action to combat climate change in 2008 with an assessment of its carbon footprint.
2. President Ram Nath Kovind honored **veteran cricketer** with the most effective Swachhta Ambassador Award\_\_\_ **Sachin Tendulkar**.  
Note:
- The award was presented to the master blaster Sachin for utilizing his popularity and fame to ensure India achieves its goal of a Swachh Bharat.
  - The award was presented during the President at the India Today Safaigiri Summit in New Delhi.
  - In 2014, **Sachin Tendulkar** was honoured with Bharat Ratna becoming the youngest recipient of the highest civilian award in the country.
3. **Kyrgyz human rights lawyer** wins UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award \_\_\_ **Azizbek Ashurov**.  
Note:
- A Kyrgyz human rights lawyer whose work has supported the efforts of the Kyrgyz Republic in becoming the first country in the world to end statelessness has been selected as the 2019 winner of the UN Refugee Agency’s Nansen Refugee Award.
  - The award includes a commemorative medal and a US\$150,000 monetary prize generously donated by the governments of Switzerland and Norway.
4. According to the ‘**Swachh Rail, Swachh Bharat 2019**’ report, who topped the list of the **cleanest railway station** in India\_\_\_ **Jaipur**.  
Note:
- Three railway stations of Rajasthan have been included in the list of top clean railway stations in the country.
  - In the Railway Cleanliness Survey conducted by the Ministry of Railways, Jaipur Junction has come first, Jodhpur railway station ranked second and Durgapura railway station ranked at the third spot.
  - A total of 720 stations and were included in the survey.
5. The **UNESCO** has named **Mexican actress** as a UNESCO **Goodwill Ambassador** for Indigenous Peoples\_\_\_ **Yalitza Aparicio**.  
Note:
- Ms. Aparicio is committed to the fight against racism and for the rights of women and indigenous peoples. She was chosen to play in Alfonso Cuarón’s film Roma while studying to be a teacher.

- TIME magazine (USA) listed her as one of the 100 most influential people in the world in 2019

### Sports News

- Jamaican sprint legend won a gold medal in 100m race of 2019 IAAF World Championships in Doha\_\_ **Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce**.  
**Note:**
  - This was her 4th women's 100 metres world title.
  - She defeated Britain's European champion Dina Asher-Smith who took silver medal while Marie-Josee Ta Lou finished 3rd.
- who won a gold medal in 10 metres platform synchronized event at **10th Asian Age Group Championships** in Bengaluru \_\_**N Wilson Singh & Satish Kumar Prajapati**  
**Note:**
  - The duo scored 290.19 scores to beat Uzbekistan's Zaynetdinov Marsel and Khasanov Botir (280.53 points).
  - Thus, India extended their total tally to 60 medals (17 gold, 23 silver and 20 bronze) in the prestigious championships, which is the largest aquatic event in Asia
- Javelin thrower** has become the **first Indian** to qualify for **Women's Javelin Throw** final at World Athletics Championships in Doha, Qatar\_\_ **Annu Rani**.  
**Note:**
  - She smashed her own **national record** during the qualification round of the Championships with the best attempt of 62.43 metres.
  - Annu Rani is the current national record holder, with a record of 62.34m in March 2019.
  - Those who touch the automatic qualifying mark of 63.50m or 12 best performers from Group A and Group B taken together will qualify for the final round.
- England allrounder has been named as the players' player of the year at the Professional Cricketers' Association Awards\_\_ **Ben Stokes**.  
**Note:**
  - All-rounder Stokes played a starring role in England's maiden ICC World Cup 2019.
  - He also played a heroic role to help salvage an Ashes draw with Australia.
  - Somerset's Tom Banton picked up the PCA Young Player of the Year, while England bowler Sophie Ecclestone collected the Women's Player of the Summer.
- The **National Basketball Association** installed India's first-ever floating **basketball court** in \_\_**Mumbai**.  
**Note:**
  - The basketball court set up in the **Arabian Sea** near the Bandra-Worli Sealink.
  - India's first NBA Game to be held in October
  - The first NBA game is scheduled to host from **October 4 to October 5** in the SVP Stadium at Dome, NSCI, in Mumbai.
  - The matches will be played under the Reliance Foundation Junior NBA program.
  - Under this, the match will be played between the Sacramento Kings and Indiana Pacers.
- Who became the second Indian bowler to take the **fastest 200 wickets in Test cricket**\_\_ **Ravindra Jadeja**.  
**Note:**
  - Jadeja achieved the feat when he dismissed centurion **Dean Elgar** (160) during South Africa's first innings on the third day, in reply to India's 502 for 7 declared.
  - R Ashwin is the fastest **Indian bowler to take 200 wickets** in Tests cricket. He took 200 wickets in 37 Tests. Whereas, Jadeja took 44 Tests to reach the milestone.
- Who has won Japan Open title 2019 \_\_ Novak Djokovic.  
**Note:**
  - It was the 10th time Novak Djokovic had won a title on his tournament debut.
  - Djokovic has already qualified for next month's season-ending ATP Finals in London.
- Who has won the 2019 china open tennis tournament\_\_ **Naomi Osaka**.  
**Note:**
  - Naomi Osaka won the china open tennis tournament by defeating world number one Ashleigh Barty of Australia.
  - Two-time Grand Slam champion Naomi Osaka emerged victorious after 110 minutes in chilly Beijing, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

➤ This was the third title of 2019 for Osaka and fifth in her short career.

9. Who has won the Hero Indian Women's Open golf title \_ **Christine Wolf**.

**Note:**

- Austria's **Christine Wolf** clinched her maiden Indian Women's Open golf title on 6th October 2019 in Gurugram, Haryana.
- It was **Christine's first title** after six years on the Ladies European Tour.
- Norway's Marianne Skarpnord finished as runner-up while England's Meghan MacLaren finished third in the competition.

10. Indian women cricketer has become the first Indian to play 100 T20 International matches\_ **Harmanpreet Kaur**.

**Note:**

- She achieves this feat in the sixth T20I against South Africa in Surat.
- Harmanpreet Kaur is among 10 female players who have reached the three-figure mark in terms of appearances.
- New Zealand's Suzie Bates and Australia's Ellyse Perry top the list with 111 appearances.

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