

# Weekly One-Liners

22 to 30th September 2019



**Weekly One Liner Updates**  
**22-30th September 2019**

**Banking & Financial Awareness**

1. Who has announced to organise 1,000 Grameen loan melas over the next six months with an aim to expand its retail portfolio\_\_\_ **HDFC Bank**.  
**Note:**
  - These Grameen loan melas (or village loan fairs) will be held across more than 300 districts and cover around 6,000 villages across India.
  - Customers can avail of the tractor, auto, two-wheeler and Agri loans or open current or savings accounts, it said. Besides, self-help groups (SHGs) can avail of finance through the bank's Sustainable Livelihood Initiative.
2. Who has launched a digital platform '**Baroda Kisan**' to provide solutions for all major agricultural requirements\_\_\_ **Bank of Baroda**.  
**Note:**
  - The agri-digital platform has been executed by IT Centre of Excellence (ITCoE) of Bank of Baroda in partnership with IBM India.
  - The web-based portal will cater to all the needs of farmers, including weather forecasts, crop conditions, the moisture levels of the soil, information on crop worms, market prices, special crop-related consultation.
3. 'Max Bupa Health Insurance Company Limited' has announced a bancassurance corporate agency agreement with a state-owned bank\_\_\_ **Indian Bank**.  
**Note:**
  - Under the agreement, Max Bupa will provide comprehensive health insurance solutions and services to over 40 million customers of Indian Bank spread across 2800 branch network, through a slew of digital touchpoints.
  - As part of the tie-up, Max Bupa's offerings will include both retail and group health insurance products besides Indemnity and Fixed Benefit products.
4. Who has signed a corporate agency agreement with city-based Repco Home Finance Ltd to offer the company's range of products to RHFL customers\_\_\_ **SBI Life Insurance**.  
**Note:**
  - The partnership would see over 148 branches and 27 satellite centres of RHFL spread across the country to offer SBI Life Insurance products to its customers
5. The **Asian Development Bank** (ADB) lowered growth projection for India by\_\_\_ **50 basis points**.  
**Note:**
  - Now, the growth rate is expected at 6.5% during the current fiscal 2019-20.
  - This is the second successive lowering of estimates by the regional development bank in three months.
  - This reduction is mainly on account of weaker expansion in the first quarter (April-June) of the current fiscal.
  - It also predicted that India is expected to rebound to 7.2% growth in the FY 2020-21.
6. **Airtel Payments Bank** and **HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company** under the **corporate agency tie-up** launched an innovative \_\_\_ **Mosquito Diseases Protection Policy (MDPP)**.  
**Note:**
  - The partnership aims to bring together the deep distribution network of **Airtel Payments Bank** and the strong innovation pipeline of **HDFC ERGO** to contribute to financial inclusion in the country.
  - **Mosquito Disease Protection Policy** offers cover against seven common mosquito-borne diseases - Dengue, Malaria, Chikungunya, Japanese Encephalitis, Kala-azar, Lymphatic Filariasis (Elephantiasis) and Zika virus.
  - The product, which is a part of the '**Wallet Insurance Portfolio**' of HDFC ERGO, will be offered to the remittance customers of Airtel Payments Bank at a nominal cost of Rs 99 per annum.

7. To celebrate 550th Birth Anniversary of **Guru Nanak Dev** the **Nepal Rastra Bank** has issued commemorative coins of **2500, 1000 and 100 Nepali rupees**.

**Note:**

- Dr. Chiranjibi Nepal (Nepal Rastra Bank Governor) and Manjeev Singh Puri (Indian Ambassador) released commemorative coins.
- Shiromani Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee President Sardar Gobind Singh Longowal, Jathedar of Akal Takht Giani Harpreet Singh and many other prominent Sikh leaders from Punjab also joined the launching ceremony.
- on this occasion, a book "Sikh Heritage of Nepal" was also released.

### Obituaries

1. Former cricketer passed away at the Breach Candy Hospital Mumbai\_\_ **Madhav Apte**.

**Note:**

- He has played 67 first-class matches (46 Ranji Trophy for Bombay and three for Bengal), scored 3336 runs, with six centuries and 16 half-centuries.
- Madhav Apte was the first Indian opener to aggregate over 400 runs in a Test series (460 runs against West Indies in 1953)

2. Popular Telugu film comedian passed away at the Yashoda Hospital in Hyderabad\_\_ **Venu Madhav**.

**Note:**

- Venu Madhav (born in Kodad in Suryapet district) wasn't active in cinema for quite a while owing to his ill health.
- Venu Madhav has acted in around 170 movies in a career spanning over two decades.

3. Former **French President** passed away in Paris, France\_\_ **Jacques Chirac**.

**Note:**

- Chirac was served as President of France and **ex officio Co-Prince of Andorra** (1995 to 2007) and twice as **Prime Minister of France** (from 1974 to 1976 and from 1986 to 1988).
- He has won many **National and Foreign honours**, Ig Nobel prize for peace (1996) and State Prize of the Russian Federation (2007).

4. An **American television producer** 4-time **Emmy Award winner** passed away at his home in Los Angeles\_\_ **J. Michael Mendel**.

**Note:**

- He won four Emmys for 'Lisa's Wedding' (in 1995), Homer's Phobia (in 1997), Trash of the Titans (in 1998) and Pickle Rick (in 2018).
- He joined 'The Simpsons' (in 1989), where he produced shows such as The PJs, The Oblongs, Drawn Together, Sit Down, Shut Up, and Napoleon Dynamite.

5. **Bollywood actor** passed away in **Mumbai** due to multiple organ failure\_\_ **Viju Khote**.

**Note:**

- Mr. Viju Khote was best known for his role in the blockbuster film 'Sholay' in which he starred as dacoit Kalia.
- The actor had been working in the film industry (Hindi and Marathi films- over 300) since 1964.

6. Former Foreign Secretary of India passed away at his residence in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala\_\_ **K P S Menon (Jr.)**

**Note:**

- Mr. Menon (Indian Foreign Service-officer-1951) had served as the Foreign Secretary of India from 1987 to 1989.
- KPS Menon (junior) was best known for his services as an ambassador to various countries, including Bangladesh, Egypt, Japan and China.
- K P S Menon (Junior) was the son of first Foreign Secretary of independent India K P S Menon (senior).

### Important Days

1. **International Day of Sign Languages** (IDSL) is celebrated annually across the world on **23rd September**.

**Note:**

- The 2019 Theme of International Day of Sign Languages (IDSL) is 'Sign Language Rights for All!'

2. **President Ramnath Kovind** inaugurates the **6th India Water Week-2019** (IWW-2019) in **\_\_\_ New Delhi**.

**Note:**

- The 'IWW-2019' is being organised by the Ministry of Jal-Shakti, Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Government of India.
- The theme of Water Week-2019 is "Water Cooperation - Coping with 21st Century Challenges".
- The objective of IWW-2019' is to bring new ideas for mutual-cooperation for sustainable water management in the context of changing basin dynamics across administrative boundaries.

3. The World Maritime Day (WMD) 2019 is being observed on **\_\_\_26th September (last Thursday of Sep)**.

**Note:**

- 2019 Theme: 'Empowering women in the maritime community'.
- The National Maritime Day 2019 was observed on 5th April 2019

4. The **International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons** is observed every year on **\_\_\_ 26th September**.

**Note:**

- The objective of the day to provide an occasion for the world community to reaffirm its commitment to global nuclear disarmament as a high priority.

5. The **World Tourism Day** (WTD) is being observed annually on **\_\_\_27th September**.

**Note:**

- The purpose of this day is to raise awareness of the role of tourism within the international community and to demonstrate how it affects social, cultural, political and economic values worldwide.
- This year India is hosting the official celebrations of World Tourism Day with the theme "Tourism and Jobs: a better future for all".
- Andhra Pradesh has bagged the Best State Award for overall growth in tourism category while Goa and Madhya Pradesh were joint winners in the Adventure Tourism category.
- Uttarakhand was awarded best film promotion friendly state and Telangana for the best state in the innovative use of IT category.

6. Internet search engine '**Google**' celebrated its 21st birthday on **\_\_\_27th September**.

**Note:**

- American multinational technology company 'Google' has shown this special occasion of the 20-year journey by making doodles (An old computer is shown in Google's doodle).
- Google was founded in 1998 by Larry Page and Sergey Brin while they were PhD students at Stanford University in California.
- Google (operating in 100 languages) is one of the four big technology companies along with Apple, Amazon, Facebook.

7. World Rabies Day is observed every year across the world **\_\_\_ 28th September**.

**Note:**

- The day also marks the anniversary of French chemist and microbiologist Louis Pasteur's death, who developed the first rabies vaccine.
- The World Rabies Day 2019 theme is Rabies: Vaccinate to Eliminate.
- Rabies is a viral disease that causes acute inflammation of the brain in humans and other mammals.

8. **International Translation Day** is celebrated every year on **\_\_\_30th September**.

**Note:**

- International Translation Day is meant as an opportunity to pay tribute to the work of language professionals.
- The celebrations have been promoted by FIT (the International Federation of Translators) ever since it was set up in 1953.

9. **World Heart Day** (WHD) is celebrated every year to **create awareness about heart disease** and stroke prevention **\_\_\_29th September**.

**Note:**

- The causes for such diseases are alcohol abuse, tobacco consumption, leading an unhealthy lifestyle with irregular sleep, unhealthy food and sedentary lifestyle.
- The theme for the World Heart Day 2019 is "My Heart, Your Heart".
- The World Heart Federation created this global campaign in the hopes of uniting people all around the world to encourage heart-healthy living across the globe.

## New Appointments

1. Bollywood Actor will be **brand ambassador** of Madhya Pradesh\_\_\_ **Govinda**.

**Note:**

- Govinda is one of the most successful Bollywood stars in the 1990s, had a five-year stint as Congress Lok Sabha MP from Mumbai North constituency (in 2004).
- The Madhya Pradesh government is planning to set up a film city, as several production units are visiting places like Maheshwar, Mandu and Bhopal to shoot movies.

2. Who has been elected chairman of the Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC) for 2019-20\_\_\_ **Madhukar Kamath**.

**Note:**

- Currently, Mr. Kamath is the chairman emeritus of DDB Mudra group and mentor of Interbrand India.
- The Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC) of India is a non-profit circulation-auditing organisation, founded in 1948.

3. Who has been appointed as the next **Ambassador of India** to the **Republic of Guinea Bissau**, with residence in Dakar\_\_\_ **Godavarthi Venkata Srinivas**.

**Note:**

- Currently, **Mar. Srinivas** is the country's Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal.
- Guinea-Bissau is a tropical country on West Africa's Atlantic coast.

4. Army officer has become the **first woman officer** from Arunachal Pradesh to be elevated to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Indian Army\_\_\_ **Ponung Doming**.

**Note:**

- She was commissioned into the Indian Army as a Lieutenant in 2008.
- Last month, Wing Commander Shaliza Dhami became the first woman officer of the Indian Air Force to be elevated as the Flight Commander of a flying unit.
- The lieutenant colonel is a rank of commissioned officer in the armies, above a major and below a colonel.

5. Bulgarian economist has been selected as the new managing director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for a five-year term \_\_\_ **Kristalina Georgieva**.

**Note:**

- She will succeed Christine Lagarde, who is leaving to become head of the European Central Bank (ECB).
- Ms Georgieva is the first person from an emerging market economy to lead the IMF.
- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is an international organization headquartered in Washington, D.C.(United States).
- The IMF (Created in 1945) is governed by and accountable to the 189 countries that make up its near-global membership.

6. Who has been chosen as "goodwill ambassador" by the **Chief Electoral Officer** (CEO) in Maharashtra\_\_\_ **Madhuri Dixit**.

**Note:**

- Madhuri Dixit will be seen in a video titled 'Let's Vote' speaking about the democratic process and role of voters in the development of the country.
- Maharashtra State Assembly polls are scheduled for 21st October and results will be declared on 24th October 2019.
- A goodwill ambassador is a person who advocates for a specific cause (country or organization) based on their notability.

7. Army Chief General Bipin Rawat will take over as the new Chairman of \_\_\_ **Chiefs of Staff Committee (COSC)**.

**Note:**

- Mr. Rawat will replace Air Chief BS Dhanoa.
- The Chairman Chiefs of Staffs Committee is the senior-most officer in the three defence forces.



- On Independence Day 2019, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the government's decision to replace the post of Chairman, COSC with a permanent Chief of the Defence Staff (CDS).
8. Who has been appointed as chairman of the **International Egg Commission** (IEC) for next two years\_\_ **Suresh Chitturi**.
- Note:**
- He will be the first chair from Asia in the history of the International Egg Commission (IEC).
  - Currently, Mr. Chitturi is the Vice Chairman and Managing Director (MD) of India's leading poultry firm 'Srinivasa Farms'.

### Important News – India

1. India's **first environment school** named World Environment School, Coorg (WESc) will come up at \_\_\_\_ **Coorg, Karnataka**.  
**Note:**
  - **WESc will be open** for students of **Grade 6 to 12** from India and **around the world** from the year 2021.
  - It will be the **first school in India** and South Asia to take a leading **role in promoting** and delivering environmental education with sustainability at its core.
2. A new book by award-winning author Paro Anand will mark the 150th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi \_\_ **Being Gandhi**.  
**Note:**
  - The book 'Being Gandhi, explores not Gandhi the man or his life as a leader, but really the Gandhian way that must remain relevant to us.
  - The story revolves around a boy, Chandrashekhar, who is bored of doing projects on Gandhi.
3. India's largest power **company NTPC Ltd.** has planned to set up **5 gigawatts** (GW) solar park at \_\_\_\_ **Kutch, Gujarat**.  
**Note:**
  - A site has been identified for the project, which is expected to cost as much as Rs. 25,000 crores and begin operations by 2024.
  - The project is part of the **NTPC target** to build 32 gigawatts (GW) of renewable capacity by 2032 in order to reduce the share of fossil fuels in its energy mix to 70% from about 96%.
4. Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** has proposed the **idea of a single multipurpose identity** card for \_\_\_\_ **Indian citizens**.  
**Note:**
  - **Multipurpose identity card** would have all utilities such as Aadhaar, driving license, passport and bank accounts merged into one.
  - Amit Shah laid the foundation stone of Jangana Bhawan or Census Building in New Delhi.
  - According to Home Minister Amit Shah, the 2021 census (8th since Indian independence) will be a "digital census" and the data will be collected through a mobile app.
  - The National Population Register is being prepared for the first time in the 2021 census.
5. The Union Minister has launched 'UMMID' initiative to tackle inherited genetic diseases of new-born babies in New Delhi\_\_ **Dr Harsh Vardhan**.  
**Note:**
  - The new initiative aims at creating awareness about genetic disorders amongst clinicians and establish molecular diagnostics in hospitals so that the benefits of developments in medical genetics could reach patients.
  - According to Mr. Vardhan, congenital and hereditary genetic diseases are becoming a significant health burden and there is a need for adequate and effective genetic testing and counselling services.
  - Dr Vardhan further emphasized on the use of cutting-edge scientific technology and molecular medicine for extending Universal Health Coverage for all.
6. Who has set up a National e-Assessment Centre (NeAC) for assessing tax returns electronically without any personal contact between officials and taxpayers\_\_ **The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)**.  
**Note:**
  - The initiative is a part of government efforts to reduce human discretion in assessments and scrutiny, which in turn will eliminate possibilities of corruption, by leveraging new technologies like artificial intelligence, machine learning, video conferencing, telecommunication application software and mobile applications.
  - The CBDT has appointed Krishna Mohan Prasad (1984 batch- Indian Revenue Service officer) as the first Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax (PrCCIT) of NeAC.
7. The **Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari** has inaugurated the **16th Global SME Business Summit-2019** in \_\_\_\_ **New Delhi**.  
**Note:**

- The theme of this year's summit is 'Making Indian MSMEs Globally Competitive'.
  - According to Mr. Gadkari, MSME will soon launch a new E-Commerce website 'Bharat Mart' to enable MSMEs to sell their products in local as well as international markets.
  - This summit is organized by the Ministry of MSME and Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) every year.
8. A single emergency number has been launched for police, fire and ambulance emergency services in Delhi 112.
- Note:**
- Now, the citizens of Delhi can avail the facility of all these three emergency services by dialling the number '112'.
  - This call immediately passes to the Control Room for providing immediate assistance to the distress caller.
9. A new comic book series 'Professor Ayushman' conceived by the National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) was unveiled by the Ayush ministry.
- Note:**
- This interesting comic book will raise awareness in children about the importance of medicinal plants and their usage.
  - The comic book, conceived by the National Medicinal Plants Board, talks about plants like Aloe Vera, Tulsi, Amla, Giloy, Neem, Ashvagandha and Brahmi.
10. Union Govt. has reconstituted the **Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM)** for a period of 2 years.
- Note:**
- Dr. Bibek Debroy will continue as Chairman and Mr Ratan P. Watal will continue as the Member Secretary.
  - The reconstituted advisory panel will be effective from 26th September 2019.
  - The strength of the reconstituted EAC-PM has been reduced from five to four (two full-time members and two part-time members).
11. Union Minister of State for Tourism and Culture (I/C) Shri Prahlad Singh Patel inaugurated the exhibition of India Tourism Mart (ITM) 2019 in New Delhi.
- Note:**
- The Ministry of Tourism and the Federation of Associations in Indian Tourism and Hospitality (FAITH) have jointly organized this Mart.
  - Over 240 international delegates from 51 countries and 160 exhibitors from across the country are taking in the part in the second edition of ITM.
  - The Mart will provide a platform at the national level for trade and hospitality service providers in the country to interact and conduct business with their counterparts from overseas.
12. The Union Government has approved construction of 1.23 lakh more houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban).
- Note:**
- The 47th Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee approved 630 proposals from participating states for construction of 1.23 lakh houses with an overall investment of 4,988 crore rupees.
  - Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (launched in June 2015) is an initiative by Government of India in which affordable housing will be provided to the urban poor with a target of building 20 million affordable houses by 31st March 2022.
13. Former president Pranab Mukherjee has released a book titled Reset: Regaining India's Economic Legacy.
- Note:**
- The book was authored by BJP MP Subramanian Swamy, published by Rupa Publications India.
  - The book tracks the country's economic development over the years and offers solutions for future growth
14. The 5th edition Indian International Science Festival (IISF) in Kolkata. (5th to 8th November 2019)
- Note:**
- The theme for 2019 is "**RISEN India – Research, Innovation, and Science Empowering the Nation**".
  - The **objective of the festival** is to celebrate India's scientific and technological advancements with the participation of students, innovators, scientists, craftsmen and farmers.
  - '**IISF 2019**' is expected to host a gathering of around 12,000 participants, including nearly 8,000 students, from India and abroad.
  - This year's IISF will also witness the Science Literature Festival '**Vigyanika**', where several programmes related to the various genre will be organized.
15. The state govt. has decided to ban the usage of **single-use plastic water** bottles, glasses, plates from 2nd October 2019.

**Note:**

- The state government wants to promote eco-friendly and re-usable items in the coastal state.
- Last month, the Goa Legislative Assembly passed a bill banning manufacture, sale and use of single-use plastic items and carry bags, with a penalty ranging from Rs 2,500 to Rs. 3 lakh for violators.

16. Union **Minister for Health and Family Welfare** Dr. Harsh Vardhan has launched **\_\_\_TB Harega Desh Jeetega Campaign.**

**Note:**

- The Union Health Minister also flagged off a van for the **National TB Prevalence Survey**.
- All **twenty-five vans** will be part of the prevalence survey, which shall take 6 months and be carried out across the country.
- In April 2018, the government launched the '**Nikshay Poshan Yojana**', a direct benefit transfer (DBT) scheme to provide nutritional support to TB patients.
- Under the scheme, **TB patients have been receiving Rs 500 per month** for the entire duration of treatment.

17. Who will come out with a memoir on death and grief, drawing on a string of personal losses - of his parents and a beloved pet **\_\_\_Siddharth Dhanvant Shanghvi.**

**Note:**

- In 'Loss', the author will chart the landscape of bereavement as he takes the reader down the dark, winding path to healing.
- Some of the other books by Goa-based Siddharth are "The Last Song of Dusk", "The Lost Flamingoes of Bombay" and "The Rabbit & the Squirrel".

18. India, **the US** and **Japan** began the **trilateral maritime exercise** in the Pacific Ocean **\_\_\_Malabar 2019.**

**Note:**

- 'MALABAR 2019' would endeavour to further strengthen India - Japan - US Naval cooperation and enhance interoperability, based on shared values and principles.
- Two front lines indigenously designed and built Indian Naval Ships, the Multipurpose Guided Missile Frigate Sahyadri and ASW Corvette Kiltan, will participate in the Exercise.

19. 2nd edition of 'Singapore - India Hackathon' has been organized at **\_\_\_IIT Madras, Chennai.**

**Note:**

- India-Singapore Hackathon is the first of its kind joint International hackathon between India and Singapore during which the selected bright students from India and Singapore.
- They will work in collaboration to develop an innovative and out-of-the-box solution for some of the daunting problems faced by our societies.
- This year, the hackathon is focused on quality education, Good Health and clean energy.

20. Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh commissioned into the Indian Navy **\_\_\_INS Khanderi.**

**Note:**

- On the same occasion, the Defence Minister also inducted P-17 Shivalik-class frigate Nilgiri and the aircraft carrier drydock into the Indian Navy.
- INS Khanderi (67.5 metres long and 12.3 metres tall) has been built at the Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited in Mumbai.
- INS Khanderi comprises a set of missiles and torpedoes along with a sonar suite that helps the submarine to detect the enemies from a long distance and classify its targets.

21. The **International Astronomical Union (IAU)** has named a minor planet after Indian classical singer **\_\_\_Pandit Jasraj.**

**Note:**

- The asteroid (located between Mars and Jupiter) was discovered on 11th November 2006, by the Catalina Sky Survey, whose telescopes are based in Arizona in the United States.
- As of September 2019, there are 5,41,131 numbered minor planets of a total of 7,97,078 observed bodies, with the rest being unnumbered minor planets.

22. Smt. **Renuka Singh** (Minister of State for Tribal Affairs) has inaugurated the **11-day 'Aadi Mahotsav'** at **\_\_\_Noida (UP).**

- Artists and artisans from as many as 20 states of the country are a part of this mega cultural razzmatazz and showcase their traditional art, craft and culture.
- Aadi Mahotsav (Tribal Festival) organized by Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED), Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- The festival will continue from 11 am to 8.30 pm, daily till 8th October 2019.



## Important News – State

1. Assembly **elections in Maharashtra** (288 seats) and **Haryana** (90 seats) will be held on **\_\_\_21st October 2019**.  
**Note:**
  - Notification will be issued on 27th of this month and the last date for filing nominations will be 4th October.
  - The scrutiny will be held on 5th October and the last date for withdrawal of the nomination will be 7th of October.
  - The counting of votes will take place on 24th October this year.
2. The **Uttar Pradesh Govt.** has celebrated the first anniversary of PM Jan Arogya Yojna, as **\_\_\_Ayushman Bharat Day**.  
**Note:**
  - Chief Minister Yogi Aditya Nath has felicitated the beneficiaries and volunteers called 'Ayushman Mitra' in a function in Lucknow.
  - The state is celebrating Ayushman Bharat fortnight from 15th September to 2nd October.
  - Under the scheme, more than 36 lakh golden cards have been issued in the last year in the state.
3. Who will be hosting the **2nd flower festival** of the year during the North-East Monsoon **\_\_\_Udhagamandalam-Ooty**.  
**Note:**
  - Preparatory works for the elaborate exhibition of colourful and fragrant flowers have started in the famous Botanical Gardens in Udhagamandalam.
  - More than eighty-five exotic varieties, including predominantly English flowers like Dahlia, Marigold, Calendula and Daisy will be exhibited during the festival.
4. Tickets will be issued to **women passengers** under the **Delhi government's scheme** for free travel in DTC and cluster buses **\_\_\_Pink tickets**.  
**Note:**
  - The scheme has been approved till March 2020 and it will be rolled out on Bhai Dooj on 29th October 2019.
  - Women travelling in DTC and cluster buses will be given pink tickets having a face value of Rs 10 each.
  - The government will then reimburse the transporter based on the number of such tickets issued.
  - As per estimates, the government will spend Rs 140 crore on the implementation of the scheme.
5. Assam Finance Minister **Himanta Biswa Sarma** has launched a housing loan subsidy scheme to provide financial assistance on purchase or construction of the first house for a family **\_\_\_Aponar Apon Ghar**.  
**Note:**
  - Subsidy up to 2 lakh 50 thousand rupees will be provided for loan amounts from five lakh to 40 lakh rupees.
  - This scheme is meant for the loan sanctioned in this financial year.
  - This initiative would provide impetus to the economy and led to the expansion of real estate in the state.
6. The Union Agriculture and Farmer Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has launched two agriculture-related Mobile Applications **\_\_\_CHC Farm Machinery and Krishi Kisan**.  
**Note:**
  - The Custom Hiring Service Centers (CHC App) will allow farmers to avail the custom hiring services of CHCs located in the radius of 50 Kilometres.
  - Using this App, small level farmers can avail agriculture Machinery on rental basis to enhance their production.
  - Krishi Kisan App will provide farmers with information of the best demonstration of high-yielding crops and seeds at nearby area.
7. President Ram Nath Kovind has inaugurated Gandhi Katha by Pujya Morari Bapu in **\_\_\_New Delhi**.  
**Note:**
  - The life of Gandhiji is like an epic and millions of people across the world are listening to his life story and getting inspiration from it.
8. Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** commissioned the Indian Coast Guard Ship at a special function held at Chennai Port **\_\_\_ICGS Varaha**.  
**Note:**
  - The ship is the fourth in the series of seven offshore patrol vessels of the Coast Guard.
  - It is equipped with 30 milli-metre gun and has an integrated bridge system, platform management systems, automated power management system and high-power external fire-fighting system.
  - It will be deployed for the surveillance of India's Exclusive Economic Zone and to safeguard the maritime interests of the country.
9. India and the United States will hold their first tri-services exercise 'Tiger Triumph' in November 2019 **\_\_\_Visakhapatnam and Kakinada**.

**Note:**

- India-US tri-services exercise will be organised under the aegis of the headquarters of the Integrated Defence Staff.
- The plan for this exercise was discussed during the Final Planning Conference (FPC) for India-US Tri-Services Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Relief (HADR) concluded at Headquarters Eastern Naval Command.

10. Madhya Pradesh **Chief Minister Kamal Nath announced** that Bhopal Metro will be known as **\_\_\_Bhoj Metro**.

**Note:**

- A target has been set to complete the metro rail project in Bhopal by 2023.
- The total system consists of 2 corridors covering a distance of 27.87 kilometres, cost approximately USD 1.2 billion.

11. Uttar Pradesh **Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath** announced an annual support to the victims of **triple talaq** till their rehabilitation **\_\_\_ Rs. 6,000**.

**Note:**

- The victims of triple talaq came under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK).
- The state govt also gives rights over waqf properties and also called for several welfare measures that should be undertaken for their rehabilitation.
- In Uttar Pradesh (in last one year) 273 cases of triple talaq were reported from various districts in which FIR was registered.

12. The **state government** has named **Jamtara districts** Karmatand block as Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar block **\_\_\_ Jharkhand**.

**Note:**

- Now the block will be known as **Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar prakhand**.
- Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar spent 18-years of his life at Karmatand.
- Jamtaras Karmatand prakhand (block) was the 'karma bhumi' (workplace) of social reformer and a strong supporter of women's education Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar.

### Important News – World

1. PM **Narendra Modi** addressed 74th session of United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in **\_\_\_New York**.

**Note:**

- PM Modi also inaugurated Gandhi Solar Park at the UN headquarters and Gandhi Peace Garden later in the day.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi also participated in UN Secretary General's Summit on Climate Change.

2. The Southern Railways has announced a special schedule for the Heritage Hill Railway from **\_\_\_Udhagamandalam to Mettupalayam**.

**Note:**

- **Special trips of the mountain train** on the picturesque route, hugging the verdant Western Ghats, will be run on all weekends from October 5th to November 29th.
- This coincides with the second flower season in the world-renowned hill station.
- The **Southern Railways** announced in Mettupalayam wherefrom the train starts that the day-time service will have halts at Kallar, Hill Grove, Aruvankadu, Wellington and Coonoor.

3. The **2019 UN Climate Action Summit** was held in **\_\_\_ New York, United States**.

**Note:**

- UN 2019 Climate Summit theme was 'Climate Action Summit 2019: A Race We Can Win. A Race We Must Win'.
- Purpose of UN Climate Action Summit 2019 is to increase the commitments of government, business and civil society to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement and work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by at least 45 percent by 2030, and a target of achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.

4. PM Modi along with **other world leaders** have inaugurated the **Gandhi Solar Park** (50 kilowatts) at the UN headquarters in **\_\_\_New York**.

**Note:**

- They also released a commemorative stamp issued by the UN on Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary.
- UN Secretary-General António Guterres and number of heads of state were present on the occasion.

5. **Japan** launched an unmanned H-2B rocket towards the International Space Station from the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency's **\_\_\_Tanegashima Space Center, Japan**.

**Note:**

- This Rocket is considered as the world's biggest transport spaceship.

- It intends to deliver about 5.3 tonnes of supplies to astronauts at the ISS.
  - The H-2B rocket lifted off with cargo vessel Kounotori8, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries.
  - Japan has launched other cargo missions to the ISS over the past decade.
6. The 7th annual **World Hindu Economic Forum (WHEF)** 2019 held in \_\_\_\_ **Mumbai, Maharashtra**.
- Note:**
- The theme of (WHEF) 2019 was “Prosperous Society: Stronger Society”.
  - The World Hindu Economic Forum (WHEF) describes itself as an independent international organization committed to making Hindu society prosperous through the creation and sharing of surplus wealth.
7. India's rank in world digital competitiveness rankings 2019\_\_ **44<sup>th</sup>**.
- Note:**
- The US was ranked as the world's most digitally competitive economy, followed by Singapore (2nd) and Sweden (3rd),
  - India's biggest improvement in 2019 was in the technology sub-factor level, where it held the first position in telecommunications investment.

### Honor & Awards

1. Kerala Tourism has won three prestigious \_\_ **PATA Gold awards**.
- Note:**
- Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) **Gold** awards include one for an ethnic food restaurant run by women at Kumarakom under its Responsible Tourism Mission.
  - The awards presented at a glittering function at Nur-Sultan (Astana) in Kazakhstan were received by state Tourism Minister Kadakampally Surendran and Tourism Director P Bala Kiran.
2. Indian **playback singer** has been honoured with '**Magnificent Performing Arts Award**' at the 21st Century Icon Awards in London, United Kingdom (UK) \_\_ **Sonu Nigam**.
- Note:**
- These annual awards are the brainchild of UK-based Indian-origin entrepreneurs Preeti Rana and Tarun Gulati (co-founders of Squared Watermelon Ltd).
  - The 2019 edition of awards attracted more than 700 nominations which were narrowed down to 44 finalists.
3. **Argentine footballer** won the FIFA's best male player of the year award 2019\_\_ **Lionel Messi**.
- Note:**
- Messi beats Virgil van Dijk and Cristiano Ronaldo to win the Best Men's Player award.
  - Earlier, Lionel Messi has won this award for the record sixth time (earlier, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 & 2015).
  - American footballer Megan Rapinoe has won the Best FIFA Football Women's Player award 2019.
  - Rapinoe beat Alex Morgan and Lucy Bronze to win The Best Women's Player award.
  - Jurgen Klopp (Germany) has won the best FIFA men's coach award.
  - Daniel Zsori (Hungarian-Romanian) received FIFA's Puskas award.
4. Senior journalist has received the **first Gauri Lankesh National Award** for Journalism \_\_ **Ravish Kumar**.
- Note:**
- Ravish Kumar was chosen for the award for sharp news analysis and uncompromising secular stance by the Gauri Lankesh Memorial Trust.
  - The award was presented to him by freedom fighter H.S. Doreswamy.
  - Indian journalist-turned-activist Gauri Lankesh was shot to death by assailants outside her home in Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore.
5. Who has created history by entering into the The **royal dance of Ladakh 'Shondol dance'** as the largest Ladakhi dance\_\_ **Shondol dance**.
- Note:**
- 'Shondol' is a famous dance, which artistes used to perform for the king of Ladakh.
  - As many as 408 women attired in traditional dresses and beautiful headgears performed the dance.
  - It was held on the concluding day of the ongoing Buddhist carnival Naropa festival near the Hemis Monastery.
  - The festival had begun on 16th September and concluded on 20th September 2019.
6. **Bollywood's megastar** has been selected for the **Dada Saheb Phalke award** (for the year 2018) \_\_ **Amitabh Bachchan**.
- Note:**
- The award consists of a golden lotus (Swarn Kamal), a cash prize of Rs. 10 lakhs and a shawl.

- Mr. Bachchan is widely regarded as one of the greatest and most influential actors in the history of Indian cinema as well as world cinema.
  - He first gained popularity in the early 1970s for films such as 'Zanjeer', 'Deewaar' and 'Sholay'.
  - The 'Dadasaheb Phalke Award' is India's highest award in cinema.
7. Who has been awarded with **"Global Goalkeeper" award** by the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation** for the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan launched by his government \_\_ **PM Narendra Modi**.
- Note:**
- Mr Modi dedicated the award to those Indians who transformed the Swachh Bharat campaign into a "people's movement" and accorded topmost priority to cleanliness in their day-to-day lives.
  - According to Mr Modi, over 11 crore toilets were built in the country in the last five years.
8. International Association of Athletic Federations (IAAF) honoured the Indian track and field legend with a Veteran Pin \_\_ **PT Usha**.
- Note:**
- IAAF **chief Sebastian Coe presented** her the Veteran Pin during the 52nd IAAF Congress in Doha, Qatar.
  - Usha's most memorable performance came in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics where she became the first Indian to reach the finals of the 400m hurdles but lost the bronze by one-hundredth of a second.
  - She is often called the "queen of Indian track and field".
9. The **SASTRA Ramanujan Prize for 2019** will be awarded to mathematician \_\_ **Adam Harper**.
- Note:**
- Mr. Harper was awarded the prize for several outstanding contributions to analytic and probabilistic number theory.
  - The prize carries a citation and an award of USD 10,00 and is conferred annually on mathematicians from across the world who are less than 32 years of age, working in an area influenced by the genius Srinivasa Ramanujan.
10. Who has become the first Indian to receive the 'Changemaker Award 2019' \_\_ **Payal Jangid**.
- Note:**
- The Award was presented by the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation** at a ceremony held in New York, United States.
  - She awarded for her work towards the abolition of child marriage in her village (Hinsla village- Rajasthan) and other neighboring areas.
11. As per the 8th IIFL (India Infoline Finance Limited) **Wealth-Hurun India Rich List 2019**, who has once again emerged as the richest man in India \_\_ **Mukesh Ambani**.
- Note:**
- Chairman of Reliance Industries Ltd Mukesh Ambani emerged as the richest man of India with a total net worth of Rs 3.8 lakh crores.
  - The number of Indians in the 2019 edition of the list has grown from 831 (in 2018) to 953
12. As per the annual Airport Service Quality survey (conducted by the ACI), Airport Council International has recognized the best airport in terms of services offered to passengers \_\_ **Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL)**.
- Note:**
- CIAL was ranked amongst the best airports in the 5-15 million categories in the Asia Pacific region for the year 2018.
  - The award was presented to the authorities of Cochin International Airport at the second Annual ACI Customer Experience Global Summit held at Bali, Indonesia.

### Sports News

1. Who has won the China Open men's Badminton Title 2019 \_\_ **Kento Momota**.
  2. Who has won the China Open women's Badminton Title 2019 \_\_ **Carolina Marina**.
- Note:**
- The 2019 China Open badminton tournament took place at Olympic Sports Center Xincheng Gymnasium in Changzhou, Jiangsu, China (17 to 22 September 2019).
  - This tournament was organized by Chinese Badminton Association and sanctioned by the BWF.
3. German **racing driver** has won the **Formula One Singapore Grand Prix 2019** \_\_ **Sebastian Vettel (Ferrari)**.
- Note:**

- **Charles Leclerc** (Ferrari) remained on the second position while Max Verstappen (Red Bull Racing-Honda) was third.
  - The 2019 Singapore Grand Prix was a Formula One motor race held at the Marina Bay Street Circuit in Marina Bay, Singapore.
4. Indian boxer settled for a silver medal at the **AIBA Men's World Boxing Championships** at Ekaterinburg in Russia\_\_ **Amit Panghal**.  
**Note:**
- He lost to Shakhobidin Zoirov (Uzbekistan) in flyweight (48-52 kg) category, by a unanimous decision from the judges.
  - The past Indian medal-winners at the world meet are Vijender Singh (2009), Vikas Krishan (2011), Shiva Thapa (2015) and Gaurav Bidhuri (2017).
5. **Indian wrestler** has won a bronze medal in men's 61-kilogram freestyle category at the **World Championship** in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan\_\_ **Rahul Aware**.  
**Note:**
- Rahul beat 17th seeded Tyler Lee Graff (America) 11-4 to ensure he finished on the podium.
  - It was India's fifth medal at this edition of the World Championships with a total haul of 1 silver and 4 bronzes.
  - The 2019 World Wrestling Championships were held in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan (14th to 22nd September 2019).
6. Indo-Slovakian got past Italian pair of Matteo Berrettini and Simone Bolelli 6-3 3-6 10-8 in a tiebreaker in the hard-fought summit clash\_\_ **Divij Sharan and Igor Zelenay**.
7. India's **National women's badminton coach** has resigned from her post\_\_ **Kim Ji-Hyun**.  
**Note:**
- As a result, she is unlikely to be with the Indian team ahead of the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.
  - She has played a vital role in helping P.V. Sindhu win the 2019 badminton World Championship gold.
8. Who has won two golds in the Asian Age Group swimming championship at the Padukone-Dravid Center for Sports Excellence in Bengaluru\_\_ India's Kushagra Rawat.  
**Note:**
- Mr Rawat has already achieved the B-mark Olympic Standard Time in 800m freestyle, set a new meet record by clocking 8:10.05s.
  - Elsewhere, Srihari Nataraj (in 25.30s) and Maana Patel (finished in 29.92) claimed golds in the men's and women's 50m backstroke events.
9. India's chess grandmaster won the **Fide World Grand Prix 2019 title** in Skolkovo, Russia \_\_ **Koneru Hampi**.  
**Note:**
- Humpy finished at 8.0/11, gained 160 Grand Prix points and received 15,000 EUR (Rs 1172025) for winning the tournament.
  - The FIDE Women's Grand Prix 2019-20 is a series of four chess tournaments (exclusively for women), which will determine two players to play in the Women's Candidates Chess Championship in 2021.
10. Who has won the **Senior Women's National Football Championship 2019-20** held in Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh\_\_ **Manipur**.  
**Note:**
- India international Bala Devi (Manipur) emerged as the highest scorer of the tournament, with 21 goals from 6 matches.
  - Panthoi Chanu (Manipur) was named the best goalkeeper.
11. The Indian duo of **Pankaj Advani and Aditya Mehta** has won the IBSF World Snooker Team title at \_\_\_\_ **Mandalay, Myanmar**.  
**Note:**
- The Indian pair beat Thailand's team comprising C.Pongsakorn and D.Poramin 5-2 in the final.
  - This takes Advani's world title tally to a phenomenal 23rd while Aditya claimed his maiden title.
  - He had also won the world billiards event at Mandalay last week.
12. Who becomes 1st Indian cricketer to bowl 3 maidens in T20Is\_\_ **Deepti Sharma**.  
**Note:**
- Deepti Sharma gave away runs only off the 19th ball that she bowled in the India Women vs South Africa Women match
  - She ended with figures of 4/8 with three of the four overs to lead India to victory.
  - This is the first time that an Indian has bowled as many maidens in a T20I match.



13. Indian **tennis player** has won the men's singles title of **ATP Challenger Tournament** at Buenos Aires in Argentina\_\_  
**Sumit Nagal.**

Note:

- He defeated local favourite Facundo Bognis in straight-sets 6-4, 6-2 to claim the 54,160 US dollars prize money.
- Last month, Nagal grabbed headlines after he made his Grand Slam debut and produced a spirited fight against the legendary Roger Federer in the first round of the US Open.

14. British racing driver has won the Russian Grand Prix 2019\_\_ **Lewis Hamilton (for Mercedes).**

Note:

- This was Hamilton's 9th win of the season.
- Finland's Valtteri Bottas (for Ferrari) was in second, with Monaco's Charles Leclerc (Ferrari) was third.
- The 2019 Russian Grand Prix was a Formula One motor race held at the Sochi Autodrom in Sochi, Russia.

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