

Weekly One Liner

8th - 14th October 2019



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Dear readers,

Weekly One Liner Updates is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the **second week** (8-14th) of **October 2019**. This file is important for, **Banking interviews** and all **upcoming Banking & Insurance** exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. Who has announced a reduction in its marginal cost of **fund-based lending** (MCLR) rate by 10 basis points across all tenors __ **State Bank of India (SBI)**.

Note:

- This is the sixth time that the country's largest lender has cut its MCLR or minimum lending rate in the current financial year.
- The rate reduction is not applicable to the repo-linked loans.
- With this reduction, the one-year MCLR, to which all the lending rates are linked to, is set at 8.05% as against 8.15% earlier.

2. **Reliance Mutual Fund** has been renamed as __ **Nippon India Mutual Fund**.

Note:

- The organization was renamed following the purchase of 75% stake in Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management by Nippon Life Insurance.
- Now, Nippon India Mutual Fund has become the largest foreign-owned Asset Management Company in India.
- In Reliance Mutual Fund, both Reliance Capital and Nippon Life (Japan's largest life insurance company) held 42.88% stake each, while the rest was with public shareholders.

3. **Reserve Bank of India** (RBI) has given its final approval to the **Kerala Government** for the formation of the __ **Kerala Bank**.

Note:

- With its formation, the proposed Kerala Bank will be the largest banking network in the state.
- The objective of the formation of the Kerala Bank was to strengthen the cooperative sector, while the Opposition had alleged that it would destroy the traditional cooperative sector.

4. Auto **component manufacturer** is acquiring **100% equity** capital of Germany-based Delvis Group for 21 million euros __ **Minda Industries**.

Note:

- The Delvis Group is engaged in automotive lighting design and engineering.
- It comprises of Delvis GmbH and its two wholly owned subsidiaries Delvis Products and Delvis Solutions.
- Minda has a diversified product portfolio that encompasses safety, security and restraint systems.

5. The **Union Government** has constituted a committee of officers to **suggest measures to augment** __ **GST revenue**.

Note:

- The panel comprises **state-level** GST commissioners of Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Punjab besides central government officials including Principal Commissioner of GST and Joint Secretary (Revenue).
- The **committee** has been asked to suggest urgent measures to arrest the fall in tax revenues and suggest steps to be taken to improve revenue collection.
- The move came in the backdrop of a decrease in **GST collections** in September 2019.

6. US-based Major credit rating agency **Moody's Investors Service** estimated that the Indian economy expected in the financial year 2020 __ **5.8%**.

Note:

- It stated that the Indian economy is experiencing a pronounced slowdown partly due to long-lasting factors
7. As per reports on South Asia, The **World Bank (WB)** has sharply lowered **India's economic growth projection** for FY 20__ **6%**.

Note:

- The report identified softening consumption due to slow growth in rural incomes, domestic demand and credit from NBFCs as a key challenge.
- Structural factors behind the weak investment were the other concern flagged by the World Bank.
- Bangladesh (this fiscal year-7.2%) has become the second-fastest growing economy in South Asia after Bhutan.

Important Days

1. The **Indian Air Force (IAF)** has celebrated its **87th anniversary** across India__**8th October**.

Note:

- The Indian Air Force has displayed various Aircraft at Air Force Station Hindan airbase near Delhi with a parade and air display.
- The highlight of the event was Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman leading a MiG formation and flying a MiG Bison Aircraft.
- It was officially established on 8 October 1932 as an auxiliary air force of the British Empire and the prefix Royal was added in 1945 in recognition of its services during World War II.

2. **World Post Day** is being celebrated each year on __ **9th October**.

Note:

- It was declared World Post Day by the UPU Congress held in Tokyo, Japan in 1969.
- Since then, countries around the world participate annually in the celebrations.
- Posts in many countries use the event to introduce or promote new postal products and services.

3. The **World Mental Health Day** is observed every year on __ **10th October**.

Note:

- The day raise awareness about mental health issues around the world and mobilizing efforts in support of mental health.
- The theme for this year World Mental Health Day is 'Mental Health Promotion and Suicide Prevention.'

4. October Month is observed as __ **Brest Cancer Awareness Month**

Note:

- The Breast Cancer Awareness Month helps to increase attention and support for awareness.
- This month creates awareness about the importance of early detection and treatment of breast cancer.
- According to the World Health Organisation (WHO) breast cancer is by far the most common cancer in women worldwide, both in developed and developing countries.
- Breast cancer is cancer that forms in the cells of the breasts.

5. The **International Day of the Girl Child (IDGC)** is observed every year across the world on __ **11th October**.

Note:

- The day recognize girls' rights and challenges girls face around the world.
- The theme of 2019 is "GirlForce: Unscripted and Unstoppable".

6. **World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD)** 2019 is being observed on __ **12th October** (second Saturday of October).

Note:

- The WMBD is an annual awareness-raising campaign highlighting the need for the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats.
- The theme for 2019: Protect Birds: Be the Solution to Plastic Pollution!

7. **International Day for Disaster Reduction** is being observed annually on __ **13th October**.

Note:

- The day encourage every citizen and government to take part in building more disaster-resilient communities and nations.
- The 2019 Theme: 'Reduce disaster damage to critical infrastructure and disruption of basic services'.
- The International Day for Disaster Reduction was started in 1989, after a call by the United Nations General Assembly for a day to promote a global culture of risk-awareness and disaster reduction.

Obituaries

1. Eminent **Saxophone master** passed away in Mangalore__ **Kadri Gopalnath**.

Note:

- Kadri had been credited with introducing the Western wind instrument Saxophone to the Carnatic music world with great technical finesse and artistic sensitivity.

New Appointments

1. Justice Lingappa Narayana Swamy was sworn in as the 25th Chief Justice of the ___**Himachal Pradesh High Court**.

Note:

- **Justice Swamy served as the acting Chief Justice of** Karnataka High Court (18th January 2019 to 9th May 2019).
- He was administered the oath of office by Governor Bandaru Dattatraya in a ceremony held at Darbar Hall of Raj Bhawan in Shimla.

2. Justice Indrajit Mohanty was sworn in as the 37th Chief Justice of the ___**Rajasthan High Court**.

Note:

- He was administered the oath of office by Rajasthan Governor Kalraj Mishra in a ceremony held at Raj Bhawan.
- Justice Mohanty is the former Judge of Bombay High Court.

Important News – India

1. A three-day **International Cooperative Trade Fair** held in ___ New Delhi from.

Note:

- The first-ever such fair is aimed at promoting cooperative to cooperative trade within India and abroad leading to 'enhanced rural and farm prosperity.
- According to Agriculture **Minister Narendra Singh Tomer**, Representatives from over **150 cooperative societies** and **35 countries** including, Australia, Japan, China, Brazil, US, UK, Germany and Iran are going to participate in the fair.
- This will be India's first and the largest international cooperatives trade fair promising to usher in a new era of cooperative excellence.

2. Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman has inaugurated the National e- Assessment Centre (MeAC) in ___**New Delhi**.

Note:

- The income Tax Department's (NeAC) will reduce face to face interaction between taxpayers and tax officials.
- They will also receive real-time alerts by way of SMS on their registered mobile number, specifying the issues for which their cases have been selected for scrutiny.
- This is another initiative by CBDT in the field of ease of compliance for the taxpayers.

3. The AIIMS in collaboration with the Union Health Ministry has launched the first-ever website and mobile application on oral health awareness ___**eDantSeva**.

Note:

- The digital platform 'eDantSeva' will provide **oral health information** gathered from authentic scientific resources and connect the people to **timely advice** for managing any dental emergency or oral health problem.
- The website also provides GPRS route and satellite images of the facility for easier access to the people.
- It also constitutes a unique feature called the 'Symptom Checker'.
- A Braille booklet and voice-over on oral health education for visually impaired were also released on the occasion.

4. The 50th **International Film Festival of India (IFFI)**- 2019 will be held in ___**Goa**.

Note:

- Over 200 best films from 76 countries, 26 feature films and 15 non-feature films in the Indian Panorama section will be screened at the film festival.
- Around 10 thousand people and film lovers are expected to participate in the Golden Jubilee edition of the festival.
- 12 prominent films in different languages that have completed 50 years this year, will also be showcased.

5. President **Ram Nath Kovind** presented the prestigious **President's colours** to the Army Aviation Corps at ___**Nashik**.

Note:

- The presentation of colour is an acknowledgement of the meritorious service rendered by the Army Aviation Corps over the years by the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces.
- The Army Aviation Corps is a component of the Indian Army formed on 1st November 1986.

6. Union Minister of HRD **Ramesh Pokhriyal** has inaugurated the ambitious **Pradhan Mantri Innovative Learning Programme (PMILP) ___DHRUV.**

Note:

- The objective of the program is to allow talented students to realize their full potential and contribute to society.
- It will conclude on 24th of this month at IIT (Indian Institutes of Technology), Delhi.
- Sixty brightest and talented students from Science, Mathematics and Performing Arts (Class 9 to Class 12) have been chosen for the programme.

7. The Union government set up a high-level **inter-ministerial committee** chaired by ___**Ajay Bhushan Pandey.**

Note:

- The 19-member Inter-Ministerial Coordination Committee (IMCC) has five secretaries, including from ministries of finance and external affairs, and chiefs of various regulatory authorities.
- The committee would also work on the development and implementing policies on anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism.

8. PM Modi and Xi Jinping attend cultural event in ___**Mamallapuram.**

Note:

- Mr. Xi Jinping hold the Second Informal Summit with Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Mahabalipuram (a UNESCO world heritage town) in Tamil Nadu.
- At Mamallapuram, Prime Minister Modi will personally guide Mr Xi Jinping through the ancient monuments like the Arjun's Penance, Ganesh Rath, Krishna butter ball before the two leaders drive to the Panch Rathas or the five chariots of the Pandavas.

9. Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare **Dr Harsh Vardhan** has launched **Surakshit Matritva Aashwasan (SUMAN)** initiative in ___**New Delhi.**

Note:

- The initiative was launched during the 13th Conference of Central Council of Health and Family Welfare in New Delhi.
- The aim of the initiative is to provide dignified, respectful and quality health care at no cost and zero tolerance for denial of services for every woman and new-born public health facility in order to end all preventable maternal and newborn deaths.
- The initiative also provides a positive birth experience to both mother and infant.

10. The first National Hindi Science writers conference begins today in ___**Lucknow.**

Note:

- The Objective of the **National Hindi Science writers conference** is to bring all Hindi and vernacular language science writers at one platform and promote the use of Hindi in the field of science writing.
- More than one **thousand science writers across** the country are expected to take part in this 2-day long conference.
- A dedicated website '**VIGYANLEKHAN.COM**' has been prepared for this event.

11. The India Carpet Expo (38th) was held in ___**Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.**

Note:

- The India Carpet Expo is organized twice in a year in Delhi and Varanasi.
- The expo (largest handmade carpet fairs in Asia) has been organized by the Carpet Export Promotion Council (CEPC).
- The India Carpet Expo aims to promote the cultural heritage and weaving skills of Indian hand-made carpets and other floor coverings for the visiting overseas carpet buyers.

12. Home Minister **Amit Shah** has inaugurated the **14th annual convention of the Central Information Commission (CIC)** in ___**New Delhi.**

Note:

- All the present and former Chief Information Commissioners, Information Commissioners of the Central Information Commission, State Information Commission, RTI activists and NGOs associated with the implementation of the RTI Act will attend the Convention.

13. Union Minister **Shri Narendra Singh Tomar** has inaugurated the first-ever '**India International Cooperatives Trade Fair**' (ICTF) at ___ **Pragati Maidan, New Delhi**.
Note:
- This unique three-day forum aims to promote cooperative-to-cooperative trade within India and abroad leading to enhanced rural and farm prosperity.
 - It also provides an opportunity for participating countries to showcase their products in the Indian market.
14. Union Minister **Nityanand Rai** has launched a **Railway Police's mobile** application ___ **Sahyatri**.
Note:
- The database of criminals, including their photographs, active in railways' jurisdiction all over India would be uploaded on the Railway police's website.
 - It will also have the facility to scan and read QR codes and make an emergency call.
 - The 'Sahyatri' app will help railway passengers find out the jurisdiction of a police station and the details of GRP officials by geotagging with Google Maps.
15. The **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship** (MSDE) announced its partnership with the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore to launch ___ **Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship**.
Note:
- The **two-year Fellowship programme** will be delivered by IIMB's **Centre of Public Policy** (CPP).
 - The programme will be launched on a pilot basis in Gujarat, Karnataka, Meghalaya, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.
 - Those who have a graduate degree from a **recognized university** and are citizens of India in the **age group of 21-30 years** will be eligible to apply for it.
16. Who has organized a month-long **City Walk Festival** in 11 cities ___ **Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board**
Note:
- The **City Walk Festival** organized in Bhopal, Indore, Ujjain, Gwalior, Panna, Vidisha, Khajuraho, Chanderi, Jabalpur, Burhanpur and Orchha.
 - In a unique way to promote tourism, local, national and international tourists of all age groups is participating in the festival.
 - More than 100 city walks organized during the festival on subjects including art, culture, heritage, food, textile, photography and spiritualism.
17. The Netherlands King arrived in New Delhi on a five-day visit to India ___ **Willem-Alexander**.
Note:
- King Willem-Alexander's trip will be his first state visit to India, following his ascension to the throne in 2013.
 - The King and Queen will visit New Delhi, Mumbai and Kerala during their visit.
 - The visit is expected to boost economic and political cooperation between the two countries.

Important News – State

1. The first-of-its-kind '**Garbage Cafe**' in Ambikapur city of ___ **Chhattisgarh**.
Note:
- In this unique 'Café, poor people and rag pickers will get free food in exchange for one kilogram of plastic, while breakfast will be provided if half a kilogram of plastic is brought to the cafe.
 - The café is being run by the Ambikapur municipal corporation.
 - The collected plastic waste would further be turned into granules and will then be used in the construction of roads in the city.
2. The **Telangana Police** have made it compulsory to link its ___ '**Hawk-Eye**' app.
Note:
- It contains an "emergency button" to every company or individual offering Internet-based cab service.
 - When a commuter in distress presses the button, the message will be transmitted to Telangana police's Hawk-Eye app through a back-end operational workflow that will pass on location and other details of the cab to the police.
 - The emergency button will be integrated in such a way as to alert police patrol system.
3. Tripura Chief Minister **Biplab Kumar Deb** has inaugurated a campaign for the state ___ **AngiKaar**.
Note:
- The objective of the 'AngiKaar' campaign is to bring the beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Urban (PMAY-U) under one-fold of other central government implemented scheme.

- The state's target of making 26 lakh Ayushman Bharat cards by March 2020.
4. Union Minister of **State Shri RK Singh** has inaugurated the two-day '**Conference of Power and Renewable Energy Ministers of States and UTs**' at ___ **Tent City, Narmada**.
- Note:**
- The Conference is being attended by the Energy Ministers and top officials of energy departments of the States.
 - The Conference will see deliberation over a range of issues pertaining to power and renewable energy sector such as – 24/7 power supply for all, Ease of doing business, Sanctity of contracts, regulatory issues, implementation of various schemes.
 - Power Finance Corporation (PFC) a PSU under the Ministry of Power has appointed ICRA and CARE as the designated credit rating agencies for carrying out the rating exercise.
5. India and **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** have signed 190-Million-dollar loan agreement for improving road connectivity in ___ **Rajasthan**.
- Note:**
- According to the Finance Ministry, the agreement was signed to upgrade 754 kilometres of state highways which will benefit about 26 million people in 14 districts of Rajasthan.
 - The project provides for constructing more than 200 bus stops and 2 kilometres of raised sidewalk on project roads for the benefit of commuters and pedestrians, particularly women and children.
6. The SARAS Aajeevika Mela (organised by the Ministry of Rural Development) is underway at ___ **India Gate Lawns, New Delhi**.
- Note:**
- The objective of this Mela to bring the rural women Self Help Groups formed with the support of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission, under one platform to showcase their skills, sell their products and help them build linkages with bulk buyers.
7. Minister of State for Housing & Urban Affairs **Shri Hardeep S Puri** has launched the mobile app ___ **mHariyali**.
- Note:**
- Now, People can upload information/photos of any plantation done by them, which is linked to the app and will be displayed on the website www.epgc.gov.in.
 - The App provides for automatic geotagging of plants.
 - This app will also enable nodal officers to periodically monitor the plantation.
8. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has released a commemorative stamp in honour of Marshal of the Indian Air Force ___ **late Arjan Singh**.
- Note:**
- Arjan Singh (Chief of Air Staff - August 1964 to July 1969) is an icon of Indian military history and the best remembered for providing excellent leadership to a young IAF during the 1965 war.
 - In January 2002, Government of India designated him as the Marshal of the Air Force.
 - Mr. Singh remains the only officer of the IAF to be given a Five-Star rank.

Important News - World

1. The fifth round of **Foreign office consultation** between **India and Mexico** held in ___ **New Delhi**.
- Note:**
- The two sides reviewed the entire gamut of bilateral cooperation, including political, trade and economic cooperation.
 - Both sides underscored the need to hold a regular dialogue in these areas through the established bilateral mechanisms.
2. The **first-ever World Cotton Day (WCD)** was hosted by the **World Trade Organization (WTO)** in ___ **Geneva**.
- Note:**
- This event stems from the application by the **Cotton-4 countries** (Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad and Mali) to the **United Nations General Assembly** for its official recognition of a World Cotton Day, reflecting the importance of cotton as a global commodity.
 - As one of the **world's largest producers** and consumers of cotton, India supports the **World Cotton Day** as an opportunity to recognize the significance of cotton as a global commodity.
3. Who received the first of the 36 long-awaited **Rafale fighter jets** on behalf of the Indian Air Force (IAF) in France ___ **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh**.

Note:

- The first batch of four combat jets is expected to be ferried to India by May 2020.
 - The fighters to be armed with the SCALP ground attack missiles that have a range well over 300 km.
 - It will be flown by IAF pilots in France for at least 1,500 hours as part of the testing and acceptance process before they come to their home base in Ambala.
4. According to the **Global Competitiveness Index (GCI)**, who is the **world's most competitive economy** in the world in 2019__ **Singapore**.
- Note:**
- Singapore scored 84.8 out of a possible 100, pushing the United States to the top spot in the ranking of 141 economies.
 - The US ranked on the 2nd place which is followed by Hong Kong at third place and Netherlands (4th) & Switzerland (5th).
 - This year, India has moved down 10 places to rank 68th (2018- 58th position) in the global competitiveness index.
5. Who launched a satellite called 'Icon' to explore the mysterious, dynamic region where air meets space__ **NASA**.
- Note:**
- The satellite 'Icon' is short for Ionospheric Connection Explorer- rocketed into orbit following a two-year delay.
 - It was dropped from a plane flying over the Atlantic off the Florida coast.
 - Five seconds after the satellite's release, the attached Pegasus rocket ignited, sending Icon on its way.
6. 'Typhoon' triggered floods and landslides as it battered Japan with wind speeds of 225km/h__ **Hagibis**
- Note:**
- More than 100 people were injured across the country after typhoon Hagibis made landfall on Japan's main island of Honshu.
 - Bullet trains were also seen engulfed by floodwater at East Japan Railway Co's Railyard near Nagano Station.
 - Now, the typhoon has weakened to an extra-tropical cyclone off Japan's northeastern coast.

Honor & Awards

1. **Three scientists** have won the **Nobel Prize 2019 in Physics** for their contribution to the understanding of the evolution of the universe and earth's place in the cosmos __ **James Peebles, Michel Mayor and Didier Queloz**.
- Note:**
- One half of the award was given to James Peebles for theoretical discoveries in physical cosmology and the other half jointly to Michel Mayor and Didier Queloz for the discovery of an exoplanet orbiting a solar-type star.
 - The award is presented in Stockholm at an annual ceremony on 10th December (the anniversary of Nobel's death).
2. Pioneers of lithium-ion battery win 2019 Nobel Chemistry prize__ **John B. Goodenough, M. Stanley Whittingham and Akira Yoshino**.
- Note:**
- **Lithium-ion batteries** have revolutionized our lives since **they first entered** the market in 1991.
 - The batteries power everyday products such as smartphones, laptops and even electric vehicles.
 - The Nobel Prize in Chemistry has been awarded 110 times to 180 individuals between 1901 and 2018.
 - Mr Goodenough is the oldest ever winner of a Nobel prize at the age of 97-years.
 - Malala Yousafzai (17-years) is the youngest ever winner of a Nobel prize (Nobel Peace Prize 2014).
3. Senior **Indian Forest Service officer** has been selected for the prestigious **Asia Environmental Enforcement Award** by the **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)** __ **Ramesh Pandey**.
- Note:**
- Mr Pandey posted as Chief Conservator Forests in Lucknow & Secretary (UP State Bio-diversity Board) is known for his investigation and intelligence gathering on poachers.
 - Mr. Ramesh Pandey will receive the award on 13th November at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok.
4. The Nobel Prize in Literature for 2019 was awarded to Austrian writer__ **Handke**.
- Note:**
- The Nobel Prize in Literature for 2019 was awarded for an influential work that with linguistic ingenuity has explored the periphery and the specificity of human experience'.
5. The Nobel Prize in Literature for 2018 was awarded to Polish author__ **Olga Tokarczuk**.

Note:

- For 'a narrative imagination that with encyclopedic passion represents the crossing of boundaries as a form of life.'
- Tokarczuk is only the **15th woman** to win the Nobel literature prize in more than a century.

6. **U.S. astronaut** has been awarded Russia's top state honour '**Russian Order of Courage**' award__ **Nick Hague**.

Note:

- The award was presented by the Russian President Vladimir Putin to Nick Hague for his effort to survive an emergency on board a Russian spacecraft a year ago.
- In October 2018, Nick Hague, along with Alexei Ovchinin (Russian cosmonaut), made a dramatic emergency landing in the steppes of Kazakhstan when a booster rocket on their Soyuz launch vehicle failed (the first such accident in post-Soviet history).

7. The Nobel Peace Prize 2019 was awarded to ___**Abiy Ahmed Ali**.

Note:

- He has been awarded "for his efforts to achieve peace and international cooperation, and for his decisive initiative to resolve the border conflict with neighbouring Eritrea.
- Current, Abiy Ahmed Ali is the Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (since 2 April 2018).
- The Nobel Peace Prize is one of the five Nobel Prizes (Chemistry, Physics, Physiology or Medicine, and Literature) established by the will of Swedish industrialist, inventor, and armaments manufacturer Alfred Nobel.

8. Who has been awarded Australian sport's highest individual honour 'The Don' Award___ **Ashleigh Barty**.

Note:

- Now, she has joined legends like Cathy Freeman and Ian Thorpe in lifting the prestigious prize.
- Barty was the first Australian to win the French Open in 46 years and is now aiming to become the first Australian woman to end the season with the No.1 ranking since Margaret Court in 1973.

7. Who will get 31st **Indira Gandhi award** for national integration___ **Chandi Prasad Bhatt**.

Note:

- The 31st **Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration** for the years 2017 & 2018 will be awarded to **Chandi Prasad Bhatt** (85-years), the pioneer of the 'Chipko Movement'.
- The award will be presented to Mr. Bhatt for his services in promoting and preserving the national integration.
- **Chandi Prasad Bhatt** has received the Ramon Magsaysay Award (1982), Padma Shri (in 1986), Padma Bhushan (2005) and the Gandhi Peace Prize (in 2013).
- The award will be given to Mr. Bhatt by the Congress President Sonia Gandhi on 31st October 2019 (death anniversary of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi) in a function at Jawahar Bhawan.

8. **Indian nun** was declared **Saints** by Pope Francis ___ **Mariam Thresia (from Kerala)**.

Note:

- Mariam Thresia was canonised along with John Henry Newman (English Cardinal), Marguerite Bays (Swiss laywoman), Dulce Lopes (Brazilian Sister) and Giuseppina Vannini (Italian Sister).
- Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan led the Indian delegation at the ceremony.
- Mariam Thresia founded the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family in Thrissur in May 1914.

Sports News

1. American artistic gymnast has clinched a record-extending 15th World Gymnastics Championship title in Stuttgart, Germany___ **Simone Biles**.

Note:

- She collected her 25th medal at the championships to become the most decorated women's gymnast.
- Biles played a key role in a commanding performance by the USA, earning the most points in three of the four disciplines: the vault, balance beam and floor.

2. Who created three world records at the ongoing World Powerlifting Championship in Berlin, Germany__ **Surender Singh**.

Note:

- Surender bagged the gold medal in 110 kg category, Classic Raw and the Best Lifter Award in Classic Raw and Single Ply.
- Three-time World Champion Mukesh Singh went on to add another feather to his cap by winning yet another gold only to be known as 4-time World Champion.

3. India's women cricket captain became the **first female player** to last more than 20 years in international cricket__ **Mithali Raj**.
Note:
- She achieved the feat while leading India to an emphatic eight-wicket win over South Africa Women in the first ODI at **Vadodara**.
 - **Mithali** (ODI debut against Ireland on June 26, 1999) completed 20 years and 106 days in the 50-over format.
 - On 1 February 2019, during India's series against New Zealand Women, Raj became the first woman to play in 200 ODI matches.
4. Germany and **Manchester United midfielder** has announced his retirement from football__ **Bastian Schweinsteiger**.
Note:
- Schweinsteiger spent 17 seasons at Bayern Munich, playing in exactly 500 matches across all competitions and scoring 68 goals.
 - In the international stage, his 121 appearances make him Germany's fourth-most capped player of all time.
 - In 2014, He won the World Cup with Germany.
5. Who settles for bronze medal at World Women's Boxing Championships 2019__ **Mary Kom**.
Note:
- **Mary Kom Settles for Bronze** (in 51-kg division) medal after **Losing Intense Semi-final** at Women's World Boxing Championships 2019 in Russia.
 - She lost her semi-final bout against Turkey's **Buse naz Cakiroglu**.
 - The 2019 AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships are held in Ulan-Ude, Russia.
6. Who has successfully completed the **first-ever marathon** under two hours in Vienna __ **Eliud Kipchoge**.
Note:
- Eliud Kipchoge (Olympic marathon champion and world record holder) completed a course around Vienna's Prater Park in 1 hour 59 minutes and 40 seconds (42- kilometres).
 - During the race, Kipchoge followed behind a car and was assisted by an army of 30 pacemakers.
 - Kipchoge has won 10 of his 11 marathons, holds the official world record of 2:01:39 since shattering the previous best mark by 78 seconds in Berlin last year.
7. Former **India leg-spinner** has been appointed the head coach of the **Indian Premier League (IPL)** franchise **Kings XI Punjab** for the 2020 edition__ **Anil Kumble**.
Note:
- Kumble is also being put in charge of "all cricket-related affairs" of the team for the foreseeable future, co-owner of the franchise Mohit Burman has confirmed.
 - The appointment makes Kumble the only Indian coach in the IPL.
 - Earlier, Kumble served as a mentor for the Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB), whom he also led to the IPL final in 2009, as captain.
8. Who settled for silver medal in **World Women's Boxing Championships** at Ulan-Ude in Russia__ **Manju Rani**.
Note:
- Russian Ekaterina Paltceva defeated Rani 4 -1 in 48 kilograms category in the final match of the tournament.
9. Star sprinter smashed her own national record in the women's **100 m semi-finals** at the National Open Athletics Championships in Ranchi__ **Dutee Chand**.
Note:
- She surpassed her previous timing of 11.26 second (clocking -11.22 seconds) which she had set at the Asian Championships in April this year.
 - Dutee clocked 11.25 seconds in the final to claim the gold, leaving Archana Suseendran and Himashree Roy behind.
10. American **artistic gymnast** captures all-time medal record at the World Gymnastics Championship__ **Simone Biles**.
Note:
- Biles surpassed Belarusian Vitaly Scherbo's record 23 world medals (won in the 1990s), winning "her 24th and 25th world medals (both gold) at the World Championship competition in Stuttgart.
 - Now, Simone Biles holds the record for the most World Championship medals (25), as well as the most gold medals (19) in World Championship history for an athlete of any gender.
11. Rising Indian shuttler clinched his maiden **BMF World Tour title** by winning the 2019 Dutch Open men's singles at Almere__ **Lakshya Sen**.
Note:

- Lakshya defeated Japan's Yusuke Onodera 15-21,21-14,21-15 in the final.
- The Dutch Open is a BWF World Tour Super 100 tournament.
- Earlier, Lakshya had won the Belgian Open, Asian Junior Championships, a silver medal at Youth Olympic Gamers and a bronze medal at the world Junior Championship 2018.

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