

# Weekly One Liner

15-21 Nov



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### Important Days

1. National Press Day being observed every year on **16th November**.

**Note:**

- It was on this day the Press Council of India started functioning as a moral watchdog to ensure that the press maintains high standards and is not fettered by any influence or threats.

2. International Day for Tolerance is observed by the United Nations (UN) all across the world on **16th November**.

**Note:**

- The Day is observed to educate the public on issues of concern, to mobilize political will and resources to address global problems and to celebrate and reinforce the achievements of humanity.

3. The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims observed every year as the appropriate acknowledgement of victims of road traffic crashes and their family **17th November (3rd Sunday in November)**:

**Note:**

- The theme is based on Pillar 3 of the Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety – Safer vehicles.

4. World Toilet Day is observed across the world on **19th November**.

**Note:**

- The objective of the day to motivate millions across the world on issues of sanitation.
- The theme for 2019 is 'Leaving No One Behind'.
- It's all about inspiring action to tackle the global sanitation crisis and help achieve Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG 6), which promises sanitation for all by 2030.

5. Quami Ekta Week to be observed across the country from **19-25th November**.

**Note:**

- The week is observed to highlight the strength and resilience of the nation to withstand any potential threats to the secular fabric.
- These occasions will also provide an opportunity to reaffirm age-old traditions and faith in the values of tolerance, co-existence, and brotherhood in a multi-cultural and multi-religious society.

6. Universal Children's Day is celebrated annually on **20th November**.

**Note:**

- The goal of Universal Children's day is to improve child welfare worldwide, promote and celebrate children's rights and promote togetherness and awareness amongst all children.
- The intergovernmental organisation is asking individuals, schools and corporates worldwide to 'Go Blue' this Universal Children's Day to help build a world where every child goes to school and is safe from harm.

7. Africa Industrialization Day being observed on **20th November**.

**Note:**

- The theme of 2019 is '**Positioning African Industry to Supply the AfCFTA Market**'.
- On 22 March 2018, 44 member States of the African Union signed the Agreement Establishing an African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), thus creating a single African market for goods and services

8. The World Fisheries day is celebrated every year on **21st November**.

**Note:**

- The Day helps in highlighting the critical importance to human lives, of water and the lives it sustains, both in and out of the water.
- This year's theme is 2022 Ka Hai Sapna Kisan Ki Aay Ho Dugna – Sankalp Se Siddhi”.

9. World Television Day being observed on **21st November**.

**Note:**

- United Nations proclaimed 21st November as World Television Day commemorating the date on which the first World Television Forum was held in 1996.
- The day recognizes that television plays a major role in presenting the different issue that affects people.

10. The **World Philosophy Day 2019** was proclaimed by UNESCO to be celebrated every **3rd Thursday of November**.

**Note:**

- It was first celebrated on 21 November 2002.
- The 2019 edition aims to highlight the importance of philosophy in different regional contexts.

**New Appointments**

1. Who took charge as the **Minister of Heavy Industries** and Public Enterprises \_\_\_\_ **Prakash Javadekar**.

**Note:**

- He also holds Information & Broadcasting, and Environment, Forest and Climate Change portfolios.
- Earlier, Sena leader Arvind Sawant resigned from the Union Cabinet.

2. Who has been appointed as the **first woman Chief Secretary** of Andhra Pradesh \_\_\_\_ **Nilam Sawhney**.

**Note:**

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, Government of India (GoI) has approved her appointment on November 13, 2019.
- She will replace Neerabh Kumar, who has been holding additional charge as the CS, following the sudden transfer of LV Subramanyam, a week ago.

3. Who sworn in as the 47th Chief Justice of India \_\_\_\_ **Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde**.

**Note:**

- Justice SA Bobde succeeds Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi.
- Justice Bobde was born in Nagpur (Maharashtra) and is the son of Arvind Shriniwas Bobde, an eminent senior advocate.

4. Who has been sworn-in as new President of Sri Lanka \_\_\_\_ **Gotabaya Rajapaksa**

**Note:**

- He will succeed President Maithripala Sirisena for a five-year term.
- Rajapaksa secured 52.25% votes (6,924,255) while Sajith Premadasa received 41.99% votes.
- Gotabaya is the younger brother of former President (from 2005 to 2015) Mahinda Rajapaksa and served as defence secretary during the end of LTTE war.

5. Justice Dr Ravi Ranjan took oath as the 13th Chief Justice of \_\_\_\_ **Jharkhand High Court**.

**Note:**

- Governor Draupadi Murmu administered the oath to Justice Ravi Ranjan at the Raj Bhavan in Ranchi (Jharkhand capital).
- Justice Ranjan was a judge in the Punjab and Haryana High Court.
- The post was lying vacant since May this year after the former Chief Justice, Anirudh Bose was appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court.

6. Justice Akil Abdulhamid Kureshi was sworn in as the new Chief Justice of \_\_\_\_ **Tripura High Court**.

**Note:**

- Governor Ramesh Bais administered the oath of office at Raj Bhavan in Agartala.
- The Tripura High Court established on 23 March 1971, after making suitable amendments in the Constitution of India and North-Eastern Areas (Re-organisation) Act, 1971

**Important News – India**

1. Brazilian **President** will be the **Chief Guest** at the **Republic Day** Parade 2020 \_\_\_\_ **Jair Bolsonaro**.

**Note:**

- The year 2018 was historic when leaders from the 10 ASEAN nations – Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, and Brunei – were the chief guests at Republic Day celebration.
- On 26th January 2020, India will celebrate its 71st Republic Day.

2. India gets how many million from Green Climate Fund to boost climate resilience\_\_\_ **USD 43 million.**  
 Note:
  - India kicked-off a USD 43 million project to boost climate resilience in three coastal states in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
  - The project is funded by the Green Climate Fund, established within the framework of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to assist developing countries.
3. Who is the first woman scientist to spend 403 days in Antarctica\_\_\_ **Mangala Mani.**  
 Note:
  - Mani was part of an expedition team that went to Bharati – India’s research station in Antarctica – in November 2016.
  - She was the only woman in the 23-member-team that went to the freezing continent this time.
4. The **Union Water Resources Ministry** has set up a Committee to draft a new **National Water Policy (NWP)**. The Committee will be chaired by\_\_\_ **Mihir Shah.**  
 Note:
  - The committee has **10 principal members**, including Shashi Shekhar, a **former secretary of Water Resources**, and A.B. Pandya, former chairman of the Central Ground Water Board.
  - The NWP currently in force was drafted in 2012 and is the third such policy since 1987
5. The Supreme Court has held that the office of the **Chief Justice of India (CJI)** is a public authority under the \_\_\_**Right to Information (RTI) Act 2005.**  
 Note:
  - The judgment in this regard was made by a five-judge constitution bench headed by CJI Ranjan Gogoi on November 13, 2019.
  - Other members of the bench apart from Ranjan Gogoi were Justices Nuthalapati Venkata Ramana, Dhananjaya Yeshwant Chandrachud, Deepak Gupta and Sanjiv Khanna.
6. The Indian Navy has selected **Lt. Commander Karabi Gogoi** as assistant naval attache at the \_\_\_**Moscow Embassy.**  
 Note:
  - She will be the first woman Assistant Naval Attache and second woman defence personnel to be appointed for a diplomatic assignment in Russia.
  - Currently posted as a naval engineer at the Karwar base of the Navy, the officer is also learning Russian and is expected to take up her new assignment in Moscow next month.
7. The 6th World Congress on Rural and Agricultural Finance was held in \_\_\_**New Delhi.**  
 Note:
  - It was jointly hosted by the Asia-Pacific Rural and Agricultural Credit Association (APRACA), National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India.
8. India-U.S. tri-services amphibious exercise Tiger Triumph has begun at \_\_\_**Vishakhapatnam.**  
 Note:
  - The training events will enhance U.S.-India military-to-military relations and hone individual and small-unit skills in humanitarian assistance and disaster response.
  - The exercise will include staff-planning events as well as field training that simulates moving a humanitarian assistance/disaster relief force from ship to shore.
9. Writer and columnist, Harish Bhat’s new novel was launched in Mumbai \_\_\_**An Extreme Love of Coffee.**  
 Note:
  - The novel is published by Penguin Random House India with the collaboration of Tata Starbucks.
  - This is his third book but the first fiction and it took Bhat about 8 months to complete.
  - The book is a story about two young people, Rahul, and Neha who follow their passion for coffee.
10. Who has signed a MoU with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay to promote collaborative research\_\_\_ **CSIR-IMTECH, Chandigarh.**  
 Note:
  - The objective of this collaboration is to carry out state of the art research in areas of healthcare especially in projects and missions where both the institutes can significantly complement each other.
11. Regional Conference on “Replication of Good Governance Practices in Union Territories of J&K and Ladakh” held at \_\_\_**Jammu.**  
 Note:

- A two-day Regional Conference on the theme: “Replication of Good Governance Practices in Union Territories of J&K and Ladakh” has begun in Jammu.
  - The Conference is organized by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), Government of India in collaboration with the Government of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.
- 12. National Initiative for School Heads’ and Teachers’ Holistic Advancement (NISHTHA) was launched in \_\_\_\_ Jammu and Kashmir.**
- Note:**
- The event was attended by around 300 teachers, Key Resource Persons (KRPs) and Chief Education Officers, DIET Principals and Educational Administrators.
  - NISHTHA is a National Mission aimed at improving learning outcomes at Elementary level through integrated Teacher Training
- 13. Who has set up an Online Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation (OCSAE) Prevention and Investigation Unit at its headquarter in New Delhi \_\_\_\_ Central Bureau of Investigation.**
- Note:**
- It has been set up to counter the growing menace of child porn on the internet.
  - The new specialized unit under the Special Crime Investigation Wing of the agency will collect intelligence on those who are allegedly creating and transmitting such material on the internet.
- 14. Smriti Irani Inaugurates Bharatiya Poshan Krishi Kosh (BPKK) to Tackle \_\_\_\_ Malnutrition.**
- Note:**
- The Poshan Atlas was inaugurated by Smriti Zubin Irani along with Bill Gates in New Delhi.
  - The Bharatiya Poshan Krishi Kosh is a repository of diverse crops across 128 agro-climatic zones to help enable better nutritional outcomes.
  - The Kosh aims to reduce malnutrition among women and children across the country, through a multi-sectoral results-based framework, including agriculture
- 15. President Ram Nath Kovind presented the prestigious President's Colour to the Indian Naval Academy at \_\_\_\_ Kannur, Kerala.**
- Note:**
- President's Colour is a visible symbol of excellence and is earned through worthy contribution both during war and peace.
- 16. Who has launched a special winter-grade diesel that remains unfrozen up to minus 33 degree Celsius \_\_\_\_ Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOC)**
- Note:**
- The fuel would help provide year-round access to snow-capped border regions and is part of India’s efforts to speed up strategic road connectivity.
  - This new fuel will help Indian security forces to stock up on crucial supplies and ammunition that gets cut off due to bad weather in winters.
  - Indian Oil’s winter-grade diesel meets BIS specifications and has been produced and certified by the company’s Panipat refinery.
- 17. UNICEF (United Nations Children’s Fund) has released a 28-page booklet called \_\_\_\_ From uttapam to sprouted dal parantha.**
- Note:**
- It explains that nutritious food prepared at less than 20 rupees will help in dealing with problems like underweight, obesity and anaemia in children.
  - The book gives a detailed break-up of protein, carbohydrate, fat, total fibre, iron, vitamin C and calcium content of the recipe.
  - The book is based on the findings of the overall National Nutrition Survey 2016-18, according to which 35 % of children under the age of five are stunted (low height for age), 17 % are wasted (low weight for height) and 33 % are underweight.
- 18. The Union Cabinet approved the establishment of the National Institute for Sowa-Rigpa (NISR) in \_\_\_\_ Leh.**
- Note:**
- The setting up of the National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa (NISR) would provide an impetus for the revival of Sowa-Rigpa in the Indian Sub-continent.
  - It will be an autonomous organization under the Ministry of AYUSH.



- It also approved the creation of the post of director in Level-14 to oversee implementation of the project from the construction stage itself.

19. RSS Chief **Dr. Mohan Bhagwat** has inaugurated the International Principal's Education Conference (IPEC) at \_\_ **Nagpur**.

**Note:**

- Noted mathematician Anand Kumar (Super 30 founder) was honoured with Nachiketa Sarvottama Award on the occasion.
- Mr. Kumar dedicated this award to all the teachers who are working for the upliftment of underprivileged children.

### Important News – State

1. Who has launched the 'Nadu-Nedu' scheme to introduce English medium from classes 1 to 6 \_\_ **Andhra Pradesh**.

**Note:**

- The Union government also planning to introduce another scheme called 'Amma Vodi' in January 2020 to give incentives to mothers who send their children to school and continue their education till class 12.
- In the first phase, the 'Nadu-Nedu' programme will be implemented in 15,715 schools.
- It will cover all schools in three years under a budget of Rs 12,000 crores.

2. Karnataka Chief Minister **B. S. Yediyurappa** has inaugurated the Bengaluru Tech Summit at \_\_ **Bengaluru Place**.

**Note:**

- More than 3500 delegates, 12,000 visitors and 200 speakers are participating in this Summit.
- 250 Exhibitors will showcase their services, products, and technologies to visitors.
- The summit is expected to be attended by global tech leaders, investors, industry captains, research heads, policymakers and startups from India and 20 foreign countries.

3. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath** has inaugurated North India's first sugar mill in \_\_ Gorakhpur (Pipraich area).

**Note:**

- North India's first sugar mill will produce ethanol direct from sugarcane.
- Ethanol is naturally produced by the fermentation of sugars by yeasts or via petrochemical processes and is commonly consumed as a popular recreational drug.

4. The two tea varieties of Darjeeling have been registered as a geographical indication (GI) products in the country \_\_ **green tea and white tea**.

**Note:**

- These two varieties of Darjeeling tea have been registered under Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act 1999 (effective from October 2019).
- This will "strengthen the protection of the intellectual property rights of the Darjeeling tea" which is considered as "niche and luxury" products in the country and abroad.

5. Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Harsh Vardhan has launched 'SAANS' campaign to reduce child mortality due to pneumonia in \_\_ **Gujarat**.

**Note:**

- Mr. Vardhan launched the campaign while inaugurating the 6th National Summit on Good, Replicable Practices and Innovations in Gujarat.
- The objective of the SAANS campaign to reduce child mortality due to pneumonia, which contributes to around 15% of deaths annually of children under the age of five.

6. Union Minister for Rural Development Narendra Singh Tomar has inaugurated the SARAS India International Trade Fair in \_\_ **New Delhi**.

**Note:**

- More than seven crore women have joined Self-Help Groups so far and the Ministry is making all efforts to take this number to 10 crores.

7. The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has signed a loan under Karnataka Integrated and Sustainable Water Resources Management Investment Program (IWRM) \_\_ **USD 91 million**.

**Note:**

- The project will help to modernize the Vijayanagara Channel irrigation systems, prepare river basin management plans in the Krishna river basin that will help improve irrigation water use efficiency and contribute to improving sustainable water security in Karnataka.
8. India's biggest cinematic event, the 50th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) has begun in \_\_\_ **Panaji, Goa**.  
**Note:**
- Rajinikanth has been conferred with the Special Icon of **Golden Jubilee award** for his outstanding contribution to Indian cinema.
  - French actor Isabelle Huppert honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award.
  - **Russia is the partner country** of the IFFI 2019.
9. Who has launched a special enrollment drive under the banner 'Aao School Chalein' for increasing the enrollment in government schools \_\_\_ **Directorate of School Education (DSEJ), Jammu**.  
**Note:**
- As per the Directorate of School Education, the special enrollment drive would be conducted across all the villages and catchment areas of the government schools, under the supervision of chief education officers of all the districts of Jammu Division.
  - The prime focus of the drive is on the strengthening of pre-schooling of children in the age group of 3 to 5 years.
10. State Govt. has approved Arundhati scheme to provide 1 Tola Gold to Brides free of cost \_\_\_ **Assam**.  
**Note:**
- This scheme to give 1 tola Gold (11.66 grams) to brides parents belonging to the economically weaker sections of the society, whose annual income is below Rs 5 lakh.
  - The objective of the scheme to reduce child marriage under the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act that a girl in India can't get married before the age of 18 and a boy can't get married before 21 years of age
11. State govt. has launched a project to connect 500 secondary schools to virtual classrooms \_\_\_ **Uttarakhand**.  
**Note:**
- The schools in the state facing a shortage of teachers will benefit from the new technology.
  - Virtual classes are attended through video conferences where students can meet the teacher on a real-time basis and ask questions.
  - An estimated 1.90 lakh students of 500 government-run secondary schools in the state will benefit from the project
12. Haryana Government has decided to create a dedicated new department namely Department of \_\_\_ **Foreign Cooperation**.  
**Note:**
- The department has been created in order to streamline and provide focus to various initiatives taken by the state government for the promotion of investment, employment for youth and welfare of Non-Resident Indians.
  - The new department will deal in the formulation of country-wise strategies for the promotion of investment, employment in the state, education and skill development and promotion of Haryanvi culture and welfare of Haryanvi diaspora.
13. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has inaugurated the newly established Munderwa Sugar Mill in \_\_\_ **Basti district**.  
**Note:**
- Munderwa mill will have a capacity of 5000 Tons of Cane per Day and generate 27 Mega Watt of power.
  - It will be the third inauguration of sugar mills in the state in just three weeks (Ramala in Baghpat and Pipraich in Gorakhpur).

### Important News - World

1. The 6th ASEAN **Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus** (ADMM-Plus) held in \_\_\_ **Bangkok, Thailand**.  
**Note:**
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh along with 17 other Defence Ministers of ADMM-Plus countries are attending the meeting.
  - Earlier, Mr Singh reviewed the entire gamut of bilateral defence relations with the respective leaders and discussed ways to further improve the ties.

2. As per latest Global Bribery Risk Index, who has been identified as the “country with the highest risk” in terms of bribery threats in South Asia\_\_ **Bangladesh**.

**Note:**

- India has been ranked at 78th in the Global Bribery Risk Index out of 178 countries.
- In South Asia, Pakistan and Afghanistan are the only countries where the bribery risk is “high”.
- The five countries with the lowest bribery risk in the world are New Zealand, Norway, Denmark, Sweden and Finland.

3. Who has become the 1st country to introduce the new vaccine to combat typhoid\_\_ **Pakistan**.

**Note:**

- Pakistan has become the first country in the world to introduce World Health Organisation-recommended typhoid conjugate vaccine (TCV) in its national immunisation program.
- It will initially be used during a two-week immunisation campaign starting from 18 to 30th November in the urban areas of Sindh.

4. 1st Indo-Qatari joint Naval Exercise Za’ir-Al-Bahr (Roar of the Sea) held in \_\_ **Doha**.

**Note:**

- The Bilateral Maritime Exercise Za’ir-Al-Bahr (Roar of the Sea) between the Indian Navy and Qatari Emiri Naval Forces has been started in Doha to enhance interoperability between the two navies.
- From the Indian side, Indian Navy Guided Missile Stealth Frigate INS Trikand and Patrol Aircraft P8-I are participating in the exercise.
- The versatile Anti-Ship Missile equipped Barzan Class Fast Attack Craft along with Rafale multi-task fighter aircraft will participate from Qatar Navy.

5. As per World Talent Ranking (WTR), for the year 201, India was ranked at\_\_ **59th position**.

**Note:**

- In the released report, India was ranked at 59th position, a slip by 6 places on a global annual list of 63 countries.
- The top 10 countries that followed Switzerland (1st) were Denmark (2nd), Sweden (3rd), Austria (4th), Luxembourg (5th), Norway(6th), Iceland (7th), Finland (8th), Netherlands (9th) and Singapore (10th).

## Honor & Awards

1. An **Indian Ph.D. Scholar** has won BRICS-Young Innovator Prize \_\_ **Ravi Prakash**.

**Note:**

- India won 1st prize of #BRICS -Young scientist forum's (YSF) conclave during 6-8 Nov 2019 in Brazil.
- The theme for the 4th BRICS-YSF was “Cybersecurity and Bio-economy”.
- The BRICS Young Innovator Prize aims to recognize and reward the research, development and innovation projects in the science and technology sector of the BRICS countries.

2. Tobacco Board got '**Golden Leaf Award**' Tab Expo 2019 in the \_\_ **Netherlands**.

**Note:**

- The Tobacco Board of India was awarded the ‘Golden Leaf award 2019’ at the Tab Expo 2019 in Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- It gets the award in the ‘Public Service Initiative’ category for its efforts in undertaking various ecological initiatives towards Flue-Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco cultivation in India.
- The Golden Leaf Awards was created by Tobacco Reporter, an international magazine in 2006 to recognize professional excellence and dedication in the tobacco industry.

3. Manoj Bajpayee starrer won two awards at Asian Film Festival Barcelona \_\_ **Bhonsle**.

**Note:**

- Manoj Bajpayee-starrer and critically acclaimed movie "Bhonsle" has won the ‘Best Screenplay’ and ‘Best Director’ awards at the ‘Asian Film Festival’ in Barcelona, Spain.
- The movie was directed by Devashish Makhija.
- The movie "Bhonsle" revolves around a police constable played by Manoj Bajpayee, who tries to help in the struggles of migrants and their battles with the local politicians.

4. Renowned **Rabindra Sangeet** exponent from Bangladesh has conferred the ICCR distinguished alumni award in Dhaka\_\_ **Rezwana Choudhury Bannya**



**Note:**

- The award was given away by the Riva Ganguly Das (High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh) in a musical function organised by the Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre (IGCC).
- Rezwana Choudhury Bannya is widely recognised as a great exponent of Rabindra Sangeet.

5. Who conferred with the Akkineni Nageswara Rao National Award for 2018 and 2019 \_\_ **Late actor Sridevi Sridevi & actor Rekha**

- The award was presented by Chiranjeevi (Telugu actor).
- The award is instituted by the Akkineni International Foundation and honours those who have made a lasting impact on Indian cinema.

6. Ace **Indian wrestler** has been conferred the **Indian Personality of the Year Award** (Sports) at the Indo Arab Leaders Summit & Awards 2019 \_\_ **Bajrang Punia**.

**Note:**

- World powerlifting champion Mahant Gaurav Sharma was honoured with Visionary Leaders of the Year (Sports) award.
- Gaurav was conferred with the prestigious Mahatma Gandhi Leadership Award in London.

7. Renowned naturalist & broadcaster will receive the 2019 Indira Gandhi Peace Prize \_\_ **Sir David Attenborough**.

**Note:**

- He will receive the award for his tireless work to preserve and protect biodiversity.
- This prestigious award (named after former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi) has been accorded annually by Indira Gandhi Trust since 1986.

8. India captain has been named People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India's Person of the Year for 2019 for his animal advocacy efforts \_\_ **Virat Kohli**.

**Note:**

- Virat Kohli's efforts to improve conditions for animals include sending a letter to officials asking for the release of an elephant used for rides at Amer Fort.
- People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) is an American animal rights organization based in Norfolk, Virginia.

### Sports News

1. Who has become the **1st South Asian country** to call match-fixing a crime \_\_ **Sri Lanka**.

**Note:**

- Sri Lanka has become the first South Asian nation to criminalize several offenses related to match-fixing.
- Sri Lanka parliament passed all three readings of a bill labeled "Prevention of Offences Related to Sports".

2. Indian state will host the Kabaddi World Cup 2019 \_\_ **Punjab**.

**Note:**

- The tournament will be dedicated to the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev ji (1 to 9 December)
- Nine teams -- India, USA, Australia, England, Sri Lanka, Kenya, New Zealand, Pakistan, and Canada -- are expected to take part in the tournament.

3. Veteran coach has been named **FIFA's Chief of global football** development \_\_ **Arsene Wenger**.

**Note:**

- He will be responsible for the growth of the game for both men and women around the world and would also be the leading authority on technical matters, including potential changes to the sport's laws.
- Wenger made the Gunners one of the strongest sides in Europe, winning three Premier League titles and seven FA Cups and taking his team to the 2006 Champions League final

4. Indian sprinter has been named in the TIME 100 list of the most influential persons in the world \_\_ **Dutee Chand**.

**Note:**

- The list, an initiative of TIME magazine, highlights 100 rising stars who are shaping the future of business, entertainment, sports, politics, health, science, activism, etc.

5. Who has qualified for the UEFA Euro 2020 football tournament \_\_ **England**.

**Note:**

- Cristiano Ronaldo scored his 99th international goal as Portugal secured its place at the Euro 2020 finals.
- Portugal are the defending champions, having won the 2016 edition.

- For the first time, the video assistant referee (VAR) system will be used at the UEFA European Championship.
6. Greek tennis player has won the ATP Finals in London\_\_ **Stefanos Tsitsipas**.  
**Note:**  
 ➤ It is Tsitsipas's third title of the season and comes a year after he was crowned champion at the Next Gen ATP Finals in Milan.  
 ➤ Tsitsipas had qualified for the finals after defeating six-time champion Roger Federer in the semi-finals.
7. Indian women have clinched five gold, while men bagged two silver at Asian Youth Boxing Championship in \_\_**Mongolia**.  
**Note:**  
 ➤ All five women finalists, Naorem Chanu (51kg), Vinka (64kg) Sanamacha Chanu (75kg), Poonam (54kg) and Sushma (81kg) won Gold for the country in a phenomenal sweep.  
 ➤ Among the men, Selay Soy (49kg) and Ankit Narwal (60kg) settled for the second place after going down in their respective summit clashes.
8. Who has won men's singles Gold medal at International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Challenge Indonesia Open 2019 Table Tennis tournament\_\_ **Harmeet Desai**.  
**Note:**  
 ➤ Harmeet defeated compatriot Amalraj Anthony by 11-9, 9-11, 11-9, 11-9, 10-12, 11-9 score.
9. Korean teenager **Joohyung Kim** has won the 2019 Panasonic Open India held at \_\_\_\_**Gurgaon, Haryana**.  
**Note:**  
 ➤ India's Shiv Kapur and Chikkarangappa S finished tied second.  
 ➤ With this win, the Joohyung Kim has become the second-youngest winner on the Asian Tour.
10. Spanish striker has announced his retirement from football\_\_ **David Villa**.  
**Note:**  
 ➤ David Villa retired from the national team with 59 goals in 98 matches, making him Spain's all-time top goalscorer as well as the country's top scorer in the World Cup, with nine goals.
11. India-Pakistan Davis Cup tie shifted to Kazakhstan capital Nur-Sultan from\_\_\_\_ **Islamabad**.  
**Note:**  
 ➤ The Davis Cup tie was scheduled to be held in September but was pushed to 29-30 November after India expressed concerns about the safety of their players.  
 ➤ The side will be led by top singles players Sumit Nagal and Ramkumar Ramanathan while veteran Leander Paes and Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan are likely to pair up for the doubles
12. Belgian-Dutch racing driver has won the Formula One Brazilian Grand Prix 2019\_\_ **Max Verstappen (with Red Bull)**  
**Note:**  
 ➤ The Ferraris of Sebastian Vettel and Charles Leclerc clashed in the race due to which Verstappen was able to take the lead and ultimately win the race.  
 ➤ Pierre Gasly (France) was on the second position and was the first podium position for him while Lewis Hamilton remained on the third.
13. Who has become the second Indian shooter to win a gold medal Women's 10m Air Pistol at the ISS World Cup 2019\_\_ **Manu Bhaker**.  
**Note:**  
 ➤ Serbia's Zorana Arunovic won the silver with 241.9, while Quian Wang of China bagged the bronze with 221.8.  
 ➤ Manu Bhaker shot 244.7 to win the gold medal at World Cup Finals.

### Banking & Financial Awareness

1. Moody's Investors Service slashed India's economic growth forecast for FY 2019\_\_**5.6%**.  
**Note:**  
 ➤ Moody's says that government measures do not address the widespread weakness in consumption demand.  
 ➤ Moody's had on October 10 slashed India's economic growth forecast for 2019-20 fiscal to 5.8 per cent from an earlier estimate of 6.2 per cent.
2. Who has approved the merger of the BNP Paribas (BNPP) Mutual Fund and the Baroda (BOB) Mutual Fund, under Section 31(1) the Competition Act, 2002 \_\_ **Competition Commission of India (CCI)**.

Note:

- The Proposed Combination relates to the merger of the BNP Paribas Mutual Fund and the BOB Mutual Fund.
- The parties propose to amalgamate (i) BOB Asset Management Company (AMC) into BNPP AMC; and (ii) BNPP Trustee Company (TC) into BOB TC.

3. Who has been partnering with '**Fino Payments Bank**' to offer non-life insurance solutions to its customers\_\_ **ICICI Lombard**.

Note:

- ICICI Lombard has introduced several innovative insurance solutions that complement Fina's technology-enabled platforms and harness its customer reach.
- ICICI Lombard and Fino also launched Dengue and Malaria policy which covers treatment to Dengue and Malarial diseases up to Rs. 10,000 at a

4. Who has approved stricter disclosure norms for listed companies\_\_ **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)**.

Note:

- Accordingly, in case of default in repayment of loans beyond 30 days, listed companies will have to disclose the fact of such default within 24 hours.
- SEBI has amended Portfolio Managers (PM) Regulations, 2019 following which net worth requirement of portfolio managers has been enhanced from two crores to five crore rupees.

5. The **National Council of Applied Economic Research** (NCAER) has pegged India's **gross domestic product (GDP)** growth for 2019-20 at\_\_\_\_ 4.9%.

Note:

- It lowers its outlook due to the slowdown in almost all sectors & it is primarily driven by a simultaneous deceleration of all the drivers of aggregate demand.

6. The Government of India has issued fresh rules under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) to govern the rescue of \_\_\_\_**non-bank lenders**.

Note:

- The new rules are likely to help out distressed shadow banks and housing financiers, which have been battling a liquidity crunch for a year.
- These entities will be covered by a special window under the bankruptcy code, which will be notified from time to time.

7. Who has superseded the board of debt-laden Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited (DHFL) \_\_ **Reserve Bank of India**.

Note:

- The company is all set to become India's first financier to land up in bankruptcy courts.
- The central bank superseded the board "owing to governance concerns and defaults by DHFL in meeting various payment obligations.

### Obituaries

1. Former judge of the Supreme Court and former Lokayukta of Karnataka Venkatachala passed away.

**Note:** Venkatachala was known for bringing to light the existence of Karnataka's autonomous anti-corruption wing as the Lokayukta by conducting raids on public servants and disclosing their names and particulars of seized assets. He was Lokayukta from July 3, 2001, to July 2, 2006.

2. **Geetanjali Ramakrishna:** Vetrean Telugu actress passed away

**Note:** She had an illustrious career spanning nearly six decades by doing movies not just in Telugu, but also in other South Indian languages. Some of her popular works include Seetharama Kalyanam, Deivathin Deivam, Swapnangal, Parasmani, Gudachari 116 and Bobbili Yuddham.

3. **Gurudas Dasgupta:** Veteran communist leader and trade unionist passed away.

**Note:** Dasgupta became a member of the Rajya Sabha in 1985. He was also elected to the Lok Sabha from Panskura and Ghatal constituencies of West Bengal in 2004 and 2009 respectively.

4. **Krishnan Kumar Modi:** Noted industrialist & Chairman of Modi Enterprises passed away.

**Note:** Mr. Modi served as the chairman of Modi Enterprises, which includes companies like Godfrey Phillips, Indofil Industries and Modicare. He was the eldest son of late Rai Bahadur Gujarmal Modi (founder of the city of Modi Nagar).

5. **Babasaheb Dhabekar:** Senior Congress party leader & former Maharashtra minister passed away in Mumbai

**Note:** Mr. Dhabekar was water resources minister when the Shiv Sena-BJP alliance government came to power for the first time in the 1990s.

6. **TN Seshan:** Former **Chief Election Commissioner (CEC)**

**Note:** Mr Seshan (IAS Officer: 1955 batch) was appointed CEC on 12th December 1990 during the P V Narasimha Rao led Congress government. He is widely credited for bringing in electoral reforms that changed the face of Indian elections.

7. **Ramakant Gundecha:** Padma Shri-awardee **Dhrupad vocalist** passed away.

**Note:** He was awarded the Padma Shri for 2012 in the field of Art – Indian Classical Music – Vocal along with his brother Umakant Gundecha. Dhrupad is a genre in Hindustani classical music from the Indian subcontinent and is related to the South Indian Carnatic tradition.

8. **Sahitya Akademi awardee** writer **Nabaneeta Dev Sen** passed away.

**Note:** She was also the recipient of the **Padma Shri in 2000**. She is the founder and president of the **West Bengal Women Writers' Association**.

9. **Kailash Joshi:** Former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister.

**Note:** He was MLA for eight terms and also served as a member of both the Rajya Sabha and the Lok Sabha

10. **Vashishth Narayan Singh:** Famous Indian mathematician passed away.

**Note:** The 77-year old had been suffering from Schizophrenia for 40 years. Vashishth Narayan Singh was famous for his extraordinary skills of calculation, challenged Einstein's theory of relativity.

11. **Kshiti Goswami:** former West Bengal Minister & The General Secretary of the Revolutionary Socialist Party (RSP).

**Note:** Goswami was PWD Minister in Jyoti Basu and Buddhadev Bhattacharjee's cabinet in the Left Front Government in the State.

12. Veteran actor **Shaukat Kaifi** passed away.

**Note:** Kaifi's husband was the celebrated Urdu poet and film lyricist, **Kaifi Azmi**. Kaifi and Shaukat were leaders of the Indian People's Theatre Association (IPTA) and the Progressive Writers Association (IWA).

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