

Weekly One Liners

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Dear readers,

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

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. **Srei Equipment Finance Ltd** has partnered with a public sector bank to offer loans to the MSME sector and retail customers under a co-lending arrangement __ **United Bank of India (UBI)**.
Note:
 - The **NBFC** and the bank jointly organized Loan Utsavs across 20 cities.
 - According to a release, loan to value of up to 90 per cent of the equipment were offered for the tenure of up to 5 years, while a moratorium of 30-60 days was also awarded depending on the loan structure and size.
2. Private sector lender Dhanlaxmi Bank managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) has resigned due to personal reasons __ **T. Latha**.
Note:
 - The resignation has been accepted by the board and the same has been intimated to the RBI.
 - Ms Latha was appointed as MD and CEO of Dhanlaxmi Bank for three years.
3. Government e-Marketplace (GeM) has signed MoU with __ **Indian Bank & Canara Bank**.
Note:
 - The MoU will facilitate a cashless, paperless and transparent payment system on the portal and would create an efficient procurement system for government entities.
 - GeM is also working with Banks, TReDs and SIDBI to provide bill discounting and financing of working capital where the cost of capital is linked to the performance and rating of a seller on GeM.
 - This will help sellers in general and MSMEs, in particular, to access easy credit and do better business with the government.
4. According to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), India's gross domestic product (GDP) could grow in 2020-24 __ **6.6%**
Note:
 - As per the report, China would need to bridge the gap between demand and supply of digital talent, while improving digital literacy and increasing access to digital devices are critical in India.
5. New Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of IndusInd Bank -- **Sumant Kathpalia**.
Note:
 - He has replaced Romesh Sobti.
 - Kathpalia is the head of consumer loans at the Hinduja-promoted lender and his name has been forwarded to the Reserve Bank for approval.
6. According to the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** report, **South America's Guyana GDP** (Gross Domestic Product) is expected to be more at 86% in __ **2020**.
Note:
 - This growth expectation had done after Exxon Mobil Corp.'s discovery of oil at Guyana.
 - Guyana' GDP is to get fourteen times as fast as China's GDP in 2020.
 - Guyana is projecting USD 300 million in petroleum revenue in 2020.
 - The oil sector will represent about 40% of the economy within five years.
7. Who has issued **compensation** guidelines for **whole-time directors** and chief executives of foreign, private, small finance, payments banks and local area banks, mandating the cash component of variable pay at 67% __ **Reserve Bank of India**.

Note:

- If the variable pay is up to 200% of the fixed pay, at least 50 % of it should be in non-cash.
- If the variable pay is above 200%, 67 per cent of it should be paid via non-cash instruments.

8. Who has allowed **policyholders** to revive their policies that have lapsed for more than two years__ **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)**

Note:

- Now, The LIC policyholders who bought their policies after January 1, 2014, could revive their, Non-linked policies within five years of the first unpaid premium.
- Earlier, after the IRDA Product Regulation 2013 (from 1st January 2014), the revival period was restricted to two consecutive years from the date of the first unpaid premium.

9. Who has launched an instant digital savings account (SA) along with Fixed Deposit (FD) and Privilege Savings Account to offer distinctive banking and digital services to its customers__ **The Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (SFB).**

Note:

- Instant Digital SA account: This account has the restriction of Rs 1 lakh deposit. It has unlimited free transactions on the bank's own ATM (automated teller machine) and 6 free transactions for other bank ATMs per month.

10. The Union Cabinet has decided to set up 25 thousand crore rupees fund to revive stalled ___**housing projects.**

Note:

- The union government will put in 10 thousand crore rupees in the Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) while State Bank of India (SBI) and Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) will provide 15 thousand crore rupees taking the total size to 25 thousand crore rupees.
- It will finance over 1,600 stalled housing projects comprising about 4.58 lakh housing units across the country.

Obituaries

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

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 also functioned as the head of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, during 1990.
- He was Lokayukta from July 3, 2001, to July 2, 2006.

2. Vetrean Telugu actress passed away due to cardiac arrest__ **Geetanjali Ramakrishna.**

Note:

- She had an illustrious career spanning nearly six decades by doing movies not just in Telugu, but also in other South Indian languages.
- It was legendary actor-politician Jr NTR who had introduced Geetanjali as an actress in his directorial Seetharama Kalyanam, which released in 1961. She then went on to prove her mettle as an actress in Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Hindi.
- Some of her popular works include Seetharama Kalyanam, Deivathin Deivam, Swapnangal, Parasmani, Gudachari 116 and Bobbili Yuddham.

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

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.
- As a parliamentarian, he was known for his oratory skills and his speeches earned praise from politicians, cutting across party lines

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

Note:

- Mr. Modi served as the chairman of Modi Enterprises, which includes companies like Godfrey Phillips, Indofil Industries and Modicare.
 - Modi led Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) in 1997 and the president of the confederation of Asia-pacific chambers of commerce and industry (from 2002 to 2006).
 - He was the eldest son of late Rai Bahadur Gujarmal Modi (founder of the city of Modi Nagar).
5. Senior Congress party leader & former Maharashtra minister passed away in Mumbai__ **Babasaheb Dhabekar**.

Note:

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

Important Days

1. World Vegan Day is observed on __ **1st November**.

Note:

- The Day provides an opportunity to promote the benefits of a vegan diet and veganism in general.
- On the Day, vegan groups and practitioners organize workshops to highlight the importance of animal rights.
- Donald Watson coined the term Vegan which was derived from the word Vegetarian in 1944.

2. The International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists is a UN-recognized day observed annually on__ **2nd November**.

Note:

- This year's International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists, is focused on local journalists.

3. The World Tsunami Awareness Day (WTAD) is being observed across the world on __ **5th November**.

Note:

- In 2019, the World Tsunami Awareness Day will promote Target (d) of the "Sendai Seven Campaign" which focuses on reducing disaster damage to critical infrastructure and disruption of basic services.
- By the year 2030, an estimated 50% of the world's population will live in coastal areas exposed to flooding, storms and tsunamis.

4. The International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict is observed annually on __ **6th November**.

Note:

- On 5 November 2001, the UN General Assembly declared 6th November of each year as the International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict (A/RES/56/4).

5. The **National Cancer Awareness Day** is observed annually in India on__ **7th November**.

Note:

- The day coincides with the birth anniversary of scientist Marie Curie (Marie Skłodowska Curie), winner of the 1903 Nobel Prize in Physics

New Appointments

1. Alberto Fernandez won the presidential election in -- **Argentina**.

Note:

- Fernandez, a 60-year-old law professor, got 47.36 per cent votes crossing the threshold for outright victory.

2. Prime Minister of **Lebanon** has resigned from the portfolio amid anti-government protests -- **Saad Hariri**.

Note:

- He resigned bowing to one of the central demands of anti-government demonstrators shortly after baton-wielding Hezbollah supporters rampaged through the main protest camp in Beirut.

3. The Government of India notified the appointment of new Chief Justices to the High Courts of __ **Madras, Madhya Pradesh, and Patna**.

Note:

- Patna High Court's Chief Justice Amreshwar Pratap Sahi has been appointed as the next Chief Justice of the Madras High Court.
 - Meghalaya High Court's Chief Justice AK Mittal has been appointed the next Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court.
 - Tripura High Court's Chief Justice Sanjay Karol has been appointed the next Chief Justice of the Patna High Court, to fill the vacancy left behind in view of Chief Justice Sahi's transfer to Madras.
 - The judges in various High Courts are appointed and transferred by the President of India under Article 222 of the Constitution of India
4. Who took charge as the **new Ambassador** to UAE___ **Pavan Kapoor**.
- Note:**
- **Pavan Kapoor** (1990 batch Indian Foreign Service officer) replaced Navdeep Singh Suri, who retired last month.
 - During his last posting, Mr. Kapoor served as the Ambassador to Israel.
5. Senior **IPS officer** has been appointed as the chairman of the **Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI)** ___ **Aditya Mishra**.
- Note:**
- The Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI) is a statutory body (created through the Land Ports Authority of India Act, 2010) working under the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
 - It is responsible for creating, upgrading, maintaining and managing border infrastructure in India.
6. **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)** MLA from Panchkula Gian Chand Gupta has been unanimously elected as the Speaker of ___**Haryana Assembly**.
- Note:**
- Mr Gupta's name was proposed by Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and seconded by Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala.
 - BJP party stitched an alliance with Jannayak Janta Party (JJP) and managed to get the support of seven independent MLAs in the 90-member Haryana Assembly
7. P.S Sreedharan Pillai (65-years) took oath as the Governor of ___**Mizoram**.
- Note:**
- The Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court 'Ajai Lamba' administered the oath of Office and Secrecy at Raj Bhawan in Aizawl.
 - P.S Sreedharan Pillai replaced Governor of Assam Jagdish Mukhi (additional charge- Mizoram).
8. The two-day 'BIMSTEC Conclave' begins in ___**Visakhapatnam**.
- Note:**
- Union Minister of State for Shipping Mansukh L. Mandaviya has inaugurated the two-day BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal initiative multi-sector technical and economic cooperation) Conclave at Visakhapatnam.
9. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated two-day mega global investors meet 'Rising Himachal 2019' at ___**Dharamshala**.
- Note:**
- The event has been graced by the presence of top heads of Indian industry and business besides foreign delegations and Union minister and senior government officials.

Important News - India

1. Who is placed among the top nations with the most conducive environment for financial inclusion in terms of allowing non-banks to issue e-money___ **India**.
- Note:**
- As per Economist Intelligence Unit's 2019 Global Microscope on Financial Inclusion report, the overall environment for financial inclusion has improved globally with India, Colombia, Peru, Uruguay and Mexico have the most favourable conditions for inclusive finance.

2. Union minister **Shri Harsh Vardhan** inaugurated the National symposium to eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis in – **New Delhi**.
Note:
- The theme of the symposium was “United to Eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis”.
 - During the symposium, Dr. Harsh Vardhan signed a ‘Call to Action to eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis by 2021’.
 - 14th edition of National Health Profile (NHP) was also released by health minister during the event.
 - The Lymphatic Filariasis is a disease caused by a human parasitic worm called Wuchereria Bancrofti and spread by Culex Mosquitoes.
3. 5th Indo-German Inter-Governmental Consultations held in -- **New Delhi**.
Note:
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and German Chancellor Angela Merkel co-chaired the 5th Indo-German Inter-Governmental Consultations to strengthen the "very close" relationship between the two countries.
 - The two leaders also discuss bilateral issues including agriculture economic partnership, trade and investment.
 - The countries are also working on opportunities in E-mobility, smart cities, inland waterways, and environmental conservation.
4. Who fixed phone call ring time at 30 seconds on mobiles and 60 seconds for landline phones__ **Telecom Regulatory Authority of Indian (TRAI)**.
Note:
- The time duration of alert for an incoming voice call, which is neither answered nor rejected by the called party, shall be thirty seconds for Cellular Mobile Telephone Service and sixty seconds for Basic Telephone Service.
 - Till now there was no such limit for calls within India.
 - Telecom operators on their own were reducing incoming call ring time to attract reverse calls from the subscriber of other networks.
5. According to a new academic paper- written by Santosh Mehrotra and Jajati K Parida, The total employment during 2011-12 and 2017-18 declined by ____ **9 million**.
Note:
- It has been published by the Centre of Sustainable Employment at the Azim Premji University.
 - The paper is based on both the recent “Employment and Unemployment” and “Unincorporated Non-Agricultural Enterprise” survey data of the National Sample Survey (NSS).
6. Who is collaborating with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to set up a space technology cell at the campus__ **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi**
Note:
- The cell will work for carrying out focused research projects in the space technology domain with specific deliverables.
 - The IIT Delhi celebrating 50th Convocation on 2 November where Dr. K Sivan, Chairman, ISRO will be the chief guest.
7. German multinational conglomerate company has signed a MoU with NTPC Limited to identify, evaluate and set up reference use cases of hydrogen sector-coupling for various upstream and downstream applications__ **Siemens Limited**.
Note:
- The collaboration is aimed at developing innovative technologies, solutions and techniques to reduce the dependence on Hydrocarbons in India.
 - Siemens has also inked a separate MoU with TERI for collaboration on technologies to support the energy transition in India including sector-coupling.
8. The ministry has Inaugurated **National Research Institute of Unani Medicine** for Skin Disorders ____ **AYUSH Ministry**
Note:
- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for AYUSH Shri Shripad Yesso Naik inaugurated National Research Institute of Unani Medicine for Skin Disorders (NRIUMSD) in Hyderabad.
 - It is upgraded institutions from the Central Research Institute of Unani Medicine (CRIUM).
9. German Chancellor **Angela Merkel** pledged to invest **1 billion euros over the next five years** on environmentally friendly urban mobility in ____ **India**.
Note:
- Merkel, whose visit to the country coincided with one of the worst spells of air pollution in Delhi/NCR, also emphasized on the need to replace diesel-run public transport with electric vehicles.
 - Germany would also put in 200 million euros to reform the bus sector in Tamil Nadu.

10. Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated the **5th India International Science Festival (IISF)** through video conference in **Kolkata**.

Note:

- The theme for this year's festival is RISEN India - Research, Innovation and Science Empowering the Nation.
- The prime objective of IISF is to instil scientific temper among people, showcase India's contribution in the field of Science and Technology and encourage the translation of its benefits to people.

11. The Union Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** unveiled two new IT Initiatives for improved monitoring and pace of customs clearance of imported goods **ICEDASH and ATITHI**

Note:

- ICEDASH is an Ease of Doing Business monitoring dashboard of the Indian Customs helping the public see the daily Customs clearance times of import cargo at various ports and airports.
- The ATITHI app will facilitate hassle-free and faster clearance by Customs at the airports and enhance the experience of international tourists and other visitors at the airports.

12. The first-ever containerised cargo movement via the Indo-Bangladesh protocol route and Brahmaputra river will start from **Haldia (West Bengal)**.

Note:

- The vessel MV Maheshwari, carrying 53 containers of petrochemicals, edible oil and beverage will take 12-15 days to reach the IWAI terminal at Pandu in Assam's Guwahati.
- National Waterway 2 (NW-2) is a section of the Brahmaputra River having a length of 891 km between the Bangladesh border near Dhubri and Sadiya in Assam.

13. Punjab Chief Minister **Amarinder Singh** has launched a first of its kind job **helpline number** (76260-76260) for the unemployed youth of the state under **Ghar Ghar Rozgar' programme**.

Note:

- The objective of this helpline is to reach every house in Punjab and it can be contacted on 75 thousand mobile numbers daily.
- In this process, a 110-seat call centre of Punjab Job Helpline has also been created for the data to be prepared.

14. The first-ever India-Uzbekistan joint military exercise 'Dustlik-2019' has begun at Chirchiq Training Area near **Tashkent**.

Note:

- The exercise enabled the sharing of best practices and experiences between the Armed Forces of the two countries and will lead to greater operational effectiveness.

15. The Guinness World Records for the largest astrophysics lesson (45 minutes) and assembly of spectroscopes was successfully achieved at the **Science City, Kolkata (IISF-2019)**

Note:

- Over 1,598 students has participated in the event.

16. The **Union Minister Prakash Javadekar** has attended the 15th meeting of the Governing Council of South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP) in **Dhaka**.

Note:

- The SACEP is an inter-governmental organization which was established in 1982.
- Its member countries Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka aim to promote and support protection, management and enhancement of the environment in the region.

17. Italian movie will be the opening movie at the 50th edition of International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2019 **Despite the Fog**

Note:

- The 100-minute film directed by Goran Paskaljevic narrates the tale of a child whose parents drown while trying to migrate to Italy in a rubber boat.
- The 50th edition of IFFI witnessed the screening of over 200 best films from 76 countries.

18. Union Minister of State for Human Resources Development Sanjay Dhotre has launched the Shala Darpan Portal of **Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti**.

Note:

- Shala Darpan provides an integrated platform to meet the educational and administrative needs of all stakeholders-students, teachers and parents.
- This will integrate all Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas with a common standard which includes around 636 schools and 2.67 million students.

19. Agriculture Minister **Narendra Singh Tomar** has released the fifth edition of ___ **Wastelands Atlas - 2019**.

Note:

- The Atlas, published jointly by Department of Land Resources and National Remote Sensing Centre, provides robust geospatial information on wasteland.

20. Vice President **M. Venkaiah Naidu** has released the monograph, the **Musical Excellence of Mridangam** in ___ **Chennai**.

Note:

- According to Mr. Naidu, science has the responsibility to add values to ancient musical traditions like Mridangam and to preserve and protect the nation's cultural heritage.
- Mridangam is an instrument made with ordinary and locally available materials but exhibits enormous musical beauty.
- The book was authored by mridangam maestro and Padma Vibhushan awardee Umayalpuram K. Sivaraman and former scientists T. Ramasami (former Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology) and M.D. Naresh.

21. Who has decided not to be part of the **Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership** (RCEP) agreement in the national interest ___ **India**.

Note:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced during his speech at the RCEP Summit in Bangkok.
- The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) is a proposed free trade agreement (FTA) between the ten member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam) and its six FTA partners (China, Japan, India, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand).

Important News – State

1. According to the Election Commission, **Jharkhand assembly** polls will be held in five phases **between ___ 30th November to 20 December**.

Note:

- The counting of votes will take place on 23rd December.
- As per the Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora, the polls to 81-member assembly will be held on November 30, December 7, 12, 16 and 20.
- Jharkhand was formed in the year 2000 by dividing Bihar into two-state.

2. The **National Tribal festival** (15-day Aadi Mahotsav) will be held in ___ **New Delhi**.

Note:

- The theme of the festival is a celebration of the spirit of tribal culture, craft, cuisine and commerce.
- More than one thousand tribal artisans from 27 states will participate in the event.
- The festival will feature exhibition-cum-sale of tribal handicrafts, art, paintings, fabric, jewellery and much more through two hundred stalls.

3. The French Development Agency (AFD) and the state govt. have signed an agreement for supporting Phase II of Assam Project for Forest and Biodiversity Conservation (APFBC) ___ **Assam**.

Note:

- The total budget for the second phase is Rs 500 crore.
- The project was launched in response to the threats posed by deforestation, poaching and over-dependence of local communities on forest resources.

4. The Indian Railways has installed two 'Health ATMs' at the Charbagh railway station in ___ **Lucknow**.

Note:

- The kiosks, promoted by YOLO Health ATM, provide 16 health check-ups for Rs 50-100.
- There are two types of check-ups a 9-minute one that costs Rs 100, and a 6-minute one that costs Rs 50.

Important News – World

1. The 35th ASEAN Summit held in ___ **Bangkok, Thailand**.

Note:

- Thailand Prime Minister Prayut Chan -O-Cha inaugurated this summit at IMPACT convention complex.
- The theme of the summit is 'Advancing Partnership for sustainability'.
- The headquarters of ASEAN is located in Jakarta, Indonesia.

2. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh represented India at a meeting of the council of heads of government (CHG) of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in ___ **Tashkent**.
Note:
 - The SCO is an influential regional security grouping which is seen as a counterweight to NATO.
 - Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) is a Eurasian political, economic and military organisation, which was founded in Shanghai by the leaders of China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan in the year 2001.
3. Russia's newest nuclear submarine was successfully test-fired a Bulava intercontinental ballistic missile from ___ **White Sea off Russia**.
Note:
 - The Knyaz Vladimir, or Prince Vladimir, fired the missile from underwater that landed on target on the Kamchatka peninsula in far eastern Russia.
4. The biennial Commonwealth Law Ministers' Conference held in ___ **Colombo, Sri Lanka 2019**.
Note:
 - The Union Minister for Law and Justice Ravi Shankar Prasad is representing India at the conference.
 - The theme of the event: "Equal Access to Justice and the Rule of Law".
 - Purpose of the event: It seeks to address challenges faced by millions of people seeking to resolve legal problems or disputes.
5. Sudan's **first-ever satellite** for conducting research in military, economic and space technology has been launched by ___ **China**.
6. Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri has inaugurated a new Guru Nanak Chair at ___ **University of Birmingham**.
Note:
 - Mr. Puri also announced the new Chair to mark the 550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak, during his visit to Birmingham where he delivered an Annual Lecture on the Contemporary Relevance of Guru Nanak's Teachings.
7. The Ministry of Tourism has participated in the three-day-long **World Travel Market (WTM)** in ___ **London, UK**.
Note:
 - The theme for India Pavilion at WTM 2019 is 'Incredible India - Find Incredible India'.
 - This year, the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and the Statue of Unity are also being promoted and publicized in the India Pavilion at WTM 2019.
8. Defence minister **Rajnath Singh** has co-chaired the 19th India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Military and Military-Technical Cooperation in ___ **Moscow**.
9. The US- Bangladesh Navy exercise '**Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT)- 2019**' started in ___ **Chattogram**.
Note:
 - CARAT is one of the U.S. Navy's longest continually running exercise in South Asia and Southeast Asia.
 - Assistant chief of naval staff (operations) Bangladesh Navy rear admiral M Makbul Hossain was present as the chief guest in the opening ceremony.

Honor & Awards

1. The **28th Vyas Samman** for the year 2018 was conferred to Hindi writer ___ **Leeladhar Jagoori**.
Note:
 - The prestigious award was presented to him by renowned author Govind Mishra.
 - Mr Jagoori has been chosen for the prestigious award for his poetry collection- Jitne Log Utne Prem.
 - The Vyas Samman started in 1991, is given by KK Birla Foundation in honour of Indian industrialist Krishna Kumar Birla for an outstanding literary work in Hindi authored by an Indian citizen published during the last 10 years.
2. Who has been honored with the **prestigious Golden Dragon Award** ___ **Nawazuddin Siddiqui**.
Note:
 - The Gangs of Wasseypur actor was presented the award by counsel general of Wales, UK, Mick Antoniw, at an event in Cardiff.
 - The actor has made a mark internationally with Netflix's Sacred Games, Ritesh Batra's Photograph and BBC UK's McMafia.

- Veteran Hollywood star-actress Dame Judith Olivia Dench was also honoured with the Lifetime Achievement award at the ceremony
3. Indian Film star will be honoured with first “**Icon of Golden Jubilee Award**” at IFFI __ **Rajinikanth**.
Note:
- The IFFI will also confer with the Lifetime Achievement Award for a Foreign Artiste to French Actress Isabelle Huppert.
 - The Icon of Golden Jubilee Award is a special award constituted by the Government of India in the year 2019.
4. Noted writer has been selected for the 27th Ezhuthachan Puraskaram __ **Anand**.
Note:
- This award is given by the Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award and the Government of Kerala.
 - His one of the famous novel is Aalkoottam which portrays the unique crises that the nation had witnessed with a rare finesse.
 - His Govardhante Yatrakal had won the Kendra Sahitya Akademi award, Veedum Thadavum and Jaina Manushyan Kerala Sahitya Akademi award and Marubhoomikal Undakunnath, Vayalar award.
5. An Indian origin researcher from the University of New South Wales (UNSW), Sydney has won the ‘Early Career Researcher of the Year Award-2019’ (Physical Sciences) __ **Neeraj Sharma**.
Note:
 The Award has been given by the Australian government for his work in lithium-ion batteries found in electronic devices, electric vehicles and the grid.
6. Who has been chosen for the Italian Golden Sand Art Award 2019 __ **Sudarsan Pattnaik**.
Note:
- He will be felicitated during the International Scorrana Sand Nativity fete in Italy which will be held between 13th and 18th November 2019.
7. U.S. based-Indian author Madhuri Vijay’s debut novel, “The Far Field” has won 2019 JCB prize for __ **Literature**.
Note:
- She also received the Rs 25 lakh as the prize money, a sculpture by Delhi artist duo Thukral & Tagra entitled Mirror Melting.
 - The novel published by Fourth estate India.
 - JCB prize is an annual Indian literary award instituted in 2018 for a distinguished work of fiction by an Indian writer working in English or to a translated fiction by an Indian writer.
8. **Shripad Naik** (Union Minister of State for Defence) inaugurated the DRDO Igniter Complex at High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (HEMRL) in __ **Pune**.
Note:
- HEMRL (a premier laboratory of DRDO) is primarily engaged in developing rocket and gun propellants, pyrotechnic devices, high-explosive systems and synthesis of high-energy molecules.
9. Who has been crowned ‘Miss Asia Global 2019’ (5th Edition) at Gokulam Convention centre in Kochi, Kerala __ **Sara Damjanovic**
Note:
- Vietnam's Nguyen Thi Yen Trang was crowned 'Miss Asia', while Samiksha Singh (India) won the sub-title of 'Miss Beautiful Face'.
 - Miss Asia Global aims to find the most beautiful and talented women from all over the globe.
 - The ‘Miss Asia Global Title 2020’ will be held in Malaysia.

Sports News

1. Six-time **boxing world champion** has been included in a **10-member athlete** ambassadors’ group by the **International Olympic Committee (IOC)** __ **C. Mary Kom**.
Note:
- The group will represent boxers in the **build-up to next year’s** Tokyo Olympics (Tokyo Olympic 2020).
 - C. Mary Kom will represent the **Asian bloc in boxing’s athlete ambassadors’** group.
 - At present the President of **International Olympic Association (IOC)** is **Thomas Bach** and its headquarters in **Lausanne**, Switzerland.
2. Who won silver medal in 53kg at UWW Under-23 World Championships in Budapest __ **Pooja Gehlot**
Note:

- Pooja lost 0-2 to Okuno in the summit clash. She had entered the finals after beating Turkey's Zeynep Yetgil in the semifinals of the tournament.
3. Who defeated England in the final to win the Rugby World Cup __ **South Africa**.
- Note:**
- South Africa beat England 32-12 in the world cup final in Japan.
 - The victory under Siya Kolisi, the team's first black captain, was another symbolic moment for the Springboks.
 - In 1995, former President Nelson Mandela's famously celebrated on the podium with captain Francois Pienaar after their first world cup win.
4. Who has won the **SaarLorLux Open badminton tournament** at Saarbrücken in Germany __ **Lakshya Sen**.
- Note:**
- He defeated Weng Hong Yang of China in an exciting final last night.
 - World number 51 Lakshya took 59 minutes to overcome Weng in the summit clash.
 - The 18-year-old from Uttarakhand had entered the final beating Kiran George in an all-Indian semifinal.
5. Who won the fifth **Paris Masters title for 2019** by defeating Denis Shapovalov in the final__ **Novak Djokovic**.
- Note:**
- Thus, he sealed his 34th Master's title and fifth overall ATP victory of the year 2019.
 - Djokovic will lose top spot in the rankings to Nadal next week, but could still equal Pete Sampras' record by finishing a sixth year as the world's best player.
6. Finnish racing driver has won the **Formula One**, United States Grand Prix 2019__ **Valtteri Bottas**.
- Note:**
- Lewis Hamilton was on second, Max Verstappen on third, Charles Leclerc on fourth and Alexander Albon on fifth.
 - Lewis Hamilton (sixth F1 world title) has won the Formula One World Drivers' Championship for 2019.
 - The maximum number of Formula One World Drivers' Championship has been won by Michael Schumacher with 7 titles.
7. Who won the 2019–20 Deodhar Trophy (47th edition) at JSCA International Stadium Complex, Ranchi __ **India B**.
- Note:**
- Deodhar Trophy was contested between three teams (India-A, India -B and India-C) selected by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).
8. Serbian professional tennis player eased to a record-extending fifth Paris Masters title__ **Novak Djokovic**.
- Note:**
- He defeated Canadian youngster Denis Shapovalov 6-3, 6-4 in the final.
 - Now, he has won 34 Masters titles (16-time Grand Slam champion), moving to within one of Nadal at the top of the all-time list, and 77 on the ATP Tour in total.
 - It was Djokovic's fifth trophy of the season after previous triumphs at Wimbledon and the US Open, as well as at the Madrid Open and in Tokyo.
9. Who secured **India's 10th Tokyo Olympic quota** in shooting after winning the men's 10m air rifle bronze medal at the 14th Asian Championships in Doha__ **Deepak Kumar**.
- Note:**
- India has already secured nine Tokyo quotas in rifle and pistol and lies behind China who has 25 quotas and Korea's 12 in the Asian region, besides the host-country Japan, in terms of quotas won.
 - Deepak is the second Indian shooter to earn an Olympic quota in the men's 10 metres air rifle event after Divyansh Singh Panwar.
10. India's **Manu Bhaker** has won a gold medal in women's 10m air pistol event at __ **Doha, Qatar**.
- Note:**
- She put up a dominant showing, shooting 584 in qualification and 244.3 in the final to take gold.
 - Vivaan Kapoor & Manisha Keer also won the Gold medal in junior trap mixed event at the Asian Shooting Championships 2019

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