

# Weekly One Liner

22<sup>nd</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019



**Weekly One Liner Updates**  
**22-31st October 2019**

**Banking & Financial Awareness**

1. Who has imposed penalties of Rs 1.01 crore on Cholamandalam MS General Insurance Company Ltd \_\_ **IRDAI**.

**Note:**

- The insurer was penalised for violations observed during an inspection.
- The penalty of Rs 1 crore is for violation of Clause 15 of Schedule I of IRDA (Health Insurance) Regulations, 2013 which clearly specifies that no commission shall be payable to any intermediary on the acceptance of a ported policy.
- The other penalty of Rs 1 lakh is for motor insurance and was for violating the outsourcing guidelines by agreeing to payment terms not in the interests of the insurer.

2. Who has secured a non-banking finance company licence from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) \_\_ **Vreedhi Financial Services (VFS)**.

**Note:**

- The objective of the licence is to provide credit and other services to micro-enterprises operating in tier two-three cities and small towns.
- The company will create a digital lending model by the next financial year.
- As per the study conducted by the International Finance Corporation (IFC), It will address the gap between the addressable and viable credit in the micro-enterprises space which is USD 123 billion.

3. As per CSRI's (Credit Suisse Research Institute) Global Wealth Report (10th edition), the global wealth is \_\_ **USD 360 trillion**.

**Note:**

- India has made contribution of USD 625 billion (nearly 7% of total) to global wealth.
- The biggest contribution has come from the US at USD 4 trillion (45% of total) and China at USD 1.9 trillion (21% of total).
- Wealth per adult for India at USD 14,569 (globally USD 70,849) is nearly 80% below the global average.

4. The Vijaya Bank Heritage Museum has been inaugurated at \_\_ **Bengaluru**.

**Note:**

- The museum has a rare collection of photos through which the growth of the bank is showcased.
- Now, the memories of the erstwhile Vijaya Bank can be refreshed at a museum dedicated to its history.
- On 1st April 2019, the erstwhile Vijaya Bank, along with the erstwhile Dena Bank, was amalgamated with Bank of Baroda.

5. The Union Government **e-Marketplace** (GeM) signed a **memorandum of understanding** (MoU) with a bank to offer number of services \_\_ **Federal Bank**.

**Note:**

- These serviced including the transfer of funds through GeM Pool Accounts (GPA), advising of Performance Bank Guarantees (e-PBG) and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) to the registered users on the portal.
- The MoU will facilitate a cashless, paperless and transparent payment system on the portal and would create an efficient procurement system for government entities.

6. Public sector lender unveiled a healthcare insurance policy through an online platform in association with Universal Sampo General Insurance Company Ltd \_\_ **Indian Overseas Bank**

**Note:**

- The policy offered on a real-time basis to customers at the branches of Indian Overseas Bank through the integration of technology of the two institutions.

- The co-branded healthcare policy designed by Universal Sompo General Insurance is offered with a sum insured from Rs 50,000 to Rs 15 lakh.
- 7. Insurance regulatory body IRDAI has set up an 8-member committee to evaluate applications filed under the **Regulatory Sandbox approach**.  
**Note:**
  - The committee will be headed by International Institute of Information Technology (Bengaluru) Director, S Sadagopan.
  - Regulatory Sandbox (RS) usually refers to live testing of new products or services in a controlled/test regulatory environment for which regulators may permit certain relaxations for the limited purpose of testing.
- 8. According to the data released by the Central Pollution Control Board, most polluted city **Varanasi**.  
**Note:**
  - In a major health concern for the state, four UP cities were among the five most polluted in the country
- 9. The Union Minister of Finance, Nirmala Sitharaman released a special commemorative coin to mark 125th birth anniversary of **Paramahansa Yogananda**.  
**Note:**
  - Yogananda was the founder of the Yogoda Satsanga Society(YSS) of India and Self-Realisation Fellowship(SRF) organizations.
- 10. India signed an agreement with Saudi Arabia to launch a card in the country **RuPay card**.  
**Note:**
  - RuPay is a highly secure network that protects against cyber hacks and is India's version of Master Card and Visa.
- 11. The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed a penalty of Rs 35 lakh on **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank**  
**Note:**
  - The bank has been penalized for "non-compliance with certain provisions of directions issued by RBI on frauds classification and reporting by commercial banks and select FIs directions 2016".
  - The headquarters of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank is located in Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu.

### Important Days

1. The United Nations Day (UN) is being observed globally on **24th October**.  
**Note:**
  - The day make people aware of the aims and achievements of the United Nations Organization.
  - United Nations will commemorate the 75th anniversary of the United Nations in 2020.
2. The World Development Information Day is being observed every year on **24th October**  
**Note:**
  - In 1973, The United Nations General Assembly decided to institute a World Development Information Day coinciding with United Nations Day on 24th October
3. Government of India is celebrating 4th Ayurveda Day (Dhanvantari Jayanti) on **25th October 2019**.  
**Note:**
  - The Ministry of Ayush has distributed "National Dhanwantari Ayurveda Award" on National Ayurveda Day.
  - The award comprises of trophy and cash reward of Rs 5 lakhs.
  - Ayurveda Day is being celebrated as a part of the mission's role in creating awareness about the medicines.
  - Government has also upgraded a lot of Ayurvedic institutions as a part of AYUSH Mission
4. The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare observed the Vigilance Awareness Week from **28th October to 2nd November 2019**.  
**Note:**
  - The theme of Vigilance Awareness Week was "Integrity- a way of life".
  - Vigilance Awareness Week will commence with the administration of 'Integrity Pledge' to the officers/staff of the Ministry by the Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, to fight against corruption and commit to highest standards of honesty and integrity.

5. International Artist's Day is being observed every year on \_\_ **25th October**.

**Note:**

- The day also celebrates one of the most famous artists, Pablo Picasso. The Spanish artist was born on October 25th, 1881.
- Artists work hard to create their work. They add beauty to the world around us. Most artists work with many different mediums.

6. The World Day for Audiovisual Heritage being observed by the United Nations on \_\_ **27th October**.

**Note:**

- The Theme of 2019 is 'Engage the Past Through Sound and Images'.

7. Every year World Internet Day is celebrated across the world \_\_ **29th October**.

**Note:**

- It was on this day, the first electronic mail (email) was sent from one computer to another in 1969.
- This was the year of 1969 when Charley Kline, a student programmer at the UCLA transmitted the first-ever message on 29th of October in 1969.

8. Rashtriya Ekta Diwas 2019 (National Unity Day) was celebrated all across the country on \_\_ 31st October.

**Note:**

- Sardar Patel was the first Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister of India.

### Obituaries

1. Oracle co-CEO (until last month) passed away \_\_ **Mark Hurd**.

**Note:**

- Mr. Hurd made his name as a strong-willed leader who helped revive the fortunes of two companies, including Hewlett Packard (HP), where he was CEO last decade.
- Earlier, Hurd had taken a leave of absence last month to focus on his health.

2. Wrestling legend passed away due to heart attack in Kolhapur in Maharashtra \_\_ **Dadu Chougule**.

**Note:**

- Chougule won several prestigious titles such as Maharashtra Kesari, Rustam Hind Kesari, Mahan Bharat Kesari in the 1970s.
- He won a silver medal in the Commonwealth Games in New Zealand (in 1974).
- Dadu Chougule was a recipient of the prestigious Dhyan Chand Award for lifetime achievement in sports.

3. Former Chief Minister of Gujarat passed away in Ahmedabad \_\_ **Dilip Parikh**.

**Note:**

- He served as the 13th Chief Minister of Gujarat during 1997-98 when he was with Rashtriya Janata Party - RJP, floated by Shankersinh Vaghela.
- Parikh started his political career as a BJP MLA. Industrialist by profession, he also served as President of the Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

4. Yoga grandma passed away at her residence near Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu \_\_ **Nanammal**.

**Note:**

- She was conferred the Padma Shri in 2018 and had bagged the Nari Shakti Puraskar and Yoga Ratna awards in 2016 and 2017 respectively.
- Nanammal had trained over 10 lakh students over 45 years, with nearly 100 students daily.

### New Appointments

1. Who has won the **second term** as the Prime Minister of Canada \_\_ **Justin Trudeau**.

**Note:**

- The 'Conservative Party' led by Andrew Scheer has won 121 seats and remained the Official Opposition.
- The New Democratic Party led by 'Jagmeet Singh' has won 24 seats.

2. Who has been appointed as CEO of **Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)**\_\_ **Pankaj Kumar**.

**Note:**

- Braj Raj Sharma (1984 batch officer) has been appointed Chairman of Staff Selection Commission (SSC).
- Tuhin Kanta Pandey (Odisha cadre IAS officer) Secretary Department of Investment and Public Asset Management.
- Sanjeev Nandan Sahai (1986 batch officer) will be the new Power Secretary.
- Pramod Kumar Das (and Madhya Pradesh Cadre IAS) has been appointed Minority Affairs Secretary.

3. Who has appointed Navnita Gautam as their Sports Massage Therapist\_\_ **Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB)**.

**Note:**

- Navnita Gautam became the first Indian Premier League (IPL) team to have a woman in the support staff.
- Navnita will work with Evan Speechly, the Head Physiotherapist and Basu Shanker, Strength and Conditioning Coach.

4. Tunisia's new President -- **Kais Saied**.

**Note:**

- Saied won just over 72% of the votes, with about 27% of ballots cast for his media-mogul opponent Nabil Karoui.
- The President of Tunisia is directly elected by universal suffrage using the two-round system.

5. Senior IAS officer has been appointed as the Chairman of Airports Authority of India (AAI)\_\_ **Arvind Singh**.

**Note:**

- The Airports Authority of India (AAI) is a statutory body working under the Ministry of Civil Aviation.
- Senior IAS officer Sukhbir Singh Sandhu (1988-batch: Uttarakhand cadre) will head the National Highways Authority of India.

6. Ambassadors for Prime Minister Modi's new initiative '**Bharat Ki Laxmi**' movement\_\_ **Deepika Padukone & P V Sindhu**.

**Note:**

- 'Bharat Ki Laxmi' movement is a campaign to honour Indian women who have made a mark with their achievements in various fields for the public good.

7. Who has been appointed as the first **Lt Governor** of Jammu and Kashmir\_\_ **Girish Chander Murmu**.

**Note:**

- He has administered the oath of office on October 31 in Srinagar after which he will be the administrative head of Kashmir and Jammu provinces.
- The state's third province -- Ladakh-- has been carved out as a separate Union Territory.

8. Who has been appointed the Lieutenant Governor of the union territory of Ladakh\_\_ Radha Krishna Mathur.

**Note:**

- The reorganization of Ladakh as UT will take effect from October 31, 2019.
- Radha Krishna Mathur was given the charge as the Chief Information Commissioner of India (CIC) in 2016 and he retired as CIC in November 2018.
- He has also served as the Development Commissioner in the Ministry of Textiles and the Chief Enforcement Officer in the Ministry of Textiles in the Central government.

9. Who has appointed as Governor of Goa\_\_ **Satya Pal Malik**.

**Note:**

- He was appointed as the governor of undivided Jammu & Kashmir in August last year.
- In September 2017, he was appointed the governor of Bihar.
- Earlier, he was a member of the 9th Lok Sabha and represented Aligarh Constituency from 1989 to 1991.

10. The chief minister of Haryana for a second consecutive term: **Manohar Lal Khattar**

**Note:**

- The swearing in ceremony took place a day after Khattar was elected as the legislative party leader of BJP.



- Along with Khattar, Jannayak Janta Party (JJP) leader Dushyant Chautala also took oath, he will become the deputy chief minister of the state.
- The crucial support to BJP came from five independent Members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs) and 10 members of JJP.

**11. The senior-most judge in the Supreme Court has been appointed as the next Chief Justice of India (CJI) \_\_ Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde**

**Note:**

- He will be the 47th CJI and will take oath on November 18, 2019. He will hold office till April 23, 2021.
- Being a senior-most judge in Supreme Court his name was recommended by incumbent Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi for appointment as the next CJI.

**12. Who has become the first female Prime Minister of Belgian \_\_ Sophie Wilmes.**

**Note:**

- She was named as the head of the country's next caretaker government. She was sworn in by King Philippe.
- She succeeded in the liberal leader Charles Michel.
- She will become the president of the European Council on 1 December.

**13. Who has been elected as the new Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency \_\_ Rafael Mariano Grossi.**

**Note:**

- He succeeds Yukiya Amano of Japan, who passed away in July this year.
- The Board envisages that he will assume office no later than 1 January 2020.

### Important News – India

**1. The World's highest battlefield opens for tourism \_\_ Siachen glacier.**

**Note:**

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has announced that the Siachen Glacier (the world's highest battlefield) is now open for tourism.
- The decision comes months after declaring Ladakh as a Union Territory.
- The Siachen glacier (around 20,000 feet) is a bone of contention between India and Pakistan and the Indian Army had gained control of it in 1984 (called Operation Meghdoot).

**2. American multinational ridesharing company has launched its public transport service in Delhi \_\_ Uber.**

**Note:**

- With this feature, Uber users in Delhi would be able to use the public transport option that will appear on the app.
- Once the users use this option, Uber will show the best three routes for using metro or bus in the city.

**3. India-Bangladesh Stakeholders' Meet held in \_\_ Guwahati.**

**Note:**

- A 70-member delegation from Bangladesh, including two Central ministers and two advisors of the Prime Minister, are participating in the meet.
- The idea of the meet is to put Assam at the centre point of India's trade expansion with ASEAN and Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal or BBN countries.

**4. The Union government will set up how many digital villages in the country in the next few years \_\_ one lakhs.**

**Note:**

- These villages will be the centres for promoting entrepreneurship.
- The Minister also stressed on the need for digital mapping of all enterprise and entrepreneurship happening in the far corner of the country.
- The MSH has been envisioned as an overarching collaborative platform to act as national coordination facilitation and inter-connected centre for all activities in the tech start-up ecosystem.

**5. Diversified group 'ITC' launched the world's most expensive chocolate priced at approximately \_\_ Rs 4.3 lakh per kilogram**

**Note:**

- ITC's luxury chocolate brand Fabelle Exquisite Chocolates has introduced its range chocolate 'Trinity - Truffles Extraordinaire' - which entered into Guinness World Records to become the world's most expensive chocolate.
  - The limited-edition containing 15 truffles, each weighing approximately 15 grams.
  - The made-to-order box will be available at an indulgent price of Rs one lakh inclusive of taxes
6. Government hikes **minimum support price** of Rabi crops for **2020-21**.
- Note:**
- MSP of wheat has been increased by 85 rupees per quintal to 1,925 rupees per quintal.
  - While MSP of Gram has been increased by 255 rupees, barley 85 rupees, mustard oil 225 rupees and sunflower 270 rupees per quintal.
  - The minimum support price (MSP) is an agricultural product price set by the government of India to purchase directly from the farmer.
7. The Union Cabinet has approved a revival plan and gave in-principle approval for the merger of BSNL and **MTNL (Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited)**.
- Note:**
- Under the revival plan, 15 thousand crore rupees sovereign bonds will be raised & 38 thousand crore rupees assets monetised.
  - Attractive voluntary retirement scheme packages will be offered to the employees of the company.
8. The **first-ever Global Bio-India 2019 Summit** will be held in **New Delhi**.
- Note:**
- It is for the first time that India will host a mega event for the biotech community to attract investments, showcase our indigenous strengths and more importantly fuel the hopes and aspirations of the indigenous talent pool.
  - The Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India along with its Public Sector Undertaking, Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) is organizing this event.
9. An Indian historian Kashi Nath Pandit's new book --- **Ten Studies in Kashmir: History and Politics**.
- Note:**
- The book has been published by Academic Foundation.
  - Book looks at the riveting history of Jammu and Kashmir from the time of its political and geographic consolidation to the abrogation of the state's special status.
  - The book, which comes after the scrapping of Article 370 provisions (in August 2019), will shed light on the happenings from 1947 till the revocation of the special status of the state.
10. Union Health Ministry will launch the **Mission Indradhanush 2.0**.
- Note:**
- It will carry out a massive immunization program in 271 districts across the nation and 652 blocks located in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.
  - It will cover the areas identified as "low immunisation pockets".
  - Total vaccination program is dedicated for children up to 2 years of age and for all pregnant women.
11. The Union Govt sets up panel to resolve contention between MeitY and Niti over AI **K Vijay Raghavan**
- Note:**
- The committee is tasked with rooting out duplication of work between various government arms, while clearly specifying the role of different agencies to fast-track the implementation of the AI mission.
12. As per 'The Global Health Security Index 2019', Among the 195 countries, India got **57th position**.
- Note:**
- This is a project of the Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI) and the Johns Hopkins University Center for Health Security, with research by The Economist Intelligence Unit.
13. Indo-French joint military exercise has been will be conducted in Rajasthan **Ex-Shakti-2019**.
- Note:**
- The joint exercise will focus on counter-terrorism operations in the backdrop of semi-desert terrain under the United Nations mandate.
14. The Indian government has accorded status to state-owned Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited and Power Grid Corporation Limited **'Maharatna' status**.
- Note:**
- It will give both the enterprise greater operational and financial autonomy because the grant of Maharatna status will impart enhanced powers to their Boards to take financial decisions.

**15. Indian Army to conduct 2019 "Sindhu Sudarshan" exercise in \_\_\_\_Rajasthan**

**Note:**

- The Indian Army will conduct exercise codenamed "Sindhu Sudarshan" for the year 2019 in the deserts of Rajasthan (29th November to 4th December 2019).
- The aim of this exercise is to evaluate the capability of the defence services in an integrated air-land battle.
- Over 40,000 troops to participate in Army's exercise 'Sindhu Sudarshan'.

**16. CBSE and NCERT to launches 'Tamanna' aptitude test for Class \_\_\_\_9 & 10 students**

**Note:**

- Education board the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT) have launched an online aptitude test called as 'Tamanna' (Try and Measure Aptitude and Natural Abilities).
- This will help students of class 9th and 10th make a better choice of subjects, eventually helping them in making an informed decision while choosing subjects in Class 11 and 12.

**17. Who has secured the 17th rank globally in the 'Financial Times Masters in Management Rankings 2019'\_\_ Indian Institute of Management Calcutta (IIMC).**

**Note:**

- The list was topped by the University of St.Gallen in Switzerland followed by HEC Paris, France and London Business School, UK.
- The IIMC got the ranking for its 2-Year Masters in Business Administration(formerly Post Graduate Programme in Management).

**18. A new book titled "The Unquiet River: A biography of the Brahmaputra", written by \_\_\_\_Arupjyoti Saikia**

**Note:**

- The book published by Oxford University Press (OUP).
- The book describes the river's long lineage and its centrality in Assam's environment. It is the intertwined story of the river and floodplains, water and land, human and non-humans, which continue to converge.

**Important News – State**

**1. The West Bengal Government has decided to invest Rs 540 Cr for infrastructural development of Calcutta Leather Complex (renamed as Karmadiganta) situated at \_\_\_\_Bantala, 24 Parganas District.**

**Note:**

- The Karmadiganta complex is considered Asia's first integrated leather complex.
- The West Bengal Government is aiming to raise the target to Rs 30,000 Cr in the next five years.

**2. No government jobs for those with more than two kids from 2021\_\_ Assam Govt.**

**Note:**

- The Assam state cabinet has decided that no government jobs will be given to persons having more than two children after 1st January 2021, as per the small family norm.
- The policy specified that job candidates with two children only would be eligible for government employment.

**3. President Ram Nath Kovind has inaugurated day long golden jubilee celebrations of Vishwa Shanti Stupa in \_\_Rajgir, Bihar.**

**Note:**

- More than 300 Buddhist monks, devotees and eminent personalities from Japan, Thailand, Srilanka, Bhutan, Nepal, US and other countries have arrived to take part in the function.

**4. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has launched its flagship scheme \_\_\_\_Kanya Sumangla Yojna.**

**Note:**

- The scheme will provide an amount of 15 thousand rupees in a phased manner to every family in which a girl child takes birth.
- The scheme has been designed in a way that parents have to take care of girl child's health and education to get the benefit.

**5. World Bank has signed a tripartite loan agreement worth USD 165 million with the Government of India and \_\_Odisha government.**

**Note:**



- Under this loan agreement, the project "**The Odisha Integrated Irrigation Project for Climate Resilient Agriculture**" will be implemented in Odisha's rural areas which are vulnerable to droughts and largely dependent on rainfed agriculture.
  - This project will diversify and improve the marketing of their produce, for increased income by managing 128,000 ha of agricultural land in Odisha.
5. Ladakh Administration is organizing first ever 3-Day Ladakh Literature Festival from \_\_\_\_ **29th to 31st October**.  
**Note:**
- The Ladakh Literature Festival aims to celebrate the uniqueness of the region in the fields of Art, Culture and Literature.
6. The Chief Minister of Odisha Naveen Patnaik has launched a social service initiative \_\_ **'Odisha Mo Parivar'**  
**Note:**
- Under the 'Odisha Mo Parivar' (Odisha, my family) programme, party leaders will dedicate themselves to protect the environment and undertake extensive planting of trees, and create awareness among the public.
7. '**Hori Habba**' is a popular bull-catching celebration in \_\_\_\_ **Karnataka**.  
**Note:**
- It is celebrated during the harvest season.
  - It is an ancient folk game native to Haveri district of Karnataka and played on the lines of Jallikattu in Tamil Nadu and Kambala in Dakshina Kannada district.
8. The Goura-Gauri festival was celebrated in \_\_ **Chhattisgarh**.  
**Note:**
- It is celebrated on the day after Diwali. The festival celebrates the pastoral life of the people of Chhattisgarh.

### Important News – World

1. A **China** has signed an agreement to lease an **entire island** in the Solomon Islands \_\_ **Tulagi**.  
**Note:**
- Tulagi, an island about two square kilometres (0.8 square miles) with a population of 1,200.
  - It is the site of a former Japanese naval base and was the scene of fierce fighting in World War II.
  - The agreement with China mentions developing a refinery on the island, but its potential for dual use as a Chinese military base is certain to raise concerns with the United States and Australia.
2. The United Nations **World Food Programme** (WFP) has launched a cinema advertisement campaign titled \_\_\_\_ **Feed Our Future**.  
**Note:**
- The purpose of the campaign is to raise awareness and take steps against hunger and malnutrition in India.
  - Headquarters of UN World Food Programme (WFP): Rome, Italy
3. President Ram Nath Kovind laid the foundation stone for Sri Sathya Sai Sanathana Samskruti Project at \_\_\_\_ **Sai no Sato, Kakegawa, Japan**.
4. The 18th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit held at \_\_ **Baku, Azerbaijan**.  
**Note:**
- The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) is a forum of 120 developing world states that are not formally aligned with or against any major power bloc.
5. The 29th ministerial meeting of the BASIC (Brazil, South Africa, India, China) countries on Climate Change was held in \_\_\_\_ **Beijing, China**.  
**Note:**
- The meeting was chaired by E. Mr. LI Ganjie, Minister of Ecology and Environment of the People's Republic of China.
6. Worlds' first blockchain-based carbon trading exchange was launched by \_\_ **AirCarbon Pte**.  
**Note:**
- The AirCarbon Exchange will finance the registration costs of some carbon-mitigation projects at no charge to developers to help generate credits to trade.

### Honor & Awards

- The European Parliament has awarded the Sakharov Prize to Uighur intellectual \_\_\_ **Ilham Tohti**.  
**Note:**
  - He has been awarded the Sakharov Prize for his attempts to “foster dialogue” between Chinese people and the Uighur.
  - Sakharov prize is named after Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov. It was created in 1988 to honour individuals or groups who defend human rights and fundamental freedoms.
- Indian Fast bowler, and bats woman won the 7th edition of the Wisden India Almanack Cricketer of the Year award 2019\_\_\_ **Jaspri Bumrah & Smriti Mandhana**.  
**Note:**
  - Bumrah and Mandhana were the two winners from India among five who won the award.
  - The other winners from Asia were Pakistan’s Fakhar Zaman, Sri Lanka’s Dimuth Karunaratne, and Afghanistan’s Rashid Khan.
- Who has constituted India's first International Award, the Gandhi Mandela Award in 2019\_\_ **The Gandhi Mandela Foundation**.  
**Note:**
  - The award was announced on the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2019, and will be organized in India in December 2019.
- Nepali mountaineer created new record fo by climbing the world’s 14 highest peaks in 7 months\_\_\_ **Nirmal Purja**.  
**Note:**
  - Nepali mountaineer, Nirmal Purja created a new speed by climbing the world’s 14 highest peaks over 8,000 meters (26,250 feet) in just 7 months.

### Sports News

- Indian cyclist has won a gold medal in the men’s junior Keirin event at the Asian Track Cycling Championships in South Korea\_\_\_ **Ronaldo Singh**.  
**Note:**
  - Earlier, Ronaldo Singh had created a Junior Asian record during the Track Asia Cup in September this year in New Delhi.
  - Apart from Ronaldo, James Singh clinched a bronze medal in the event.
- Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise have appointed Australian coach Andrew Barry McDonald as new head coach \_\_\_ **Rajasthan Royals**.  
**Note:**
  - The former Australian all-rounder has outstanding credentials and has coached Leicestershire, Victoria, and the Melbourne Renegades.
  - Earlier, McDonald has played for Delhi Daredevils in 2009 IPL before being signed up by Royal Challengers Bangalore in 2012-2013.
- Former India captain took over as the BCCI's (Board of control for Cricket in India) 39th president \_\_ **Sourav Ganguly**.  
**Note:**
  - Mahim Verma of Uttarakhand became the new vice-president.
  - Jay Shah (son of Union Home Minister Amit Shah) has been selected as Secretary and Arun Dhumal (younger brother of MoS Finance Anurag Thakur) as Treasurer.
- Who has been awarded life membership of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)\_\_\_ **Graeme Smith and Tim May**.  
**Note:**
  - Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) is a cricket club in London, founded in 1787.
- Who has become the third Indian batsman to reach the top 10 in all three formats (Test, ODIs & T20)\_\_\_ **Rohit Sharma**.  
**Note:**
  - The 'Hitman' has held a career-high ranking of second in ODIs in February 2018 and seventh in T20 in November 2018.
  - Rohit's player of the series effort of 529 runs helped him make huge strides from 44th place before the series.
  - He remains the third-best Indian batsman in terms of Test rankings after Kohli and Cheteshwar Pujara

6. Who has become the first Indian man to win a Wushu World Championships gold in the 48kg category in Shanghai\_\_ **Praveen Kumar**.  
**Note:**  
 ➤ Wushu is a Chinese martial art which combines full-contact kickboxing, including close-range punches and kicks, with wrestling, takedowns, throws, sweeps and kicks catch.
7. Veteran all-rounder has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket\_\_ **Abhishek Nayar**.  
**Note:**  
 ➤ Abhishek Nayar represented India in 3 One Day Internationals (ODI).  
 ➤ He played 103 first-class games, most of them for Mumbai, and scored 5749 runs with 13 centuries and 32 fifties while taking 173 wickets in a career spanning a decade and a half.  
 ➤ He also played 99 List-A games in which he amassed 2145 runs and picked 79 wickets
8. Who will host the inaugural edition of the expanded 24-team Club World Cup\_\_ **China**.  
**Note:**  
 ➤ Gianni Infantino (FIFA president) made the announcement after a meeting in Shanghai of the FIFA Council, the decision-making unit of football's world governing body.  
 ➤ The FIFA Council has decided, unanimously, to appoint China as the host of the new FIFA World Cup for Clubs.  
 ➤ Qatar will host the competition this year and in 2020.
9. Who won the Vijay Hazare Trophy 2019-20 in Bengaluru\_\_ **Karnataka**.  
**Note:**  
 ➤ This was Karnataka's fourth Vijay Hazare Trophy title with a dominant display against Tamil Nadu.  
 ➤ Mayank Agarwal 69 and K L Rahul 52 not out and Abhimanyu Mithun 5/34 starred for Karnataka in the final in Bengaluru
10. Who won the World Deaf Tennis Championship 2019\_\_ **Prithavi Sekhar**.
11. The 13th edition of ICC U19 Cricket World Cup 2020 will be hosted by \_\_ **South Africa**.  
**Note:**  
 ➤ A total of 16 teams will participate in the ICC U19 Cricket World Cup 2020, including the hosts South Africa.
12. India's top men's doubles pair won the silver medal in Badminton French Open 2019 \_\_ **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty**.  
**Note:**  
 ➤ Satwik and Chirag had won their maiden Super 500 title at the Thailand Open earlier in August this year.  
 ➤ It was the first time that an Indian men's doubles pair reached a World Tour 750 final.
13. Mexico Grand Prix title for 2019 Winner --- **Lewis Hamilton**.  
**Note:**  
 ➤ This was his 10th win of the season for Mercedes.  
 ➤ Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel, a German racing driver, and Mercedes' Valtteri Bottas, a Finnish racing driver, finished second and third respectively

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