





# Weekly One Liner Updates 15-21st February 2019

#### Dear readers.

Weekly One Liner Updates is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the third **week** (15-21st) of **February** 2019. This file is important for, **Banking interviews** and all **upcoming Banking** & Insurance exams.

# **Banking & Financial Awareness**

1.	The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the Credit Linked Capital Subsidy and Technology Up-
	gradation Scheme (CLCS-TUS) with a total outlay ofRs. 2900 crore.
	Note:

- The objective of the scheme is to improve the competitiveness of MSMEs by integrating various ongoing schematic interventions aimed at up-grading technology through Credit Linked Capital Subsidy (CLCS).
- > The scheme will facilitate technology up-gradation improvement in Quality of products by MSMEs, enhancement in productivity, reduction in waste.
- 2. The Union Government has increased the **Minimum Support Price** (MSP) of sugar for the year 2018-19 from Rs. 29 **per Kilogram** to \_\_Rs. 31.

#### Note:

- With this step the appropriate amount will be available to sugar mills, which will enable them to pay the sugarcane farmers on time.
- Minimum Support Price (MSP) is an Agriculture product price set by the Government of India to purchase directly from the farmer.
- 3. Who has signed a term loan agreement for Rs 5,000 crore with State Bank of India (SBI) \_\_\_ NTPC.

#### Note:

- This loan has a tenure of 15 years and will be utilized to part finance the capital expenditure of NTPC.
- ➤ NTPC Limited is India's largest energy conglomerate with roots planted way back in 1975 to accelerate power development in India.
- **4.** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed Rs 1.5 crore penalties on a public sector banks for violation of various banking norms\_\_\_\_ **Oriental Bank of Commerce (OBC).**
- **5.** According to the latest data available with depositories, who put in over 5300 Crore rupees into the Indian equity market in the first half of this month\_\_\_\_ **Foreign investors.**
- **6.** The infusion into the equity market comes following a pull-out of 5,264 crore rupees by foreign portfolio investors (FPI) in January.

#### Note:

- > However, **FPIs** pulled out a net amount of **248 crore rupees** from the bond market during the period.
- > This has translated into a net investment of **5,074 crore rupees** in the country's capital markets (equity and debt together).
- 7. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed Rs 1 crore penalties on two public sector banks for violation of various banking norms\_\_\_ Punjab National Bank (PNB) and Bank of India.

#### Note:

- ➤ The monetary penalty on the banks has been imposed for non-compliance with various directions issued by the RBI on monitoring of end use of funds, exchange of information with other banks, and on restructuring of accounts.
- 8. The Reserve Bank of India (RBi) will transfer interim dividend to the central government for the half-year\_\_\_28,000 crore rupees.

- The decision has been based on a limited audit review and after applying the extent economic capital framework.
- ➤ In the interim Budget 2019-20, the government has projected a fiscal deficit target of 3.4% for the financial year 2019-20.
- 9. President Ram Nath Kovind has directed that the Finance and Corporate Affairs portfolios be assigned to \_\_\_ Arun Jaitley. Note:



- Mr. Jaitley, who left for New York last month, returned home last week after undergoing medical treatment.
- On 23rd January 2019, the charge of the Finance Ministry and Corporate Affairs was given to Union Minister Piyush Goyal on a temporary basis.
- 10. Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has launched a new micro insurance plan \_\_\_\_Micro Bachat.

- It is a regular premium, non-linked participating endowment micro insurance plan, offers a combination of protection and saving.
- For the first time, a micro insurance plan has been launched providing coverage up to Rs 2 lakh.
- > This plan is available for standard healthy lives only in the age group of 18-55 years without undergoing any medical examination.
- **11.** Who withdrew the 20% limit on investments by FPIs in corporate bonds of an entity with a view to encourage more foreign investments \_\_\_ **Reserve Bank of India (RBI).**

# **Important Dates**

1. The birth anniversary of Maratha Warrior King 'Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj' is being celebrated all over Maharashtra\_\_\_19th Feb.

#### Note:

- Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu paid tributes to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj on his birth anniversary.
- Shivaji Bhonsle was an Indian warrior king and a member of the Bhonsle Maratha clan.
- 2. The birth anniversary of Sant Ravidas is being celebrated across the country\_\_\_\_Magh Purnima.

#### Note:

- As per Hindu calendar, it is celebrated on full moon day of the Magh month (Magh Purnima).
- Ravidas was born in the village of Seer Goverdhanpur, near Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
- Guru Ravidas was a North Indian mystic poet-Sant of the bhakti movement during the 15th to 16th century CE.
- 3. The United Nations' (UN) World Day of Social Justice is annually observed on \_\_\_\_ 20th February.

#### Note:

- The theme for 2019 is "If You Want Peace & Development, Work for Social Justice".
- ➤ The united nation has approved on 26th November 2007 and starting in 2009, as the World Day of Social Justice.
- **4.** International Mother Language Day is being observed every year on the\_\_\_\_\_ **21**<sup>st</sup> **February**.

# Note:

The theme of this year's Mother Language Day is 'Indigenous Languages as a factor in development, peace and reconciliation'.

# **Obituaries**

1. Nobel Prize winner German scientist passed away\_\_\_ Manfred Eigen.

#### Note:

- Mr. Eigen shared the 1967 Nobel Prize for Chemistry for his work on extremely fast chemical reactions.
- In 1971, he founded Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry in Germany.
- 2. Former Afghan Mujahideen commander passed away in Kabul hospital after a long illness\_ Sibghatullah Mojaddedi.

#### Note:

- ➤ He played many roles in Afghan politics.
- ➤ In 2003, he served as chairman of the Loya Jirga (or Grand Assembly) that approved the Constitution for a post-Taliban era.
- 3. Bestselling British Author passed away due to cancer\_\_Andrea Levy.

#### Note:

- She was known for penning books 'The Long Song' and 'Small Island' (story of Jamaican migrants in Britain).
- Levy's last novel, "The Long Song," was published in 2010 and was shortlisted for the Man Booker prize.
- 4. England's Legendary Goalkeeper passed away \_\_ Gardon Banks.

#### Note:

► He was widely considered as one of the greatest Goalkeeper of his generation.

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- ➤ Gordon Banks was named as FIFA (The Federation Internationale de Football) Goalkeeper of the year six times and earned 73 caps for England between 1963 to 1972.
- 5. Eminent writer, ex-Goa deputy speaker pass away in South Africa \_\_\_\_ Vishnu Wagh.

- Wagh was a member of the Goa Legislative Assembly from St Andre constituency between 2012 and 2017.
- He was the chairman of the state-run Goa Kala Academy.
- Wagh has written over 20 plays in Marathi, three sangeet nataks, 18 Konkani play and 16 one-act plays.
- 6. Iconic German Fashion Designer passed away in Paris\_ Karl Lagerfeld.

#### Note:

- Karl was recognized for his signature white hair, black sunglasses, fingerless gloves, and high, starched detachable collars.
- Karl Lagerfeld's fashion career in high fashion in the 1950s as Pierre Balmain's assistant.
- 7. Climate scientist passed away in New York City hospital \_\_ Wallace Smith Broecker.

#### Note:

- Columbia University professor Broecker brought "global warming" into common use with a 1975 paper that correctly predicted rising carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere would lead to pronounced warming.
- He was known in science circles as the "Grandfather of Climate Science".

# **New Appointments**

1. Who has been appointed as the Election Commissioner of India\_\_\_\_ Sushil Chandra.

#### Note:

- ➤ He will fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of O.P. Rawat.
- The Chief Election Commissioner heads the Election Commission of India, a body constitutionally empowered to conduct free and fair elections to the national and state legislatures.
- > Chief Election Commissioner: Sunil Arora & Election Commissioner: Ashok Lavasa.
- 2. Who has been appointed as the new chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes(CBDT)\_ Shri Pramod Chandra Mody.

#### Note:

- > Mr Mody succeeds Sushil Chandra who was named as Election Commissioner of India.
- Mody has worked in various capacities in the I-T Department, has been working as the Member (Administration) in the CBDT.
- > The CBDT Chairperson is ex-officio special secretary and is under the direct charge of the revenue secretary of India.
- 3. Who has become the first Indian women flight Engineer of the Indian Air Force (IAF)\_\_ Hina Jaiswal.

#### Note:

- > She completed the 6 months flight engineer course from the 112 Helicopter Unit attached to the Air Force station in Yelahanka in Bengaluru.
- **4.** Noted Hindi Writer passed away in New Delhi\_\_ **Prof. Namvar Singh.**

#### Note:

- Mr. Singh was the first Chairman of JNU's Centre of Indian Languages.
- ➤ He has authored over dozen books including 'Kavita Ke Naye Pratiman', 'Chhayavad' and 'Dusri Parampara Ki Khoj' among others.
- > He received Sahitya Academy Award for literary criticism in 1971 for 'Kavita Ke Naye Pratiman'.
- 5. Former Railway Board Chairman has been appointed as the CMD of Air India\_\_\_ Ashwani Lohani.

- Lohani will take over from Pradeep Singh Kharola.
- Earlier, Pradeep Singh Kharola (IAS officer -1985 batch- Karnataka cadre) has been appointed as the Secretary of the Ministry of Civil Aviation.



- Air India is the flag carrier airline of India, owned by Air India Limited and operates a fleet of Airbus & Boeing aircraft serving 90 domestic and international destinations.
- **6.** Who has re-employment as the chairman and managing director (CMD) of Pawan Hans Limited\_\_\_\_ **B P Sharma.**

- Sharma took over as the CMD of Pawan Hans in March 2015.
- Pawan Hans Limited is a helicopter service company (Mini Ratna-I category PSU) based in New Delhi, India.
- **7.** Senior IPS officer appointed Kolkata Police Commissioner \_\_ Anuj Sharma.

#### Note:

- The West Bengal government has appointed Additional Director General (ADG) of West Bengal Police (law and order) Anuj Sharma (IPS officer-1991-batch) as the new Kolkata Police Commissioner, replacing Rajeev Kumar.
- Earlier, Rajeev Kumar was transferred as ADG & IGP of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID).
- ➤ The Kolkata Police Commissioner heads the almost 35,000 strong metropolitan police force.

# **Important News - India**

1. Under the scheme, workers of the unorganized sector will receive a minimum assured pension of three thousand rupees per month after attaining the age of 60 years \_\_\_\_ Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan.

#### Note:

- The workers whose monthly income is 15 thousand rupees per month or less and belong to the entry age group of 18 to 40 years are eligible for the scheme.
- > During the receipt of pension, if the subscriber dies, the spouse of the beneficiary will be entitled to receive 50% of the pension.
- 2. Former Vice President Hamid Ansari has launched the new book of former Finance Minister P Chidambaram in New Delhi \_\_\_Undaunted: Saving the Idea of India.

#### Note:

- The book is a collection of essays on the country's atmosphere of fear and how the constitutional values are being threatened.
- 3. Indian army Carried Out the annual exercise at Deolali Camp near Nashik named \_\_\_\_Exercise Topchi.

#### Note:

- There were a showcase of display of rockets, missiles, surveillance, and target acquisition radars, remotely piloted aircraft and hi-tech equipment in addition to gunfire.
- > The precision displayed while delivering the explosives in the target area stunned all those present.
- **4.** Former President Pranab Mukherjee has released the book containing selected speeches (92 speeches) of Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu \_\_\_Selected Speeches: Volume-1.

#### Note:

- The book is categorized into six broad sections 'Functioning of Legislatures', 'Nation and Nationalism', 'Polity and Governance', 'Economic Development', 'Media' and 'India and the World'.
- > The Publications Division of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has brought out the compilation.
- 5. The union Home Minister Rajnath Singh has launched single emergency helpline number in Sixteen States and UT \_\_112. Note:
  - > The 16 states and UTs are Andhra Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Puducherry, Lakshadweep, Andaman, Dadar Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu, Jammu and Kashmir.
  - To access the emergency services, a person can dial 112 on a phone or press the power button of a smartphone three times quickly to send a panic call to the Emergency Response Centre (ERC).
- **6.** PM Narendra Modi flagged off the world's first electric engine converted from diesel locomotive at the Diesel Locomotive Works (DLW) in \_\_\_\_\_Varanasi.

- ➤ Under Make in India initiative, The 10,000 HP freight locomotive has been converted from two units of old diesel locomotives of 2,600HP each with indigenous technology
- > The converted locos will result in less green-house gas emissions and better efficient locomotives for the Indian Railways.



7. Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has inaugurated the five-day long biennial 'Aero-India-2019' (12th edition) in \_\_\_\_\_Bengaluru.

#### Note:

- ➤ 61 aircraft, including HAL's indigenous products LCA Tejas are all set to roar in the city skies.
- ➤ The tagline for Aero India 2019 is "The Runway to a Billion Opportunities".
- The event will see participation from countries like Israel, US, UK, Germany, Russia and France to name a few.
- **8.** Ministry has launched 'Operation Digital Board' on the lines of Operation Blackboard to provide better digital education in schools\_\_\_ Human Resource Development Ministry.

#### Note:

- Under the initiative, seven lakh classrooms of 9th, 10th and 11th standards and two lakh classrooms of colleges and Universities will be equipped with digital boards in the next three years.
- > It will improve the quality of education and offer new opportunities and new ways of teaching and learning.
- > It will revolutionize the education system in the country with different kinds of digital teaching materials, quality lectures and other facilities.
- 9. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has announced a scheme for farmers \_\_\_\_Annadata Sukhibhava scheme.

#### Note:

- ➤ Under Annadata Sukhibhava scheme 2019, an amount of Rs 9,000 will be given to the farmers having land less than 5 acres.
- This will be in addition to the Rs 6,000 announced by the Central government.
- Farmers having land more than 5 acres, will be given Rs 10,000.
- **10.** Union Cabinet approves continuation of Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana (PMAY) to build nearly 2 crore houses for **\_\_\_Rural poor.**

# Note:

- The Union Cabinet has approved the implementation of Phase-2 of the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana Gramin beyond March 2019.
- Under this, government has set a target to construct one crore 95 lakh houses by 2022.
- ➤ In Phase-2, the scheme will continue as per the existing norms of PMAY-G Phase-1, with a target of 60 lakh houses till 2019-20 involving financial implication of 76,500 crore rupees.
- 11. The Union Minister Suresh Prabhu has launched initiative in New Delhi\_\_SWAYATT.

#### Note:

- SWAYATT is an initiative to promote Start-ups, Women and Youth Advantage using e-Transactions on Government e Marketplace (GeM).
- > This will bring together the key stakeholders within the Indian entrepreneurial ecosystem to Government e-Marketplace the national procurement portal.
- ➤ GeM Start-up Runway will address goals and objectives under United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 9: Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation.
- **12.** The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) has organized workshop on "Committee of Creditors: An Institution of Public Faith" in **Mumbai.**

#### Note:

- The workshop was jointly organized with the **State Bank of India** (SBI) and the **Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs** (IICA).
- The Workshop was unique and the First of its kind for the benefit of Financial Creditors who comprise Committee of Creditors (CoC) under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016.
- ➤ 28 Senior Officers (General Managers and Executive Directors) of the major Scheduled Commercial Banks participated in the Workshop.
- 13. PM Narendra Modi flags off India's first semi-high-speed train \_\_\_\_\_Vande Bharat Express.

#### Note:

- A two-minute silence observed before the launch in memory of at least 37 CRPF soldiers who lost their lives in one of the deadliest attacks in J&K.
- The Vande Bharat Express will run between Delhi and Varanasi at a maximum speed of 130 km/hr and is expected to cover distance of 750 kilometres in eight hours.
- 14. New book released by Manish Tewari \_\_What Marx Left Unsaid.



- The book has been authored jointly authors by 3 generations of the same family Dr. Malay Chaudhari, Dr. Arindam Chaudhari and Che Kabir Chaudhari.
- > The book speaks about why human beings must earn as per their skills, which will in turn determine their ability to contribute to society.
- The book is published by Times Group.
- 15. Challachitram National Film Festival will be held from 1st March 2019 at \_\_Guwahati.

- ➤ The theme of this three-day film festival is 'Our Heritage, Our Pride'.
- Chalachitram is a Guwahati-based organization working for showcasing the heritage and culture of the northeast to national and international audience through films.
- The first prize winner in the competitive section would get Rs one lakh, the special prize for participants from the region would be Rs 50,000.
- **16.** The 3rd Indo-German Environment Forum held with the theme "Cleaner Air, Greener Economy:" in \_\_\_ New Delhi.

#### Note:

- Around 250 representatives of ministries, business and science as well as non-governmental organizations participated in the forum.
- The Forum provided a platform for the bilateral exchange of high-level policy-makers and other key players on international environmental and climate policy and cooperation between the two countries.
- **17.** The Union Govt. has cleared the National Policy on Electronics 2019(NPE 2019) proposed by the \_\_\_Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

#### Note:

- The NPE- 2019 aims to position India as a global hub for Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) by encouraging and driving capabilities in the country for developing core components.
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- **18.** The book 'Simplicity & Wisdom' authored by \_\_Mr. Dinesh Shahra.

#### Note:

- The book authored by famous Industrialist and Philanthropist Mr. Dinesh Shahra(Chairman of Ruchi Group).
- The book aims at guiding towards saintly wisdom and leading a content and happy life.

#### **States News**

1. Union Minister of Food Processing Industries Harsimrat Kaur Badal commissioned India's first Aqua Mega Food Park Commissioned in \_\_\_\_Andhra Pradesh.

#### Note:

- The mega park has been set up in 57.81 acres at a cost of Rs 122.60 crore
- It will be the first Mega Aqua Food Park operationalized exclusively for fish and marine products processing in the state of Andhra Pradesh.
- 2. The three-days International Annual Desert Festival (40th) held in \_\_\_\_Jaisalmer.

# Note:

- The festival exhibits the rich cultural heritage of the desert state, commenced with a colourful procession from Gadsisar lake fort.
- ➤ It had interesting events like Mr. Desert and Ms. Moomal competitions, mustache competitions, turban tying, musical and cultural performances, among others.
- 3. The Telangana state government has announced to create two more districts \_\_\_Narayanpet and Mulugu.

#### Note:

- Now the number of districts in the State is 33.
- Narayanpet has been carved out of Mahbubnagar district and Mulugu from Jayashankar Bhupalpally.
- When Telangana was carved out of erstwhile Andhra Pradesh (on June 2, 2014), it had just 10 districts.
- **4.** Who has become the 2nd official language of Himachal Pradesh **Sanskrit.**

#### Note:

Himachal Pradesh states assembly passed Official Language (Amendment) Bill 2019 to make Sanskrit as the second official language of the state (first - Hindi).



# **Important News - World**

- 1. Who has raised the basic customs duty to 200% on all goods imported from Pakistan with immediate effect\_\_ India. Note:
  - Earlier, India withdraw the Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status in the aftermath of the Pulwama terror attack.
  - The main items which Pakistan exports to India include fresh fruits, cement, petroleum products, bulk minerals and ores and finished leather.
- 2. Vice President **Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu** has inaugurated the **World Sustainable Development Summit** (WSDS) 2019 in \_\_\_New **Delhi**.

#### Note:

- ➤ The World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) is The Energy and Resources Institute's (TERI) annual flagship event.
- > The **theme of the 2019 edition** of the Summit is 'Attaining the 2030 Agenda: Delivering on Our Promise'.
- Frank Bainimarama (Prime Minister of Fiji) has been honoured with the Sustainable Development Leadership Award 2019 for his outstanding contributions towards sustainable development in Fiji.
- 3. Who launched new locally-made submarine capable of firing cruise missiles\_\_ Iran.

#### Note:

- ➤ Iran President Hassan Rouhani has launched a new locally-made submarine 'capable of firing cruise missiles.
- The submarine, named the Fateh, Persian for 'conqueror', is Iran's first in the semi-heavy category.
- 4. India has announced withdrawal of Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status for\_\_\_ Pakistan.

#### Note:

- > The decision was taken during the Cabinet Committee on Security meeting (CCS) in New Delhi.
- ➤ India had granted the status to Pakistan in 1996, a year after WTO's formation.
- ➤ In the World Trade Organization (WTO), this status means non-discrimination treating virtually everyone equally.
- 5. The 4th India-ASEAN Expo and Summit 2019 begins in \_\_\_New Delhi.

#### Note:

- Trade Ministers of ASEAN Countries, Secretary General of ASEAN, business delegations, 200 plus exhibitors from India and ASEAN are participating in the Expo and Summit.
- This is a flagship event being organized with FICCI to carry forward the momentum and to further strengthen India-ASEAN relations under the Act-East Policy.
- **6.** Who will invest 100 billion dollars in India in range of areas including energy, refining, petrochemicals, infrastructure, agriculture and manufacturing **Saudi Arabia**.

# Note:

> On the visit of Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, the two sides also expressed satisfaction at the positive trend in the bilateral ties and stressed on the need to tap the untapped potential in trade particularly in Non-Oil trade.

## **Honor & Awards**

**1.** Who won the best Director from PETA for 'A Star Is Born'\_\_\_ **Bradley Cooper.** 

#### Note:

- > Bradley Cooper (43-years) has been awarded the 'Oscat' by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA).
- The animal rights organization awarded Cooper "for his enlightened decision to cast his own canine companion in 'A Star Is Born' rather than using one supplied by a notorious animal exhibitor".
- 2. Prime Minister Narendra Modi talked with Argentinian President in New Delhi \_\_\_\_\_Mauricio Macri.

- Mr Macri's visit comes at a time when India and Argentina are celebrating the 70th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations.
- Who has won the Martin Ennals Award 2019 in Geneva (Switzerland)\_\_\_\_\_ Abdul Aziz Muhamat.
- 3. Badminton legend has been honored for the Lifetime Achievement at the Taj Mahal Palace, Mumbai\_ Prakash Padukone. Note:
  - In the Sportsman of the Year (Cricket) category, India skipper Virat Kohli and pacer Jasprit Bumrah were declared as joint winners.



- Indian women's cricket team opener Smriti Mandhana bagged the Sportswoman of the Year (Cricket) award.
- **4.** Who received the 'Seoul Peace Prize' in recognition of his dedication to international cooperation, global growth and human development\_\_\_\_ Narendra Modi.

> Prime Minister Narendra Modi will receive the 'Seoul Peace Prize' in recognition of his dedication to international cooperation, global growth and human development.

## **Sports News**

1. Indian has made it to the top-100 of Men's Singles Tennis rankings\_\_\_ Prajnesh Gunneswaran.

#### Note:

- ➤ He ranked 97 with a jump of six places.
- > Prajnesh is the third Indian player to break into the top-100 barrier after Somdev Devvarman and Yuki Bhambri.
- 2. Indian professional footballer has been conferred the first ever Football Ratna honour \_\_Sunil Chhetri.

#### Note:

- ➤ He is popularly known as 'Captain Fantastic'.
- ➤ He has scored the 2nd highest number of goals in international matches among active players after Cristiano Ronaldo.
- 3. Who won women's Yonex-Sunrise 83rd Singles Senior Badminton Title \_\_\_ Saina Nehwal.

#### Note

- Saina Nehwal won her fourth title at the Yonex-Sunrise 83rd Senior Nationals.
- **4.** Who won men's Yonex-Sunrise 83rd Singles Senior Badminton Title **\_\_ Sourabh Verma.**

#### Note:

- Sourabh Verma claiming the men's singles crown after defeating young Lakshya Sen in straight games of 21-18, 21-13.
- 5. West Indian batsman will retire from One-day Internationals after the forthcoming World Cup\_\_ Chris Gayle.

#### Note:

- ➤ Gayle has scored 9,727 ODI runs, second only to the legendary Brian Lara among West Indians in 284 matches.
- ➤ Gayle has scored a Windies record of 23 ODI hundreds, including the first ever World Cup double century against Zimbabwe.
- ➤ The World Cup will be held in England and Wales from 30th May till 14th July 2019.
- **6.** Who won the women's singles 2019 Qatar Open title\_\_\_ **Elise Mertens.**

#### Note:

- ➤ Belgium's Elise Mertens (23-years) beat top seed Simona Halep (Romania) 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 to win the Qatar Open 2019.
- > This is world number 21 Mertens' first-ever WTA Premier-level crown, and the fifth title of her career overall.
- 7. Who won the men's singles 2019 Qatar Open title \_\_\_ Roberto Bautista Agut.

#### Note:

- > Roberto Bautista Agut (Spain) beat Tomas Berdych (Czech Republic) 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 to win the Qatar Open 2019.
- ➤ The Qatar Open is a professional Tennis tournament played on outdoor hard courts.
- **8.** Who won the Irani Cup 2018-19\_\_\_ **Vidarbha**.

#### Note:

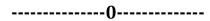
- > Vidarbha (Ranji Trophy champions) successfully defended their title and defeated Rest of India on first-innings basis to win the tournament in Nagpur.
- Player of the Match: Akshay Karnewar (Vidarbha).
- 9. Who won the gold medals at the Strandja Memorial Tournament in Sofia, Bulgaria\_ Nikhat Zareen and Meena Kumari Devi.

#### Note:

- > Zareen claimed a 5-0 win in the 51kg category finals against Filipino Irish Magno.
- Devi defeated another Filipino Aira Villegas 3-2 in the bantamweight (54kg) summit clash.
- 10. Sports Minister Rajyavardhan Rathore has inaugurated the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) World Cup in New Delhi.



- ➤ The ISSF World Cup is crucial for Indian shooting as it has 16 quotas up for grabs for Tokyo 2020 Olympic qualification.
- ➤ India is fielding a 23-member squad with 11 shooters in the non-competition Minimum Qualification Score category.
- > The International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) is the governing body of the Olympic Shooting events in Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun disciplines, and of several non-Olympic Shooting sport events.



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