





## Weekly One Liner Updates 8-14th March 2019

#### Dear readers.

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

## **Banking & Financial Awareness**

1. The World Bank will provide **250 Million USD** for the **National Rural Economic Transformation Project** (NRETP) to boost Rural incomes across\_\_\_**13 States**.

## Note:

- > The loan will help women in rural households develop viable enterprises for farm and non-farm products.
- 2. The union Government has announced a new 12-edged polygon (dodecagon) shape coin of \_\_\_Rs 20.

#### Note:

- According to the Finance Ministry, the new Rs 20 coin will be made in **copper** (65%), **zinc** (15%) and **nickel** (20%) for the outer ring.
- ➤ While the inner ring (center piece) will be **75% copper**, **20% zinc** and 5% nickel.
- ➤ It will be 27mm (milli meters) and weigh 8.54 grams.
- ➤ The Lion Capitol symbol of **Ashoka Pillar** with the legend "**Satyamev Jayate**" below it will be inscribed on its front side.
- The words "Bharat" in Hindi and "INDIA" in English will be there on the right and left-hand side of the symbol respectively.
- **3.** Who has been awarded the coveted 'Golden Peacock Innovative Product Award 2019' for their contextual micro insurance product 'Ola Ride Insurance' **ACKO General Insurance**.

## Note:

- The award was presented to Mr. Biresh Giri at an event in Dubai.
- > Acko introduced the revolutionary Ola Ride Insurance 'a first of its kind in the Indian market' in March 2018.
- > The Awards are bestowed annually and are designed to encourage total improvement in each sector of our business.
- 4. Who has extended a Rs 4,100 crore loan for Visakhapatnam (VIZAG) Metro Rail project\_\_\_ Korea Exim Bank.

#### Note:

- The state government had earlier sent a proposal in this regard to the Central government, which in turn forwarded it to Korea Exim Bank.
- ➤ The Bank deputed a team to Amaravati to hold talks with the state government.
- Vizag Metro is a planned rapid transit system in the Indian city of Visakhapatanam, Andhra Pradesh.
- 5. Who has raised Rs 660.80 crore by issuing shares to employees under Employee Share Purchase Scheme (ESPS)\_Bank of India (BoI).

#### Note:

- The bank issued 6,25,52,188 shares of Rs 10 each to eligible employees.
- ➤ It offered a discount of 24.28% on the applicable price to the employees and about 94.70% of the total employees participated in the scheme.
- These shares are issued with a lock-in period of one year.
- **6.** As per the latest report by the World Gold Council (WGC), India ranks in gold holding \_\_11th.

## Note:

Currently India is holding pegged at 607 tonnes,



- ➤ The **International Monetary Fund** (IMF) is included and is third on the list with total gold reserves of 2,814 tonnes.
- The list is topped by the U.S., which claims of gold reserves of 8,133.5 tonnes, followed by Germany with 3,369.7 tonnes.
- ➤ Italy and France complete the top five list with reserves of a little over 2,400 tonnes each.
- Who has become the third listed entity to achieve a market cap of Rs 6 lakh crore after Reliance Industries and TCS \_\_\_\_
   HDFC Bank.

- On 13th March 2019, shares of the country's largest private bank gained **2.6% to hit** an all-time high of **Rs 2,226**.
- This resulted in the market capitalisation of the bank reaching nearly Rs 6.1 lakh crore for the first time, which makes it more valuable than all the listed public sector banks put together.
- **8.** Who has launched doorstep banking service for senior citizens over 70 years of age and differently-abled customers\_**State Bank of India (SBI).**

## Note:

- ► Eligible customers can avail this service at a nominal fee of ₹100 per transaction for financial transactions and ₹60 for non-financial transactions.
- According to a statement, doorstep banking services are available to KYC- compliant account holders, with a valid mobile number registered with the bank and residing within 5 kilometres radius from their home branch.
- 9. Who has decided to link interest rates on savings bank account to an external benchmark from May 1, 2019\_\_ State Bank of India.

#### Note:

- > With this SBI becomes the first Indian bank to link both deposit rate and lending rate to an external benchmark.
- 10. Who has launched Crèche Child Daycare facility within its Mumbai Corporate Office premises\_\_\_\_ Bank of Baroda.

#### Note:

- ▶ Bank of Baroda has launched Crèche Child Daycare facility within its Mumbai Corporate Office premises.
- The public sector bank said it will bear 60% of costs for each child, the rest to be borne by parent.
- **11.** Markets regulator withdrew the 20% limit on investments by Foreign Portfolio Investors in corporate bonds of an entity\_\_\_\_ Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi).

#### Note:

The restriction is being withdrawn in accordance with a circular issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

## **Obituaries**

1. Veteran Hindi Newsreader passed away following a prolonged illness \_\_\_\_Vinod Kashyap.

## Note:

- She served All India Radio for about 30 years.
- The veteran newsreader started her career in Radio as a drama artist.
- 2. America's finest and most remarkable cyclists passed away in USA \_\_Kelly Catlin.

#### Note:

- Catlin helped a dominant US team to three consecutive world titles in the pursuit between 2016 and 2018.
- ➤ She also won a silver medal in the team pursuit at the 2016 Olympics in Rio.
- Pursuit team is a track cycling event like the individual pursuit, except that two teams, each of up to four riders, compete, starting on opposite sides of the velodrome.

## **Important Days**

1. International Women's Day (IWD) is being celebrated every year on \_\_\_8th March.



- It is a day when women are recognized for their achievements without regard to divisions, whether national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic or political.
- The UN Women's theme for 2019 is "Think Equal, Build Smart, Innovate for Change".
- Women's Day was first observed on 28th February 1909 in New York, USA.
- 2. Govt. to celebrate 'Poshan Pakhwada' across the Country from\_\_\_\_8th to 22nd March 2019.

- The Minister for Women & Child Development has been celebrating the first anniversary of POSHAN Abhiyaan (from 8th-22nd March 2019).
- During the Poshan Pakhwada it is also planned to organise workshop on Agri-Nutrition on 15th March 2019.
- The Ministry of Women & Child Development is the nodal ministry for coordinating activities during the month.
- 3. National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) has celebrated its \_\_\_\_34th Inception Day.

#### Note:

- National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) formed in 1986 mandated to empower the Indian Police with Information Technology.
- Bureau is implementing & monitoring agency for implementation of Crime & Criminal Tracking Network System (CCTNS), a Mission Mode Project under the National e-Governance Plan of Government of India.
- **4.** World Kidney Day is being observed annually on the \_\_\_\_**14th March(2nd Thursday)**.

#### Note:

- The theme for this year is 'Kidney Health for Everyone Everywhere'.
- > The day is observed to create awareness on the importance of the kidneys and reducing the frequency and impact of kidney disease.

## **New Appointments**

1. Who has been appointed Director of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC), the country's premier multi-disciplinary nuclear research facility for a period of three years \_\_\_ Ajit Kumar Mohanty.

#### Note:

- ➤ He is at present Director, Physics Group in BARC and Director, Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics.
- ➤ The BARC is India's premier nuclear research facility based in Mumbai.
- ➤ It is a multi-disciplinary research centre with extensive infrastructure for advanced research and development covering the entire spectrum of nuclear science, engineering and related areas.
- 2. Who has been appointed the ambassador of India to Saudi Arabia\_ Dr. Ausaf Sayeed.

#### Note:

- He will succeed Ahmad Javed, who had been serving as envoy to Saudi Arabia (since December 2015).
- An ambassador is usually accredited to another sovereign state as the resident representative of their own government appointed for a special and often temporary diplomatic assignment.
- **3.** The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has appointed Indian-American television personality and food expert as Goodwill Ambassador\_ **Padma Lakshmi**.

#### Note:

- > The newest Goodwill Ambassador, supporting the agency's fight against inequality and discrimination around the world.
- 4. Governor of Mizoram has resigned from his post\_\_ Kummanam Rajasekharan.

#### Note:

- ➤ Mr. Rajasekharan began his political career as an activist of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and Sangh Parivar in the state of Kerala in 1970.
- **5.** Who appointed the new prime minister of Palestinian \_\_\_\_ **Dr. Mohammad Shtayyeh.**

- Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has chosen Dr. Mohammad Shtayyeh (60-years) as the new prime minister of Palestinian.
- Mr. Shtayyeh is an economist with a PhD from the University of Sussex in England.
- 6. Who has been appointed as the Chancellor of Central University of Gujarat for a term of five years \_\_ Hasmukh Adhia.
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- SA Bari is the current vice chancellor of Central University of Gujarat.
- In 2009, Gujarat Central University was set up though an Act of Parliament in Gandhinagar, Gujarat,
- The university includes 16 schools, 14 academic departments, and 2 others special centres.
- 7. Who has been appointed principal advisor to MRTCs in J&K\_\_ E Sreedharan.

#### Note:

- The governor administration has approved setting up of two MRTCs Jammu Mass Rapid Transit Corporation and the Srinagar Mass Rapid Transit Corporation for the two capital cities.
- Sreedharan is a retired IES (IRSE) officer and is popularly known as the "Metro Man".
- 8. Who has been named 'Rakesh Makhija' as its new Non-Executive (Part-Time) Chairman for a period of three years\_\_\_ Axis Bank.

#### Note:

- Mr. Makhija (Chairman of SKF India) will take over from Sanjiv Mishra (current Axis Bank Chairman), when his term comes to an end on 17th July 2019.
- ➤ He has been an Independent Director on the board of Axis since October 2015.
- The appointment is subject to the approval of the Reserve Bank of India and the bank's shareholders.
- **9.** Who sworn in as Mizoram's first Lokayukta chairman \_\_\_\_C Lalsawta.

#### Note:

- Mizoram Governor Jagdish Mukhi administered the oath of office to Mr. C Lalsawta (Retired IAS officer) as the first Chairman of the newly-constituted Lokayukta at Raj Bhavan in Aizawl.
- ➤ Mr. Lalsawta (1981-batch Bihar cadre IAS officer) was the Principal Secretary of the Finance department in the State from 2008 to 2011.
- ➤ The Lokayukta (also Lok Ayukta) is an anti-corruption ombudsman organization in the Indian states.
- 10. The Union government has appointed the Chairman of Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) \_\_\_ MR Kumar.

#### Note:

➤ He will succeed MD Hemant Bhargava who had been named interim chairman after VK Sharma's retirement on December 31, 2018.

## **Important News - India**

1. The Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Puri has launched \_\_\_\_\_'e-Dharti app' & e-Dharti GeoPortal.

#### Note:

- ➤ In 'e-Dharti app', all the three modules- Conversion, Substitution and Mutation related to properties have been made online.
- ➤ e-Dharti GeoPortal, through which the lessee of the property will be able to see the basic details of property along with map showing its location.
- > The payment system in Land and Development Office, L&DO has also been completely digitized.
- This application will not only benefit public but the Government also in getting to know the actual status of its vacant properties, whether there is any encroachment on the property.
- 2. Information and Broadcasting Secretary Amit Khare has released Reference Annuals India 2019 and Bharat 2019 in \_\_\_\_New Delhi.

- The reference annuals are the flagship publication in English and Hindi brought out by Publications Division.
- These publications have been the source of information not only for youth but also for those who desire to know more details about Indian Economy, Agriculture, Science and Technology and developments in other fields.
- > This publication is also referred by foreign journalists and readers who want in-depth knowledge about India.
- 3. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the investment sanction for construction of 624 Megawatt Kiru Hydro Electric Project in \_\_\_\_Jammu & Kashmir.

  Note:
  - The CCEA also approved the investment for Khurja Super Thermal Power Plant (1320 Mega Watt) at Bulandshahar in Uttar Pradesh and Buxar thermal Power Project (1320 Mega Watt) in Bihar.



**4.** The **National Green Tribunal** (NGT) has slapped a fine of **Rs 500 crore** on German global auto giant for damaging the environment using "cheat device" in its diesel cars in India \_\_\_\_**Volkswagen.** 

Note:

- A bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel directed the German global auto giant to deposit the amount within two months.
- ➤ The tribunal enhanced the compensation amount of Rs. 171.34 crore, which was recommended by an NGT-appointed committee, as a means of "creating deterrence".
- **5.** India's 17th Lok Sabha elections will begin from \_\_\_\_**11th April 2019**.

Note:

- Legislative Assembly elections in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha and Sikkim will be held simultaneously with the general elections.
- > The Model Code of Conduct has come into force in the entire country with the announcement of the polls.
- Ninety crore electorates of 29 states and 7 Union territories will elect 543 Lok Sabha members in seven phases from 11th April to 19th May 2019.
- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi attended the 50th Raising Day celebrations of Central Industrial Security Forces (CISF) in \_\_\_\_Ghaziabad.

Note:

- The CISF provides security cover to 300 industrial units, government infrastructure projects and facilities and establishments located all over India.
- ➤ The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) was set up under an Act of the Parliament of India on 10 March 1969 with a strength of 2,800.
- CISF was subsequently made an armed force of the Republic of India by another Act of Parliament passed on 15 June 1983.
- > It is directly under the Union Ministry of Home Affairs and its headquarters are at New Delhi.
- 7. Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the 'Noida City Centre-Noida Electronic City section' of the Delhi Metro's \_\_\_\_Blue Line.

Note:

- ➤ The Noida City Centre and **Noida Electronic City** (fully elevated section) consists of six stations Sector 34, Sector 52, Sector 61, Sector 59, Sector 62 and Noida Electronic City.
- The metro stretch will benefit the people of Noida a great deal as well as connect the satellite city to Delhi.
- **8.** The traditional and handmade product from Idukki district of Kerala received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag from the Central Government \_\_\_The Marayoor Jaggery.

Note:

- > The Marayoor jaggery finally managed to get the GI Tag after two years of continuous efforts by the Agricultural Department of the state.
- The GI tag will provide more windows of opportunity to the traditional sugarcane farmers in Marayoor.
- 9. The International Food and Hospitality fair 'AAHAR' (34th edition) begins in \_\_\_\_New Delhi.

Note:

- > The five-day fair will feature a wide range of food products, machinery, hospitality and Decoration and Confectionery items from over 560 participants from India and abroad.
- > Around 20 countries, including US, Russia, China, UK, Germany, Italy and Singapore will participate in the fair.
- > The fair will showcase new trends in food and beverage, hospitality, culinary technology, retail and new innovations.
- **10.** According to a newly released Kantar **IMRB ICUBE report**, Internet user base in India has exceeded \_\_\_\_**500 million** mark.

Note:

- The number of internet users is estimated to be 566 million as of December 2018 (annual growth -18%).
- ➤ The report finds 493 million Indians (total user base-87%) are defined as regular users, having accessed the internet in the last 30 days.
- Around 293 million active internet users reside in urban India, while there are 200 million active users in rural India.
- 11. Who has decided to ground Boeing 737 Max 8 aircraft with immediate effect\_\_\_ Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).



- The decision comes in the wake of Ethiopian Airlines crash (killed all 157 people) in Addis Ababa.
- > The planes will be grounded until appropriate modifications and safety measures are undertaken to ensure their safe operations.
- > Spice Jet has around 12 Boeing 737 Max 8 planes, Jet Airways (5) in its fleet in the country.
- The Boeing 737 MAX is an American narrow-body aircraft series designed and produced by Boeing Commercial Airplanes as the fourth generation of the Boeing 737.

#### **States News**

1. The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched (through video conferencing) the Integrated Command and Control Centers in \_\_\_New Delhi.

#### Note:

- > Integrated Command is under the Mission at Gangtok and Namchi in Sikkim, Pasighat and Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh and Agartala in Tripura
- ➤ The Smart City Command and Control Centres use digital technology to integrate different service networks.
- 2. India's first oil museum will come up in \_\_\_\_Guwahati, Assam.

#### Note:

- ➤ It will be named KB Malaviya National Oil Museum. KB Malaviya is called the father of India's hydrocardon industry.
- Assam was the first state where oil was discovered and produced for the first time in the country.
- All major oil and gas companies ONGC, OIL, HPCL, BPCL, EIL will jointly work for the museum.
- 3. The state Government has decided to include the ancient tribal language 'Gondi', in tribal districts of the state\_\_ Madhya Pradesh.

#### Note:

- The state Government has decided to include Gondi in the primary education curriculum of the state's tribal-dominated districts.
- **4.** Uttarakhand CM has launched free milk scheme for anganwadi children of the states\_\_\_ **Mukhyamantri Anchal Amrit Yojana**.

#### Note:

- Under the Amrit Yojana, 2.5 lakh children (at 20,000 Anganwadi kendras) will be given 100 ml milk twice a week for free in the state.
- Flavoured, sweet, skimmed milk powder will be made available to the 20,000 Anganwadi Kendra across the state.
- **5.** West Bengal Government has announced to grant 1 lakh to graduates of the state's 214 polytechnics and Industrial Training Institutes (ITI), to set up small businesses \_\_\_ Yuvashree Arpan.

#### Note:

- The CM also introduced the scheme, Yuvashree Arpan, in Howrah district.
- 6. The State Government has issued an ordinance raising reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBC) to\_\_\_27% (present 14%).

#### Note:

- The ordinance was sent to Madhya Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel for her assent on.
- Now, MP is possibly the only state in the country to have 27% quota for OBCs.
- 7. The bank sanctioned loans worth Rs 689 crore to over 1,600 Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) \_\_\_ Punjab National Bank (PNB).

#### Note:

- It has sanctioned it through the 'psbloansin59minutes.com' portal as part of its effort to promote such industries.
- Under the Mudra Yojana, the bank has offered loan to over 2.69 lakh small entrepreneurs till February 14, 2019.
- MSMEs through this portal can avail loans of up to Rs 1 crore in 59 minutes or less than an hour.
- ➤ In November 2018, Prime Minister Modi announced the launch of the 59 minutes loan portal to enable easy access to credit for MSMEs.
- 8. The North-Eastern states has approved the proposed liquor **prohibition bill, 2019** in the state\_\_ **Mizoram.**

- The bill would be introduced in the state Assembly during the Budget session.
- There was total prohibition in Mizoram from 1997 till January 2015 with the Mizoram Liquor Total Prohibition Act in force in the state.



- Earlier, Lal Thanhawla government allowed opening of wine shops in the state from March 2015.
- 9. Who has found a place in the Limca Book of National Records and Asia Book of Records for completing a power substation in seven months\_\_\_Megha Engineering Infrastructure Limited (MEIL).

- ➤ NP Kunta sub-station was taken up to connect Ultra Mega Solar Power Plant built in Ananthapur with Power Grid, to facilitate the supply of 1500 MW of electricity.
- Earlier, MEIL made its way into Limca Book for completing Pattiseema Lift Irrigation project in Andhra Pradesh in record time.
- **10.** The Delhi government's **Dialogue and Development Commission** (DDC) has set up a **17-member high-level committee** to "reform higher education" \_\_\_\_**Jasmine Shah.**

#### Note:

- ➤ Dialogue and Development Commission (DDC) is the think-tank that advises the government on key issues.
- The committee will recommend goals, metrics, policies, and actionable plans for reforming Delhi's higher education system within a year".
- **11.** The **4th IoT India Congress** will be held in August 2019\_\_\_\_**Bengaluru.**

#### Note:

- Event which will see **digital technology** leaders converge to discuss and explore business opportunities in mainstreaming Internet of Things (IoT).
- The **IoT India Congress 2019** will include tracks on segments such as healthcare, manufacturing, telecom, smart cities, energy, retail, cybersecurity, skills and development, **IoT Standards**, legal and regulatory, and agriculture.
- 12. Formula One director Charlie Whiting passed away in Australia \_\_Charlie Whiting.

#### Note:

Formula One race director Charlie Whiting (66-years) has died from a pulmonary embolism three days before the season-opening Australian Grand Prix. He was

## **Important News - World**

1. The third edition of the bilateral joint exercise between India and Oman will begin at Jabel Al Akhdar Mountains in Oman \_\_\_Al Nagah 2019.

#### Note:

- In the exercise, both the armies will exchange expertise and experience in tactics, weapon handling and firing.
- The **objective of this exercise** is to enhance interoperability in counter terrorist operations in semi urban mountainous terrain.
- India-Oman bilateral security ties have continued to develop since the beginning of India-Oman Joint Military Cooperation meetings in 2006.
- 2. The inaugural India-Japan Space Dialogue was held in \_\_\_New Delhi.

#### Note:

- The dialogue brought together **Ministries** and **agencies** related to outer space in the two countries and provided an opportunity for information exchange on the respective space policies.
- 3. Who put out the list of 390 anti-cancer non-scheduled medicines with Maximum Retail Price reduction up to 87 per cent\_National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority.

## Note:

- Medicine manufacturers and hospitals have been directed to convey the revised rates.
- As many as 390 brands out of the 426 brands reported by manufacturers, showed downward price movement.
- **4.** An Airlines had grounded its Boeing 737 MAX 8 fleet after a crash that killed 157 people on board including eight crew\_\_\_\_ **Ethiopian Airlines.** 
  - The crash occurred around the town of Bishoftu (60-kilometre south-east of the Addis Ababa) shortly after take-off from the Bole International Airport, Ethiopia.
  - ➤ The Boeing 737 Max-8 was carrying passengers from 33 countries.
- **5.** The World Health Organization (WHO) has released a Global Influenza Strategy for 2019-2030 to protect all people from the threat of **influenza**.

## Note:

> The objective of the strategy is to prevent seasonal influenza, control the spread of influenza from animals to humans, and prepare for the next influenza pandemic.'



- Vaccination is especially important for people at higher risk of serious influenza complications and for health care workers.
- **6.** PM Modi & Sheikh Hasina jointly unveil (through video conference) e-plaques for development projects in **Bangladesh.**

- ➤ Both leaders unveiled e-plaques for supply of buses and trucks, inauguration of 36 community clinics, 11 water treatment plants, and extension of National Knowledge Network to Bangladesh.
- > The National Knowledge Network will connect scholars and research institutes in Bangladesh, to India and the world.
- > This is his sixth video conference with Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.
- 7. Under the new visa agreement, **Maldivian** businessmen and tourists can stay in India without a visa for \_\_\_90 days.

#### Note:

- The main aim behind the move is to boost people-to-people ties between the two countries.
- A visa is a conditional authorization granted by a country to a foreigner, allowing them to enter, remain within, or to leave that country.
- **8.** India and the U.S. have agreed to build American nuclear power plants in India \_\_\_\_ **Six.** Note:
  - This in a joint statement issued at the conclusion of the 9th round of India-U.S. Strategic Security Dialogue, cochaired by Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale and Andrea Thompson, the U.S. Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security, on March 13.

## **Honor & Awards**

1. President Ram Nath Kovind presented the Nari Shakti Puraskar 2018 in \_\_\_\_New Delhi.

#### Note:

- Nari Shakti Puraskar is the highest civilian honour for women in India.
- ➤ This year, 44 awardees have been selected for these Puraskar.
- This year, the Nari Shakti Puraskar has also been awarded to a One Stop Centre and to a state which has shown exceptional progress in improving child sex ratio at birth under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme.
- 2. Japanese architect has won the Pritzker Prize 2019\_\_Arata Isozaki.

## Note:

- He is the 46th Pritzker laureate and the 8th Japanese architect to receive the honour.
- The Pritzker Prize (prize -USD 100,000) is regarded as architecture's equivalent to the Nobel Prize.
- ➤ The Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles and the Palau Saint Jordi indoor sporting arena in Barcelona are among more than 100 of his major projects.
- > The award is funded by the Pritzker family and sponsored by the Hyatt Foundation.
- **3.** Indian Air Force Wing Commander will be the first recipient of the 'Bhagwan Mahavir Ahimsa Puraskar'\_\_\_ Abhinandan Varthaman.

## Note:

- The award is instituted by the Akhil Bharatiya Digambar Jain Mahasamiti.
- > 27th February, Mr. Varthaman shot down a Pakistan Air Force F-16 with an R-73 air-to-air missile in a dogfight
- The award will be presented to Varthaman on 17th April 2019, carries a cash prize of Rs 2.51 lakh, a memento and a citation.
- **4.** BBC journalist won the 'Chameli Devi Jain Award-2018' for an Outstanding Woman Journalist for the year 2018\_**Priyanka Dubey.**

## Note:

- She was chosen for her multi-faceted, investigative and interrogative reportage.
- Priyanka Dubey works as a bilingual correspondent with the BBC at its Delhi bureau.
- The Chameli Devi Jain Award named after the freedom fighter, Chameli Devi Jain who held demonstrations against the foreign goods on the call of Gandhi and got arrested.
- 5. **Japanese woman** has been honored as the world's **oldest living person (116-years)** by Guinness World Records\_ **Kane Tanaka**



- ➤ The global authority on records officially recognised Kane Tanaka in a ceremony.
- The previous oldest living person was another Japanese woman, Chiyo Miyako (117-years) who passed away in July 2018.
- **6. Indian gymnast** has been selected as Barbie role model, as the company celebrates its 60th anniversary\_\_\_**Dipa Karmakar**.

- Karmakar has been chosen along with 19 other successful women (from 17 countries), included in the collection of Barbie dolls inspired by real-life heroes.
- ➤ She was part of the 'Shero' program launched in 2015 by the company.

## **Sports News**

1. Who has won the gold medal in 56kg-category at the 38th GeeBee Boxing Tournament in Helsinki, Finland\_ Kavinder Singh Bisht.

## Note:

- ➤ While three-time Asian medalist Shiva Thapa (60kg category) and three others claimed silver medals.
- > Sumit Sangwan, former youth world champion Sachin Siwach and Naveen Kumar got bronze in their categories.
- 2. Who has become the 61st Grandmaster of India after crossing 2,500 points during the Noisiel Open 2019 \_\_\_ P. Iniyan.

## Note:

- ➤ Iniyan also won the silver medal in this tournament by increasing 18 points and has a rating of 2,513.
- ➤ Grandmaster (GM) is a title awarded to chess players by the world chess organization FIDE.
- 3. Who re-appointed as coach of Spanish football club Real Madrid till 2022 \_\_\_ Zinedine Zidane.

#### Note:

- Former French football player 'Zinedine Zidane' has been re-appointed as the coach of Spanish football club Real Madrid (highest-earning football club) till 2022.
- ➤ He replaces Santiago Solari, who was sacked after less than five months in charge.
- Real Madrid was the highest-earning football club in the world (annual revenue of € 750.9 million) in 2018.
- **4.** Mumbai sailor bagged the bronze medal in the Laser Standard race for men in the Laser Asian Sailing Championship in Singapore\_ **Upamanyu Dutta.**

## Note:

- Earlier, Upamanyu won the Euromed Championship in Malta.
- Nethra Kumanan (from Chennai) achieved a creditable 4th position in the Laser Radial event for women.
- 5. The 2019 SAFF (South Asian Football Federation) Women's Championship (5th edition) was held in \_\_\_\_Biratnagar, Nepal.

#### Note:

- The current SAFF members are Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.
- Pakistan Withdraws Participation in 2019 SAFF Women's Championship.
- 6. Special Olympics World Games 2019 begins at \_\_Abu Dhabi,UAE.

- More than 2,500 women will fly the flag for their nation, with almost half of them performing in athletics competitions. Saudi Arabia will send female athletes for the first time, with 14 women participating.
- Hosts UAE will field its largest-ever squad of athletes at a World Games, followed by India and the United States.

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