

Weekly One-Liners

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Important Days

1. The birth anniversary of 24th and last Jain '**Tirthankar Bhagwan Mahavir**' is being celebrated across the country ___**17th April 2019**.
Note:
 - It is one of the most sacred days for Jain people.
 - The followers of Lord Mahavir celebrate this festival by chanting prayers, offering Prasad and participating in chariot processions.
 - Lord Mahaveer was born in Ikshvaku dynasty as the son of King Siddhartha of Kundagrama and Queen Trishala.
2. The **World Haemophilia Day** is being observed worldwide on ___**17th April**.
Note:
 - The day increase awareness of haemophilia and other inherited bleeding disorders.
 - The theme of WHD 2019 is 'Reaching out - connect to your community'.
 - World Haemophilia Day was started in 1989 by the World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH) which chose to bring the community together on 17th April in honour of WFH founder Frank Schnabel's birthday.
3. The historic Mujibnagar day is being observed in ___ **Bangladesh**.
Note:
 - The day marks the oath-taking ceremony of Bangladesh's first government in 1971 at Baidyanathtala in Meherpur.
 - The day is being observed by political parties and social and cultural organisations through various programs across Bangladesh.
 - On this day in 1971, senior leaders of the liberation movement of Bangladesh had assembled at Baidyanathtala to form the provisional government of independent Bangladesh.
4. The 'World Heritage Day' is being observed across the globe every year on ___**18th April**.
Note:
 - The theme of this year is '**Rural Landscapes**'.
 - The day aims to **spread awareness** of the importance of **protecting** and preserving various sites around the world that have achieved world heritage status.
 - There are over **1000 World Heritage Sites** (man-made and natural) recognized by UNESCO.
5. The World Liver day is observed every year on ___**19th April**.
Note:
 - The theme of World Liver Day 2019 is 'Love Your Liver and Live Longer'.
 - Liver diseases can be caused by hepatitis A, B, C, alcohol, and drugs.
 - According to WHO (World Health Organization), liver diseases are the 10th most common cause of death in India.
6. The 'UN Chinese Language Day' is observed every year on ___ **20th April**.
Note:
 - The day promote the use of Chinese language in United Nation (UN).
 - The day was chosen as the date for the Chinese language to pay tribute to Cang Jie, a mythical figure who is presumed to have invented Chinese characters about 5,000 years ago.
7. The World Creativity and Innovation Day (WCID) has been celebrated on ___**21st April**.
Note:
 - On this day the world is invited to embrace the idea that innovation is essential for harnessing the economic potential of nations.
 - The Day is a part of the United Nations resolution entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development."
8. The civil services day is celebrated every year on ___**21st April**.
Note:
 - The civil services day is not being observed this year due to the **general elections**.
 - It was on this day that Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel, addressed the first batch of civil servants in Independent India at the Metcalf House where he referred to civil servants as the 'steel frame of India'.

New Appointments

1. Who confirmed as Haiti's new prime minister__ **Jean-Michel Lapin**

Note:

- Mr. Lapin (former culture and communications minister) succeeds Prime Minister Jean-Henry Ceant.
- Haiti is the poorest country in the Americas, with 60 per cent of the population living below the poverty line.
- In 2018, Haiti racked up a record USD 290 million deficit, while its national budget, the lowest in the Caribbean region, amounts to USD 1.8 billion.

2. Union Steel Minister resigned from the Union Cabinet as well as from the membership of Rajya Sabha__ **Chaudhry Birendra Singh.**

Note:

- However, he will continue to be a member of the 'Bhartiya Janata Party' (BJP).
- Birendra Singh was elected to Rajya Sabha in 2016 for a six years term which means he still has more than three years left in the upper house of the Parliament

3. The Union Cabinet has given its approval to create one post in the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India__ **Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General.**

Note:

- The Deputy CAG shall oversee the coordination among state audits, audit of telecommunication and coordinate the various information systems initiatives within the Indian Audit & Accounts Department (IA&AD).

4. The first Indian to be appointed Chair of the **International Hockey Federation (FIH) Health and Safety Committee** by the world governing body___ **Col (Dr.) Bibhu Kalyan Nayak.**

Note:

- Col (Dr.) Bibhu Kalyan Nayak has become the first Indian to be appointed Chair of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) Health and Safety Committee by the world governing body.
- Mr. Nayak has extensively trained in Sports Traumatology and Sports and Exercise Physiology from National Institute of Sports Medicine at Havana, Cuba & National Sports Centre at Madrid, Spain.
- Recently, he also served as the Medical Officer for the 2018 Men's World Cup.
- He was commissioned in the Army Medical Corps of the Indian-Army in 1995 and has worked in the Army Sports Institute, Pune in six years.

5. Who sworn in as new Prime Minister of Palestine__ **Mohammad Ishtayyeh.**

Note:

- The President of the State of Palestine, Mahmoud Abbas has confirmed the appointment of Dr. Mohammad Ishtayyeh (61 year) as the new Prime Minister of the country.
- Mr. Ishtayyeh will succeed Rami Hamdallah.
- The Prime Minister of the State of Palestine is the head of government of the State of Palestine.

6. Mali's **Prime Minister** has resigned along with his entire government __ **Soumeylou Boubeye Maiga.**

Note:

- Tens of thousands of people took to the streets of Bamako on April 5 to protest the upsurge of violence, accusing the government of not doing enough to stop it.
- Mali has been struggling to restore stability since Islamist extremists linked to Al-Qaeda took control of the country's vast desert north in early 2012.

7. Pakistan's **Finance Minister** quit the Cabinet_____ **Asad Umar.**

Note:

- Pakistan is seeking eight billion dollars from the IMF to bail itself out from a severe balance-of-payments crisis that threatens to cripple the country's economy.
- The Ministry of Finance is a ministry of the Government of Pakistan tasked to ensure a strong Pakistani economy by developing policies of sound economic management and providing expert advice to the government.

8. **India's next High Commissioner** to South Africa__ **Jaideep Sarkar.**

Note:

- Currently, Sarkar is serving as India's ambassador in Bhutan.
- The government also appointed Suhel Ajaz Khan as India's next High Commissioner to Lebanon.
- Currently, he is serving as India's Deputy Chief of Mission in Saudi Arabia.

9. Germany-based lender **Deutsche Bank** has appointed as the chief executive officer (CEO) for India__ **Kaushik Shaparia**.

Note:

- Shaparia served as Asia Pacific Head of Corporate Banking Coverage within Institutional and Treasury Coverage, as well as Global Head of Subsidiary Coverage.
- Deutsche Bank AG is a German multinational investment bank and financial services company headquartered in Frankfurt, Germany.
- The bank is operational in 58 countries with a large presence in Europe, the Americas and Asia.

Important News - India

1. Who has formed a Central Monitoring Committee to enforce a national plan to reduce the river pollution__ **NGT (National Green Tribunal)**.

Note:

- The Central Monitoring Committee will also coordinate with the River Rejuvenation Committees of the states and oversee the execution of the action plans.
- It will make over 351 river stretches across the country pollution free as it has caused a serious threat to the safety of water and environment.

2. The Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral 'Sunil Lanba' has inaugurated the maiden 'state-of-the-art' Virtual Reality Centre (VRC) at the ___ **Directorate of Naval Design, New Delhi**.

Note:

- This centre would provide a major boost to the Indigenous warship design capabilities of the Indian Navy.
- It will provide impetus to self-reliance and greater fillip to warship construction under "Make in India" initiative of the Indian government.
- This project will facilitate collaborative design reviews for continuous interaction between the designers and the end users to improve design and ergonomics onboard warships.

3. India successfully test fires Sub-Sonic cruise missile ___ **Nirbhay**.

Note:

- It is the sixth development flight trial with the objective to prove the repeatability of boost phase, cruise phase using waypoint navigation at very low altitudes.
- The missile took off vertically turning horizontally into the desired direction, booster separated, the wing deployed, the engine started, cruised all the intended waypoints.

4. General Rawat commissioned the coast guard's offshore patrol vessel (OPV) ___ **Veera**,

Note:

- Veera (97-metre long and 15-metre wide) will help the coast guard monitor maritime boundaries more effectively.
- The Veera has a range of 5,000 nautical miles and can attain a sustained speed of up to 26 knots.
- It is armed with two 12.7-mm heavy machine guns (HMGs) and a 30 mm-naval gun with the fire control system.

5. The Union Cabinet has approved the continuation of the GSLV Phase - 4 programmes consisting of five GSLV flights during the period from ___ **2021 to 2024**.

Note:

- The Phase - 4 will enable the launch of two tonne class of satellites for Geo-imaging, Navigation, Data Relay Communication and Space Sciences.
- The programme will meet the launch requirement of satellites for providing critical Satellite Navigation Services, Data Relay Communication for supporting the Indian Human spaceflight programme and the next interplanetary mission to Mars.
- The operationalization of GSLV has made the country self-reliant in the launching capability of 2 tonne class of satellites for communication and meteorological satellites.

6. Who has approved the merger of Tata Teleservices with Bharti Airtel Ltd. ___ **The Department of Telecommunications (DoT)**.

Note:

- The guarantees are mostly related to one-time spectrum charges (OTSC) and some deferred airwave charges, according to people aware of the development.
- The merger will be taken on record after Airtel submits a bank guarantee of about Rs 6,000 crore for one-time spectrum charges and another Rs 1,200 crore for the spectrum that would be acquired from TTSL.

7. The 8th- edition of **Home Expo India-2019** has begun at India Expo Centre and Mart in ___ **Greater Noida**.

Note:

- It covers sectors with maximum thrust and growth potential in home decor, furnishing, furniture, flooring and textiles.
- About 500 companies in permanent marts will be exhibiting their collection under these categories.
- Home Expo India 2019 is a one-stop destination for all your sourcing needs for a variety of Housewares & Decorative products at one place.
- The exhibition has been organized by the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts.

8. Who has directed the **Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF)** to submit a report on the constitution of **Biodiversity Management Committees (BMC)** at the local level in every state within three months___ **National Green Tribunal (NGT)**.

Note:

- A bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel also asked the states who have not constituted the committees to file an affidavit stating the reason for the delay.
- The tribunal on August 8 last year had directed a monitoring committee comprising officials from the Ministry of Environment and Forests and National Biodiversity Authority to furnish a report.

9. The British Indian Novelist Salman Rushdie's new novel will be released in August 2019___ **Quichotte**.

Note:

- It is the story of an ageing travelling salesman who falls in love with a TV star and sets off to drive across America on a quest to prove himself worthy of her hand.
- This book "Quichotte", acquired by Penguin Random House India, will be published in India under the Hamish Hamilton imprint in August.
- Rushdie is the author of 13 novels including "Midnight's Children", for which he won the Man Booker Prize and Booker of Bookers Prize, and one collection of short stories.

10. Saudi Arabia has issued a formal order increasing the Haj quota of India to ___ **Two lakhs**.

Note:

- In February 2019, the Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin had announced that Indian Haj quota would be increased by 25 thousand to two lakhs.
- This is the third hike in three consecutive years.
- As many as 2,340 Indian Muslim women will go for the pilgrimage without a male companion or Mehram.

11. The Union government has suspended the LoC trade in ___ **Jammu and Kashmir**.

Note:

- The decision was taken as the government has been receiving reports that the Cross-LoC trade routes are being misused by the Pakistan-based elements for funnelling illegal weapons, narcotics and fake currency.
- The main objective of allowing LoC trade between Jammu and Kashmir and Pakistan occupied areas of Jammu and Kashmir was to encourage local trade and exchange of locally made and grown products.

States News

1. Haryana Chief Electoral Officer Rajeev Ranjan has inaugurated India's first-of-its-kind 'Voter Park' in ___ **Gurugram, Haryana**.

Note:

- The objective of establishing Voter Park was to motivate eligible people to vote in the Lok Sabha election so that they can contribute to the progress of the country.

2. Accepting the recommendations of the Election Commission, President Ram Nath Kovind cancelled polling in ___ **Vellore constituency**.

Note:

- With this, Vellore has become the first Lok Sabha seat in the history of independent India to have had its elections countermanded over abuse of money power.

3. The Supreme Court has banned all mining activities along the 'Kaziranga National Park' and catchment area of rivers originating in___ **Karbi Anglong Hills, Assam.**

Note:

- The mining activity in this area was resulting in environmental degradation and habitat destruction in an important elephant and tiger habitat.
- It is famous for one-horned rhinoceros.
- Kaziranga National Park is a national park in the Golaghat and Nagaon districts of the state of Assam, India.

Important News - World

1. Who will host the world's foremost **Artificial Intelligence (AI) Summit** to empower global dialogue on the future of government, business and society___ **United Arab Emirates (UAE).**

Note:

- Emirates News Agency reported that the two-day event will bring together world leaders to define the underlying pillars of governance, business and society - augmenting the world's happiness.
- AIE will unravel real-world use cases across industries, and forge collaborations and partnerships, hosting over 130 influential speakers

2. Finland's leftist has recorded a razor-thin victory in general elections, holding off the far-right Finns Party___ **Social Democrats.**

Note:

- The Social Democrats, led by Antti Rinne, bagged 40 seats in the 200-member Parliament, while the Finns Party picked up 39 seats.
- The National Coalition Party claimed 38 seats, with the ruling Centre Party winning 31 seats. The remaining seats were won by other parties.

3. **Nepal** successfully launched its **first satellite** into space from **Virginia** in the United States___ **NepaliSat-1.**

Note:

- **NepaliSat-1** is a **low orbit satellite** developed by the Nepalese scientists.
- The satellite will **take photographs** on a regular basis to **gather geographical information** of the country.
- It weighs 1.3 kilograms, making it a small satellite with limited capability.
- The BIRDS project has been designed in association with the **United Nations** and aims at **helping countries** launch their first satellite.

4. Sri Lanka's **first satellite** has been launched **into space** from **NASA's Flight Facility** on Virginia's east shore___**Raavana-1.**

Note:

- 'Raavana 1' weighs around 1.05 kg and the lifespan of the satellite is around one and a half years.
- The satellite was designed and built at the Kyushu Institute of Technology in Japan by two Sri Lankan research engineers.
- Its camera mission is to capture images of Sri Lanka and its neighbouring countries.

5. China has successfully tested the **world's first** armed amphibious **drone boat** ___**Marine Lizard.**

Note:

- It is 'capable of forming a combat triad with aerial drones and other drone ships.
- Built by Wuchang Shipbuilding Industry Group under China Shipbuilding Industry Corporation.
- Having a maximum operation range of 1,200 km, the Marine Lizard can be remotely controlled via satellites.

6. Google has opened its first African artificial intelligence (AI) centre in ___**Accra, Ghana.**

Note:

- The research laboratory will host software engineers and research scientists to work on projects dedicated to next-generation technology.
- The centre engages directly with African universities by providing grants and PhD scholarships to students interested in AI.
- Google also supports graduate programs in machine intelligence at the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences in Rwanda.

7. The Ministry has set up an Indo-Pacific Wing in the foreign office___ **Ministry of External Affairs.**

Note:

- This new division is intended to give a coherent architecture to the policy, which was articulated by the PM Modi at the Shangri-La Dialogue in 2018.
 - Currently, this division will be headed by joint secretary Vikram Doraiswam.
8. Google and Apple have removed the Chinese internet firm Bytedance's **social media app** in India from the Play Store and App Store___ **TikTok**.
- Note:**
- Earlier, Madras High Court that had directed the Centre to ban TikTok app over concerns about access to pornographic content through it.
 - TikTok is an iOS and Android media app for creating and sharing short videos.
 - The application allows users to create short music videos of 3–15 seconds and short looping videos of 3–60 seconds.
 - It is a leading short video platform in Asia, the United States, and other parts of the world.
9. The Indian Navy held the **2nd edition** of the **bilateral maritime exercise** between the **Indian Navy** and Vietnam Peoples' Navy at ___ **Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam**.
- Note:**
- The exercise was undertaken as a part of the ongoing Overseas Deployment of Eastern Fleet ships to South East Asian countries.
 - INS Kolkata under the command of Captain Aditya Hara and INS Shakti under the command of Captain Sriram Amur participated in the exercise.
10. The 7th China International Technology Fair (CSITF) opened in ___ **Shanghai, China**.
- Note:**
- The national-level professional fair has five exhibition areas including professional technologies, technological innovation, and trade services.
 - Nearly 1,000 companies and organizations are attending the fair, including more than 20 companies and organizations from the British city of Liverpool.

Honor & Awards

1. West Bengal's projects have won the United Nations World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) awards ___ **Utkarsh Bangla & Sabooj Sathi**.
- Note:**
- The "Utkarsh Bangla" project aims at creating a pool of skilled candidates who are industry ready.
 - Under the "Sabooj Sathi" scheme, bicycles are distributed to students between class IX and XII studying in government-run and government-aided schools and madrasahs of the state.
 - The Bengal government has distributed nearly 1 crore bicycles since the inception of this project.
2. Who won the World Press Photo Awards 2019_ **John Moore**.
- Note:**
- Dutch-Swedish photographer Pieter Ten Hoopen won the "World Press Photo Story of the Year Award" for the image of 2018 mass-migrant caravan to the US border.
 - The photos are judged for their accurate, fair, and visually compelling insights about our world.
3. Director at Life Sciences has been honored with Lifetime Achievement Award 2019___ **Dr A K Singh**.
- Note:**
- He has been awarded for the contribution in life sciences, aerospace and aeronautics at Chandigarh University, Mohali.
 - The conclave was organised by the university to note World Creativity and Innovation Day.
 - The DST scientist has more than 18 patents and has contributed to more than 57 research publications at an international and national level.
4. The Overstory' by Richard Powers wins Pulitzer Prize 2019 for ___ **fiction**.
- Note:**
- The winners of the 2019 Pulitzer Prizes has announced from the World Room at Columbia University's School of Journalism by Administrator Dana Canedy.
 - The Wall Street Journal won one and the Sun-Sentinel won its second Pulitzer for Public Service.
 - The late American singer-songwriter Aretha Franklin (known as "The Queen of Soul") posthumously awarded the Pulitzer Prize Special Citation honour for her contribution to the American music and culture,

- Drama: Fairview, by Jackie Sibblies Drury.
 - History: Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom, by David W. Blight (Simon & Schuster).
5. Jailed Reuters journalists in Myanmar win UN press freedom prize___ **Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo.**
Note:
- The United Nations' cultural agency had awarded its annual press freedom prize to two Reuters reporters jailed in Myanmar.
 - The two journalists Lone& Soe Oo had been working on stories about a military crackdown and alleged human rights violations in Rakhine state in Myanmar when they were arrested.
6. According to TIME magazine, Three Indians have been named in the list___ **Mukesh Ambani, Arundhati Katju and Menaka Guruswamy.**
Note:
- TIME magazine has released the Time 100 Most Influential People 2019 list.
 - The list includes Indian-American comedian and TV host Hasan Minhaj, US President Donald Trump, Pope Francis, Chinese President Xi Jinping, Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan, iconic golfer Tiger Woods and Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg.

Sports News

1. American professional Golfer clinched his fifth master's to land his 15th major title___ **Tiger Woods.**
Note:
- There were raucous celebrations around the 18th green as Woods finished with a two-under-par 70 to win on 13 under, one clear of fellow Americans Dustin Johnson,
 - Overnight leader Francesco Molinari's hopes sunk with two double bogeys on the back nine and he had to settle for a share of fifth on 11 under.
 - Today's thrilling victory puts the former world No.1 just three majors behind the record of Jack Nicklaus.
2. India finished with 5 medals in the Boxing World Cup, concluded at___ **Cologne, Germany.**
Note:
- Meena Kumari Maisnam continued her fine run to win gold in the 54 kg.
 - Reigning youth world champion Sakshi (57 kg) and India Open champion Pwilao Basumatary (64 kg) settled for the silver.
 - Pinki Rani (51 kg) and Parveen (60 kg) won bronze.
3. Ethiopian women's racer athletes have won the 43rd edition of the Paris Marathon__ **Gelete Burka.**
Note:
- Burka was the fastest woman with 2 hours: 22 minutes and: 48 seconds.
 - In the wheelchair race, Julien Casoli won for the third time.
 - The Paris marathon is one of the world's most popular running events.
4. Ethiopian men's racer athletes have won the 43rd edition of the Paris Marathon__ **Abrha Millaw.**
Note:
- Millaw won the men's race with a time of 2 hours: 07 minutes and: 04 seconds.
 - Kenyan Paul Lonyangata, a two-time Paris Marathon winner, was the third-fastest man.
5. In motor racing, British racing driver won the Chinese Grand Prix for a record sixth time__ **Lewis Hamilton.**
Note:
- The comfortable win was the 75th of Hamilton's career, and second in a row after his lucky triumph in Bahrain two weeks ago.
 - Valtteri Bottas was second for his team's third one-two finish in as many races this season.
 - Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel took third place.
6. India's ace shuttler has won the **Victor Dutch International Badminton title** at Watteringen, Netherlands___ **Harsheel Dani.**
Note:
- He defeated Denmark's **Mads Christophersen** 15-21, 21-12, 21-13 in **47 minutes** clash.
 - The **Dutch International** is the second largest badminton event in **The Netherlands** with total prize money of USD 10,000.
 - This tournament has been an **International Series level tournament** and another tournament for **Grand Prix level** named as Dutch Open.
7. Japan's Badminton players has won the Singapore Badminton Open men's singles title 2019___ **Kento Momota.**

Note:

- Japan's Kento Momota has won the Singapore Badminton Open men's singles title 2019 by beating Anthony Ginting (Indonesia) 10-21, 21-19, 21-13.
 - In the women's final, Tai Tzu-Ying (Taiwan) claimed her second Singapore Open title with a 21-19, 21-15 victory over Nozomi Okuhara (Japan).
 - This tournament was organized by the Singapore Badminton Association with sanction from the BWF.
8. Who has imposed a hefty fine of **one lakh seventy-six thousand Euros** on **Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF)** for not honoring the **Pro League** commitments__ **International Hockey Federation (FIH)**.

Note:

- PHF was fined for not sending the national team for the **Pro League matches** in Argentina, Australia and New Zealand.
 - The FIH has given the **Pakistan sports body** time until **20th June** to pay the fine or else the penalty would be doubled.
9. Indian women's cricket team captain has been named the goodwill ambassador of 'Team India' at the Street Child Cricket World Cup (SCCWC) __ **Mithali Raj**.

Note:

- She joins in supporting the team alongside Saurav Ganguly and Rajasthan Royals.
- The Street Child Cricket World Cup (SCCWC) 2019 is the first cricket world cup for street-connected children.
- The tournament is being organized by UK based organisation Street Child United (SCU).

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. **IDBI Bank** has launched account opening process for **NRIs** (Non-Resident Indians) residing in the **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)** member countries __ **NRI-Insta-Online**.

Note:

- The person will not be required to furnish **physical documents** as well as **KYC proofs** for opening an account with the bank.
- On the successful uploading and verification of the scanned documents, the account is instantly opened & electronic advice is sent to the customer.
- FATF is an **inter-governmental body** which devices policy and sets standards to promote effective implementation of legal, **regulatory** and operational measures to **combat money laundering, terrorist financing** and other related threats to the integrity of the international financial system.

2. **Bajaj Finance Ltd.** has launched a campaign where in **customer buying** air conditioners __ **#BijliOnEMI**.

Note:

- Customers buying air conditioners of **Rs. 20,000** and above will be eligible for an **Instant Credit** loan of **Rs 5000**.
- For those purchasing air conditioners above **Rs. 40,000** will receive **Rs 7000** as an **Instant Credit loan** to their Wallet.
- This will **assist the customer** to pay the **installations charges** of the air-conditioner and their electricity bills on EMI.
- **Bajaj Finserv** (part of Bajaj Holdings & Investments Limited) is an **Indian financial services** company focused on lending, asset management, wealth management and insurance.

3. Bandhan Bank has received approval from the **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** for the proposed scheme of amalgamation of __ **Gruh Finance**.

Note:

- The approval has been made under sub-section (1) of Section 31 of the Competition Act, 2002.
- The merger move was taken to bring down promoter holding in the bank to 61% from 82.3%.
- The bank, which had received **RBI nod** for the scheme, had recently got approval from the BSE and the NSE.

4. Punjab National Bank (PNB) has appointed an Executive Director of the bank __ **Rajesh Kumar Yaduvanshi**.

Note:

- Now, PNB has three **Executive Directors**, the others being **L V Prabhakar** and **A K Azad**.
 - Mr Yadivanshi holds a doctorate in science from Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi and certified associate member of the Indian Institute of Bankers.
5. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has put into circulation **50 rupees denomination** banknotes signed by its Governor **____ Shaktikanta Das**.

Note:

- According to RBI, the design of these notes is similar in all respects to 50 banknotes in Mahatma Gandhi new series.
 - All banknotes in the denomination of 50 issued by the Reserve Bank in the past will continue to be legal tender.
6. A bank has partnered with **M1Xchange Trade Receivables Discounting System** (TReDS) platform for MSME bill discounting **__ Bank of Maharashtra (BoM)**.

Note:

- TReDS is a digital platform to support micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to get their bills financed at a competitive rate through an auction where multiple registered financiers can participate.
 - Mynd Solutions is a technology management firm which runs the TReDS platform of M1Xchange.
 - The main purpose of TReDS platform is to facilitate smooth flow of liquidity in the system and make finance available at a competitive rate.
7. ICICI Bank has announced the launch of **insta car and two-wheeler loans** that will provide existing customers final sanction letters instantly **_ Insta Auto Loan**.

Note:

- The first service, called 'Insta Auto Loan', enables over two million pre-approved customers to avail the final sanction letter of a car loan instantly and digitally up to Rs 20 lakh for a tenure of up to seven years.
 - The second initiative, named 'Insta Two-Wheeler Loan', offers over 12 million pre-approved customers the facility to get instant sanction of loan up to Rs 2 lakh for a tenure of up to three years.
 - Both the plans will offer 100 per cent of the on-road price of vehicle.
8. According to ACI Worldwide, Who has successfully rolled out major new functionality to support EMV card acquiring across its ATM network and Aadhaar Authentication **____ Canara Bank**.

Note:

- Canara Bank is the first public sector bank to shift to EMV chip and PIN for card present transactions across the country's vast ATM network. Canara Bank has nearly 6,300 branches and a network of more than 10,000 ATMs.
 - ACI has played a central role in driving EMV rollouts across numerous countries over the years.
 - The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had mandated all banks to migrate the magnetic strip based ATM/Debit cards to EMV chip-and-PIN payment cards by 31st December 2018.
9. **Small Finance Bank** has been awarded the prestigious **Celent Model Bank 2019 Award** in the category of Financial Inclusion, for 'Redesigning Lending to Reach Small Businesses' **____ Fincare Small Finance Bank (SFB)**.

Note:

- Fincare Small Finance Bank serves the banking needs of banking-savvy consumers across metro, urban and semi-urban markets.
- Fincare Small Finance Bank commenced banking operations on the 21st of July, 2017, after receiving the final license from the RBI under Section 22 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- As of March 2019, Fincare SFB serves, over 15 lakh customers in 12 States and 1 Union Territory.

Obituaries

1. The **Swedish actress** passed away at Stockholm, Sweden **__ Bibi Andersson**.

Note:

- Bibi Andersson had received several awards including the Silver Bear for Best Actress at the Berlin international film festival in 1963.
 - She is best known for starring in many of Bergman classics including The Seventh Seal (1957), Wild Strawberries (1957) and Persona (1966).
2. Renowned Hindi poet passed away at his home in Gwalior__ **Pradeep Choubey**.
- Note:**
- Choubey was the younger brother of the celebrated humorist, satirist and poet Shail Chaturvedi.
 - He quit his job at Dena Bank to pursue his passion for poetry and travelled across the nation enthraling audiences with his punches, several of them targeted at the orthodox elements of society.
 - Mr. Choubey born in Maharashtra's Chandrapur district, Choubey shifted to Gwalior.
3. Former-Director of **Indian Space Research Organisation Satellite Centre (ISAC)** passed away in Bengaluru__ **SK Shivakumar**.
- Note:**
- He was part of the team which had developed telemetry system for India's first moon mission Chandrayan - I.
 - He contributed to several missions like Bhaskara, INSAT, IRS-1B, and IRS-1C. He was Padma Shree awardee and honoured with Karnataka Rajyotsava award (2008).
4. America's first **female astronaut candidate** pilot passed away in Florida __ **Jerrie Cobb**.
- Note:**
- In 1961, Cobb became the first woman to pass astronaut testing.
 - Altogether, 13 women passed the arduous physical testing and became famous as the Mercury 13.
5. Scotland all-rounder passed away after a lengthy battle with a brain tumour __ **Con de Lange**.
- Note:**
- The South Africa-born player played 21 international matches for Scotland, making his debut in a T20I against Ireland in June 2015.
 - The left-arm orthodox spinner achieved his career-best figure of 5/60 against Zimbabwe which handed Scotland its first ever ODI win over a Full Member.

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