

Weekly One Liner Updates 1-7th April 2019

Honor & Awards

1. Swiss-based NRI Dr. has been conferred with the **Pravasi Bhartiya Samman Award** by the President of India Ram Nath Kovind___ **Dr Rajendra Joshi**.

Note:

- Dr Rajendra Joshi is the RUJ Group's founder and chairman.
- The Indian Ambassador to Switzerland Sibi George handed over the award citation signed by the President to Dr Joshi at his residence in Switzerland.
- The Pravasi Bharatiya Samman is an award constituted by the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs, Government of India to honour exceptional and meritorious contribution in their chosen field/profession.

2. United Arab Emirates (UAE) has conferred its highest civilian honour 'Zayed Medal' to ___ **Narendra Modi**.

Note:

- UAE President Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahya has conferred Mr. Modi the highest decoration awarded to kings, presidents and heads of states.
- The award came in appreciation of Narendra Modi's role in consolidating the long-standing friendship and joint strategic cooperation between the two countries.
- The Indian Prime Minister had played a pivotal role in enhancing bilateral ties to the level of comprehensive strategic relations.

3. Who was felicitated by the Asian Tour with a Special Achievement Award for his contributions to Asian Golf__ **Dr. Pawan Munjal**

Note:

- Dr. Munjal was presented with a special salver by leading Indian golfer Shiv Kapur, representing the players on the Asian Tour.
- Pawan Munjal Felicitated By Asian Tour For Contribution To Golf In Asia.

4. The Gairdner Foundation has announced the 2019 Canada Gairdner Award laureates___ **Vikram Patel**.

Note:

- Vikram Patel has been awarded for his research career raising the global profile of mental health problems.
- Each year seven Canada Gairdner Awards are presented to honour the world's most significant biomedical and global health researchers.
- Laureates receive a USD100,000 cash honorarium and will be formally presented with their awards on October 24, 2019, at the annual Canada Gairdner Awards Gala in Toronto.

5. **Who felicitated with an Honorary Doctorate by London's University of Law ___ Shah Rukh Khan.**

Note:

- Superstar Shah Rukh Khan has received an honorary doctorate in Philanthropy by The University of Law, London.
- He has lent support to the Indian government's campaigns, including Pulse Polio and National Aids Control Organization.
- He has worked closely with several charitable foundations, including the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

6. Vice-President M Vaikuntiah Naidu gave the 'Presidential Award of Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman' to ___**Dr. Gyanaditya Shakya**.

Note:

- He has conferred the award for his outstanding contribution in the field of Pali language and literature.
- Currently, Dr Shakya is working as an Assistant Professor in Gautam Buddha University, Greater Noida.
- Dr Shakya was honoured with Rs 1,00,000 Award and a certificate.

Banking & Financial Awareness



1. The Reserve Bank set the average base rate to be charged from borrowers by **non-banking financial companies** (NBFCs) and **micro-finance institutions** (MFIs) at 9.21%.

Note:

- The applicable average base rate to be charged by Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC).
- The regulator in February 2014 had issued directions to NBFC-MFIs regarding pricing of credit.
- RBI comes out with the average of the base rates of the five largest commercial banks for the purpose of arriving at the interest rates to be charged by NBFC-MFIs to its borrowers in the ensuing quarter.

2. Two banks merged with **Bank of Baroda** (BoB) to create the third-largest lender of the country Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank.

Note:

- All customers of **Dena Bank**, which is under **prompt corrective action** (PCA) framework of the RBI, will have renewed access to credit facilities immediately.
- This is the **second merger** of state-run banks in recent years in the **banking sector** after State Bank had merged five of its associate banks from April 2017.
- Post-amalgamation, the bank will have a 22% market share in Gujarat and 8-10 per cent market share in Maharashtra, Karnataka, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

3. Who will inject long-term liquidity worth 5 billion US Dollars into the banking system through a dollar-rupee buy-sell swap for a tenure of three years The Reserve Bank of India.

Note:

- It stated that the auction is meant to give RBI greater flexibility in managing banking system cash while helping absorb any potential large dollar inflows, which could make the rupee rise sharply.
- The auction would be a multiple-price based auction -- successful bids will get accepted at their respective quoted premium.
- The minimum size of each bid should be USD 10 million and in multiples of USD 1 million thereafter.
- Liquidity is a measure of the ability and ease with which assets can be converted to cash.

4. Who has given approval to Paytm Money to start offering broking services Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi).

Note:

- Paytm Money is the investment and wealth management platform of the mobile payments company.
- The broking services will allow investors to trade in the cash segment, derivatives, exchange-traded funds (ETFs), among other listed entities.

5. Who will charge customers for UPI transactions starting 1st of May 2019 Kotak Mahindra Bank.

Note:

- For each Kotak Bank account, the first 30 UPI fund transfers will be free, after which a charge will be levied on all fund transfers from the bank account.
- This will be applicable across all platforms, including Paytm, PhonePe, Google Pay or Truecaller Pay among others.
- The bank will charge Rs 2.50 per transaction for an amount value below or equal to Rs 1,000, and Rs 5 per transaction will be levied for a payment value above Rs 1,000.

6. Who has decided that the limits for Ways and Means Advances (WMA) for the first half (April- Sep 2019) of the financial year 2019-20 will be Rs 75000 crore Reserve Bank of India.

Note:

- The Reserve Bank may trigger fresh floatation of market loans when the Government of India utilises 75% of the WMA limit.
- The Reserve Bank retains the flexibility to revise the limit at any time, in consultation with the Government of India.
- The interest rate on WMA will be Repo Rate and overdraft will be 2% above the Repo Rate.



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8. Who has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Bharti AXA Life Insurance Company to distribute the latter's life insurance products ____ **Karnataka Bank.**

Note:

- Now, the bank will be able to provide a wide choice of life insurance products to its customers across 836 branches, supported by the products of Bharti AXA Life Insurance Company.
- This is the third such tie-up by the bank after PNB MetLife Life Insurance Company and LIC of India.

9. According to the Asian Development Bank (ADB), India's projected GDP growth for the current fiscal__ **7.2%.**

Note:

- ADB has projected India to remain the fastest growing Asian nation with 7.3% growth in 2020 as policy rates are cut and farmers receive income support, bolstering domestic demand.
- For entire Asia, the multilateral agency forecasted that growth will soften to 5.7 per cent in 2019 and 5.6 per cent in 2020.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is a regional development bank established on 19th December 1966.

10. Who has reduced the **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)** usage fees for **small transactions** less than Rs 1,000 to 10 paise from 25 paise__ **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).**

Note:

- For transactions above Rs 1,000, the charge has been retained at 50 paise.
- The **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** is an umbrella organisation for operating retail payments and settlement systems in India.
- The NPCI (Founded in 2008) is a not-for-profit organization registered under **section 8** of the Companies Act 2013.

11. The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has announced its first Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Rates for 2019-20 in__ **Mumbai.**

Note:

- The RBI reduced the policy repo rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) by 25 basis points to 6.0 per cent from 6.25 per cent with immediate effect.
- Consequently, the reverse repo rate under the LAF stands adjusted to 5.75 per cent.
- The marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate to 6.25 per cent.

Obituaries

1. Veteran journalist and academician passed away due to hip injury at a private hospital__ **Prafulla Rajguru.**

Note:

- Rajguru had retired (in 1997) as the head of the department of English from DCB Girls College in Jorhat.
- Rajguru authored four books and was a member of several social organizations like the Asom Sahitya Sabha.

2. Eminent theatre organizer and playwright passed away at his residence, Cuttack__ **Kartik Chandra Rath.**

Note:

- Mr Rath has penned over a hundred plays and directed over 500 plays in his career as a dramatist.
- His play "Bhagwan Jane Manisha" staged at the National Theatre festival in Allahabad way back in the 1980s gave him an opening as a dramatist from where he scripted a passionate career as a dramatist.

3. Noted economist passed away after a brief illness__ **Viharidas Gopaldas Patel.**



Note:

- Patel's work towards inclusion of entrepreneurship in the formal education system, sensitisation of support system, and entrepreneurship research has been widely recognised.
- In 2017, the Government of India had decorated him with a Padma Shri for his contribution to the entrepreneurship movement.
- Patel has authored several books and among them The Seven Business Crisis & How to Beat Them (reissued as When the Going gets Tough) was a best seller.

Important Days

1. Odisha has celebrated 84th foundation day on 1st April 2019 also known as **Utkal Divas**.

Note:

- Odisha is the 9th largest state by area and the 11th largest by population.
- To commemorate the sacrifices of people for the formation of Odisha province in 1936, programmes are being organised at various places across the State.
- In 1936, Odisha was the first State to be formed on linguistic basis

2. The **'World Autism Awareness Day'** has been observed across the world on **2nd April**.

Note:

- The day raise awareness about people with **autism** throughout the world.
- The 2019 theme for the day is "**Assistive Technologies, Active Participation**".
- Autism is a lifelong, developmental disability that affects how a person communicates with and relates to other people, and how they experience the world around them.

3. International Mine Awareness Day (IMAD) is being organized across the world on **4th April**.

Note:

- The Theme for IMAD 2019 is "**United Nations Promotes SDGs – Safe Ground – Safe Home**".
- On 8 December 2005, the General Assembly declared that 4 April of each year shall be observed as the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action.

4. **National Maritime Day of India** is being organized across the country **5th April**.

Note:

- This day, the country renews its abiding faith in the importance of maritime zone as well as sea route for all-round development of the nation.
- The theme of the National Maritime Day 2019 (56th edition) is "Indian Ocean-An Ocean of opportunity".
- On this day in 1919, navigation history was created when the first ship of The Scindia Steam Navigation Company Ltd. "SS Loyalty" journeyed to the United Kingdom.

5. Traditional new year festivities (Chaitra Sukladi, Ugadi, Gudi Padava, Cheti Chand, Navreh and Sajibu Cheiraoba) are being celebrated in several parts of the country on **6th April**.

Note:

- In Telangana, people are celebrating Ugaadi across two Telugu states, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh to mark the beginning of the Hindu Lunar calendar.
- In Maharashtra, Gudi Padwa signifies the welcoming of spring.
- The day marks the beginning of Chaitra Navratri, that lead up to Ram Navami.

6. The United Nations' (UN) International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP) is observed across the world on **6th April**.

Note:

- The day recognize the power of sport in promoting peace and erasing cultural barriers worldwide.
- The day has been celebrated each year since 2014.
- The date commemorates the inauguration of the first Olympic games of the modern era, in Athens (Greece) in 1896.

7. The 'World Health Day' is a global health awareness day celebrated every year on **7th April**.

Note:

- The day provides with a unique opportunity to mobilize action around a specific health topic of concern to people all over the world.
- The tagline for this year's World Health Day is "Universal Health Coverage: everyone, everywhere".



- The World Health Organization (WHO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations that is concerned with international public health.

New Appointments

1. Anti-corruption activist has been confirmed as the first female President of Slovakia ____Zuzana Caputova.

Note:

- She defeated Maros Sefcovic, a candidate nominated by Slovakia's ruling party.
- According to Xinhua News Agency reported, Caputova received 58.40% of votes, while Sefcovic got 41.59% of votes.

2. Executive Director of ICICI Bank will be the MD and CEO of its subsidiary ICICI Securities with effect from 7th May 2019__ **Vijay Chandok.**

Note:

- He will succeed Shilpa Naval Kumar.
- Mr Chandok holds a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology (Banaras Hindu University) and master's degree in Management Studies from Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai (NMIMS).

3. Fighter pilot **Air Marshal** has been appointed as the **new Strategic Forces** Command Chief__ **NS Dhillon.**

Note:

- The Strategic Forces Command (SFC) is tasked to look after the strategic nuclear arsenal of the country and is a part of India's Nuclear Command Authority (NCA) headed by PM Narendra Modi.
- Dhillon graduated from the National Defence Academy (NDA) in Khadakwasla in Pune and later attended Defence Services Staff College in Wellington Cantonment and National Defence College in New Delhi.

4. Noted film director passed away following a brief hospitalization__ **J. Mahendran.**

Note:

- He was also a part of the Blue Ocean Film and Television Academy (BOFTA) in Chennai where he heads the filmmaking and direction course.
- Mahendran has directed several memorable films including Mullum Malarum, Johnny and Nenjathai Killadhey.

5. BJP MLA passed away at a private hospital in following prolonged illness in Delhi__ **Dilip Sarkar.**

Note:

- Sarkar was suffering for quite some time from liver and kidney related problems and was admitted to Apollo hospital in Delhi.
- Mr. Sarkar had won from the Badharghat seat three times on the Congress ticket and was also minister of state for PWD in the state in the Congress government in 1988.
- Sarkar had won the 2018 Assembly election from Badharghat seat on BJP ticket

6. Media professional took charge as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the International Cricket Council (ICC)__ **Manu Sawhney.**

Note:

- He will work alongside Dave Richardson, who will step down after the World Cup in July 2019.
- Sawhney was with ESPN Star Sports for 17 years and was responsible for scaling the business and doubling annual revenues.

7. Who has appointed 'Vinod K. Dasari' as the **chief executive officer** (CEO) of Royal Enfield__**Eicher Motors Ltd.**

Note:

- Mr. Dasari will also join the board of Eicher Motors as an executive director with immediate effect.
- Earlier, Mr. Dasari was the CEO and managing director (MD) of Ashok Leyland, a position he held since 2011.
- Royal Enfield is an Indian motorcycle manufacturing brand with the tag of "the oldest global motorcycle brand in continuous production" manufactured in factories in Chennai in India.



8. Algerian President resigned from the post with immediate effect ____ **Abdelaziz Bouteflika**.

Note:

- Bouteflika (in power for 20 years) has come under mounting pressure to step down since his decision to seek a fifth term despite rarely being seen in public after suffering a stroke in 2013.
- The powerful Algerian army had called for to be declared incapable of carrying out his duties.

9. Who has joined Google India as its industry head ____ **Mayuri Kango**.

Note:

- Earlier, Mayuri Kango Kango was the managing director of Performics Resultrix, part of the Publicis Group.
- She has also worked with Digitas as associate director, media and Zenith as chief digital officer.
- She later appeared in films like 'Papa Kehte Hain', 'Betaabi', 'Hogi Pyaar Ki Jeet', 'Badal' and 'Papa the Great'.

10. Who taken charge as Managing Director (MD) of Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India ____ **Vipin Anand**.

Note:

- Mr. Anand has handled several assignments in various capacities and departments across different locations in India during his 35 years' service.
- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) is an Indian state-owned insurance group and investment company headquartered in Mumbai.

11. Senior US Treasury official has been selected as the President (13th) of the World Bank ____ **David Malpass**.

Note:

- He replaced Jim Yong Kim.
- Malpass has served on the boards of the Council of the Americas, Economic Club of New York, and the National Committee on US-China Relations.
- The President of the World Bank Group is responsible for chairing the meeting of the Boards of Directors and for overall management of the World Bank Group.

12. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services (IL&FS) ____ **CS Rajan**.

Note:

- Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Limited (IL&FS) is an Indian infrastructure development and finance company.
- IL&FS's projects include some of the largest infrastructure projects in India including India's longest tunnel, Chennai-Nashri Tunnel, which was opened for traffic in April 2017.

13. Who has been appointed as the Executive Vice-Chairman of Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services (IL&FS) ____ **Vineet Nayyar**.

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Sports News

1. Former world champion has won the **Yonex-Sunrise India Open badminton tournament** in New Delhi ____ **Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)**.

Note:

- **He defeated** India's Kidambi Srikanth in straight games 21-7, 22-20.
- Thai badminton player Ratchanok Intanon has won the women's singles in India Open.
- The 2019 India Open was a badminton tournament took place at K. D. Jadhav Indoor Hall in India (26th to 31st March 2019)



2. Who lifted the Sultan Azlan Shah Hockey tournament defeating India in a shootout (4-2) at Ipoh in Malaysia __ **South Korea**.
Note:
 - Hosts Malaysia defeated Canada 4-2 and secured the 3rd place.
 - The '**Sultan Azlan Shah Cup**' is an annual international men's field hockey tournament held in Malaysia.
 - The tournament is named after the ninth Yang di-Pertuan Agong (King) of Malaysia, Sultan Azlan Shah.
3. Who won the Miami open 2019 at Dolphins' NFL stadium in Miami ____ **Roger Federer**.
Note:
 - **Roger Federer** defeated American John Isner (defending champion) in the final 6-1, 6-4.
 - It was Federer's 4th Miami title and 28th Masters 1000 title.
 - The 2019 Miami Open is a professional men and women's tennis tournament being played on outdoor hard courts.
 - It was the 34th edition of the Miami Open and of the Premier Mandatory category on the 2019 WTA Tour.
4. Who has become the youngest player to take a hat-trick in the Indian Premier League (IPL) match__ **Sam Curran**.
Note:
 - In 2009, Rohit Sharma (Mumbai Indians) had taken a hat-trick at the age of 22 years and 6 days.
 - England all-rounder Curran removed Harshal Patel (0), Kagiso Rabada (0) and Sandeep Lamichhane (0) to take the 1st hat-trick of the 2019 Indian Premier League in Mohali.
5. British racing driver claimed a dramatic victory for Mercedes in the Bahrain Grand Prix__ **Lewis Hamilton**.
Note:
 - He took advantage of Ferrari boy Charles Leclerc's wretched misfortune.
 - The Bahrain Grand Prix is a Formula One Championship race in Bahrain sponsored by Gulf Air.
6. The **Kho-Kho Federation of India** (KKFI) has launched a franchise-based league for the sport named ____ **Ultimate Kho-Kho**.
Note:
 - It will conduct the 21-day league (IPL-style)), which will see eight franchise teams playing a total of 60 matches in a double round-robin format
 - KKFI has partnered with Dabur India for this event.
 - Kho kho is played by teams of 12 nominated players out of fifteen, of which nine enter the field who sit on their knees (chasing team), and 3 extra (defending team) who try to avoid being touched by members of the opposing team.
7. Who has become the first Indian male **squash player** to enter the **top 10** in the latest PSA world rankings__ **Saurav Ghosal**.
Note:
 - Before Saurav Ghosal, only two Indian women players (Joshna Chinappa and Dipika Pallikal) had made it to the top 10 in the world rankings.
 - Egypt's world champion Ali Farag maintains his position at the top of the ladder.
8. The International Cricket Council (ICC) has sought closer working relations with the__ **Interpol**.
Note:
 - The cooperation was discussed during ICC Anti-Corruption Unit General Manager, Alex Marshall's visit to the Interpol headquarters in Lyon, France.
 - Marshall said the idea is to ensure that players are better educated about the corruptors and Interpol's vast network would be helpful in this.
9. The Indian football team gained two places in the new FIFA rankings__ **101th**.
Note:
 - With 1219 total ranking points, the Indian team lies 18th among the Asian countries.
 - Iran continued to top the Asian rankings at 21, followed by Japan (26), South Korea (37), Australia (41) and Qatar (55).
 - Overall, Belgium remained on top with 1737 points, ahead of France (1734), Brazil (1676), England (1647) and Croatia (1621).

Important News – India



1. ISRO has successfully launched 29 satellites including the primary payload EMISAT from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in _____ **Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.**

Note:

- The main satellite EMISAT and the 28 customer satellites will be ed into two different orbits.
- The foreign satellites include 24 from the United States, two from Lithuania and one each from Switzerland and Spain.
- An ISRO release says EMISAT (weighing 436 kg) is intended for electromagnetic spectrum measurement, developed for monitoring radar network by India.

2. The **Union government** has announced that the deadline for the linking of **Aadhaar with PAN** has been extended to _____ **30th September 2019.**

Note:

- Those looking to file their income tax returns on or after 1st April 2019 will still have to quote their PAN while doing so.
- This is the sixth time the government has extended the Aadhaar-PAN linking deadline.

3. Kandhamal haldi (turmeric) produced by the tribal farmers received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag _____ **Kandhamal (Odisha)**

Note:

- Kandhamal turmeric, originally grown by tribal people in Kandhamal, is famous for its medicinal properties.
- Kandhamal haldi is organic by default being cultivated by more than 60,000 families.
- The colour of Kandhamal haldi is golden yellow being well distinguished from other varieties.
- Kandhamal Apex Spices Association for Marketing had moved for registration 'Kandhamal Haldi' which was accepted under sub-section (1) of Section 13 of the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999.

4. Who has launched its book 'Saffron Swords- Centuries of Indic Resistance to Invaders' _____ **The Garuda Prakashan Private Limited.**

Note:

- The book 'Saffron Swords- Centuries of Indic Resistance to Invaders' has been written by Manoshi Sinha Rawal.
- It is a book on 52 unsung warriors of India from the last 1300 years.
- Aabhas' "#Modi Again: Why Modi is right for India, An Ex-Communist's Manifesto" is the story of someone who was raised on communist ideology but grew to question the dogmas he was taught in the education system.

5. India signed an agreement with a development bank (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development Consultancy Service) for setting up the IAIARD in _____ **Malawi.**

Note:

- IAIARD will be a Pan-African Institute wherein trainees not only from Malawi but also from other African countries.
- The travel, logistics and training course expenses for students from other African countries will be borne by the Government of India for an initial period of three years.
- This institute will be the first of its kind developed in an African country by India.

6. WhatsApp launched a new service in India to tackle rumors ahead of the 2019 Lok Sabha elections _____ **tipline.**

Note:

- It allows users to submit for review messages they think are misleading or carry unsubstantiated information, in the latest of a series of steps to curb misinformation on the messaging platform.
- Users can send suspicious messages to the 'tipline phone number' (+91-9643-000-888) to validate the authenticity of claims in those messages, which may be in the form of text, images or videos.

7. The 3rd Goa Anti-Tobacco Film Festival will be held in Goa on _____ **31st May.**

Note:

- The festival will select ad films to spread the message of the harmful effects of tobacco use and decrease the occurrence of oral cancer and heart disease and to promote film art through non-profit screening of these films.
- This festival, whose ultimate objective is to make Goa smoke-free, will have two separate categories — one for Goa and another for national films.

8. Who has inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)** in Delhi to collaborate in the field of standardization and conformity assessment _____ **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).**



Note:

- The MoU was signed by IIT Delhi Director Professor V Ramgopal Rao and Director General of BIS Surina Rajan.
- BIS and IIT Delhi have also agreed to set up a Centre of Excellence in the field of standardization, testing and conformity assessment.

9. State-owned telecom service provider has received a license from the **Department of Telecommunications** to provide Internet and mobile services on flights___ **Bharatiya Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)**.

Note:

- India has got a new “**in-flight and maritime connectivity**” (IFMC) license.
- BSNL and its satellite partner, Inmarsat (British telecommunications satellite company) will be able to offer in-flight connectivity to airlines.
- According to the rules, passengers can make phone calls or use the Internet when a flight is at a minimum height of 3,000m in Indian airspace to avoid interference with terrestrial mobile networks.

States News

1. Who has ranked number one by reaching 20,000 field staff during 2018-19 in eLearning training ___ **Telangana**.

Note:

- This is the second year in succession that the State got the distinction under the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT).
- Dr MCR HRD Institute enrolled over 20, 000 field staff in different districts of the State to impart training on 12 soft skills modules and three domain-specific modules.

2. The longest suspension bridge (260-foot) over the Indus River at Choglamsar village opened to the public in ___ **Leh**.

Note:

- The bridge has been named 'Maitri Bridge', symbolising the excellent civil-military relations existing in the Leh-Ladakh region.
- It was constructed by the combat engineers (Sahas aur Yogyata Regiment) of the Fire and Fury Corps of the Indian Army in a record time of 40 days, ferrying almost 500 tons of equipment and construction material.

Important News – World

1. Tesla has developed its 'largest power storage system in Asia' at Osaka train station in ___ **Japan**.

Note:

- It will reduce energy demand and provide emergency backup power to trains in Japan.
- The 42 Powerpack battery system will also help reduce energy demand on the Osaka grid during peak hours.
- Tesla stated that 7 megawatt-hours (MWh) system is its largest energy storage project in Asia and the fourth largest in the greater Asia-Pacific (APAC) region.

2. President Ram Nath Kovind visited Pablo Neruda Museum at Santiago in ___ **Chile**.

Note:

- During his three day visit to Chile, The President meet Indian business community and interact with the Indian community.
- Mr. kovind will also interact with the young scientist at the University of Chile.

3. Who has been successfully launched the first of its new-generation data relay satellites into orbit to provide data relay___ **China**.

Note:

- The Tianlian II-01 satellite was launched by a Long March-3B carrier rocket from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre.
- The Tianlian II network will be markedly more advanced in mission planning, system management and operations than the first-generation network composed of Tianlian I satellites.
- The satellite is developed by the China Academy of Space Technology under the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation.

4. India has signed three memoranda of understanding (MoU)s for cooperation in the fields of mining, culture and Empowerment of persons with disabilities___ **Chile**.

Note:

- The agreements would further enhance engagement in economic, social and cultural fields between the two countries.
 - President Ram Nath Kovind who was on an official visit to Chile said this after a brief Tete-a-Tete with his Chilean counterpart.
 - Mr Kovind was on a three-day visit to Chile on the third leg of his three-nation tour including Croatia and Bolivia.
5. The US government has approved the sale of 24 multi-role MH-60 Romeo Seahawk helicopters to India at an estimated cost of **USD 2.4 billion**.
- Note:**
- It is considered the world's most advanced maritime helicopter.
 - The choppers will provide the Indian defence forces with the capability to perform anti-surface and anti-submarine warfare missions.
 - The Sikorsky MH-60 Seahawk is a twin turboshaft engine, multi-mission United States Navy helicopter based on the United States Army UH-60 Black Hawk and a member of the Sikorsky S-70 family.
6. Japan's government has unveiled an era name **Reiwa**.
- Note:**
- The name 'Reiwa' which consists two Chinese characters, the first meaning 'good' or 'beautiful' as well as 'order' or 'command' and the second meaning 'peace' or 'harmony'.
 - The country's current era, Heisei, will end in April.
 - The era name, or "gengo," is a 1,400-year-old Japanese tradition tied to emperors' reigns to showcase their power. The names change when a new emperor takes the throne.
7. World's first nationwide 5G mobile networks services has been launched two hours ahead of the US **South Korea**.
- Note:**
- Three top telecom providers SK Telecom, KT, and LG Uplus launched the 5G services.
 - 5G will provide smartphones with near-instantaneous connectivity, 20 times faster than 4G.
 - 5G networks will operate in a high-frequency band between 28 GHz and 60 GHz.
 - This range is known as the millimetre wave (mm-Wave) spectrum and the sub-6 GHz range that LTE calls home will also be used.
8. Nepal-India Franchise Investment Expo and Conclave will be held in **Kathmandu**.
- Note:**
- The event primarily focuses on building the relations between India and Nepal through entrepreneurship development.
 - The conclave is organized by Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FNCCI) in association with Embassy of India and Franchise India.
 - According to organizers 250 businesspersons and investors will attend the conclave and more than 1000 prospective franchisees and investors are expected to visit the expo.
9. The 7th Foreign Office consultations between India and Italy were held in **New Delhi**.
- Note:**
- These consultations provided an opportunity to review the follow-up actions taken after the visit of Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte in October last year as well as the entire range of bilateral relations, including political, defence, scientific, economic and commercial ties.
 - Both sides took note of the growing economic and commercial relations and discussed steps to further facilitate their growth, including through strengthening the existing institutional mechanisms.
10. The International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT) will organize a NuGen Mobility Summit, 2019, at **Manesar**.
- Note:**
- NuGen Mobility Summit is a biennial event being organised by the International Centre for Automotive Technology in collaboration with SAE-NIS.
 - The objective of the Summit is to share new ideas, global experiences, innovations and future technology trends for faster adoption, and development of advanced automotive technologies for a smarter and greener future.
 - More than 2500 participants and over 250 exhibitors are expected to take part in the Summit.
11. Sri Lankan Army will conduct "Exercise" starting from 1st July 2019 **Exercise - Western Shield**.
- Note:**
- 'Exercise-Western Shield' is the biggest ever infantry training module.



- Exercise Western Shield will extend from Mannar to Puttalam, including Kalpitiya, Wilpattu National Park, Mavilla and Thabbowa Forest Reserves and the Western coastal belt.

12. Who declared a state of national disaster over the massive blaze that engulfed five cities and counties along the northeastern coast___ **South Korea**.

Note:

- Thousands of residents were ordered to evacuate overnight.
- The fire likely started on Thursday night from a transformer spark near a resort in the town of Goseong and spread to the nearby mountains. including the Inje county and the cities of Sokcho, Donghae and Gangneung in Gangwon province.

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