

Weekly One-liner

1st to 7th May 2019



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Important News – India

1. The Union Government has asked state transport departments to ensure that all battery-operated vehicles (both existing and new) have number plates___ **Green**.

Note:

- In August 2018, the road transport ministry had introduced the new number plate for all battery-operated or electric vehicles (EVs).
- An electric car is an automobile that is propelled by one or more electric motors, using energy stored in rechargeable batteries.

2. Kolkata-based defence shipyard signed an Rs. 6,311-crore contract with the Defence Ministry to build eight anti-submarine warfare shallow watercraft for the Indian Navy___ **Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers**.

Note:

- The first vessel will be delivered within 42 months from the contract (by October 2022).
- The ASWSWCs are equipped with sophisticated sonar, with an algorithm that differentiates the signals reflected off the enemy submarine from those bouncing off the sea bed.
- These vessels will also have the ability to sprint fast for short bursts **order to maintain contact with a submarine**.
- After that, GRSE must deliver two more ASWSWCs annually, completing delivery by April 2026.

3. According to the latest report from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), Who was the world's fourth biggest military spender in the year 2018 ___ **India**.

Note:

- The global military spending is 2.1% of the world GDP.
- India accounts for 3.7% of the global defence spending.
- Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) is an international institute based in Sweden, dedicated to research into conflict, armaments, arms control and disarmament.

4. Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu released a postage stamp to commemorate the 750th birth anniversary of ___**Sri Vedanta Desikan**.

Note:

- Mr Naidu, the textbooks must throw light on the lives of great saints and spiritual icons such as Sri Vedanta Desikan.
- Sri Vedanta Desikan was a Sri Vaishnava guru/philosopher and one of the most brilliant stalwarts of Sri Vaishnavism in the post-Ramanuja period.
- He was a poet, devotee, philosopher and master-teacher (desikan).

5. Who has become the first operator to start optical fiber-based high-speed broadband service in Pulwama with the launch of 'Bharat Fibre' ___ **Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)**.

Note:

- Under this unique revenue share model, this is the first such FTTH (fiber-to-the-home) service deployment in the (Kashmir) Valley.
- BSNL provides FTTH service with a monthly charge in the range of Rs 777-16,999 in over 160 telecom districts with a minimum speed of 2 megabit per second

6. Indian Navy's fourth stealth Scorpene class Submarine Vela of Project 75 has been launched in ___**Mumbai, Maharashtra**.

Note:

- The submarines are being built at Mazagon Dock Limited, with the main collaborator being M/s Naval group, France.
- The submarine has been named 'Vela' after an earlier submarine, which was the lead submarine, of the erstwhile Vela class, the second batch of the Foxtrot class submarines acquired from erstwhile USSR.
- INS Vela was first commissioned on 31st August 1973 in the Indian Naval service and continued to serve for 37 years.

7. The Govt of India has signed a MoU with IIT for setting up a Centre of Excellence for Waste to Wealth Technologies, to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi___ **IIT Delhi**.

Note:

- The partnership will provide an effective platform for stakeholders to bring together integrated approaches for effective recycling, reuse and resource recovery of waste.

8. **Rajput class destroyer** was decommissioned at a solemn grand ceremony at Naval Dockyard at Visakhapatnam __**INS Ranjit**.

Note:

- The Decommissioning Ceremony was graced by 16 officers and 10 sailors from the commissioning crew and 23 erstwhile Commanding Officers.
- The ship commissioned on 15 September 1983 by Captain Vishnu Bhagwat in erstwhile USSR has rendered yeoman service to the nation for 36 years.

9. The last captive white tiger at the Sanjay Gandhi National Park in Mumbai died at the age of 18 years __**Bajirao**.

Note:

- He was suffering from chronic ankylosis on the left shoulder and chronic senile generalised arthritis for the last four years.
- The tiger's autopsy carried out by the pathology department of BVC indicated multiple organ failures along with old age as the probable cause of death.

10. Who signed agreement with Vodafone Idea Limited to deliver an enhanced customer experience to millions of connected consumers and businesses in India __ **IBM**.

Note:

- This partnership will offer Vodafone Idea with a hybrid cloud-based digital platform to enable engagement with its 387 million subscribers.
- The new infrastructure platform would help remove constraints to the exponential growth of data usage driven by increasing consumption of video, streaming and digital commerce.

Important News – World

1. Who has extended ban on selling arms to Myanmar __ **European Union (EU)**.

Note:

- The Rohingya, described by the UN as the world's most persecuted people, have faced heightened fears of attack since dozens were killed in communal violence in 2012.
- In August 2017, almost 750,000 Rohingya refugees fled a military crackdown in northern Myanmar to cross into Bangladesh, where 300,000 members of the persecuted Muslim minority were already in camps.

2. Who has emerged as the third largest foreign direct investor in India during 2017-18, with investments pegged at about USD 2.67 billion across sectors__ The Netherlands.

Note:

- The Netherlands was also the second largest destination for foreign investment by Indian companies, after Singapore, with investments worth USD 12.8 billion in 2017.
- The objective of the dialogue was to strengthen the business partnership between India and the Netherlands in times of rapid technological changes.

3. The first part of the Indo-French joint naval exercise has begun at Goa coast __ **Varuna 19.1**.

Note:

- The exercise is being conducted in two phases.
- The harbour phase at Goa would include cross-visits, professional interactions and discussions and sports events.
- Varuna 19.2 (the second part of the exercise) is scheduled to be held in May end in Djibouti.

4. Who has become the **first national government** to declare an environmental and climate emergency__ **UK**.

Note:

- The decision marks a renewed sense of urgency in tackling climate change.
- Eleven days of protests by the Extinction Rebellion activist group caused major disruptions in central London in recent weeks.
- There is no single definition of emergency but many local areas say they want to be carbon-neutral by 2030.

5. A Japanese aerospace startup funded by a former internet maverick successfully launched a small unmanned rocket into space ____ **'MOMO-3'**

Note:

- According to Japanese aerospace startup Interstellar Technology, its 10-meter (32-foot) craft reached an altitude of about 100 kilometres (60 miles) before splashing down into the Pacific Ocean.
 - The successful flight lasted about 10 minutes and came after two failed launches by the same company in 2017 and 2018.
 - It is the first commercially developed Japanese rocket to reach orbit.
6. According to ISRO (Indian Space Research Organization), India's second lunar mission Chandrayaan-2 will be launched on between ____ **9 and 16 July 2019**.
- Note:**
- Chandrayaan-2's lander will touch down near the Moon's south pole on 6th September.
 - The National space agency said Chandrayaan-2 will have three modules in it, an orbiter, a lander named Vikram and a rover known as Pragyan.
 - Chandrayaan-2 will be launched using India's most powerful rocket GSLV-Mark-3.
7. Common Service Centre's (CSC) e-Governance Services India Limited has tied up with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Kanpur to upscale ____ **Unnat Bharat Abhiyan**.
- Note:**
- Under the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, IIT-Kanpur has brought together 15 leading higher education institutions from Uttar Pradesh.
 - These institutes will adopt gram panchayats and equip them with all citizen-centric services through CSCs.
 - 'Unnat Bharat Abhiyan' is an initiative of the Ministry of HRD to find solutions to accelerate sustainable growth in rural India.

Honor & Awards

1. Who has been honoured with the 27th Lifetime PC Chandra Puraskar 2019 at the Biswa Bangla Convention Centre__ **Dr Devi Prasad Shetty**.
- Note:**
- Dr Shetty is India's most reputed cardiac surgeons and humanitarian.
 - Swami Suviranandaji Maharaj, the General Secretary of Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Math graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and gave away the award.
 - The award is a tribute to the founding father of the P. C. Chandra Group, the late Shri Purna Chandra Chandra.
2. Former ISRO Chairman awarded France's highest civilian honour __ **A S Kiran Kumar**
- Note:**
- He was awarded for his contribution to India-France space cooperation.
 - Kumar was the chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) from 2015 to 2018.
 - Currently, He holds the Chair of the ISRO Committee on Earth Observation Satellites.
3. Former **Sri Lanka batsman** has been appointed as the first non-**British president** of **Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)**__ **Kumar Sangakkara**.
- Note:**
- He will take up his one-year post 1st on October 2019.
 - MCC was founded in 1787 and has been based at Lord's, which it owns, since 1814.
 - It is the guardian of the Laws of the game.
4. Thailand's King has been crowned with a golden-tiered headpiece, the highlight of an elaborate three-day coronation ceremony two years after he ascended the throne__ **Maha Vajiralongkorn**.
- Note:**
- Vajiralongkorn was handed the 7.3kg Crown of Victory, which he placed on his head before issuing his first royal command.
 - Vajiralongkorn became king in October 2016 when his father, King Bhumibol Adulyadej, died after ruling for 70 years.
 - The monarchy of Thailand refers to the constitutional monarchy and monarch of the Kingdom of Thailand (formerly Siam).
5. Nepali danced dances continuously for 126 hours to set a Guinness World Records on "Longest Dancing Marathon by an Individual" at a function in Kathmandu__ **Bandana Nepal**.
- Note:**

- Bandana Nepal broke the record set by India's Kalamandalam Hemlatha who danced continuously for 123 hours and 15 minutes (in 2011).
 - Nepal's Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli honoured the girl Bandana Nepal for achieving the feat.
6. US President Donald Trump presents the Presidential 'Medal of Freedom' to Golfer ____ **Tiger Woods**.
- Note:**
- Woods is only the fourth and the youngest golfer ever to have received the highest American civilian award.
 - Mr Woods won the Masters tournament last month, his first major title since the 2008 US Open, capping a remarkable comeback from personal turmoil and physical injuries.
7. Who honored **Lt. Gen. (retd) Jack Farj Rafael (JFR) Jacob**, with a plaque on the Wall of Honour at the Ammunition Hill__ **Israel**.
- Note:**
- Lt. Gen. (retd) JFR Jacob negotiated the historic surrender of Pakistani troops in Dhaka after the 1971 Bangladesh's liberation war.
 - The Wall of Honour at the Ammunition Hill pays tributes to the heroism and courage of Jewish soldiers who fought in the defence of their countries they lived in "implementing values of bravery, loyalty, commitment and dedication to a mission, leadership, creativity, camaraderie and sanctity of life".

Sports News

1. Indian golfer has won the 'Outstanding Achievement as a player' award at the fourth edition of the annual India Golf Industry Association (GIA) awards at the Delhi Golf Club__ **Gaganjeet Bhullar**.
- Note:**
- Bhullar won the 2018 Fiji International, a European Tour event, and became the youngest golfer on the Asian Tour to achieve nine career victories on tour.
 - The GIA awards were held along with the 8th India Golf & Turf Expo (IGTE), South Asia's largest golf trade show.
2. Manchester City star has been named the 2019 footballer of the year award ____ **Raheem Sterling**.
- Note:**
- The winner is selected by a vote amongst the members of the Football Writers' Association (FWA), which comprises around 400 football journalists based throughout England.
 - 'Parris' (Manchester City and England forward) took the women's award by just a single vote, beating Vivianne Miedema (Arsenal and Netherlands striker) 11 votes to 10.
3. Austrian tennis player Dominic Thiem has won the Barcelona Open 2019__ **Dominic Thiem**.
- Note:**
- He became the fourth player (after Rafael Nadal, Kei Nishikori and Fernando Verdasco) in the past 15 years to lift the title in Barcelona.
 - The Barcelona Open 2019 took place at the Real Club de Tennis Barcelona in Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain.
4. First overseas player from India to join Hampshire ____ Ajinkya Rahane.
- Note:**
- Rahane will replace South Africa batsman Aiden Markram.
 - He will play in the County Championship throughout the months of May, June, and July (subject to visa clearance).
 - Hampshire County Cricket Club (founded in 1863) is one of eighteen first-class county clubs within the domestic cricket structure of England and Wales.
5. Romania's player has been appointed as the new technical director for the Indian football team__ **Isac Doru**.
- Note:**
- Isac will take over the role from interim technical director Savio Madeira.
 - Doru was selected from a list of over 60 candidates who had applied for the post.
 - Mr. Doru comes with a rich experience of almost 29 years in international football across several countries including France, Japan, USA, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Qatar amongst others.
6. Rajasthan Royals leg-spinner had claimed the hat-trick in the Indian Premier League (IPL)- 2019 ____ **Shreyas Gopal**.
- Note:**
- He dismissed Bangalore's **Virat Kohli** (25), **AB de Villiers** (10) and **Marcus Stoinis** (0) to achieve the feat.
 - Gopal's hat-trick is the 19th instance of a bowler registering a hat-trick in the IPL history.
 - A hat-trick occurs in cricket when a bowler dismisses three batsmen with consecutive deliveries.

- Indian leg-spinner Amit Mishra holds the record for most hat-tricks in the IPL league, achieving the landmark on three occasions.
7. Pink city Jaipur will host the 8th Asian Youth Women Handball Championship from **21 to 30 August 2019**.
Note:
- The previous edition in 2017 was held at Jakarta in Indonesia.
 - The Asian Women's Youth Handball Championship is the official competition for youth women's national handball teams of Asia, organised under the aegis of Asian Handball Federation.
 - It takes place every two years.
8. Barcelona legend has announced his retirement from professional football at the end of the current season__ **Xavi Hernandez** (39 years)
Note:
- Xavi helped Spain win the 2010 World Cup and the European Championships in 2008 and 2012.
 - He holds a Barcelona record with 767 appearances and helped the club win 25 titles, including four Champions Leagues and eight Spanish leagues.
9. **Bajrang Punia** has become the **first Indian** to win the gold medal in the **65 kg freestyle** at the Ali Aliev wrestling tournament__ **Kapiisk**.
Note:
- He defeated Viktor Rassadin of Russia.
 - Earlier, Bajrang Punia had won a gold medal last week at the Asian Championships in Xi'an, China.
 - Bajrang (part of the JSW Sports Excellence Program) will fight at the historic Madison Square Garden arena.
 - He will take on former cadet world champion and two-time NCAA champion Yianni Diakomihalis.
10. Who has decided to bid for the 2024 edition (take part-32 teams) of the biennial World Team Championships__ **Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI)**.
Note:
- The last big ITTF event that was staged in India was in 2012 when Hyderabad hosted the World Junior Championships.
 - According to Federation secretary M P Singh, TTFI has recommended three names to the sports ministry for the Arjuna award and they are Harmeet Desai, Sanil Shetty and Madhurika Patkar.
11. Ace Indian squash players won their respective Asian Individual Squash Championship titles in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia __ **Saurav Ghoshal and Joshna Chinappa**.
Note:
- Saurav Ghoshal defeated Leo Au Chun Ming (Hong Kong) 11-9, 11-2, 11-8 to win the men's title.
 - Joshna Chinappa retained her title as she beat top seed Annie Au (Hong Kong) 11-5, 6-11, 11-8, 11-6 in the women's final event.
 - Ghoshal who had become the first Indian male player to reach top ten of the world rankings is the finalist of the previous edition.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. Who has signed an agreement with Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) to facilitate the exchange of data to nab tax evaders and reduce black money generation__ **Income tax department**.
Note:
- The move will allow the I-T department to verify the information filed by businesses in income tax returns, compared to the annual GST returns.
 - Both sides will decide on the modalities for “automatic”, “spontaneous” and “request based” exchange of data.
 - The I-T department will share key financial information, including the status of I-T return filings, turnover of the business, gross total income, and turnover ratio among others with GSTN.
2. **India Ratings & Research** (A Fitch Group Company) has lowered the **country's growth forecast** for the current fiscal to **7.3%**.
Note:

- The agency has listed three key reasons for lowering its projection.
 - Prediction of lower-than-normal monsoon for 2019 and the continued agrarian distress.
 - The slow progress in cases referred to the National Company Law Tribunal under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016, for resolution of the non-performing assets of the banking sector becoming a long-drawn-out process.
3. Markets regulator directed National Stock Exchange (NSE) to pay more than Rs 625 crore in the case of misuse of its co-location facility__ **SEBI**.
- Note:**
- SEBI has been probing alleged lapses in high-frequency trading offered through NSE's co-location facility.
 - According to the order, the exchange has also been prohibited from accessing the securities market directly or indirectly for six months.
4. Who has moved to a new interest rate regime on large savings account deposits as well as short-term loans__ **State Bank of India (SBI)**.
- Note:**
- In March, SBI had announced that it will link its interest rate on savings account with a balance above Rs. 1 lakh and short-term loans like overdraft and cash credit facility to Reserve Bank of India's repo rate, effective 1 May 2019.
 - The interest rates on large SBI savings account deposits and interest rate on some short-term loans will automatically change as and when RBI changes its repo rate.
 - This will help in better transmission of RBI's policy rates into the banking system.
5. Who has launched 'Udyam', a skilling centre in **Bengaluru** to empower youths of the country__ **LIC Housing Finance (LIC HFL)**.
- Note:**
- It has been launched in association with Lok Bharti Education Society, the implementing partner.
 - The Centres of Excellence will provide training to marginalised youth in the BFSI, retail, and IT/ ITES sectors.
 - Under UDYAM, Centres of Excellence (COE) has been started in Delhi and Bangalore and later on be expanded to other cities.
6. The Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection scaled an all-time high of over last month_____ **1.13 lakh crore rupees**.
7. The **Reserve Bank of India** (RBI) has imposed penalties on **prepaid payment instrument** (PPI) issuers for violation of regulatory norms__ **five**.
- Note:**
- RBI has imposed the penalty of Rs 29,66,959 and Rs 10,11,653 on Western Union Financial Services Inc, USA, and MoneyGram Payment Systems Inc, USA, respectively, for non-compliance of regulatory guidelines.
 - In another statement, the RBI said, a penalty of Rs 3.05 crore was imposed on Vodafone m-pesa and Rs 1 crore each on Mobile Payments, PhonePe, Private and GI Technology.
 - Also, a penalty of Rs 5 lakh has been imposed on Y-Cash Software Solutions
8. Chief Economic Advisor has been included in the Advisory Council of the 15th Finance Commission as its member__ **Krishnamurthy Subramanian**.
- Note:**
- Subramanian will be the twelfth member of the Council.
 - The Advisory Council was set up in April 2018 to advise the commission on any issue or subject related to the terms of reference (ToR) of the commission.
 - It also helps on matters pertaining to fiscal devolution and improving the quality and reach and enforcement of its recommendations.
9. Who has launched a recurring payment (auto pay) service for merchants that are working on a digital subscription model__ **Paytm**.
- Note:**
- The move will allow the **subscription-based businesses** to collect payments from their subscribers effortlessly.

- The **auto pay service** is targeted at people who use **Paytm for bill payments**, content subscription, grocery purchases, membership fees, housing society payments etc.

Obituaries

1. The former **Ethiopian president** passed away in Germany ___ **Dr Negasso Gidada**.

Note:

- He was the president of Ethiopia between 1995 and 2001.
- He was chairman of Oromo People's Democratic Organization (OPDO), now renamed Oromo Democratic Party.

2. Noted Kannada theatre personality TV actor passed away in Bengaluru___ **Master Hirannaiah**.

Note:

- Narasimha Murthy hailing from Mysuru, making his debut on the stage as a child.
- He shot to fame after playing the lead role in the play Lanchavatara.
- Master Hirannaiah has won the Kannada State Award in 1984, Rajyotsava Prashasthi, Gubbi Veeranna Award in 1988, Drama Academy Award, Sandesha Arts Award in 2009 and Maha Advaiti Award in 2017 among others.

3. English American actor passed away at his North Texas home___ **Peter Mayhew**.

Note:

- Peter Mayhew best known for portraying Chewbacca in the Star Wars film series.
- He played the character in all his live-action appearances from the 1977 original to 2015's The Force Awakens before his retirement from the role.
- Mayhew was also an active philanthropist

Important Days

1. The 'International Labour Day' is being celebrated every year on ___ **1st May**.

Note:

- The day marks the victory of the workers' movement for eight hours of work. It also aims to pay tribute to workers sacrifices in achieving economic and social rights all over the world.
- The theme of International Labour Day 2019 is "Sustainable Pension for all: The Role of Social Partners".
- Labour Day is known as Kamgar Din (Hindi), Karmikara Dinacharane (Kannada), Kamgar Divas (Marathi), Uzhaipalar dhinam (Tamil), and Thozhilaali Dinam (Malayalam).

2. Two states are celebrating 60th foundation day on 1st May 2019___ **Gujarat & Maharashtra**.

Note:

- In 1960, two western states Gujarat and Maharashtra were formed from erstwhile Bombay state on this day.
- Every year the Government of Maharashtra issues a notification declaring the 1st of May to be a public holiday to be celebrated as Maharashtra Day.

3. The 'World Press Freedom Day' is being observed every year across the world on___ **3rd May**.

Note:

- The theme of World Press Freedom Day 2019 is 'Media for Democracy: Journalism and Elections in Times of Disinformation'
- It discusses current challenges faced by media in elections, along with the media's potential in supporting peace and reconciliation processes
- World Press Freedom Day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in December 1993, following the recommendation of UNESCO's General Conference.

4. The World Laughter Day is being observed worldwide every year on the first ___ **Sunday of May**.

Note:

- It is a day to raise awareness about laughter and its many healing benefits.
- The first time this day was celebrated on May 10, 1998, by Dr. Madan Kataria (founder of the worldwide Laughter Yoga movement) in Mumbai.

5. The World Asthma Day is being celebrated every year on the ___ **first Tuesday of May**.

Note:

- Asthma is a chronic disease of the lungs which causes breathing problems.
- Asthma usually appears through symptoms like coughing, tightness in the chest, breathlessness.
- The theme for this year World Asthma Day is 'Stop for Asthma'.
- In 1998, The first World Asthma Day was celebrated in more than 35 countries in conjunction with the first World Asthma Meeting held in Barcelona, Spain.

New Appointments

1. Japan's new emperor has formally ascended the Chrysanthemum Throne (replacing his father) Akihito___ **Naruhito**.

Note:

- In a morning ceremony at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo, today, Naruhito became the 126th Emperor of Japan.
- A new imperial era called Reiwa, which means order and harmony, has now begun.
- The emperor in Japan holds no political power but serves as a national symbol.

2. Who sworn-in as Israel's new Prime Minister___ **Benjamin Netanyahu**.

Note:

- Netanyahu's 'Likud party' won 35 seats in the election, the same as his main opponent from the centrist Blue and White alliance, led by former military chief Benny Gantz.
- Benjamin "Bibi" Netanyahu was born in Tel Aviv in 1949.

3. Senior IAS officer has been appointed as the **Officer on Special Duty** (OSD) in the office of Lokpal __ **Dilip Kumar**.

Note:

- It is perhaps the first official appointment of a bureaucrat in Lokpal.
- Currently, Mr Kumar is the joint secretary, National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).
- President Ram Nath Kovind had administered the oath of office to Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose as the Chairperson of Lokpal (on 23rd March).

4. Who will head the Union Environment Ministries committee to implement the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) __ **Secretary, Union Environment Ministry**.

5. US Air Force General has been sworn in as **the top military officer** of the 29-nation NATO military alliance__ **Tod D. Wolters**.

Note:

- The former pilot Mr Wolters has served in Afghanistan and Iraq.
- He became Supreme Allied Commander Europe at a ceremony at NATO's military headquarters in Mons in southern Belgium.
- He will also be the commander of U.S. forces in Europe.

6. Justice **Shripathi Ravindra Bhat** was sworn in as **36th** Chief Justice of ____**Rajasthan High Court**.

Note:

- Justice Bhat was administered the oath office by Governor Kalyan Singh at a special function in Raj Bhawan in Jaipur.
- He was appointed as an additional judge of the Delhi high court in 2004 and became a permanent judge on February 20, 2006.

7. Paytm President has quit the company___ **Bhushan Patil**.

Note:

- Patil's exit marks one of the most senior leaders (joined Paytm in March 2016) leaving the company in recent times.
- Paytm was founded in August 2010 with an initial investment of USD 2 million by its founder Vijay Shekhar Sharma in Noida.

8. Pakistani economist has been appointed as the governor of the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) __ **Dr Reza Baqir**.

Note:

- He will replace Tariq Bajwa, who was removed from his post.

- Currently, Dr Reza Baqir (Harvard and Berkeley University of California alumnus) is serving in the IMF as senior resident representative to Egypt.
- The government also appointed Ahmed Mujtaba Memon as the chairman of the FBR - the tax collection body.

9. Who has been appointed as the first independent woman director of **Bombay Stock Exchange** (BSE) __ **M Jayshree Vyas**.

Note:

- She is a qualified chartered accountant
- Jayshree Vyas was working as Managing Director (MD) of Shree Mahila Sewa Sahakari Bank, Ahmedabad, since 1986.
- She played a pivotal role in the launching of the first financial literacy programme in Sewa Bank in 2001.
- The Companies Act of 2013 mandates a certain class of companies to have at least one woman director on board. SEBIs, in compliance with the Companies Act 2013, made it compulsory to have at least one woman on board from October 2014.

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