

Weekly One Liner

8th - 14th June 2019



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Important News – India

1. Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** attended the two-day meeting of G-20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank governors in Japan.
Note:
 - Besides Ms Sitharaman, RBI Governor **Shaktikanta Das** also attend the meeting at Fukuoka in Japan.
 - The deliberations at the meeting would be followed by the G-20 Leaders' Summit scheduled on June 28-29 at Osaka.
 - **G-20 include** India, the US, the UK, China, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Brazil, France and Australia among others.
 - The G20 meetings provide a forum for key countries in the international financial system to discuss major international economic issues and to coordinate to achieve stable and sustainable growth of the global economy.
2. The **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** has found a suitable window to launch **India's second spacecraft** to the moon Chandrayaan-2.
Note:
 - **ISRO sources** have confirmed that GSLV Mark-III will launch Chandrayaan-2 from Sriharikota during the favored window time.
 - All **three modules** of the moon mission, Orbiter, Lander-Vikram and Rover-Pragyan are ready.
 - The modules underwent tests in the **ISRO satellite Integration** and test establishment campus in Bengaluru and are ready to be shifted to Sri harikota spaceport of ISRO.
 - India is standing on a cusp of creating history by becoming the only country in the world to launch a rover in the lunar South Pole.
3. Who has **increased the third party (TP)** motor insurance premium for small and medium private cars in the range of 12-12.5% for 2019-20 Insurance Regulatory & Development Authority of India (IRDAI).
Note:
 - The TP motor insurance premium for two-wheelers and heavy vehicles has also been hiked.
 - The new rates will come into effect from June 16, 2019.
4. Who has come out with a new book titled "**Cricket World Cup: The Indian Challenge**" Ashis Ray.
Note:
 - The book is based on the history of the tournament from an Indian perspective.
 - The book covers all tournaments from 1975 to 2015, as well as every semi-final and final regardless of whether India featured in them or not.
 - The book was formally unveiled by the Chief Executive of the England and Wales Cricket Board, Tom Harrison.
5. Who lead the Indian delegation for the two-day G20 Ministerial meeting on Trade and Digital Economy at Tsukuba city in Japan Piyush Goyal.
Note:
 - Mr Goyal will discuss developments in the global trade situation, WTO matters and digital trade.
 - He will also hold dialogue with other participating Trade Ministers on current international trade and investments.
 - The G-20 Trade Ministers deliberations will form part of the G-20 Summit Leaders agenda in the formal discussions and will also be a part of the Summit Declaration.
6. The main event of **International Day of Yoga 2019** (21st June) celebrations will be held in Ranchi (Jharkhand).
Note:
 - Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lead the **main function**.
 - Jharkhand government has planned to celebrate the day in a grand manner by organising a week-long programme starting June 15.
 - About 35 thousand people will take part in Yoga Day event along with the Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Ranchi, in the open air.
 - This year International Yoga Day of 21st June of Ranchi would be eco-friendly and hence Khadi Yoga Mat would be used, in place of the usual rubber mat.
7. The **Union government** has notified its decision to extend the benefit of **six thousand rupees per year** to eligible farmers under the PM-KISAN scheme.

Note:

- Now, the revised scheme is expected to cover two crores more farmers with an estimated expenditure of over 87 thousand crore rupees in the current financial year.
- The decision will benefit all 14.5 crore farmers, irrespective of the size of their landholding, in the country.
- PM-KISAN scheme was announced in the interim budget, under which the government decided to provide 6,000 rupees per year to about 12.5 crore small and marginal farmers.

8. External Affairs Minister **S Jaishankar** has flagged off the first batch of **Kailash Mansarovar Yatra -2019** in **___New Delhi.**

Note:

- The duration of the Yatra is 24 days for each batch including three days in Delhi for preparatory work.
- The Yatra is organized by the External Affairs Ministry every year between June and September.
- There are two routes for Yatra-through Lipulekh pass (Uttarakhand) and through Nathu La pass (Sikkim).
- The route through Lipulekh Pass will be conducted in 18 batches of 60 pilgrims each.
- The route through Nathu La Pass, Sikkim is motorable and suitable for senior citizens unable to undertake arduous trekking.

9. International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT) has released India's first Type Approval Certificate (TAC) for **___Bharat Stage – VI norms**

Note:

- The certificate was released and handed over by Dinesh Tyagi (Director ICAT) to top officials of the OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturers).
- From 1st April 2020, Bharat Stage (BS)- VI norms are the automotive emission norms to be implemented to curb the growing menace of air pollution through the vehicle's emission.
- International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT) is the premier testing and certification agency authorized by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways for providing testing and certification services to the vehicle and component manufacturers in India and abroad.

10. Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has accepted an invitation from **French President Emmanuel Macron** to attend the outreach session of the G7 Summit as a special invitee in **___Biarritz.**

Note:

- According to External affairs ministry Raveesh Kumar, the invitation is a reflection of the personal chemistry between the two leaders.
- The G7 summit (45th) will be held on 25–27 August 2019, in Biarritz, Nouvelle-Aquitaine, France.

11. The **Union Government** has decided to raise the import limit on **‘Tur Dal’** to four lakh tonnes for private traders till **___October 2019.**

Note:

- The inter-ministerial committee chaired by Food Minister Ram Vilas Paswan asked co-operative Nafed to offload two lakh tonnes of the lentil in the open market.
- The measure will help increase the availability of Tur Dal and check price rise, which has been created psychologically assuming production might fall on likely delay in monsoon rains.
- The Union government has a buffer stock of 39 lakh tonne of pulses, of which Tur Dal is about 7.5 lakh tonne. ‘

12. Who has conducted a basic training programme at the **Deendayal Port Trust** in Kandla, Gujarat **___ National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).**

Note:

- The objective of the training programme is to increase the awareness and enhancing the preparedness of Seaport Emergency Handlers (SEHs) to respond to CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear) threats.
- 600 delegates from 42 countries are participating.

13. Who has instituted the first edition of **Antarashtriya Yoga Diwas Media Samman** (AYDMS), from 2019 to mark the contribution of media in spreading the message of Yoga **___ Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B).**

Note:

- A total of 33 awards will be conferred grouped into 3 categories namely Newspaper (11), Television (11) and Radio (11).
- The duration for the coverage for AYDMS would be from 10 to 25th June 2019 and awards will be distributed in July 2019.

14. **Union Minister for Tribal Affairs** has launched the “e-governance initiatives for ST Welfare schemes” **___ Arjun Munda.**

Note:

- A power point presentation on these new e-governance initiatives was made on the occasion.
- Shri Munda applauded the teamwork efforts of the Ministry of Tribal affairs for these-governance initiatives for Scheduled Tribes Welfare schemes.
- As per the “SabkaSaath, SabkaVikas and SabkaVishwas”, these e-governance initiatives will serve their purpose of the betterment of tribal communities across the nation.

15. India has successfully conducted the maiden flight test of its indigenously developed fired **Hypersonic Technology Demonstrator Vehicle (HSTDV) off _____ Odisha Coast.**

Note:

- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) carried out the trials from Dr Abdul Kalam Island in the Bay of Bengal.
- While it can be used to launch small satellites at a much lower cost, it will be used for launching long-range cruise missiles.
- It will help in the development of a hypersonic cruise missile system.

Important News – State

1. Culture Minister **Prahalad Singh Patel has inaugurated the **exhibition titled ‘Unknown Masterpieces of Himachal Folk Art’** in _____ **New Delhi**.**

Note:

- The Exhibition is being jointly organised by the National Museum and Home of Folk Art, Gurugram in which more than 240 artefacts displayed.
- The aim of the exhibition is to highlight the Folk-art tradition of Himachal Pradesh.
- It will remain open for public till 31st of next month.

2. The annual ‘Mela Kheer Bhawani’ was celebrated with **religious fervour and gaiety at Tulmulla area of _____ **Kashmir**.**

Note:

- ‘Mela Kheer Bhawani’ is the most important festival of Kashmiri Pandits, associated with Hindu Goddess ‘Ragnya Devi’.
- The annual festival is held on Jesht Ashtami (May-June) when Kashmiri pandits visit the place in large number to offer prayers to seek the blessings of the deity.
- Mela Kheer Bhawani is one of the biggest religious functions of the displaced community of Kashmiri Pandits, who migrated from Valley in 1990.

3. Cyclone over **East-Central Arabian sea has intensified into a Very Severe Cyclonic Storm_ **VAYU**.**

Note:

- According to the MeT department, the **Cyclone** is very likely to cross the Gujarat coast between Veraval and Diu.
- The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) has mobilized 35 teams in Gujarat and four in Diu in coordination with local administration.
- Arrangements have been made to warn people of the cyclone through announcements in media and bulk SMS.

4. The **state Govt. has hiked old-age pension in the age group **60 to 79 years** by rupees 100 monthly_ **Uttar Pradesh**.**

Note:

- Now, the old-age pensioners would receive 500 rupees per month (existing 400 rupees).
- This was approved in a Cabinet meeting headed by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath at Lucknow.
- The 100-rupees hike would be enforced from January 2019 and the government will have to bear an additional burden of 106.84 crore rupees from January 2019 to March 2019.
- The newly hiked pension will benefit around 44.21 lakh people in the state.

5. Who helped to clear **outstanding loans of over two thousand farmers from Bihar_ **Amitabh Bachchan**.**

Note:

- **Bachchan** called on some of the farmers to his **residence** and donated the amount at the hands of his children Shweta and Abhishek.
- The farmers from Bihar who had outstanding loans picked 2,100 of them and paid off their amount with an OTS with the bank.
- Earlier, Mr. Bachchan had supported 1,398 farmers from Uttar Pradesh and 350 from Maharashtra by paying off their loans.

6. **Union Cabinet has approved the **Aadhaar and Other Laws** (Amendment) Bill 2019.**

Note:

- This will enable UIDAI to have a more robust mechanism to serve the public interest and restrain the misuse of Aadhar.
 - After the amendment, no individual will be compelled to provide proof of possession of Aadhaar number or undergo authentication for the purpose of establishing his identity unless it is so provided by a law made by Parliament.
 - For the convenience of the general public in the opening of bank accounts, the proposed amendments will allow the use of Aadhaar number for authentication on a voluntary basis as an acceptable KYC document.
7. The Union Cabinet chaired by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has approved the extension of President's rule for another six months in ____ **Jammu and Kashmir**.

Note:

- President's rule is the suspension of state government and imposition of direct central government rule in a state.
- Jammu Kashmir has been under President's rule since 20th December 2018.
- According to Election commission, Assembly elections in J&K will be held after Amarnath Yatra ends in August 2019.
- Under Article 356 of the Constitution of India, if a state government is unable to function according to constitutional provisions, the Central government can take direct control of the state machinery.

Important News – World

1. **Denmark's** Prime Minister conceded defeat after his party came second with **75 seats** in the Parliament as against the 91 seats of the Social Democrats__ **Lars Lokke Rasmussen**.

Note:

- In Denmark, **left-wing opposition bloc** has won the General Election of the country, leaving behind the ruling Liberal Party.
- With all votes counted, results showed the left-wing bloc, led by the **Social Democrats**, won a majority in the parliament, while the right-wing led by **Rasmussen took 75 seats** following a collapse for the anti-immigrant Danish People's Party.

2. Who has become the youngest **Member of Parliament (MP)** to the **17th Lok Sabha** __ **Chandrani Murmu**.

Note:

- Odisha's **Chandrani Murmu** (25 years and 11 months) was elected as Biju Janata Dal (BJD) candidate from the tribal-dominated Keonjhar seat.
- Indian National Lok Dal's **Dushyant Chautala** (26-years) from the Haryana Lok Sabha was the youngest MP in the 16th Lok Sabha (2014).
- She was just like any other girl who was searching for a job after completing her BTech from Bhubaneswar-based SOA University in 2017 and preparing for competitive exams.

3. Who has adopted the '**National Strategy for Wellbeing 2031**' during its meeting at the **Presidential Palace** in Abu Dhabi__ **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**.

Note:

- One of the most important initiatives is the development of the first 'National Wellbeing Observatory' to support the policymaking process.
- The strategy is based on a national framework of three main levels - individuals, society and the country.
- It includes 14 components and nine strategic objectives, which include enhancing people's wellbeing by promoting healthy and active lifestyles, promoting good mental health and adopting positive thinking.

4. The 16th **Asia Media Summit** held in Siem Reap __ **Cambodia**.

Note:

- Prime Minister of Cambodia, **Samdech Hun Sen** has inaugurated the 16th Asia Media Summit in Siem Reap, Cambodia.
- The theme of the 3-day summit is Media Digitisation with a focus on developing markets.
- 600 delegates from 42 countries are participating in the summit which is hosted by the Ministry of Information, Cambodia in partnership with Asia Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD).

5. Prime Minister Narendra Modi attend the meeting of Council of Heads of States of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) at ____ **Bishkek**.

Note:

- Presidents, Prime Ministers (8 member countries) and 4 head of states as observers are participating in this multilateral international forum.
 - The China-led SCO meets once a year and adopts decisions and guidelines on all important matters of the organization.
6. The **United Arab Emirates** has reaffirmed their joint commitment to **fight against terrorism** and violent extremism in all its forms with **Germany**.
- Note:**
- A Joint statement issued in Berlin at the end of the two-day visit of Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan to Germany.
 - The two sides agreed on rallying efforts on counter-terrorism issues, exchanging of expertise and information on combating terrorism and strengthening individual training and capacity-building in that regard.

Honor & Awards

1. Who was conferred with the Maldives' highest honour "Rule of Nishan Izzuddeen" **Narendra Modi**.
Note:
 - The prestigious award was presented to PM Modi by President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih during a ceremony in Male.
 - The Most Honourable Order of the Distinguished Rule of Nishan Izzuddeen" is the Maldives' highest honour accorded to foreign dignitaries.
2. India's **Automobile major has won the Gold Award** in South Africa **Mahindra**.
Note:
 - Mahindra has received the award from the country's **National Automobile Dealers' Association (NADA)** which tests dealers' satisfaction with the way a brand supports and communicates with them.
 - The automobile giant, which has more than 60 dealers in South Africa (for the past 16 years), secured the top position out of the 29 vehicle brands surveyed for the awards.
3. **Cabinet Secretary** has been given further **three months** extensions **Pradeep Kumar Sinha**.
Note:
 - The appointments committee of the Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the extension beyond 12th of this month until further orders.
 - In May 2015, Mr Sinha was appointed as cabinet secretary for a fixed two-year term.
 - This is the third time that Mr Sinha's tenure has been extended.
 - The Cabinet Secretary is the ex-officio head of the Civil Services Board, the Cabinet Secretariat, the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), and all civil services under the rules of business of the government.
4. Noted **English writer** Novelist has received the country's **highest literary honour Jnanpith Award 2018** **Amitav Ghosh**.
Note:
 - Ghosh is the recipient of the Padma Shri (2007) and Sahitya Akademi Award.
 - His fiction is endowed with extraordinary depth and substance through his academic training as a historian and a social anthropologist.
 - The Jnanpith Award is an Indian literary award presented annually by the Bharatiya Jnanpith to an author for their 'outstanding contribution towards literature'.
 - The award was given to the authors for their most outstanding work and consisted of a citation plaque, a cash prize of Rs 1.5 lakh and a bronze replica of 'Saraswati'.
5. The flag **carrier of Sri Lanka** has been named the 'World's Most Punctual Airline' for the second consecutive year **Sri Lankan Airlines**.
Note:
 - It has been named for the second consecutive time with over 90% of its flights in May being "on time".
 - In May, it achieved a punctuality rating of 90.75%.
 - Global flight tracker, 'Flightstats' analysed data of 41 carriers from Europe, North America, Asia, the Middle East, and South America, including most of the world's largest and most prestigious airlines before drawing its conclusions.

6. **Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)** will confer the distinguished alumni award to the two Union Ministers ___**Nirmala Sitharaman & Subrahmanyam Jaishankar**.

Note:

- Executive Council of the JNU University approved a proposal in this regard.
- The two ministers will be awarded during the third convocation of JNU to be held in August this year.
- Ms Sitharaman had completed her MA and M Phil degrees while Mr Jaishankar completed his M Phil and doctoral research from JNU.
- According to JNU, their highly distinguished career and achievements have made the university very proud and they are a great source of inspiration for JNU students and researchers.

Sports News

1. The 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup (8th edition) started in ___**France**.

Note:

- The quadrennial **international football championship** contested by the twenty-four women's national teams. (from 6 confederations).
- The Championship will be held in **nine cities** across France.
- In March 2015, France won the right to host the event, the first time the country will host the tournament, and the third time a European nation will.

2. Who has lifted his 12th French Open Men's Singles title___ **Rafael Nadal**.

Note:

- He defeated fourth seed Austrian Dominic Thiem 6-3, 5-7, 6-1, 6-1 for the third straight year.
- With this, Nadal became the first player to win 12 Singles titles at the same Grand Slam and won 18 majors overall.

3. Who has won the 2019 French Open women's singles crown ___**Ashleigh Barty**.

Note:

- Australian Ashleigh Barty (23-years) has beaten Marketa Vondrousova in the French Open final to win her first Grand Slam singles title.
- Ashleigh Barty won 6-1 6-3 against Czech teenager Vondrousova on the Paris clay.
- Now she is the first Australian to win a singles titles at Roland Garros since Margaret Court in 1973.

4. Who secured a **record-breaking seventh win** at the 2019 Canadian Grand Prix___ **Lewis Hamilton**.

Note:

- Sebastian Vettel was penalised for dangerous driving.
- During the race, both Vettel and Hamilton were engaged in a head-to-head battle when the former ran across the grass accidentally, in the process squeezing the British driver when he re-joined the track.
- The incident led to the stewards awarding a five-second race time penalty to the German driver.
- Ferrari will appeal against the decision over the five-second penalty given to Vettel which cost him the race.

5. Indian cricketer announced his retirement from all forms of cricket___ Yuvraj Singh.

Note:

- Yuvraj will be pursuing a freelance career in ICC approved foreign Twenty20 leagues.
- First time in Twenty20 cricket, Yuvraj hit 6 sixes in one over off Stuart Broad in a super-8 match against England at Durban.
- He was the vice-captain of the Indian ODI team between 2007–2008.
- The veteran cricketer has amassed over 11,000 international runs in the 304 ODIs, 40 Tests, and 58 T20Is that he has played.

6. **Gymnastics Federation of India (GFI)** has announced the Indian team for the Senior Asian Artistic Gymnastics Championships to be held in ___ **Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia**.

Note:

- The four men's team comprises Rakesh Kumar Patra, Yogeshwar Singh, Debang Dey and Arik Dey.
- Pranati Nayak, Shraddha Talekar, Pranati Das and Papiya Das are in the women's team.

7. Indian men's archery team secured the Olympic quota for the ___**2020 Tokyo Games**.

Note:

- Indian team (Tarundeep Rai, Atanu Das and Pravin Jadhav) storming into the quarterfinals of the World Championships with a 5-3 win over Canada in the Netherlands.
- This is for the first time after 2012-London Olympics that Indian men could secure a team quota.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has constituted a **six-member committee** to review the entire gamut of ATM charges and fees ____ **VG Kannan**.

Note:

- Chief Executive of Indian Banks' Association **VG Kannan** will chair the committee consisting of senior officers from National Payments Corporation of India, SBI, HDFC Bank, Confederation of ATM Industry and Tata Communications Payment Solutions Limited.
- The committee will review existing patterns of costs, charges and interchange fees for ATM transactions.
- It will submit its report within two months from the date of its first meeting.

2. According to the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Foreign direct investment (FDI) in the services sector grew in 2018-19 ____ **36.5% (USD 9.15 billion)**.

Note

- The union government has taken several measures like fixing timeliness for approvals and streamlining procedures to improve ease of doing business in the country and attract foreign investments.
- The sector accounts for about 18% of the total FDI India received between April 2000 and March 2019.
- The overall FDI inflows declined for the first time in the last six years in 2018-19.
- A strong inflow of foreign investments helps improve the country's balance of payments situation and strengthens the value of rupee against global currencies, especially the United States (US) dollar.

3. Who has slapped a penalty of **Rs. 2 crores** on **Kotak Mahindra Bank** for the non-state lender's failure to adhere to the regulator's diktat on promoter shareholding ____ **Reserve bank of India (RBI)**.

Note:

- RBI has been engaged in a dispute with Kotak Mahindra since 2014 over its failure to meet the milestone for stake reduction by Uday Kotak, the billionaire promoter of the bank.

4. Who has issued a new framework for resolution of bad loans, offering a 30-day gap for stress recognition ____ **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**.

Note:

- According to RBI, Lenders will have complete discretion with regard to the design and implementation of resolution plans, subject to the specified timeline and independent credit evaluation.
- Lenders may recognize incipient stress in loan accounts, immediately on default, by classifying such assets as special mention accounts (SMA).
- In case a borrower is reported to be in default, the lenders should undertake a prima facie review of the account within 30 days from the day of default.

5. Who has decided to introduce a **new GST return system** to facilitate taxpayers ____ **GST Council**.

Note:

- As per the plan, a prototype of the offline tool has already been shared on the common portal to give the look and feel of the tool to the users.
- There are three main components to the new return - one main return (FORM GST RET-1) and two annexures (FORM GST ANX-1 and FORM GST ANX-2).
- The new return system (ANX-1 & ANX-2 only) will be available for trial for taxpayers to make themselves familiar between July and September 2019.

6. The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has waived off **all transactions charges** to encourage digital transfer of funds ____ **NEFT and RTGS**.

Note:

- RBI has advised banks to pass on the benefits to their customers with effect from 1st July 2019.
- The Reserve Bank levies minimum charges on banks for transactions routed through its RTGS and NEFT System.

- RTGS is meant for large-value instantaneous fund transfers while NEFT System (one-to-one funds transfer) is used for fund transfers up to 2 lakh rupees.
7. The **Union government** has reduced the rate of **the contribution made** by employees and employers under the **Employees' State Insurance (ESI) Act** from 6.5% to 4%.
- Note:**
- This includes a reduction of 1.5% in employers' contribution to 3.25%(from 4.75%) and 1% reduction in employees' contribution to 0.75% (from 1.75%).
 - It will benefit 3.6 crore employees and 12.85 lakh, employers.
 - The ESI Act 1948, under the labour ministry, covers employees with salary up to Rs 21,000 (earlier-Rs.15000).
 - It will facilitate further enrolment of workers under the ESI scheme and bring more and more workforce into the formal sector.
8. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will infuse **Rs 12,500 crore** into the financial system through bond purchases under the **Open Market Operation (OMO)**.
- Note:**
- The RBI uses open market operations (OMO) for injecting liquidity into the system through the purchase of government bonds (G-Sec).
 - Foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) have invested USD 1 billion in Indian debt markets so far in June.
 - The OMO will take place on June 20, taking the total infusion so far in June to 27,500 crores, as against OMO purchases worth Rs 25,000 crore in May.
9. US **retail giant** has moved past **hi-tech titans Apple** and Google to become the world's most valuable brand **Amazon**.
- Note:**
- According to Kantar's 2019, Top 100 BrandZ report, the brand value of Amazon surged by 52% to USD 315 billion.
 - Amazon jumped from third to first place to eclipse Google - which slid from first to third place with Apple holding on to the second spot.

Obituaries

1. Noted actor, dramatist and Jnanpith awardee passed away in Bengaluru due **Girish Karnad**.
- Note:**
- Coming to fame as Kannada playwright in the 1960s, he went on to become a critically acclaimed actor and filmmaker during the later years.
 - Besides the Jnanpith award, Karnad was also conferred the Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan.
 - Vamsha Vruksha, Ek Tha Tiger, Nagamandala and Malgudi Days are some of the movies and TV serials in which he played a role and Odakalu bimba, Taledanda and the fire and the rain are some of the plays written by him.
2. Popular **Tamil playwright** and theatre & **film comedian** passed away in Chennai's Kauvery Hospital **Crazy Mohan**.
- Note:**
- He tried his hand in writing, wrote over **100 short stories**, 30 plays, worked on over 40 films including Kamal Haasan-starrer "Avvai Shanmugi", "Vasool Raja MBBS", and "Michael Madhana Kamarajan", and others.
 - Crazy Mohan was a recipient of Tamil Nadu State Government's Kalaimamani Award for his excellence in the fields of arts and literature.
3. Former Puducherry chief minister and **DMK leader** passed away in a private hospital in Puducherry **R V Janakiraman**.
- Note:**
- Mr. Janakiraman had served as Puducherry chief minister between 1996 and 2000.
 - He had been elected from Nellithope constituency for five consecutive terms (1985, 1990, 1991, 1996 and 2001).
 - He lost the polls to AIADMK candidate Om Sakthi Sekar in 2006.
4. Veteran **journalist** and former **Rajya Sabha MP** passed away after a brief illness in Lucknow **Rajanath Singh 'Surya'**.
- Note:**
- A staunch RSS leader Mr Surya had worked in various newspapers and he was a well-known columnist.

5. Malaysian badminton star announced his retirement after Cancer battle__ **Lee Chong Wei**.

Note:

- Lee Chong Wei (three-time Olympic silver medallist) was diagnosed with early-stage nose cancer last year but despite intensive treatment in Taiwan.
- Lee was ranked first as a singles player for 199 consecutive weeks from 2008 to 2012.
- He collected a swathe of honours but never won a world or Olympic title.

6. Poet and lyricist passed away at a private hospital, Thiruvananthapuram__ **Pazhavila Ramesan**.

Note:

- Pazhavila Ramesan was a recipient of Kerala Sahithya Akademi Award for overall contribution.
- He had also penned songs for films like Asamsakalode, Malooty, Uncle Bun, Vasudha and others.
- Ramesan had also served as the director of Kerala Bhasha Institute for a long time.

Important Days

1. The **World Oceans Day** (WOD) is being observed **every** year on ____ **8th June**.

Note:

- The theme of World Oceans Day- 2019 is "Gender and Oceans".
- The main action focus is to prevent plastic pollution and encourage solutions for a healthy ocean.
- The Ocean Project has promoted and coordinated World Oceans Day globally since 2002.

2. The World Day Against Child Labour held every year on ____ **12th June**.

Note:

- This year, the World Day Against Child Labour and the World Day for Safety and Health at Work shine a spotlight on the global need to improve the safety and health of young workers and end child labour.

3. The **International Albinism Awareness Day** is being observed on ____ **13th June**.

Note:

- The theme of the 2019 International Albinism Awareness Day is 'Still Standing Strong'.
- Albinism is a rare, non-contagious, genetically inherited difference present at birth, and it is still profoundly misunderstood, socially and medically.

4. The **World Blood Donor Day** is being observed across the globe every year on ____ **14th June**.

Note:

- The day raise awareness of the need for regular blood donations to ensure the quality, safety and availability of blood and blood products for patients in need.
- This year the theme is 'Blood Donation and Universal Access to Safe Blood Transfusion', as a component of achieving universal health coverage.
- World Blood Donor Day is one of eight official global public health campaigns marked by the World Health Organization (WHO).

New Appointments

1. Justice **Dhirubhai Naranbhai Patel** (59-years) was sworn in as **Chief Justice** of ____ **Delhi High Court**.

Note:

- Lt Governor **Anil Baijal** administered the oath of office to **Justice Patel** at a function held at Raj Niwas.
- Earlier, Justice Patel was posted at the Jharkhand High Court (from 24th May to 6th June, 2019).
- The High Court of Delhi was established on 31 October 1966.

2. IT Industry icon will retire as **Executive Chairman** of Wipro with effect from **30th July 2019**__ **Azim Premji**.

Note:

- He will continue to serve on the board as Non-Executive Director and founder Chairman.
- Azim Premji's son Rishad Premji (Chief Strategy Officer and a board member) will take over as the Executive Chairman of the company.
- The company was incorporated on 29th December 1945 in Amalner, Maharashtra by Mohamed Premji as "Western India Vegetable Products Limited" (now, Wipro).

3. Thailand's new parliament has elected military government chief as the country's prime minister___ **Prayuth Chan-ocha**.

Note:

- Prayuth received 500 votes to 244 for Thanathorn Juangroongruangkit of the Future Forward Party.
- Prayut is a former Commander in Chief of the Royal Thai Army (from October 2010 - October 2014)
- Prayuth's appointment becomes official when it is endorsed by King Maha Vajiralongkorn.
- The Prime Minister of Thailand is the head of government of Thailand.

4. Who has been appointed **pro tem speaker** of 17th Lok Sabha ___ **Dr Virendra Kumar**.

Note:

- Seven-time MP **Virendra Kumar** (65 years) is set to be the **pro tem speaker** (temporary Speaker) of the 17th Lok Sabha.
- **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)** leader Virendra Kumar is likely to be administered the oath of office at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 17th June 2019.
- The **Pro-tem Speaker** is a temporary speaker appointed for a limited period to conduct the works in Lok Sabha or in state legislatures.

5. Who has been appointed as interim Chairman cum **Managing Director** (MD) of the J&K Bank___ **Parvez Ahmad**.

Note:

- The **Jammu and Kashmir** (J&K) government has removed J&K Bank Chairman Parvez Ahmad.
- As on 5th March 2019, The bank has a network of 935 computerized bank branches, 1287 ATMs and 25 Cash deposition Machines (CDM) across the country.

6. Who has been appointed as the **acting Chief justice** of the Jharkhand High Court___ **Prashant Kumar**.

Note:

- Incumbent chief justice of the Jharkhand High Court Dhirubhai Naranbhai Patel has been appointed as the chief justice of the Delhi High Court.
- The Jharkhand High Court was established in 2000 (15th November) under the Bihar Reorganisation Act, 2000, after the state of Jharkhand was carved out of the state of Bihar.

7. The **UN Development Programme** (UNDP) and partners announced the winners of the ___ **10th Equator Prize**.

Note:

- The winning organizations, which showcase innovative, nature-based solutions for tackling climate change, environment, and poverty challenges.
- Equator Prize winners will each receive US\$10,000 and the opportunity for two community representatives to join a week-long summit in New York during the 74th United Nations General Assembly.
- The women groups of the Deccan Development Society, Telangana also have bagged the prize.

8. BJP leader has appointed as the leader of Rajya Sabha___ **Thawarchand Gehlot**.

Note:

- He will replace senior BJP leader Arun Jaitley who opted out of the government citing health reasons.
- Mr Gehlot is a **Rajya Sabha** member representing Madhya Pradesh.
- The Leader of the House is a **Rajya Sabha** member who is either a cabinet minister or nominated minister.
- The Leader has a seat next to the Chairperson of the Rajya Sabha, in the front row.

9. China has appointed new envoy to India___ **Sun Weidong**.

Note:

- He will succeed Luo Zhaohui, who has been appointed as Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs.
- Currently, Sun Weidong is the Director General of the Policy and Planning Department of the Foreign Ministry.

10. Who has taken oath of office as the new **president of Kazakhstan** during a ceremony at the Palace of Independence in the capital, Nur-Sultan ___ **Kassym-Jomart Tokayev**.

Note:

- He was acting president following the surprise resignation of Nursultan Nazarbayev(78-years) in March 2019.
- The transition comes amid rising dissent in Kazakhstan.

- The President of the Republic of Kazakhstan is the head of state, commander-in-chief and holder of the highest office within the Republic of Kazakhstan.

11. Reckitt Benckiser (British consumer goods giant) named its Chief Executive Officer (CEO) _ **Laxman Narasimhan**.

Note:

- Narasimhan was serving as PepsiCo's global Chief Commercial Officer.
- He will be joining the company as CEO and will be appointed to the board on July 16.

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