

Weekly One Liner

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Dear readers,

Weekly One Liner Updates is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the **third week (15-21st) of July 2019**. This file is important for, **Banking interviews** and all **upcoming Banking & Insurance** exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. As per the Ministry of **Statistics and Programme Implementation data**, Retail inflation increased marginally to **___3.18% in June**.
Note:
 - The retail inflation based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) stood at 3.05 per cent (in May) and 4.92 per cent (in June) last year.
 - As per the CPI data released by the Central Statistics Office (CSO), the food inflation was 2.17% in June this year, up from 1.83 per cent in the preceding month.
 - Inflation in protein-rich food items, like egg, meat and fish, was higher in June compared to the previous month.
 - The Reserve Bank of India mainly factors in retail inflation while deciding the bi-monthly monetary policy.
2. Who has penalized **State Bank of India (SBI)** and **Union Bank of India** for violating certain regulatory guidelines__
Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
Note:
 - SBI was fined Rs. 7 crores for non-compliance with the directions issued by the RBI on Income Recognition and Asset Classification (IRAC) norms, code of conduct for opening and operating current accounts and reporting of data on Central Repository of Information on Large Credits (CRILC), and fraud risk management and classification and reporting of frauds.
 - The central bank also imposed a Rs 10 lakh fine on Union Bank of India for non-compliance with the directions on the cybersecurity framework in banks.
3. The Union government has lowered the interest rate on the General Provident Fund (GPF) by 10 basis points at the rate of **___7.9%**.
Note:
 - This is at par with the Public Provident Fund (PPF), the small saving scheme with the longest maturity.
 - All government employees who joined service on or before December 31, 2003, contribute to GPF.
 - GPF (General Provident Fund) is a savings scheme available to government employees.
 - GPF is managed by the Department of Pension and Pensioner's Welfare under the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.
4. Andhra Bank MD & CEO **J Packirisamy** has launched an **Artificial Intelligence** interactive assistant chatbot named **___ABHi**.
Note:
 - Customers can connect and know details from 'ABHi' through website andhrabank.in over Mobile/Desktop browser, Facebook Messenger and over voice using Google Assistant.
 - With ABHi, customers will be able to get the information instantaneously 24x7.
 - The Bank's AI-powered chatbot-ABHi uses latest Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Natural Language Processing (NLP) algorithm to understand the customer query and fetch the relevant information from the possible knowledge base in a matter of milliseconds
5. According to the **latest weekly RBI data**, India's foreign currency assets, which are a major component of the overall reserves, slipped by USD 1.11 billion to **___USD 399.697 billion**.
Note:
 - The central bank said that despite an ongoing massive rally in gold prices, the country's gold reserves remained unchanged at USD 24.304 billion.
 - It stated that the Special drawing rights with the International Monetary Fund fell by USD 1.2 million to USD 1.450 billion.
 - The country's reserve position with the fund also declined by USD 1.5 million to USD 3.345 billion.

6. Who will raise long-term funds of **Rs 60,000 crore** through nonconvertible debentures in the current financial year 2019-20__ **NABARD**.
Note:
- The own requirement of funds for NABARD is assessed at Rs 30,000 crore.
 - The remaining Rs 30,000 crore will be for the Centre to cover the shortfall in various schemes in rural development and sanitation in FY20.
 - NABARD has already raised Rs 11,000 crore in the first quarter ended June 30, 2019. Chairman of NABARD- Harsh Bhanwala.
7. US-based software firm has announced acquisition of travel portal Yatra Online for USD 337.8 million__ **Ebix**.
Note:
- Now, Yatra will become part of Ebix's travel portfolio 'EbixCash' and will continue to serve customers under the Yatra brand.
8. HDFC Bank and **Common Services Centres** launched a co-branded '**Small Business Money-Back Credit Card**' for small traders and ___ **village-level entrepreneurs (VLEs)**.
Note:
- The card was launched by **Aditya Puri** (HDFC Bank MD) and **Dinesh Kumar Tyagi** (CSC Chief).
 - The credit card is specifically designed for CSC's VLEs and VLE-sourced customers.
 - It will give users easy access to credit for their day-to-day business expenses.
 - At present, as much as **Rs 70,000 crore worth** of business is transacted through the network of Common Services Centres (CSCs).
9. Larsen & Toubro Infotech Ltd acquires AI firm Lymbyc for ___ **Rs 38 crore**.
Note:
- Lymbyc's expertise in data discovery, agile analytics and ability to process large data sets, will enhance LTI's Mosaic platform to provide differentiated analytics solutions.
 - Lymbyc is a Bengaluru-headquartered company known for its capabilities in analytics and data sciences space.
10. According to the Asian Development Bank (ADB), India's projected GDP growth rate for the current fiscal year from 7.2% to ___ **7%**.
Note:
- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** is a regional development bank established on **19th December 1966**, Headquartered in the city of Mandaluyong, Metro Manila, Philippines.
 - The **ADB is a social development organization** that is dedicated to reducing poverty in Asia and the Pacific through inclusive economic growth, environmentally sustainable growth, and regional integration.
 - ADB has **68 members** (as of 23 March 2019): **49 members from the Asian and Pacific Region**, 19 members from Other Regions.

Obituaries

1. Former **Olympic boxing gold medalist** and four-weight World Champion passed away after he was hit by a vehicle in Virginia __ **Pernell Whitaker**.
Note:
- **Pernell Whitaker** won world titles at lightweight, light **welterweight**, welterweight and light middleweight.
2. Bangladesh's former **military dictator** passed away due to complications from old age in Dhaka__ **Hussain Muhammad Ershad**.
Note:
- Ershad (Former army chief) took over the state power in a **bloodless coup in 1982** and subsequently ran the country for eight years until he was forced to quit in a pro-democracy mass upsurge in 1990.
 - **Ershad emerged** as one of the most powerful political leaders in the 1990s after his Jatiya Party became the country's third-biggest political outfit.
3. **Lok Janshakti Party** MP passed away at the **Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital** in New Delhi__ **Ram Chandra Paswan**.
Note:
- He was the younger brother of Union minister and LJP chief Ram Vilas Paswan.
 - In May 201, he was elected to the Lower House of Parliament from Samastipur in Bihar for the fourth time on LJP ticket.
4. Former BJP Delhi President, **MLA and senior Sangh Associate** passed away ___ **Mange Ram Garg**.
Note:

- He played a pivotal role in strengthening BJP in Delhi.
 - Garg represented the Wazirpur Assembly constituency in the national capital between 2003 and 2008.
5. Former **Delhi Chief Minister** and veteran Congress leader passed away at Escorts Fortis hospital in Delhi__ **Shiela Dikshit**.
- Note:**
- She was suffering from a heart ailment for a long time.
 - Dikshit served at the Chief Minister of Delhi for a period of 15 years from 1998 to 2013.
 - Presently, she was holding the office of Delhi Congress president.
6. **One of the founders** of the radical outfit **Dalit Panther** passed away at his residence in Mumbai__ **Raja Dhale**.
- Note:**
- Mr. Dhale along with others in 1972 founded Dalit Panther with an aim to raise the voice of Dalits more aggressively in the State.
 - Dalit Panther is a youth-based organization inspired by the Black Panther outfit of African Americans in the US.

Important Days

1. The **World Youth Skills Day** is observed globally every year on__**15th July**.
- Note:**
- The day raise awareness about the importance of investing in youth skills development.
 - On in November 2014, The United Nations at its General Assembly declared 15th July as World Youth Skills Day.
 - WorldSkills is proud to be part of global recognition and promotion of skills.
2. The **World Day for International Justice** (or International Criminal Justice Day) is being **observed globally** on __**17th July**.
- Note:**
- The day (17th - July) was chosen because it is the **anniversary of the adoption** of the **Rome Statute**, the treaty that created the International Criminal Court.
 - On 1 June 2010, at the Review Conference of the Rome Statute held in Kampala (Uganda), the Assembly of State Parties decided to celebrate 17 July as the Day of International Criminal Justice.
3. **Nelson Mandela International Day** is an annual international day in honour of **Nelson Mandela**, celebrated every year on __**18th July**.
- Note:**
- In November 2009, The Mandela day was officially declared by the United Nations.
 - Mandela Day honour the legacy of South Africa's former President Nelson Mandela.
 - Mandela Day is a global call to action that celebrates the idea that every individual has the power to transform the world, the ability to make an impact.

New Appointments

1. Congress leader has resigned from Punjab Cabinet__ **Navjot Singh Sidhu**.
- Note:**
- Mr Sidhu had been sulking after being stripped of key portfolios in the Punjab cabinet reshuffle in June.
 - On 6th June 2019, Chief Minister Amarinder Singh had divested Sidhu of the Local Government and Tourism and Cultural Affairs Departments and allotted him the power and new and renewable energy portfolio.
2. President **Ram Nath Kovind** has appointed Senior BJP leader as the Governor of Himachal Pradesh__ **Kalraj Mishra**.
- Note:**
- He replaced **Acharya Devvrat** (60-years) who has been transferred and appointed as Governor of Gujarat.
 - **Mr. Acharya Devvrat** will replace **OP Kohli** (Governor of Gujarat), who completed his five-year term on 15th July 2019.
 - The governors (exist in the states) and lieutenant-governors/administrators (union territories and in the NCT of Delhi) of the states and union territories of India have similar powers and functions at the state level as that of the President of India at Union level.
 - The governor acts as the nominal head whereas the real power lies with the Chief ministers of the states and his/her councils of ministers.
3. Who has been appointed as **managing director** (MD) and **chief financial officer** (CFO) of the World Bank__ **Anshula Kant**.

Note:

- As Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer, **Anshula Kant** will be responsible for financial and risk management of the World Bank Group.
- Anshula brings more than 35 years of expertise in finance, banking, and innovative use of technology through her work as CFO of the State Bank of India (SBI- Probationary Officer-1983).
- The World Bank is an international financial institution that provides interest-free loans and grants to the governments of poorer countries for the purpose of pursuing capital projects.

4. President **Ram Nath Kovind** has appointed **BJP senior leader** as **Andhra Pradesh** governor__ **Biswa Bhushan Harichandran**.

Note:

- He replaced ESL Narasimhan, serving as the governor of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.
- Earlier, Mr. Harichandran was elected to Odisha Assembly for the five times from Bhubaneswar and Chilika.

5. President **Ram Nath Kovind** has appointed Senior tribal BJP leader as Governor of Chhattisgarh__ **Anusuiya Uikey**.

Note:

- Anusuiya Uikey has replaced **Anandiben Patel**, who as Governor of **Madhya Pradesh** was also holding the charge of Chhattisgarh.
- The appointments will take effect from the dates they **assume charge** of their offices.

6. German **Defense Minister** has been elected as the **European Commission's first female** president__ **Ursula von der Leyen**.

Note:

- Leyen's nomination was approved by 383 votes (required 374), at the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France.
- There were 327 votes against her and 22 abstentions.
- Von der Leyen was nominated to become the first woman in Brussels' top job last month by the leaders of the bloc's 28 member states, to the annoyance of many MEPs.

7. **International Monetary Fund (IMF) managing director** (MD) has resigned ____ **Christine Lagarde**.

Note:

- Her resignation has been accepted by the IMF Executive Board, which will come into effect from 12 September.
- If the European Council approves Ms Lagarde's ECB nomination, she will become the central bank's first-ever female leader, responsible for the Euro and the monetary policy of the eurozone.
- The former French cabinet minister has been heading the IMF since 2011.

8. Senior diplomat has been appointed as the **Indian Ambassador** to Israel__ **Sanjeev Kumar Singla**.

Note:

- He will succeed Pavan Kapoor, who assumed charge as the Ambassador to Israel in 2016.
- Earlier, he was serving as Private Secretary (PS) to Prime Minister of India.

9. **Upender Singh Rawat** (IFS officer) has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to__ Panama.

Note:

- He succeeds Ravi Thapar.

10. Rajya Sabha MP has been appointed as the General Secretary of CPI (Communist Party of India) __ **D Raja**.

Note:

- Raja was unanimously chosen as S Sudhakar Reddy's successor at a three-day meeting of the CPI National Council, the top decision-making body of the party, earlier this week.
- The Communist Party of India (CPI) (formed - 26th December 1925) is the oldest communist party in India.
- The Communist Party of India (Marxist) separated from the CPI in 1964 following an ideological rift between China and the Soviet Union, continues to claim having been founded in 1925.

11. Who has been elected as chairman of the **Commonwealth Table Tennis Federation (CTTF)** __ **Vivek Kohli**.

Note:

- Vivek Kohli defeated incumbent Alan Ransome (England) by securing 16 votes more than him.
- The CTTF president's post is already held by Dushyant Chautala (TTFI chief).

12. **Indian Foreign Service officer** has been appointed as **Private Secretary** to Prime Minister Narendra Modi__ **Vivek Kumar**.

Note:

- Currently, **Mr Kumar** is working as the **Director in the Prime Minister's Office**.
- Mr Kumar's appointment will come into effect from the day of the assumption of charge.

Important News – India

1. The **Union Government** has launched **Labour room Quality improvement** Initiative to improve the quality of care in the labour room and maternity operation theatres ___ **LaQshya**.
Note:
 - It's a **multipronged approach focused** on Intrapartum and the immediate postpartum period.
 - The initiative primarily focuses on reducing preventable maternal and new-born mortality and morbidity due to haemorrhage retained placenta, preterm, preeclampsia and eclampsia, obstructed labour, puerperal sepsis, newborn asphyxia, and newborn sepsis.
2. The **fourth** anniversary of **Skill India Mission** being observed in ___ **New Delhi**.
Note:
 - National Skill Development Mission also known as Skill India Mission was launched on this day in 2015.
 - Nearly One Crore youth are being presently imparted skills training annually under the mission.
 - The mission also envisages convergence, coordination and harmonization of the fragmented skilling efforts of various Ministries in Government of India and other key stakeholders through the instruments of Common norms, implementation of National Skills Qualification Framework and data integrations through the Skill India Portal.
3. The **8th meeting of India-Uzbekistan Joint Working Group** on counter terrorism was held in ___ **New Delhi**.
Note:
 - The Group discussed measures to strengthen bilateral cooperation in the sphere of counter terrorism through information sharing, mutual capacity building and sharing of best practices.
 - Cooperation in multilateral fora including UN, Shanghai Cooperation Organization's Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure and EAG was also discussed.
 - The Joint Working Group reviewed threats posed by terrorist groups worldwide and in their respective regions including cross border terrorism.
4. A three-day **public awareness campaign** to accelerate vector control measures got underway in ___ **Delhi**.
Note:
 - The campaign aims to sensitize and mobilise the community on measures for prevention and control of Vector-Borne Diseases like Malaria, Dengue and Chikungunya.
5. India has decided to **set up a fast track mechanism** to facilitate investors and companies with ___ **Italy**.
Note:
 - The meeting was attended by Lorenzo Angeloni (Ambassador of Italy to India) and Ramesh Abhishek (Secretary, DIPP) in New Delhi.
 - The fast-track system in Italy aims to identify and solve problems faced by Indian companies and investors.
6. The Union Cabinet has approved **National Medical Commission Bill, 2019**.
Note:
 - The bill provides for setting up of a National Medical Commission in place of Medical Council of India and repeal the Indian Medical Council Act 1956.
 - The features of the bill include, the Common final year MBBS Exams will be known as National Exit Test (NEXT) which would serve as Licentiate Exam, for entrance to Post Graduate medical course and as the screening test of foreign medical graduates.
 - The bill provides that the national entrance test that is NEET, common counselling, NEXT will also be applicable to Institutes of National Importance (INIs) like AIIMS to have common standards in the country.
7. How many wellness centres will be completed by the end of the current year under Ayushman Bharat programme ___ **20 thousand**.
8. **India Film Divisions** will launch a documentary film club in Mumbai ___ **KSHITIJ**.
Note:
 - An acclaimed documentary film "Secret Life of Frogs" by Ajay and Vijay Bedi will be screened as the inaugural film.
 - Public screenings will begin at 5:30 PM on the second and fourth Friday of every month.
 - The screenings will be held at Films Division Complex.
9. The **Golden Jubilee Edition of International Film Festival of India** (IFFI) will be held in ___ **Panaji, Goa**.
Note:
 - Around 70 countries business exhibition will showcase the latest technology, film production and distribution and other aspects regarding films.
 - Russia will be IFFI partner in this edition.

- According to Mr Prakash Javdekar, President of Oscar Academy John Bailey and other eminent cinematographers and producers have been invited for the event.

10. The **Human Resource Development (HRD) Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank** released the UGC Guide in New Delhi **Deeksharambh**.

Note:

- According to HRD minister Mr. Nishank, the guide will help new students to build bonds with fellow students and faculty members in the new environment.
- 'Deeksharambh' is a guide to Student Induction Programme (SIP) to help new students adjust and feel comfortable in the new environment, inculcate in them the ethos and culture of the institution.
- To promote Deeksharambh, UGC will shortly conduct awareness and training programmes for teachers in different regions in the country.

11. Information and Broadcasting (I&B) Minister **Prakash Javdekar** has inaugurated the **10th Jagran Film Festival** in **New Delhi**.

Note:

- He highlighted the **importance and impact of cinema** on the life of people and termed that it is a medium which connects people.
- He recalled the **historical development of cinema** in India and the growing impact of Indian cinema as a transporter of India's soft power.

12. The **Union government** has permitted the export of **1,239 tonnes raw sugar** under its tariff-rate quota (TRQ) to the **US**

Note:

- TRQ is a quota for a volume of exports that enter the US at relatively low tariffs.
- After the quota is reached, a higher tariff applies to additional imports.
- Directorate General of Foreign Trade in a public notice said that an additional quantity of 1,239 tonnes of raw cane sugar to be exported to the US under TRQ up to September 30, 2019.

13. Union **Health Ministry** has signed an MoU with **Ministries of Ayush, Defence and Railways** to strengthen the efforts towards a **TB-Free India** by **2025**.

Note:

- The MoU was signed in the presence of Minister of State for Health Ashwini K Choubey and Minister of AYUSH Shripad Nayak.
- Around 28 lakh people contract the disease every year in the country and four lakh people die every year.
- Tuberculosis (TB) is a potentially serious infectious disease that mainly affects your lungs.
- The bacteria that cause tuberculosis are spread from one person to another through tiny droplets released into the air via coughs and sneeze

Important News – State

1. Who has become the **first state in India** to ensure the conservation of water **Meghalaya**.

Note:

- The draft policy was approved by the State Cabinet in a meeting chaired by Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma.
- The objective of the policy is to recognize water resources as a common pool resource, to provide safe and hygienic water for drinking, domestic and sanitation and livelihood development to all residents of the state.

2. Vikas Bahl's **'Super 30'** has been made tax-free in **Bihar**.

Note:

- The state's Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Modi announced no entertainment tax will be levied from the film in Bihar.
- 'Super 30' is based on the life of Patna-based mathematician and teacher Anand Kumar.
- The teacher runs a coaching programme called Super 30 for underprivileged students to prepare them for IIT entrance exams.

3. The state govt. hikes compensation for kin of Jawans killed in the line of duty **Maharashtra**.

Note:

- Maharashtra state cabinet headed by CM Devendra Fadnavis has decided to increase the compensation from 25 lakh to one crore rupees for families of security personnel hailing from the state who lay down their lives in the line of duty.

- A cabinet note stated that personnel wounded in a conflict will get monetary compensations ranging from 20 lakh to 60 lakh rupees each, depending on the severity of their injury.
 - The state Cabinet also decided to raise the allowances for special teachers attached with the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan by 1500 rupees, taking it to 21,500 rupees
4. Union Cabinet chaired by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has approved **1,600 crore rupees** for Dibang Multipurpose Project in ___ **Arunachal Pradesh**.
- Note:**
- The project is envisaged as a storage-based hydro-electric project with flood moderation as the key objective.
 - This is the largest ever Hydro Electric Projects to be constructed in India with a height of 278 metres, Once completed.
 - The Union Cabinet also approved the doubling of a vital railway line connecting Guwahati with New Bongaigaon at a cost of 2,042 crore rupees.
5. **National Stock Exchange (NSE)** has signed a pact with the state government to help boost the growth of MSME sector ___ **Haryana**.
- Note:**
- As per the **memorandum of understanding**, NSE will support the Haryana government in enhancing the financing opportunities for **micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs)** in the state, through listing on NSE's SME exchange platform, NSE Emerge.
 - **Haryana government** would facilitate the listing of **MSMEs on NSE Emerge** through financial assistance.
6. State government has signed an MoU with the **British Council** for brushing up the **English-Speaking skills** of the students studying in Polytechnic Colleges in the state ___ **West Bengal**.
- Note:**
- The move is aimed to improve English speaking capacity for job seekers students.
 - According to Technical Education Department sources, an enquiry to assess job readiness of students was conducted recently and communication in English was found as a major hurdle.
 - At present, there are 148 Polytechnic Colleges across the state.
7. The **Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM)** is hosting the Women Startup Summit on ___ **1st August**.
- Note:**
- The summit will be hosted in association with the Indian Women Network floated by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), at the Integrated Startup Complex, Kochi.
 - Successful women leaders, startup founders, policymakers and women entrepreneurs will participate in the summit.
 - The theme of this summit is 'Developing an Inclusive Entrepreneurship Ecosystem'.
8. The **Tamil Nadu government** has announced the creation of two new districts in the state, taking the total number of districts to ___ **35**.
- Note:**
- **Tenkasi District** would be carved out of Tirunelveli
 - **Chengalpet District** would be carved by splitting Kanchipuram district.
 - Since **Tirunelveli** and **Kanchipuram** are vast in area, the government is splitting them for better administration. Special Officers would be appointed to govern the new districts.
9. The **state Government** and the **World Economic Forum's Centre** for the Fourth Industrial Revolution Network has announced to launch an innovative project to **deliver emergency medical supplies** via drones ___ **Telangana Government**.
- Note:**
- The pilot project, 'Medicine from the Sky' will run in partnership with the State Government and HealthNet Global Limited.
 - It will help facilitate decision-making in healthcare supply chains, focus on last-mile deliveries and address issues that affect the medical distribution system.
10. India's **first garbage café** has been launched by the Municipal Corporation of ___ **Ambikapur (Chhattisgarh)**.
- Note:**
- The Municipal Corporation of Ambikapur has launched a 'Garbage Cafe scheme' (India's first garbage cafe) at Ambikapur city in Chhattisgarh.
 - Under this scheme, A person fetching a kilo of plastic waste to the garbage cafe will be assured of a full meal.
 - Those collecting at least 500 grams will benefit from a substantial breakfast.

Important News - World

1. The Russian space agency 'Roscosmos' has successfully launched into space an all-sky-survey satellite, Spektrum-Rontgen-Gamma___**Spektr-RG**.
Note:
 - It is a joint project of Roscosmos with German space agency (DLR) for mapping X-rays across the sky to trace the large-scale structure of the universe and mark a new stage in X-ray astronomy.
 - The Russian space agency showed a Proton-M rocket carrying the Spektr-RG taking off from the launch pad.
 - This new space telescope with advanced features will replace the Spektr-R, known as the "Russian Hubble", which Roskosmos lost control of in January 2019.
2. Google India's '**Internet Saathi**' programme aimed to **empower rural women** on how to use the Internet has now added two more states ___**Punjab & Odisha**.
Note:
 - With this, the programme has now reached **2.6 lakh villages** in 20 states.
 - Launched as a pilot project in 2015, along with Tata Trusts, '**Internet Saathi**' programme focuses on educating women on how to use the Internet.
 - These women, in turn, impart training to other women in their community and neighboring villages.
3. China has gifted a **warship to Sri Lanka**, in the latest sign of its **deepening military cooperation** with the strategically located island nation in the ___**Indian Ocean**.
Note:
 - The China-gifted frigate 'P625' arrived in Colombo last week.
 - The Type 053 frigate was commissioned into China's People's Liberation Army Navy in 1994 as the Tongling.
 - Also, China's rolling-stock manufacturer has announced that it would shortly deliver nine "new type" of diesel trains to Sri Lanka.
4. The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the 'Ebola crisis' in the ___D Republic of Congo.
Note:
 - The UN health agency made the announcement days after the virus was confirmed in Goma, a major regional crossroads in north eastern Congo on the Rwandan border.
 - According to Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus (WHO director-general), it was time for the world to take notice of the epidemic and called for a redoubling of efforts to battle it back.
 - More than 1,600 people have died since August in the second-deadliest Ebola outbreak in history, which is unfolding in a region described as a war zone.
5. Who has expanded its **Go Global initiative** to India with the aim of giving **Indian Startups** to grow their business___ **UK government**.
Note:
 - This will also help the startups in India to build links with the UK's digital sector and will pave the way for future economic partnerships.
 - Go Global programme is an innovative scheme supporting start-ups to work with UK expertise to take their firms to the next level.

Honor & Awards

1. Director **Kaushik Ganguly's** Bengali outing was honoured with 'Best Feature Film', 'Best Director', 'Best Actor' and 'Best Original Score' awards at the **9th edition** of the SAARC fest in Colombo___**Nagarkirtan**.
Note:
 - Nagarkirtan is a love story of a transwoman and a flautist.
 - 'Na Bole Wo Haram' (20-minute film by debutant director Nitish Patankar) bagged the 'Best Short Film' award, while 'Walking with the Wind' by Praveen Morchhale received the Special Jury award for direction and story.
2. The **Sportsperson of the Year** in the annual **Indian Oil Sports Conclave** ___ **Sharath Kamal**.
Note:
 - The other nominees were cricketer Cheteshwar Pujara, Grandmaster B Adhiban, hockey player Simranjeet Singh and table tennis player Manika Batra.
 - Sharath Kamal is a professional table **tennis player** from Tamil Nadu, India.
 - Recently he received the fourth highest civilian award, Padma Shri.

- Sharath Kamal is the first Indian table tennis player ever to become nine times Senior National Champion hence breaking the record of Kamlesh Mehta (eight times National Champion).
3. How many **artists** were selected for the Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards for the year 2018__ **44 artists**.
- Note:**
- **Zakhir Hussain** (Tabla Maestro), **Sonal Mansingh**(dancer), **Jatin Goswami** (dancer and choreographer) and **K Kalyanasundaram Pillai** (Bharatnatyam exponent) have been selected in the Akademi Ratna category.
 - Diwan Singh Bajeli and Puru Dadhich have been selected for the Akademi Award 2018 in the field of Overall Contribution/Scholarship in the Performing Arts.
 - The **Sangeet Natak Akademi** (since 1952) is an Autonomous Body under the Ministry of Culture.
 - The honour of Akademi Fellow carries purse money of Rs.3,00,000 and Akademi Award carries Rs 1,00,000 besides a Tamrapatra and Angavastram.
4. Sports and **Youth Affairs Minister** conferred Arjuna Awards to ___**Rohan Bopanna & Smriti Mandhana**.
- Note:**
- **Rohan Bopanna** had won the Gold medal in **tennis men's double category** in Asian Games 2018.
 - **Smriti Mandhana** was the ICC women's player of the year 2018.
 - The award carries a cash prize of **500,000**, a bronze statue of **Arjuna** and a scroll.
 - The duo did not receive the **Arjuna Awards** during the Award ceremony held last year (25th September 2018) in Rashtrapati Bhawan, as they were out of the country taking part in international tournaments.
 - The **Arjuna Awards** (started in 1961) are given by the **Ministry of Youth Affairs** and Sports, Government of India to recognize outstanding achievement in sports.
5. Who honored with an honorary **doctorate degree** from La Trobe University__ **Shah Rukh Khan**.
- Note:**
- Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan (53-years) to be honoured with an honorary doctorate degree from La Trobe University on 9th August at its Melbourne campus in Bundoora.
 - The award is for his contributions towards underprivileged children, women empowerment initiatives through Meer Foundation.
 - La Trobe University is the first Australian university to award Khan with an Honorary Degree, Doctor of Letters (honoris causa).
6. Who has won the **Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Gold Award, 2019**__ "**Find the Incredible You**" campaign.
- Note:**
- The campaign focuses on digital and social media and the promotion of niche tourism products of the country.
 - The campaign won the award under the "Marketing - Primary Government Destination" category.
 - As part of the 2.0 campaign, five new television commercials were produced by the ministry, which was aired globally on television and social media.
 - To take the campaigns to the next level, the 'Incredible India 2.0' campaign was launched in September 2017.
 - PATA Gold Awards are given to tourism industry organizations and individuals making an outstanding contribution towards the successful promotion of the travel industry throughout the Asia Pacific Region.
7. Indian bodybuilder has clinched Mr. South Asia title___ **Ravinder Kumar Malik**.
- Note:**
- He has crowned the overall champion at 12th **South Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championship** in Kathmandu, Nepal.
 - Malik, the winner of **80 kg category**, was adjudged **best bodybuilder** among the winners of nine senior men's weight categories.
 - A total of **91 bodybuilders participated** in the championship organized by **South Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Federation** under the auspices of Nepal Bodybuilding and Fitness Association.
8. Indian batting icon and South African pace legend have been inducted into the International Cricket Council's (ICC) Hall of Fame 2019__ **Sachin Tendulkar & Allan Donald**.
- Note:**
- Two-time World Cup-winning Australian woman cricketer Cathryn Fitzpatrick also inducted into the International Cricket Council's Hall of Fame 2019.
 - Sachin Tendulkar (retired in November 2013) has 34,357 runs across formats and is the only batsman to have 100 international hundreds under his belt.

- Allan Donald is one of the finest bowlers to have played the game and had 330 Test and 272 ODI wickets to his credit before calling it quits in 2003.
 - The ICC Cricket Hall of Fame recognises the achievements of the legends of the game from cricket's long and illustrious history.
9. The **Supreme Court of India** has constituted a **three-member high powered committee** to urgently frame and implement an emergency response plan for the protection of two Indian bird species namely___ **Great Indian Bustard & Lesser Florican**.
10. Who has become the **76th signatory country** to join the **International Solar Alliance (ISA)**___**Palau**.
- Note:**
- According to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), The organisation aims to deploy over 1,000 gigawatts of solar energy and mobilise more than USD 1,000 billion into solar power by 2030.
 - The International Solar Alliance (ISA) is a group of 121 solar resource-rich countries with headquarters in Gurugram, India.

Sports News

1. British **racing driver** has won his sixth British Grand Prix___ **Lewis Hamilton**.
- Note:**
- Hamilton's Mercedes teammate **Valtteri Bottas** looked all set for victory, but a safety car intervention helped Hamilton to seal the victory.
 - Bottas had an early lead from **pole position** and he fought off **Hamilton's challenge** in the starting laps.
 - Hamilton somehow managed to edge ahead in the race later and from there he controlled the race.
 - The 2019 British Grand Prix was a Formula One motor race held at the Silverstone Circuit in Silverstone, United Kingdom.
2. Who has created new **Commonwealth record** in the clean & jerk category ___**Pardeep Singh**.
- Note:**
- **Pardeep Singh** has created a new Commonwealth record in the clean and jerk category on the way to a gold medal as Indian weightlifters continued their impressive run on the Commonwealth Championships in Apia (Samoa).
 - **Pardeep** smashed the record in the clean and jerk event by **lifting 202 kg**.
 - His earlier successful attempt of **148 kg took** his total to 350 kg.
3. India's top **wrestler** has won gold in the **53kg category** at Yasar Dogu International in Istanbul___ **Vinesh Phogat**.
- Note:**
- **Phogat** beat her **Russian** opponent **Ekaterina Poleshchuk** 9-5 in the final match to bag the gold medal.
 - It was third gold in the **women's competition** for India after **Seema** (50kg) and **Manju** (59kg) triumphed in their respective categories.
4. India's Boxer clinched a **Technical Knockout** over Mike Snider on his debut in the **US professional circuit** at Newark in the US___ **Vijender Singh**.
- Note:**
- Vijender Singh prevailed in four rounds for his 11th consecutive victory in the circuit.
 - This was Vijender's eighth knockout win in all.
 - Vijender would be aiming to compete in two more fights this year after signing up with Hall of Famer Bob Arum's Top Rank Promotions.
5. Olympic silver medalist clinched the **WBC international** welterweight title___ **Amir Khan**.
- Note:**
- He knocked out Australian Billy Dib in the fourth round of his bout in the inaugural Super Boxing League held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.
 - He is a British professional boxer who was also Britain's youngest boxer to win a silver medal in the lightweight division at the 2004 Olympics at the age of 17.
6. Former **India wicketkeeper-batsman** has been appointed the **interim coach** of the senior **USA cricket** team ___Kiran More.
- Note:**
- He will replace the head coach Pubudu Dassanayake (resigned in July 2019).

- The USA Cricket has also appointed Sunil Joshi (former India spinner) as spin bowling advisor, and Pravin Amre and Kieran Powell as advisors for the batting department.
7. Odisha Governor **Ganeshi Lal** opened the **21st edition of Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship** at the Jawaharlal Indoor Stadium in **Cuttack**.
- Note:**
- The event will witness the top players from Australia, Bangladesh, Cyprus, England, Malaysia, India, Sri Lanka, Nigeria, Scotland, South Africa, Singapore and Wales.
 - Ghana, Guyana and Pakistan pulled out of the 21st Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships.
8. Indian men & women teams have won the Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships in **Cuttack**.
- Note:**
- India women's team clinched their maiden **Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships title**, beating England 3-0 in the final.
 - The men's team survived a stiff challenge from England in the final.
 - The Indian women team won the gold for the first time in the history in the commonwealth games
9. India's **Asian Games silver medal in mixed relay** event to be upgraded to **Gold medal**.
- Note:**
- India is in line to get the **Asian Games gold in 4x400 mixed relay** as Kemi Adekoya of Bahrain, who was part of the gold winning team, has been handed a four-year ban for failing a dope test.
 - The silver won by India's mixed relay team of Mohammad Anas, Hima Das, Arokiya Rajiv and M R Poovamma at the Asian Games in Jakarta last year.
 - Athletics Integrity Unit said that Adekoya's results between August 24, 2018 and November 26, 2018 will be disqualified.
10. India's sprinter has won a gold medal in the **400-meter race** at Nove Mesto in the Czech Republic **Hima Das**.
- Note:**
- It was Hima's fifth gold medal since July 2 when she ran her first competitive race in Europe.
 - Hima has already won gold in 200 meters race at the Poznan Athletics Grand Prix and Kutno Athletics Meet in Poland earlier this month.
 - She won her third 200 meters gold at the Kladno Athletics Meet and fourth gold at the Tabor Athletics Meet in the Czech Republic.
11. Japan's **Akane Yamaguchi** has won the Indonesia **Open BWF Tour Super 1000 tournament** held in **Jakarta**.
- Note:**
- She defeated India's P.V. Sindhu in the title clash by 21-15, 21-16.
 - P.V. Sindhu will next be seen at the Japan Open (in July) and the Thailand Open (in August) in the lead up to the BWF World Championships.
 - The 2019 Indonesia Open was the fourteenth tournament of the 2019 BWF World Tour and also part of the Indonesia Open championships.
12. Who has won the 2019 Intercontinental Cup football tournament (2nd Edition) beating Tajikistan by a solitary goal in the final in **Ahmedabad, India**.
- Note:**
- North Korea (122), Tajikistan (120), India (world no. 101) and Syria (85) participated in the event.
 - The champions got richer by USD 50000 while the runners-up received USD 25000.
 - The 2019 Intercontinental Cup was the second edition of Hero Intercontinental Cup held at Trans Stadia Arena in Ahmedabad between the 7th and 19th of July 2019.
 - The tournament was organized by the AIFF.
13. Who has launched the **All India Football Federation's Golden Baby Leagues handbook 2019-20** on the sidelines of the Intercontinental Cup in Ahmadabad **Kiren Rijiju (Sports Minister)**.
- Note:**
- The launch marked the renaming of the 'AIFF Baby Leagues' to 'AIFF Golden Baby Leagues', with the emphasis being laid for ages under 6 to under 12 both for girls and boys.
 - The handbook is a guide to help the stakeholder to organise the Golden Baby League.
 - The Leagues aim to provide access to football in localities irrespective of gender, religion, economic background, or ethnic origin.
14. Former Indian athlete has been nominated for the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) Veteran Pin **P T Usha**.

Note:

- She will **receive the pin during the opening ceremony** of the **52nd IAAF Congress** in Doha, Qatar.
- Usha's most memorable performance came in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics where she became the first Indian to reach the finals of the 400m hurdles but lost the bronze by one-hundredth of a second.
- She is often called the "queen of Indian track and field".
- The International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) is the international governing body for the sport of athletics.

15. International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) has approved India's application to host the ___ISSF World Cup stages.**Note:**

- World Cup will be held at the Dr. Karni Singh Range, Tughlakabad in New Delhi. (from 15 to 26 March 2020)
- The last edition of ISSF World Cup was held in Munich, Germany.
- In February this year, India had hosted a World Cup, which offered Olympic quota places for Tokyo.

16. India's Sarabjot Singh has won the 10 metres men's air pistol gold medal in ISSF Junior World Cup in ___Suhl, Germany.**Note:**

- This is India's ninth yellow metal at ISSF Junior World Cup event.
- Now, India remains on top of the medal standings with nine gold, nine silver and four bronze for a total of 22 medals.
- The 2019 ISSF Junior World Cup is the annual edition of the ISSF Junior World Cup, governed by the International Shooting Sport Federation.

17. Former Pakistan skipper has decided to step down as Pakistan chief selector__ Inzamam-ul-Haq.**Note:**

- According to Inzamam-ul-Haq, he would not seek an extension or renewal of his contract, which is due to expire by the end of this month.
- Inzamam came under severe criticism as the chief selector after Pakistan failed to qualify for the knockouts in the recently concluded ICC Cricket World Cup.
- The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) controls and organises all tours and matches undertaken by the Pakistan national cricket team.

18. The International Cricket Council (ICC) has suspended Cricket team with immediate effect over violation of global body's constitution__ Zimbabwe Cricket**Note:**

- The current elected members of Zimbabwe Board were suspended by government agency Sports and Recreation Committee (SRC) which was a violation of relevant articles of ICC Constitution.
- As a consequence of suspension, ICC funding to Zimbabwe Cricket will be frozen and representative teams from Zimbabwe will not be allowed to participate in any ICC events.
- The Croatia, Morocco and Zambia Cricket Union have both also been suspended for continuing to be non-compliant.

19. Indian shooters claimed the gold medal in 25m rapid fire pistol competition at ISSF Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany__ Anish Bhanwala.**Note:**

- India has so far won eight gold, seven silver and three bronze medals in the tournament.
- Indian shooters, Adarsh Singh came fourth with a score of 17.
- The 2019 ISSF Junior World Cup is the annual edition of the ISSF Junior World Cup, governed by the International Shooting Sport Federation.

20. Serbian Tennis Player has won 2019 Wimbledon title ___ Novak Djokovic.**Note:**

- Djokovic defeated Swiss tennis ace **Roger Federer** 7-6, 1-6, 7-6, 4-6, 13-12 in the final match.
- The match had to be decided in the fifth set, as both **Federer and Djokovic** won two sets each in the longest ever final to be played so far.
- This is Djokovic's **16th Grand Slam** and **5th Wimbledon title**.
- Simona Halep (Romania) has won **2019 Wimbledon women's title** after defeating Serena Williams 6-2 6-2 in the final match.

2019 Wimbledon Championships Winners List:

Sl. No.	Category	Winner
1.	Men's Singles	N. Djokovic (Serbia)
2.	Women's Singles	S. Halep (Romania)
3.	Men's Doubles	Juan Sebastian Cabal (Colombia) & Robert Farah (Colombia)
4.	Women's Doubles	S W. Hsieh (Taiwan) & B. Strycova (Czech Republic)
5.	Mixed Doubles	I. Dodig (Croatia) & L. Chan (Taiwan)

21. Who lifted the ICC Cricket World Cup Trophy 2019 at the Lord's cricket stadium in London__ **England**.

Note:

- England beat New Zealand in a nerve-wracking final that was decided via a dramatic Super Over.
- Batting first after winning the toss, New Zealand put up a modest 241 for eight in 50-overs.
- In reply, England ended at the same score leading to the one-over eliminator at the Lord's.
- In the Super Over, England batted first and the duo of Ben Stokes and Jos Buttler made 15, and New Zealand also ended at the same score but for the loss of one wicket, paving the way for an English victory on boundary count.
- The ICC Cricket World Cup (13th edition) will be held in India from 9th February to 26th March 2023.

Top 2019 ICC World Cup Awards

Sl. No.	Awards	Players /Team
1.	Winner	England (1st Time)
2.	Runner-Up	New Zealand
3.	Golden Bat (Most Runs)	Rohit Sharma (India), 648 Runs
4.	Golden Ball (Most Wickets)	Mitchel Stark (Australia), 27 Wickets
5.	Man of the Match	Ben Stokes (England)
6.	Man of the Tournament	Kane Williamson (New Zealand), 578 runs
7.	Hosts	England and Wales
8.	Highest Individual Score	David Warner (Australia), 166 runs against Bangladesh
9.	Best Bowling Figures	Shaheen Afridi (Pakistan), 35-6 against Bangladesh
10.	Most Sixes	Eoin Morgan (England), 22 sixes

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