

Weekly One liners

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Dear readers,

Weekly One Liner Updates is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the **fourth week** (22-30th) of **June 2019**. This file is important for, **Banking interviews** and all **upcoming Banking & Insurance** exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. The Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** chaired **35th GST** council meeting in **Delhi**.

Note:

- The **GST Council** extended the tenure of the anti-profiteering authority by **two years** (till **November 2021**).
- The **Council has decided** to use **Aadhaar** as the identity and **address proof required** for registration for GST. No other documents will be required, and authentication can be done using a one-time password.

2. The **NTPC Ltd** and **PGCIL** have signed an agreement to set up **National Electricity Distribution Company Limited (NEDCL)**.

Note:

- As per the agreement **NEDCL**, it will be a joint venture of **NTPC** and **PGCIL** on **50:50 equity** basis.
- The **National Electricity Distribution Company Limited (NEDCL)** will undertake the business for distribution of electricity in distribution circles in various states/ **Union Territories (UTs)** and other related activities.
- This would make the **power distribution sector** more competitive as separating content and carriage will bring more competition with more than one power supply.

3. **RBI Deputy Governor** has resigned from his post **Viral V Acharya**.

Note:

- **Mr. Acharya** joined the Reserve Bank in January 2017 and was **RBI's youngest deputy governor**, post-economic liberalisation.
- Acharya will be returning to **New York University** as CV Starr Professor of Economics.
- With Acharya's resignation, the RBI is now left with three Deputy Governors **N.S. Vishwanathan**, **B.P. Kanungo** and **M.K. Jain**.

4. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor **Shaktikanta Das** has launched CMS for filing online complaints against banks, NBFCs **cms.rbi.org.in**.

Note:

- The **Complaint Management System (CMS)** is a software application, aims to facilitate RBI's grievance redressal process.
- Application also improves transparency by keeping the complainants informed through auto-generated acknowledgements and enabling them to track the status of their complaints and file appeals online against the decisions of the Ombudsmen, where applicable.
- RBI also plans to introduce a dedicated **Interactive Voice Response (IVR)** system for tracking the status of complaints.

5. The **State Bank of India (SBI)** is planning to expand its market in Singapore by enhancing its relationship across **small and medium enterprises (SMEs)**.

Note:

- The SBI has served the **Singapore retail** and **corporate sectors** as a qualified full bank since 2008.
- It has **six branches** and offering ATM services under the ATM5 network across the island state and two remittance centres.
- The SBI plans to offer its **YONO app**, an omnichannel service at the fingertip, to manage a wide range of financial services here.

6. Who has advised **all banks to accept coins** of all denominations__ **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**.

Note:

- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has advised all banks to immediately direct all their branches to accept coins of all denominations.
- **RBI's advisory** came after it received complaints about non-acceptance of coins by branches of various banks.
- Reserve Bank advised **all banks to accept coins** of all denominations tendered at their counters for transactions or exchange and ensure strict compliance in the matter.

7. According to the **Reserve bank of India (RBI)**, All data **related to payments** must be stored in systems located only in __ **India**.

Note:

- In April 2018, The RBI had issued a directive on 'Storage of Payment System Data'.
- It had advised all system providers to ensure that within a period of six months, the entire data relating to payment systems operated by them is stored in a system only in India.
- In case the processing is done abroad, the data should be from the systems abroad and brought back to India not later than the one business day or 24 hours from payment processing, whichever is earlier.

8. **Health insurance** provider firm '**Max Bupa**' partners with **MobiKwik** for __ **Health insurance**.

Note:

- '**Max Bupa**' announced a partnership with the fintech platform '**MobiKwik**' to promote bite sized group health insurance products for MobiKwik's **107 million customers** across the country.
- **Bite-sized insurance** offerings are over the counter health insurance products, primarily targeted towards working professionals and millennials.
- The **Hospicash** product will be evaluated at a yearly premium as low as **Rs 135**, offering **Rs 500 every-day** hospital remittance for as long as 30 days in a year to the customers.

9. The Union Govt. **cuts interest rate** on small savings schemes by __ **0.1%**.

Note:

- The Union government has **reduced interest rate** on small savings schemes, including the National Savings Certificate and Public Provident Fund, by **0.1%** for the July-September quarter.
- **PPF and NSC** will fetch an annual interest rate of 7.9 per cent from the existing rate of 8 per cent, while Kisan Vikas Patra will yield 7.6 per cent with a maturity of 113 months.
- At present, the interest rate on **KVP is 7.7 per cent** and maturity is **112 months**.
- The girl child savings scheme Sukanya Samriddhi Account will fetch a lower return of 8.4% from 8.5%.
- The **interest rate for the five-year Senior Citizens Savings Scheme** will now fetch a lower rate of interest at 8.6 per cent from 8.7 per cent.

10. India signs **USD 400M loan agreement** with World Bank to eliminate __ **Tuberculosis (TB)**.

Note:

- The **World Bank India** has signed a loan agreement worth 400 million dollars with the World Bank to help treat and eliminate Tuberculosis (TB) from the country.
- The **World Bank supported program** will cover nine States and it will support the government's **National Strategic Plan** to end TB in India by 2025.
- The Program will provide financial incentives to private sector care providers for reporting cases of TB and ensuring that their patients complete the treatment regimen.

Obituaries

1. Pakistan's former **Foreign Minister** passed away __ **Abdul Sattar**.

Note:

- **Mr. Sattar** served as the **Foreign minister** under then-president **Pervez Musharraf government** (from 1999 to 2002).
 - He was the **part of Mussarraf** delegation who visited India for the historic Agra Summit in 2001.
 - Sattar also served as the foreign secretary from 1986-88.
 - Sattar was also a writer and authored a book of the foreign policy of Pakistan.
2. Bharatiya Janata Party's **Rajasthan chief** and Rajya Sabha passed away in New Delhi ___ **MP Madan Lal Saini**.
- Note:**
- **Mr. Saini** was suffering from a lung infection and was flown to Delhi for treatment in AIIMS.
 - Saini, who hailed from Sikar district (Rajasthan), was appointed BJP state president last year.
3. Veteran **freedom fighter** passed away after a **prolonged illness** ___ **Mohan Ranade**.
- Note:**
- Mohan Ranade entered Goa under disguise as a teacher in 1950 and founded an organisation called Azad Gomantak Dal to raise an armed revolt against the Portuguese rule.
 - He was honoured with the Goa's highest civilian award as well as Padmashri by the Union government.
 - Mohan Ranade had penned two books - 'Struggle Unfinished' in English and 'Satiche Vaan' in Marathi - based on his experience during the Goa liberation movement.
4. Renowned **spiritual guru** passed away after a **prolonged illness** ___ **Swami Satyamitranand Giri Maharaj**.
- Note:**
- The famous seer was the founder and head of Bharat Mata Mandir, a famous temple in Haridwar, Uttarakhand.
 - He was born as Ambika Prasad in Agra.
5. Eminent **Social Activist** passed away in Dhaka, Bangladesh ___ **Jharna Dhara Chowdhury**.
- Note:**
- She was deeply influenced by the Gandhian principles of non-violence and communal harmony.
 - In recognition of her work, Jharna Dhara Chowdhury was honoured with Padma Shri (in 2013) and Jannalal Bajaj award (in 1998).
 - She also received many other prestigious awards like Begum Rokeya Padak, Gandhi Seva Puraskar and Ekushey Padak.
6. Veteran **actor-filmmaker** passed away in **Hyderabad** due to a heart attack ___ **Vijaya Nirmala**.
- Note:**
- Vijaya Nirmala (born in Tamil Nadu) worked as actress, producer, and director known for her works predominantly in Telugu cinema.
 - She acted in more than 200 films in Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam.
 - In 2008, she received the Raghupathi Venkaiah Award for her contributions to Telugu cinema.
7. Eminent **freedom fighter** passed away in Odisha ___ **Mohammad Baji**.
- Note:**
- He was a close associate of **tribal civil rights activist** Laxman Nayak.
 - He joined the **Indian National Congress** (in 1936) and **Quit India Movement** on 19th August 1942.
 - Baji was injured in police firing during the **1942 movement** when 29 tribal killed while protesting before the Mathili police station in Malkangiri district.
8. Former **Bengal cricketer** passes away in Salt Lake, Kolkata ___ **Shyam Sundar Mitra**.
- Note:**
- Former Bengal cricketer Shyam Sundar Mitra (82-years) passes away at a private hospital in Salt Lake, Kolkata.
 - Mitra, who captained Bengal in the Ranji Trophy, was an elegant right-hand batsman and a part-time medium pacer.
 - He was awarded the Karthick Bose Lifetime Achievement Award by Cricket Association of Bengal.

Important Days

1. The **International Olympic Day (IOD)** is observed every year on ___ **23rd June**.
- Note:**
- The day promote participation in sport across the globe regardless of age, gender or athletic ability.
 - The three pillars of Olympic Day are 'move', 'learn' and 'discover'.
 - **Move:** Can refer to all sorts of physical activity for people of all ages and abilities.

- **Learn:** Olympic Day is a wonderful opportunity to look at the contribution of sport to global social issues that can affect your community
 - **Discover:** All about inviting and encouraging people to try new sports and activities that they have never done before.
 - The 'Olympic Day' was introduced in 1948 to commemorate the birth of the modern Olympic Games on 23rd June 1894 at the Sorbonne in Paris.
2. The **International Widows day (IWD)** is observed every year on **___23rd June**.
- Note:**
- The day raise awareness of the issue of widowhood.
 - The day addresses the poverty and injustice faced by millions of widows and their dependents in many countries.
 - International Widows Day was established by The Loomba Foundation.
3. The **United Nations Public Service Day** is observed every year on **___23rd June**.
- Note:**
- The day recognize the work of public servants and to encourage young people to pursue careers in the public sector.
 - The day seeks to mark the invaluable contributions of public servants and administrators to build a better world for all.
4. The **Day of the Seafarer** is being observed by the **International Maritime Organization (IMO)** on **___25th June**.
- Note:**
- The theme of the 2019 Day of the Seafarer is 'Get on board with gender equality'.
 - The theme supports the achievement of the Sustainable Development goals, specifically SDG 5.
 - The Day was proclaimed with an aim to recognize the unique contribution made by seafarers from all over the world to international seaborne trade and civil society as whole.
5. The **United Nations' (UN) International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking** is being **observed every year** on **___26th June**.
- Note:**
- The day raise awareness about the major problem that illicit drugs represent to society.
 - This year the theme is Health for Justice, Justice for Health, which highlights that justice and health are two sides of the same coin when it comes to addressing drug problems.
 - It is an initiative to increase support for prevention of drug use that is based on science and is thus an effective investment in the well-being of children and youth, their families and their communities.
6. The **UN Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSME) Day** is observed every year on **___ 27th June**.
- Note:**
- The day recognize the **importance of MSME in achieving sustainable development** goals and in promoting innovation, creativity and sustainable work for all.
 - The **Government of India (GoI)** has also organized a **National Conclave (Udyam Sangam)** to encourage dialogue and partnership among various stakeholders of the MSME ecosystem.
 - International Trade Center, **United Nations (UN)** will launch its flagship report: "The SME Competitiveness Outlook 2019: Big money for small businesses".
7. The **"National Statistics Day"** is being **observed every year** in India on **___29th June**.
- Note:**
- The day create **public awareness** about the importance of statistics in socio-economic planning and policy formulation.
 - The theme of **Statistics Day, 2019** is **"Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)"**.
 - The theme has been chosen for intensive and focused discussions towards filling the data gaps and improvement of timelines/quality in SDGs.
8. The **World Social Media Day** is observed annually on **___30th June**.
- Note:**
- The recognize the **important role** it plays in our society and to celebrate the way it has connected us.
 - The Day was founded in 2010 by Mashable.
 - With the **launch of Friendster** (in 2002) and **MySpace** (in 2003), social media became mainstream.
 - Then 2004 brought the founding of the **king of social media**, Facebook.
9. The United Nation's (UN) **International Day of Parliamentarism** is held on **___30th June**.
- Note:**

- The United Nation's (UN) International Day of Parliamentarism is held on 30th June to celebrate parliaments and the ways in which parliamentary systems of government improve the day-to-day lives of people the world over.
- The day celebrates parliaments, as the cornerstone of democracy and as institutions designed to improve the lives of the people they represent.
- The 2019 event is the second edition of the celebration.

10. The **International Asteroid Day** (known as Asteroid Day) is a **United Nations** proclaimed day observed on ___ **30th June**.

Note:

- The **objective of the Asteroid Day** to raise awareness about **asteroids** and what can be done to protect the Earth, its families, communities, and future generations from a catastrophic event.
- The event marks the anniversary of the **Siberian Tunguska** event that took place on **30th June, 1908**.
- Asteroid Day was co-founded by **filmmaker Grigoriy Richters**, B612 Foundation COO Danica Remy, Apollo 9 astronaut **Rusty Schweickart** and **Brian May**, Queen guitarist and astrophysicist.

New Appointments

1. Who sworn-in as **Chief Justice** of Telangana High Court ___ **Justice Raghvendra Singh Chauhan**.

Note:

- Governor **ESL Narasimhan** administered the oath of office to Justice Chauhan at Raj Bhavan.
- Justice Chauhan is the second Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court after the bifurcation of the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh High Court last year.

2. **Mohamed Ould Ghazouani** elected as the president of ___ **Mauritania**.

Note:

- Mohamed Ould Ghazouani (62-years) has won Mauritania's presidential election with an absolute majority (52%-votes).
- His nearest rival, anti-slavery campaigner Biram Dah Abeid, came second with 18.58%.
- It was the first time Mauritians voted to elect a successor to a democratically elected president in the West African state.

3. Who has been appointed as the **Director General** (DG) of **Indian Coast Guard** (ICG) ___ **K Natarajan**.

Note:

- Currently, Mr. Natarajan is the Additional Director General of the ICG's Western Sea-Board, which looks after the security of the sensitive maritime boundary from Gujarat to Kerala.
- Mr Natarajan holds a master's degree in Defence and Strategic Studies from Madras University.
- The Director General of the Indian Coast Guard (DG ICG) is the head of the Indian Coast Guard.

4. First female **chief executive officer** (CEO) of Warner Bros ___ **Ann Sarnoff**.

Note:

- Ann Sarnoff (former BBC executive) has become the first female CEO of Warner Bros.
- Sarnoff will replace Kevin Tsujihara, who was ousted earlier this year as a result of sexual misconduct allegations.
- Warner Bros. is an American entertainment company (founded in 1923) headquartered in Burbank, California and a subsidiary of AT&T's Warner Media.

5. India's representative in the **Council of International Civil Aviation Organization** (ICAO), a United Nations body ___ **Shefali Juneja**.

Note:

- She will replace the senior IAS officer Alok Shekhar.
- Presently, Shefali Juneja is serving as the Joint Secretary in Ministry of Civil Aviation.
- The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations.
- Its headquarters is located at the Quartier International of Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

6. **Amitabh Kant** was given a **two-year extension** as **Chief Executive Officer** (CEO) of ___ **NITI Aayog**.

Note:

- Mr Kant has been a key driver of the '**Make in India**', **Startup India** and '**Incredible India**' initiatives.
- **Kant** did his schooling from **Modern School**, Delhi, graduation in Economics (Honours) from **St Stephens**, Delhi University and masters from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU).
- The **NITI Aayog** is a policy think tank of the GoI, established (in 2015) with the aim to achieve Sustainable Development Goals and to enhance cooperative federalism by fostering the involvement of State Governments of India in the economic policy-making process using a bottom-up approach.

- The Prime Minister is the Ex-officio chairman.
7. **Mr. P B Acharya** was sworn-in as **Governor of Manipur** at Raj Bhawan in ___ **Imphal, Manipur**.
Note:
- Nagaland **Governor Acharya** sworn-in as Additional charge of **Manipur**.
 - The senior most judge of the High Court of Manipur Justice Lanushungkum Jamir administered the oath of office.
 - **Nagaland Governor Acharya** will serve as Governor of Manipur as an additional charge from today during the absence, on leave, of Dr Najma Heptulla (Governor of Manipur).
 - **Dr Najma Heptulla** will be on leave for a month.
8. **Justice Prasanta Kumar Saikia** (Retired) has been sworn in as the **Chairperson** of the Lokayukta in **Arunachal Pradesh**.
Note:
- Governor Brig (Retd) Dr B D Mishra administered the oath of office to Justice Saikia at a function held in the Raj Bhavan in Itanagar.
 - Retired IAS officer Mr. Yeshi Tsering was sworn in as Member of the Lokayukta.
9. **IPS Officer** has been appointed as the new **chief of Research & Analysis Wing (R&AW)** ___ **Samant Goel**.
Note:
- **Samant Goel** succeed **Anil Dhasmana**.
 - **Mr. Goel** played a key role in planning the February 2019 Balakot airstrikes and the 2016 surgical strikes.
 - The Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW) is the foreign intelligence agency of India, established in 1968 following the intelligence failures of the Sino-Indian War.
 - The agency's primary function is gathering foreign intelligence, engaging in counter-terrorism, promoting counter-proliferation, advising Indian policymakers, and advancing India's foreign strategic interests.
10. The new Director of **Intelligence Bureau** (27th) ___ **Arvind Kumar**.
Note:
- Arvind Kumar Senior IPS Officer Arvind Kumar (1984 batch-Assam- Meghalaya Cadre) succeed Rajiv Jain.
 - Previously Arvind Kumar was involved in tackling the Left-Wing Extremism at IB.
 - The Intelligence Bureau (IB) is India's internal intelligence agency.
 - It was renamed as the **Central Intelligence Bureau** in 1947 under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
11. Who has been elected as the new **Director-General** of the United Nations **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)** ___ **Qu Dongyu**.
Note:
- The Qu will **officially take over** as new **FAO chief** from 1st August 2019.
 - He is the **first Chinese national** to be elected as **FAO Director-General**.
 - The **Food and Agriculture Organization** of the United Nations (FAO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations that leads international efforts to defeat hunger.
 - **FAO** acts as a neutral forum where all nations meet as equals to negotiate arguments and debate policy.

Important News - India

1. **Shri Hardeep Singh Puri** (Minister of State (I/c) for Civil Aviation) has inaugurated the **Air Traffic Flow Management - Central Command Centre** in ___ **New Delhi**.
Note:
- The **C-ATFM system** is primarily meant to address the balancing of capacity against the demand to achieve optimum utilization of the major resources viz., airport, airspace and aircraft at every Indian airport where there is a capacity constraint.
 - The C-ATFM system integrates flight data from various subsystems like ATC Automation System, flight updates and flight update messages.
2. The **Union Govt.** will set up **713 Krishi Vigyan Kendras** to double farmers' income by ___ **2022**.
Note:
- The Union Government has set up 713 Krishi Vigyan Kendras and 684 Agricultural Technology Management Agencies at the district level in the country for dissemination of technologies among the farming community
 - An inter-ministerial committee for the purpose has recommended the use of digital technology to transform and modernize agricultural activities.
3. **IAF's code name** for Balakot airstrike ___ **Operation Bandar**.

Note:

- On 26th February, 12 Mirages having taken off from multiple air bases crossed over into the Pakistani air space and carried out missile attacks on Jaish-e-Mohammed terror camp in Balakot town of Khyber Pakhtunwa province.
- The attacks carried out by the Indian Air Force pilots had dropped five Spice 2000 bombs.

4. BJP MP & Supreme Court lawyer **Meenakshi Lekhi** has written her debut novel title ___ **The New Delhi Conspiracy**.

Note:

- The book has been co-authored by Krishna Kumar who works with her and is published by Harper Collins India, is slated for release on 8th July.
- Meenakshi Lekhi is a Lok Sabha member from South Delhi and is a Supreme Court lawyer.

5. **Union Government** plans to provide **broadband connectivity** to all **gram panchayats** in the country under ___ **BharatNet Project**.

Note:

- One lakh 28 thousand 870 Gram panchayats have been connected with optical fibre till date.
- Under BharatNet project, the last mile connectivity is to be provided at all the 2.5 lakh gram panchayats in the country.
- BharatNet is a project of national importance to establish, by 2017, a highly scalable network infrastructure accessible on a non-discriminatory basis, to provide on-demand, affordable broadband connectivity for all households in partnership with States and the private sector.

6. MoA signed to set up **Centre for Inland & Coastal Maritime** Technology at ___ **IIT Kharagpur**.

Note:

- Ministry of Shipping and IIT Kharagpur has signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) for setting up the Centre for Inland and Coastal Maritime Technology.
- According to Shipping Minister Mr. Mandaviya, the MoA will further the dream of Make in India and reduce the recurring cost incurred in the import of technology.
- The Centre will focus on indigenisation of ship designing, building and testing.
- Currently, only Germany, the Netherlands, Russia and Belgium have model testing facilities for ships.

7. The 32nd Congress of the **International Seed Testing Association (ISTA)** held in ___ **Hyderabad**.

Note:

- Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, **Kailash Choudhary** formally inaugurated the 32nd Congress of the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) in Hyderabad.
- Over 600 delegates including seed experts, officials, policy makers and representatives of national and international companies from nearly 70 countries like the UK, South Africa, Argentina, New Zealand, Canada, Austria are taking part in the Congress.
- The Seed Congress is being held for the first time in South Asia.

8. India successfully **test-fired indigenously** developed nuclear-capable missile ___ **Prithvi-II**.

Note:

- It was carried out from a mobile launcher from Launch Complex-III of the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur.
- The surface-to-surface missile has a strike range of 350 km.
- The missile can carry 500 to 1000 kg of warheads and is powered by liquid propulsion twin engines.
- Prithvi-II was also successfully test-fired on 21st February, last year from the ITR at Chandipur.

9. The **Union Government** has constituted a **Working Group for the revision of the current series** of ___ **Wholesale Price Index (WPI)**.

Note:

- **Prof. Ramesh Chand** (Member, Niti Aayog) will be the **chairman** of the 18-member committee.
- The Office of Economic Adviser, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade will be the nodal office for the Working Group.
- The current series of **Wholesale Price Index** with 2011-12 as the base year was introduced in May 2017.
- Since 2011-12, **significant structural changes** have taken place in the economy.

10. **ISRO** has formed a **public sector undertaking (PSU)** named as the ___ **New Space India Limited (NSIL)**.

Note:

- It will commercially exploit the research and development work of the space agency, co-produce PSLV and launch satellites through SSLVs.

- The functions of NSIL will involve small satellite technology transfer to industry, manufacture of Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV).
 - The new company will also look after the production and marketing of space-based products and services, including launch an application, developed by ISRO Centres.
 - Antrix Corporation Ltd is another PSU under the Department of Space that acts as a commercial arm of the ISRO.
- 11. As per proposed draft, by the FSSAI, Packaged food companies will be required to label high fat, sugar and salt content levels on the front side of the package with ___Red-colour-coding.**
- Note:**
- The **idea behind the new labelling regulations** is to enable citizens to know more about the composition of food products.
 - According to FSSAI (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India), its new labelling and display regulations is ready for draft notification.
 - It has invited suggestions and objections from stakeholders within 30 days from the publication of the draft regulations.
- 12. Under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Scheme, how many houses have been approved so far from the states and Union Territories__81 lack 3 thousand 196 houses.**
- Note:**
- This was informed by Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs, **Hardeep Singh Puri** in the Lok Sabha.
 - **47 lakh 57 thousand 987 houses** are at various stages of construction and 26 lakh 7 thousand 913 have been completed or occupied.
 - The union Government assistance of **Rs. 51,113 crores** have so far been released under the PMAY(U).
 - **Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana** (PMAY) was launched in June 2015 with an aim to provide affordable housing in urban poor.
- 13. As many as 58 railway stations of Railway zone have been provided with free Wi-Fi services for the passenger__ North East Frontier Railway.**
- Note:**
- **Free Wi-Fi services** to passengers are being provided under '**RailWire**' brand the retail Broadband initiative of RailTel.
 - The **Northeast Frontier Railway** is one of the 18 railway zones in India, Headquartered in Maligaon, Guwahati.
 - In May, the **total number of user logins** at the **Wi-Fi enabled stations** was 2.35 crore in 1600 stations across India.
 - Inspired by the vision of Digital India, **Indian Railways** and RailTel created a plan to transform stations into digital inclusion platform by providing fast free public Wi-Fi at stations.

States News

- 1. Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao** dedicated one of the largest multi-stage and multi-purpose lift irrigation schemes _____ **Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project.**
- Note:**
- The Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP) worth Rs 80,000 crore, touted as the world's largest multi-stage multi-purpose scheme.
 - The Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project envisages irrigation over 37 lakh acres of new and existing ayacut in 21 districts of the State.
- 2. India has opened** its first specialized **hydrotherapy treatment** for elephants suffering from arthritis, joint pain and foot ailments in ___**Mathura,UP**
- Note:**
- The new **hydrotherapy jumbo pool** is 11-foot-deep and has 21 high-pressure jet sprays that create water pressure that massage the elephants' feet and body and help in increasing blood circulation.
 - The clinic runs in collaboration with the Uttar Pradesh Forest Department and the NGO Wildlife SOS.
 - The Uttar Pradesh Forest Department and the NGO Wildlife SOS together helped to build and organize the hospital.

3. The **Union Government** has developed a **National Strategic Plan** with the goal of ending **Tuberculosis (TB)** by **2025**.

Note:

- As per the last year's Global TB report, the estimated cases of TB in the country is 204 per lakh population for the year 2017.
- India accounts for 27.4 lakh estimated new TB cases annually, which is the highest in terms of absolute numbers.
- Over 5 lakh 62 thousand patients were cured of TB last year.

4. State Government is all set to get **floating solar power generation plants** on four dams **Maharashtra**.

Note:

- The backwater of Wardha, Bebala, Khadakpurna and Pentakli dams has been selected for setting up the floating solar panels as per the Swiss Challenge method.
- The estimated investment per megawatt is 4.45 crore rupees, with a total installed capacity of 500 MW.
- The work to set up the plants is under progress as permitted under the Maharashtra Infrastructure Development Enabling Authority Act.

5. Who has signed **USD 147 Million Loan Agreement** with the **Government of India** and the **Government of Jharkhand** for Jharkhand Municipal Development Project **World Bank**.

Note:

- The project will provide basic urban services to the people of Jharkhand and help improve the management capacity of the urban local bodies (ULBs) in the State.

6. J&K Governor **Sayta Pal Malik** has inaugurated the **'Sighey khababs Sindhu Festivals'** on the bank of **Indus River**.

Note:

- The festival is celebrated every year to attract tourists to Ladakh by presenting the Indus River as a symbol of the cultural identity of India.
- The main attraction of the festival is local Folk songs and dances, exhibitions of handicrafts, and ethnic food items.

7. **West Bengal Government** has launched **free crop insurance scheme** for farmers **'Bangla Shashya Bima (BSB)**.

Note:

- **State Government** has announced a crop insurance scheme **'Bangla Shashya Bima (BSB)'** in collaboration with the Agriculture Insurance Company of India (AIC) for the 2019 kharif season.
- The scheme 'BSB' is applicable for farmers in **15 districts** - Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Purba Bardhaman, Paschim Bardhaman, Purba Medinipur, Malda, Hooghly, Nadia, Murshidabad, Cooch Behar, Birbhum, Purulia, Dakshin Dinajpur, North 24 Parganas and South 24 Parganas.
- The crops that will come under insurance are aman paddy, aus paddy, jute and maize.

Important News - World

1. **Indian Navy** launches Operation Sankalp in the **Gulf of Oman**.

Note:

- Indian Navy launched Operation Sankalp in the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman to reassure Indian flagged vessels transiting through the area following the recent maritime incidents in the region.
- INS Chennai and INS Sunayna have been deployed in the region to undertake maritime security operations. In addition, aerial surveillance in the area is also being done by IN aircraft.

2. **NASA** has revealed it's first **cube shaped 'Astrobee'** robot, called **Bumble**.

Note:

- Astrobee is a free-flying robot system designed to help astronauts reduce time spent on routine duties.
- The system comprises two more robots 'Honey' and 'Queen', software and a docking station used for recharging.
- Astrobee robots can move in any direction and turn on any axis in space.

3. Who has become the **first Arab Nation** to get FATF Membership **Saudi Arabia**.

Note:

- Saudi Arabia has become the first Arab country to be granted full membership of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF).
- With the induction of Saudi Arabia as FATF member, the number of permanent members in the group is now 39.

4. **International Olympic Committee** opens new **headquarters** in **Switzerland**.

Note:

- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) formally opened its new headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- It has been opened exactly 125 years after the Olympic Games were revived.

- The Olympic House has been built on the site of the former headquarters, and 95% of the old materials were reused and recycled.
 - Designed by architecture firm 3XN of Denmark, the energy-efficient building has won international awards for sustainability.
5. Who launched **UN-developed** anti-money laundering platform ___ **UAE**.
- Note:**
- The UAE has become the first country in the Gulf to launch a new reporting platform developed by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to curb organized crimes.
 - The UAE's Financial Intelligence Unit launched the new anti-money laundering platform 'goAML', which has been open for registration since May.
 - More than **900 entities** including, banks, insurance companies and money exchange centres, are required to register on the platform and 50% of them have already registered.
 - The platform will help the **FIU prevent money** laundering, financing of terrorism and other illicit financial activities.
6. G-20 summit 2019 (14th-meeting) held in ___ **Osaka(Japan)**.
- Note:**
- The theme of the G-20 summit 2019 is '**Human centred future society**'.
 - The **G20 is an international forum** for the governments and **central bank governors** from 19 countries and the European Union.
 - The **members of G20** are Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, European Union, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, United Kingdom and the United States of America.
 - The **next G20 Summit** will be hosted by Saudi Arabia in November 2020.

Honor & Awards

1. Ministry of **Road Transport** and Highways has decided to modify the format of driving licenses to ___ **Universal Smart Card Driving License**.
- Note:**
- Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has decided to modify the format of driving licenses to smart card type driving licences.
 - This Ministry, through its flagship application called SARATHI developed by NIC, has a common countrywide database of all driving license holders.
 - The SARATHI application has the feature to identify duplicate records online in real time and access information about the challans if any.
2. Japan has gifted a war museum called '**Imphal Peace Museum**' to ___ **Manipur**.
- Note:**
- The museum has been inaugurated to mark the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Imphal.
 - The Battle of Imphal is regarded as one of the fiercest battles of World War II in which about 70,000 Japanese soldiers along with the Indian National Army, died in battles with the British-led Allied forces in areas around Imphal and Kohima from March to June 1944.
3. As per Ranking of Police stations for 2018 by the Home ministry, Rajasthan's Police Station' has been ranked the best Police Station in the country ___ **Kalu**.
- Note:**
- The No-2 rank goes to 'Campbell Bay police station' in Nicobar district of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
 - The No-3 rank goes to 'Farakka police station' in Murshidabad, West Bengal, which has facilities like air-conditioners, besides a gymnasium and playground that provide a comfortable environment for public-police interaction.
 - The 2018 survey covered a set of police stations shortlisted from across the country.
 - The stations were evaluated on the basis of crimes against women and SCs/STs, and property-related offences
4. Who has bagged the prestigious **RedInk Award for 'Journalist of the Year'** 2019 ___ **Rachna Khaira**.
- Note:**
- Rachna Khaira (former journalist - The Tribune) bags the award for her **far-reaching expose in 2018** on the functioning of the Unique Identification Authority of Indian (UIDAI) and its Aadhaar data cache.

- The **RedInk Awards for Excellence in Journalism** has been instituted by **Mumbai Press Club** to encourage good quality reporting and analysis, fair play and high ethical standards in Indian journalism.
5. NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Rajiv Kumar has released the second edition of 'Healthy States, Progressive India' report in **New Delhi**.

Note:

- The report takes a comprehensive look at health in terms of health outcomes, governance and processes and impact of policy interventions.

Category	Large States	Smaller States	Union Territories
Overall performance	1.Kerala 2.Andhra Pradesh 3.Maharashtra	Mizoram	Chandigarh
Incremental improvement	1.Haryana 2.Rajasthan 3. Jharkhand	1.Tripura 2.Manipur	Dadra and Nagar Haveli

Sports News

1. Who has clinched the **35th men's Asian Snooker Championship** in Doha ___ **Pankaj Advani**.

Note:

- **Pankaj Advani** has clinched the 35th men's Asian Snooker Championship in Doha to complete a career grand slam in cue sports.
- He defeated **Thanawat Tirapongpaiboon** 6-3 in the final to become the only one to win the Asian and World championships in all formats.

2. Indian women's Hockey team wins FIH Series finals in ___**Japan**.

Note:

- India Hockey team clinched the women's FIH Series Finals Hockey Tournament by beating Japan 3-1 in the summit clash at the Hiroshima Hockey Stadium in Japan.
- Women's FIH Series is the 2nd stage of 2018-19 editions of Hockey Series participation of 24 teams (from 5 confederations).
- The top two teams from each event qualified for 2019 FIH Olympic Qualifiers.

3. Defending World Drivers' Champion won the French Grand Prix 2019 ___ **Lewis Hamilton**.

Note:

- The 2019 FIA Formula One World Championship is an ongoing motor racing championship for Formula One cars which marks the 70th running of the Formula One World Championship.

4. **Spanish Tennis player** has won the men's single Queen's Club Championships ___ **Feliciano Lopez**.

Note:

- He defeated Gilles Simon.
- In the men's double, Andy Murray and Feliciano Lopez defeated Rajeev Ram and Joe Salisbury 7-6 (8-6) 5-7 10-5 to win the men's double Queen's Club Championships.

5. India's **junior women's team** adjudged best in ___**Black Forest Cup**

Note:

- In Boxing, India's junior women pugilists clinched seven medals (gold medal - 5), while the team was adjudged the best of the tournament in the Black Forest Cup in Villingen, Schwenningen, Germany.
- Haryana's Neha (54kg) and Karnataka's Anju Devi (50kg) claimed the honours of best boxer and promising player of the tournament.
- Ten countries including India, Ukraine, Germany, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Hungary, Lithuania, Mongolia, Greece, and Poland took part in this tournament.

6. Karnataka's **Chess player** has become **India's 63rd Grandmaster** ___ **Girish A. Koushik**.

Note:

- He is the only Indian chess player to have won **gold medals at the Asian U-8, U-10, U-12, U-14 and U-16 age-group categories**.

- Girish had completed his second GM norm in Mallorca late in May, and the third in Budapest the following week.
 - World popular Chess player Mr. Viswanathan Anand was the first Grandmaster in India.
 - Grandmaster (GM) is a title awarded to chess players by the world chess organization FIDE.
7. The **International Olympic Committee (IOC)** stripped **Olympic status** from the troubled world boxing body ___**AIBA**.
Note:
- Now, IOC will organize qualifying and final tournaments for the **2020 Tokyo Games**.
 - **IOC members** had voted to endorse the executive board's recommendation last month to suspend AIBA's Olympic status.
 - It is cut off from future **income from Tokyo revenues**, and the **2019 world championships** for men and women in Russia are no longer Olympic qualifiers.
8. Who withdrew its **controversial circular** to ban parents and personal **coaches of shooters** from the **Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range** in New Delhi ___ **The Sports Authority of India (SAI)**.
Note:
- Recently, an order issued by the authorities at the shooting range restricted the movement of parents and coaches inside the range, leading to a controversy.
 - As per international guidelines, they will, however, be not allowed on Field of Play.
9. **India captain** has become the **fastest batsman** to reach **20,000 international runs** ___ **Virat Kohli**.
Note:
- **Virat Kohli** (131 in Tests, 223 in ODIs and 62T20I) broke Sachin Tendulkar (453 innings) and Brian Lara's (453 innings) record to become the fastest to 20,000 international runs.
 - Now, **Virat Kohli** became the **12th batsman** and **3rd Indian batsman** after Sachin Tendulkar (34,357 runs) and Rahul Dravid (24,208 runs) to reach 20,000 International runs.
 - **Virat Kohli** has already become the fastest to score 11,000 ODI runs.
 - Now, Virat Kohli has registered **11,124 runs** in ODIs (C-66 & HC-93) and has 6,613 Test runs and 2,263 in T20Is.
10. **South-East Asian countries** will jointly bid to host the ___ **2034 Football World Cup**.
Note:
- Prime Minister of Thailand **Prayuth Chan-ocha** invited the people of ASEAN to support the football associations in their countries to host the tournament.
 - The **FIFA World Cup** has held only once in the continent when Japan and South Korea were joint hosts in 2002.
 - Qatar will bring it back to Asia in 2022.
 - The **ASEAN countries** are Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and Brunei.
11. **Former England batsman** announced **retirement** from professional cricket ___ **Marcus Trescothick**.
Note:
- Trescothick represented England in 76 Test matches and 123 One Day Internationals between 2000 to 2006.
 - He scored 5,825 runs at an average of 43.79.
 - **Trescothick** played first-class cricket for Somerset County Cricket Club.
12. **Who** has been selected to host the Winter Olympics 2026 ___ **Milan-Cortina (Italy)**.
Note:
- This will be the fourth Olympic Games hosted in Italy and the first Olympic Games hosted by Milan.
 - The 2026 Winter Olympics scheduled to take place from 6 to 22 February 2026 in Italy.

S. No	Olympics	City/Country
1.	2020 Summer Olympics	Tokyo, Japan
2.	2022 Winter Olympics	Beijing, China
3.	2024 Summer Olympics	Paris, France
4.	2026 Winter Olympics	Milan-Cortina, Italy

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