

Weekly One-Liners

8th to 14th August 2019



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Important Days

1. The 77th anniversary of the **August Kranti Din**, was observed all across the country on **8th August 2019**.
Note:
 On this date in 1942, Mahatma Gandhi gave a clarion call to end the British rule and launched the Quit India Movement at the session of the All-India Congress Committee in Mumbai.
 Gandhiji gave the call to Do or Die in his Quit India speech delivered at the Gowalia Tank Maidan in Mumbai.
2. The International Day of the World's Indigenous People is being observed each year on **9th August**.
Note:
 - The theme of this year is 'Indigenous Languages'.
 - On December 23, 1994, The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 9th August as the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples through its resolution 49/214.
3. World Biofuel Day is observed every year on **10th August**.
Note:
 - The day create awareness about the importance of non-fossil fuels as an alternative to conventional fossil fuels and highlight the various efforts made by Government in the biofuel sector.
4. The **World Elephant Day** (WED) is celebrated every year on **12th August**.
Note:
 - The goal of International Elephant Day is to create awareness of the urgent plight of African and Asian elephants and to share knowledge and management of captive & wild elephants.
 - On 12 August 2012, the first international Elephant Day was celebrated.
 - As per the census conducted in 2017, the Elephant population in India is estimated at 29,964.
5. The **International Youth Day** (IYD) is observed every year on **12th August**.
Note:
 - The theme for International Youth Day 2019 is "Transforming education".
 - International Youth Day 2019 will examine how Governments, young people and youth-led and youth-focused organizations, as well as other stakeholders, are transforming education and how these efforts are contributing to the achievement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
6. The festival of sacrifice is being celebrated with religious fervour and gaiety across the country **Eid-ul-Azha**.
Note:
 - The faithful will offer Eid prayers in Eidgahs and mosques.
 - The festival is an ode to the virtues of devotion, faith and sacrifice and inspires feelings of brotherhood, compassion and unity.
 - In the Islamic lunar calendar, Eid al-Adha falls on the 10th day of Dhu al-Hijjah and lasts for three days.
 - In the international (Gregorian) calendar, the dates vary from year to year shifting approximately 11 days earlier each year.

New Appointments

1. Who has been appointed as Chairman and managing director (MD) of the State-owned Power Grid Corporation of India__
Kandikuppa Sreekant.
Note:
 - Previously he was working as Director (Finance) in the Power Grid Corporation.
 - According Ministry of Power order, the tenure of Kandikuppa Sreekant will be till 31st December, 2023.
2. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador for the Chief Minister's Green Manipur Mission__ **Valentina Elangbam**.
Note:
 - **Manipur's Valentina Elangbam** (12-years) was seen weeping profusely in a viral video after two trees that she had planted were cut down.

- Kakching district's Valentina is a class 5 student of Amutombi Divine Life School in Hiyanglam Wabagai.
- She had planted two Gulmohar trees when she was in class 1 near the bank of a river in her locality.
- Valentina was inconsolably upset after the trees she had planted were cut down while the river- bank was being cleaned.

3. Right-wing **candidate** has been elected as the new President of Guatemala__ **Alejandro Giammattei**.

Note:

- He defeated former First Lady Sandra Torres from the centrist National Unity of Hope party.
- Giammattei will succeed corruption-tainted outgoing President Jimmy Morales.
- Alejandro Giammattei will assume office on **14th January 2020**.

Important News – India

1. Union HRD Minister **Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'** has launched a drive to **create awareness** about Water Conservation among all school Children in the country __ **Samagra Shiksha-Jal Suraksha**.

Note:

- Inspired by Prime Minister's impetus to Jal Sanchay, Government of India has launched the Jal Shakti Abhiyan (JSA).
- This concept of water conservation is essential for students so that they can understand the importance of water and how it is shaping their lives meaningfully, thereby enabling them to participate in water conservation activities in their day to day lives.

2. Researchers from the **IIT Madras** and **National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT)** are developing turbines that can harness the power of ocean waves to __ **generate electricity**.

Note:

- India's long coastline and many estuaries and gulfs provide ample opportunities to harness wave power to meet rising energy needs.
- The Department of Ocean Engineering, IIT Madras, under the aegis of the Indian Government's Department of Ocean Development has been working to bring wave energy closer to reality since 1983.
- The most recent research IIT Madras in collaboration with National Institute of Ocean Technology, is being funded by ministry of earth sciences.

3. Who has signed an agreement with **United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)** to initiate a skill development programme for different levels of beneficiaries in the solar thermal energy sector__ **National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE)**.

Note:

- Under the agreement NISE and UNIDO will engage national and international experts to bring the best practices by developing specialized training material.
- The agreement is part of the ongoing MNRE-GEF-UNIDO project implemented jointly by UNIDO and to support capacity building and skill development of technical manpower in the Concentrated Solar Thermal Energy Technologies (CST).

4. PIBA special postage stamp to be released to commemorate golden jubilee of ____ **IFFI**.

Note:

- The festival will take place from the **20th to 28th November** in Goa.
- Competition for designing the Postage Stamp and First Day Cover has been launched by the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting on MyGov platform.
- Those interested may log in on to www.mygov.in to participate in the competition.
- The contest is open till 15th August. The winner will receive a Certificate of Appreciation along with travel and hospitality for three nights and three days to Goa to attend the Festival.

5. The e-version of **Rozgar Samachar** has been launched recently by ____ **Shri Prakash Javadekar**.

Note:

- It has been launched with a view to make aspirants aware of job opportunities in government sector including public sector enterprises.
- It will also provide information and guidance about admission and career opportunities in various streams through career-oriented articles by experts.

- It can be accessed by visiting the website www.employmentnews.gov.in and clicking on the e-version tab.
6. Under the second phase of FAME India scheme, The Union Government has sanctioned electric buses in 64 cities for intracity and intercity operations ____ **5595**.
- Note:**
- The objective of the scheme is to encourage faster adoption of electric and hybrid vehicle by way of offering upfront incentives on purchase of electric vehicles.
 - Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises in a release said, this will give a further push to clean mobility in public transportation.
7. Home Minister Amit Shah has released a book titled ____ **Listening, Learning & Leading**.
- Note:**
- The book was released in Chennai at a function organised by Information and Broadcasting Ministry.
 - The book also showcases the Vice President's feat as the Rajya Sabha Chairman in enhancing its effectiveness and promoting its efficiency.
 - The book captures the glimpses of the Vice President's 330 public engagements across the country in the last two years.
8. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has increased the fees (from Rs 50 to Rs 1,200) of Class 10th and 12th board examinations for ____ **SC and ST students**.
- Note:**
- According to the revised norms, the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students will have to pay Rs 1,200 for five subjects, while earlier they were supposed to pay Rs 50 for the same, a hike of 24 times.
 - The general category students who were paying Rs 750 earlier, will now pay Rs 1,500 for five subjects.
 - The students enrolled in CBSE schools abroad will have to pay Rs 10,000 for five subjects for both Class 10 and 12. Earlier it was Rs 5000.
9. Union ministers **Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank** and **Gajendra Singh Shekhawat** have launched the **Suraksha drive** to promote **water conservation** activities among school students ____ **Samagra Shiksha-Jal**.
- Note:**
- They have launched the drive at Kendriya Vidyalaya Number 2 at Delhi Cantonment.
 - The Department of School Education and Literacy under the HRD Ministry has started the drive to promote water conservation activities among school students so that they can become competent, conscientious and committed citizens of the nation.
 - The department has prepared a detailed outline to implement the programme in all the schools of the country.
10. Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited ____ **Bhutan**.
- Note:**
- During the two-day visit, Prime Minister Mr Modi hold talk with his Bhutanese counterpart Lotay Tshering.
 - Besides, the Prime Minister also inaugurated a hydropower project and roll out RuPay Cards.
11. The Union **Information and Broadcasting** Minister **Prakash Javdekar** has released a nearly **five-minute-long** patriotic music video ____ **Watan**.
- Note:**
- The song is sung by singer Javed Ali penned by lyricist Alok Shrivastav and musically composed by Dushyant.
 - The patriotic song is produced by **Doordarshan**.
 - The song highlights several **paths breaking initiatives** of the government including the determination and vision behind the recent successful launch of "Chandrayaan 2".
 - It also shows **PM Modi** flagged off India's fastest train - the **Vande Bharat Express** as well as **Yoga Day celebrations**.
12. The book, titled '**Sridevi: Girl Woman Superstar**' will be launched on cinema legend Sridevi's ____ **56th birth anniversary**.
- Note:**
- The book is written by author-screenwriter Satyarth Nayak and approved by the actor's producer husband Boney Kapoor.
 - The book recounts the life and times of the iconic actor who changed how women stars were perceived in the male-dominated film industry.
 - The book will be published under the Ebury Press imprint of Penguin Random House in October 2019.
13. Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated the Dynamic Facade Lighting of the ____ **Parliament House Estate**.
- Note:**

- As many as **875 energy-efficient** LED lights have been installed in the Parliament Complex.
 - These are power efficient and uses only one-fifth of the electricity compared to other types of lights.
 - These excellent intensities LED bulbs are capable of creating 16 million colours combinations and the LED lighting is programmable and electronically controlled through computers.
- 14. The Indian Army has launched a mission in Jammu to ensure necessities and essential services are available in the region__ Mission Reach Out.**
- Note:**
- A high-level Mission Reach Out conference to review the prevalent situation in the region was held in the Nagrota Military Station was chaired by White Knight Corps Commander Lt Gen Paramjit Singh.
 - The Corps commander lauded the absolute synergy between the Army, civil administration and other security establishments in maintaining peace, harmony and a conducive environment.
- 15. Two newly created Union Territories (Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh) will officially come into existence on__ 31st October 2019.**
- Note:**
- On 31st October, the President's assent to the newly passed Jammu and Kashmir Re-organization Act comes into effect.
 - According to the new Act, UT J&K will have Assembly while Ladakh will be UT without a Legislature
 - The Ladakh UT will have three districts that are Leh, Kargil and Ladakh while the rest 12 districts will remain with J&K UT.
 - Each UT will be governed by a separate **Lieutenant Governor (LG)**.
- 16. Jammu and Kashmir government will host a three-day Global Investors Summit 2019 in __Srinagar.**
- Note:**
- The first-ever summit in the state will provide J&K with an opportunity to showcase its strengths, strategies and potential.
 - The summit will provide an opportunity to allay fears and apprehensions in the minds of outside trade and the business community.
- 17. India has contributed one million US Dollars to the United Nations Special Purpose Trust Fund for __the Resident Coordinator System.**
- Note:**
- According to the UN information, Special Purpose Trust Fund (SPTF) is a specific fund housed within the UN Secretariat, established to receive, consolidate, manage all contributions and financial transactions of the new Resident Coordinator system in a transparent and effective way.
 - SPTF web portal, displays in real-time all commitments, contributions and expenditures recorded for the fund.

Important News – State

- 1. Who has topped the ranking in Breastfeeding and Infant and Young Child Feeding Practices in the country__ Manipur.**
- Note:**
- Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Bihar are at the **bottom positions** in the report card.
 - **National capital Delhi** is also among the worst-performing States.
 - The Breastfeeding report card has been developed by devising a composite score based on three indicators namely early initiation of breastfeeding, exclusive breastfeeding for six months and complimentary feeding at 6-8 months of child's age.
- 2. An expedition team of mountaineers were flagged off by Union Minister of State for Defense Shripad Yesso Naik to __Mount Elbrus, Russia.**
- Note:**
- The team is aiming to hoist the Indian national flag atop the mountain on Aug 15, on the occasion of the 73rd Independence Day of India.
 - The expedition team of eight professionals from Himalayan Mountaineering Institute (HMI) in Darjeeling, led by its principal GP Captain Jaikishan.
 - The team will also perform 'asanas' atop the mountain in an attempt to showcase the importance of Yoga to the international community.

3. Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu has launched the Jharkhand government's ____ **Mukhya Mantri Krishi Ashirwad Yojana**.

Note:

- The objective of the 'Chief Minister Krishi Aashirwad Yojana' is to provide financial assistance to the farmers of Jharkhand and to help the farmers facing problems in agriculture due to loans.
- The target of providing financial assistance of Rs. 3 thousand crores to 35 lakh farmers of the state are set.
- In the first phase of this scheme, 15 lakh farmers of the state will be given the benefit of the scheme.

4. **Thousands of students** and members of several social organizations unfurled a **15-km long national flag** by forming a human chain in ____ **Raipur, Chhattisgarh**.

Note:

- Thousands of people and students from various schools created a human chain while holding the 15-km long tricolour from Amapara Chowk to Pt Ravishankar Shukla University.
- The event has been organized by Vasudgaiv Kutumbakam Foundation.

5. Who has initiated a massive drive to provide more than **28000 agro-machines/farm equipment** to farmers__ **Punjab Agriculture Department**.

Note:

- Subsidy component of 278 crore rupees will be provided for the scheme during the current fiscal year under the first phase for in-situ management of paddy residue.
- Subsidy ranging from 50 per cent to 80 per cent is being provided to the farmers under the scheme with 80 per cent subsidy to cooperative societies and farmers groups while 50 per cent for individuals.
- The Agriculture Department has fully geared up to complete the task of distribution of this equipment before 15th September this year.

6. **Karnataka Government** has launched an initiative to empower student start-ups__ **E-Step**.

Note:

- The "E-Step" initiative has been launched by The Department of IT, BT and S&T in Karnataka, through Karnataka Innovation and Technology Society (KITS).
- Under the E-step initiative boot camps, mentoring and training programmes will be organised which will cover various aspects of entrepreneurship.
- The programme is specially crafted for students/start-ups/entrepreneurs to understand the basics of entrepreneurship from experienced trainers.

7. **West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee** has inaugurated the **world's first museum** in Kolkata on ____ **Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu**.

Note:

- The museum has been constructed by Baghbazar Gaydiya Mission.
- The Chaitanya museum has paintings on one of the aspects of Lord Krishna's life known as 'Vrindavan Leela'.
- Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu was the 16th-century Bengali Hindu mystic and saint and the chief proponent of the Gaudiya Vaishnavism tradition within Hinduism.

Important News – World

1. American carrier rocket Falcon 9 lifts off successfully the Israeli communication satellite into the orbit__ **AMOS-17**.

Note:

- The rocket was launched from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida. Amos-17 is set to replace Amos-5 satellite launched in 2011.
- Communication with Amos-5 was lost in 2015. Amos-17, built by Boeing, will provide Ka, Ku and C-band signal transmission and expand Israeli communications satellite operator Spacecom's coverage in Africa, the Middle East and Europe.

2. India and Bangladesh have agreed to **set up a Joint Technical committee** for optimum utilization of ____ **Ganges water**.

Note:

- Both the countries also agreed to prepare a framework for interim water-sharing agreement for eight rivers including Feni, Gumti and Teesta.
- Both the countries also discussed issues related to pollution of trans boundary rivers.

- It is an important step in enhancing bilateral cooperation in the water resources sector between India and Bangladesh.
 - The Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna mega-basin is the second largest hydraulic region in the world.
3. Who has created the world's thinnest gold measuring just two atoms thick or million times thinner than a fingernail ____ **University of Leeds Scientists.**
- Note:**
- In its 2D form, gold becomes flexible that adds to its potential of being used more efficiently such as in bendable screens, electronic inks, medical diagnostic tests, and water purification systems.
4. **Indian Railways** has cancelled train after **Pakistan** suspended operations on its side ____ **Samjhauta Express.**
- Note:**
- According to Northern Railway, Pakistan has cancelled the Samjhauta Express running between Lahore and Attari.
 - The railways run the train on Sundays from Delhi to Attari and back, while Pakistan used to run the train between Lahore and Attari.
 - The train (Samjhauta Express) was started on 22 July 1976 following the Shimla Agreement and ran between Amritsar and Lahore, a distance of about 52 km.
 - On 14 April 2000, in an agreement between Indian Railways and Pakistan Railways (PR), the distance was revised to cover just under three km.
5. India and Russia to **boost ties** to achieve USD **30 billion** bilateral trade by ____ **2025.**
- Note:**
- Piyush Goyal (Commerce and Industry Minister) led a high-power delegation of Chief Ministers of Haryana, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and Goa and about 140 Indian companies to Vladivostok, Russia (11-13 August 2019).
 - Goyal underlined the need to diversify and deepen trade links in priority sectors, in order to meet the trade target of USD 30 billion by 2025.
 - The 5th Eastern Economic Forum will be held in September in Vladivostok, Russia.

Honor & Awards

1. India's **transsexual women** has won the **Miss World Diversity beauty pageant 2019** for third consecutive year ____ **Naaz Joshi.**
- Note:**
- The **transsexual beauty** has won the title in 2017 and 2018 as well to become the first person ever to win the title for three consecutive years.
 - This **beauty contest** was held in **Port Louis, Mauritius.**
 - She has also been crowned as **Miss Republic International Beauty Ambassador 2017** and Miss United Nationals Ambassador.
2. As part of **centenary year celebrations** of **Dr Vikram Sarabhai**, the **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** has announced **two categories** of awards in ____ **Journalism.**
- Note:**
- The **first category holds** a cash price of **Rs 5,00,000**, a medal and citation and two journalists or freelancers of print media will be awarded.
 - The **second category of the award** holds 3 cash prizes of Rs 3,00,000, 2,00,000 and 1,00,000 and citation each for journalists or freelancers of print media.
 - "**Vikram Sarabhai Journalism Award** in Space Science, Technology and Research" is to recognize and **reward journalists** who have actively contributed towards the field of space science, applications, and research.
3. A team of researchers at the **Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati (IIT-G)** has developed a portable device to detect bacteria without ____ **Microbiological assays.**
- Note:**
- The hand-held device, with bio-compatible sensor can also diagnose time-critical illnesses such as meningitis.
 - The present techniques are extremely time-consuming. Currently, cells derived from a patient are cultured or grown in laboratories to detect and microanalyse bacteria.
 - The research has enabled rapid detection of bacteria, which is not just important in healthcare but also in anti-bioterrorism measures and environmental monitoring.
4. President Ram Nath Kovind conferred country's highest civilian award Bharat Ratna ____ **Pranab Mukherjee, Bhupen Hazarika & Nanaji Deshmukh.**

Note:

- **Pranab Mukherjee** received the award from the President, at a function in Rashtrapati Bhawan.
- Bhupen Hazarika's son Tej Hazarika received the award on his behalf. While a relative of Nanaji Deshmukh, Virender Jeet Singh received the award for him.
- Nanaji Deshmukh was born in 1916 in a Marathi family in Parbhani, Maharashtra. As a child, he was inspired by freedom fighter Bal Gangadhar Tilak.
- Nanaji established India's first Saraswati Sishu Mandir at Gorakhpur in 1950.
- Bharat Ratna Awardee receives a certificate known as 'Sanad' signed by the President of India and a medallion.

5. The policy think tank of the government of India has launched the Fourth Edition of Women Transforming India (WTI) Awards __ **NITI Aayog**.

Note:

- The **Women Transforming India (WTI) Awards** is being **organized in collaboration** with the United Nations to recognize women entrepreneurs from across India.
- This year's theme is '**women and Entrepreneurship**', in continuation of the theme for WTI Awards 2018.
- During the launch Amitabh Kant, CEO NITI Aayog, Ms. Renata Lok-Dessallien, UN Coordinator in India and partners of Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) were present.

6. Indian Air Force's (IAF) Wing Commander has been honoured with Vir Chakra __ **Abhinandan Varthaman**.

Note:

- The Vir Chakra is the third highest wartime gallantry award after the Param Vir Chakra and Maha Vir Chakra.
- Wg Cdr Abhinandan had sustained injuries while ejecting from his MiG-21 Bison during the aerial combat between Indian and Pakistani air forces on February 27.
- IAF Squadron Leader Minty Agarwal will also be honoured with Yudh Seva Medal for her role as a fighter controller during the 27th February aerial conflict between India and Pakistan.
- Indian Army's Sapper Prakash Jadhav of 1 Rashtriya Rifles (Mahar) will also be conferred Kirti Chakra (posthumously), for the role he played in an operation in Jammu and Kashmir.

7. The first Indian chef has been awarded the Chevalier de l'Ordre du Mrite Agricoleto __ **Priyam Chatterjee**.

Note:

- The Order of Agricultural Merit is an order of merit bestowed by the French Republic for outstanding contributions to agriculture.
- He has been awarded for his contribution towards reinventing the gastronomic scene in India.
- Priyam is known for revisiting the traditional dishes from his native state of West Bengal and giving it a French twist.

Sports News

1. Who have been selected for the upcoming **women's world boxing championships** to be held in Russia __ **M C Mary Kom & Lovlina Borgohain**.

Note:

- Mary Kom (36-years) has already claimed two gold medals this year India Open and a recent tournament in Indonesia, has been selected in the 51kg category.
- While World and Asian bronze-medallist Borgohain will be competing in the 69kg category.

2. Former **Uruguay captain** has announced his official retirement at the age of 40-years __ **Diego Forlan**.

Note:

- In 2011, the striker helped Uruguay win the Copa America, a competition both his father and grandfather won.
- He was also named the best player at the 2010 World Cup in South Africa where Uruguay finished fourth.
- He scored 36 goals in 112 matches for his country.

3. **South African** player announced his retirement from all forms of international cricket __ **Hashim Amla**.

Note:

- Hashim Amla made his international debut in a Test match vs India in Kolkata in 2004
- Amla played 349 matches across three formats for the Proteas, scoring more than 18 000 runs
- Amla is the fastest batsman to reach 2000, 3000, 4000, 5000, 6000 and 7000 ODI runs

4. Who suspended the **Archery Association of India (AAI)** for defying its guidelines by electing **two parallel bodies** __ **World Archery (WA)**.

Note:

- The decision is effective from 12th August and the last event in which the archers can participate under the Indian flag is the World Archery Youth Championships in Madrid from 19th to 25th of this month.
 - Olympic quota places will be up for grabs at the Asian Championships and Asian Para Championships, to be held in Bangkok in November.
 - India so far have three men's places secured for the next Olympics but has yet to win a women's spot.
5. Former **New Zealand captain** announced his retirement from all forms of competitive cricket ____ **Brendon McCullum**.
Note:
- McCullum, who is playing for Toronto Nationals, had retired from all forms of international cricket in 2016 but continued to ply his trade in various T20 leagues across the globe.
 - The 37-year-old former Black Caps skipper has played 101 Tests in which he scored 6453 runs with 12 hundred and highest score of 302.
 - In 260 ODIs, he scored 6083 runs with five hundred while 71 T20 Internationals fetched him 2140 runs.
6. As per Forbes list of the highest-paid female athletes 2019, Who has topped in the annual list for a 4th the consecutive year ____ **Serena Williams**.
Note:
- She has topped the annual list for a 4th the consecutive year with estimated total earnings of USD 29.2 million.
 - Naomi Osaka (Japan) was 2nd on the list with earnings of USD 24.3 million.
 - Indian badminton player P.V. Sindhu came in tied for 13th (USD 5.5 million) rounding out the top 15 of Forbes list of best-paid female athletes.
 - US World Cup-winning striker Alex Morgan is the first non-tennis player at 12 after earning \$5.8m (£4.77m).
7. Indian junior shuttlers have won **six medals** (gold-3, silver-1 and bronze-2) at the Bulgarian Junior International Championships in ____ **Pazardzhik, Bulgaria**.
Note:
- The gold medals were won by Samiya Imad Faruqi in women's singles, the duo of Edvin Joy and Shruti Mishra in Mixed Doubles and pair of Tanisha Crasto and Aditi Bhatt in women's doubles.
 - Men's doubles combination of Ishan Bhatnagar and Vishnuvardhan settled for the silver medal.
 - Malvika Bansod and Meiraba Luwang won a bronze each in other singles events.
8. Who clinched the **Men's Singles title** in the Hyderabad Open Badminton title ____ **Sourabh Verma**.
Note:
- He beat Singapore's Loh Kean Yew 21-13, 14-21, 21-16 in a 52-minute final clash.
 - Earlier, Sourabh had won two Super 100 titles last year at the Dutch Open and Russian Open.
 - Top seeds Ashwini Ponnappa and N Sikki Reddy, however, finished runners up in women's doubles.
 - The 2019 Hyderabad Open was a badminton tournament which took place at G. M. C. Balayogi SATS Indoor Stadium in Hyderabad, India.
9. India's **top wrestler** has won the **gold medal** at Tbilisi Grand Prix in Georgia ____ **Bajrang Punia**.
Note:
- He defeated Iran's Peiman Bibyani by 2-0 in the 65 kg final of the men's freestyle competition.
 - It is fourth gold of the season for Bajrang after standing atop the podium at Dan Kolov, Asian Championship and Ali Aliev tournament.
 - Tbilisi Grand Prix of V. Balavadze and G. Kartoziya is organised by the Georgian Wrestling Federation at the New Sports Palace, Georgia.
10. The **Board of Control for Cricket in India** (BCCI) has agreed to **come under** the ambit of the ____ **National Anti-Doping Agency**.
Note:
- This landmark decision makes Indian Cricket's governing body a sports federation as per government norms despite being financially autonomous.
 - The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) is the national organization responsible for promoting, coordinating, and monitoring the doping control program in sports in all its forms in India.
11. Who has become the **first Indian** to claim a world title in **motorsports** in women's category ____ **Aishwarya Pissay**.
Note:
- Earlier, Aishwarya has won the first round in Dubai.
 - Aishwarya, who won the first round in Dubai and was placed third (Portugal), fifth (Spain) and fourth (Hungary) in the subsequent outings, finished with a tally of 65 points, just four ahead of Portugal's Rita Vieira in the final overall standings for women.

12. Who won the **2019 Ultimate Table Tennis league title** at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi___ **Chennai Lions**.

Note:

- Chennai Lions beat Dabang Delhi 8-1 to claim the 2019 Ultimate Table Tennis league title at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi.
- The Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) is a professional level table tennis league in India launched in 2017.

13. Who has become the **second highest run getter** for Indian in ODI ___ **Virat Kohli**.

Note:

- Kohli surpassed Ganguly's record in his 238th game while Ganguly took 311 ODIs to score 11,363 runs
- Tendulkar has 18,426 runs, most in the ODI cricket by any batsman in the world.
- Kohli also became the highest run-scorer against West Indies in the ODIs.

14. Spanish **professional tennis player** has won the Men's single Rogers Open___ **Rafael Nadal**.

Note:

- Canadian Bianca Andreescu (19-years) has won the Women's Singles title at the Canadian Open (Tennis) 2019.
- The 2019 Rogers Cup (Canadian Open) presented by National Bank is a tennis tournament played on outdoor hard courts.
- It is the 139th edition (for the men) and the 128th (for the women) of the Canadian Open.
- The women's event is taking place at the Aviva Centre in Toronto and the men's event is being held at the IGA Stadium in Montreal.

15. Women's Twenty20 cricket, **beach volleyball** and **Para-table tennis** have been included in the ___**2022 Commonwealth Game**.

Note:

- Commonwealth Game 2022 scheduled to be held in Birmingham, England (27th July to 7th August 2022).
- This time shooting and archery events will not take place in the 2022 Commonwealth Game.
- The last time cricket (50 overs) was played in 2018 Commonwealth Games held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India has launched a new term insurance plan called _____**Jeevan Amar**.

Note:

- It is a **non-linked**, nonparticipating, **life term assurance plan** and offers greater **flexibility to policyholders** in comparison to other insurance plans.
- The plan is available for ages **18-65 years** with the maximum age **maturity at 80 years** offering policy terms from **10 years** to a maximum of **40 years**.
- The **insurance premium** can either be paid only once, for a limited premium paying term or regularly or regularly throughout the policy term.

2. India's **central bank** will set up a Central Payment Fraud Registry___**Reserve Bank of India**.

Note:

- This **Registry will monitor digital payments** related frauds on a real-time basis and provide customers with periodic aggregated data of risks associated with individual payments operators.
- This will improve **customer confidence** in these channels.
- A **detail framework** on the proposed registry would be released by the regulators in October.
- Currently, **RBI has a mechanism** in place for banks to report all banking frauds to the Central Fraud Monitoring Cell of the Reserve Bank.
- The proposed registry may extend the platform to all payments operators.

3. SBI Life Insurance and **Indian Bank** have entered into a **Bancassurance pact** to offer **holistic financial planning** solutions to the ___**banks customers**.

Note:

- SBI Life will work with **Indian Bank** to ensure sales training, product support and smooth operational processes in order to offer life insurance policies to its customers.

- Indian Bank's customers will have access to an array of **life insurance products** from SBI Life catering to varied life stage needs of the customer.
 - With Indian Bank's widespread presence and **SBI Life's extensive** product portfolio, this partnership will ensure easier accessibility of life insurance to consumers.
4. The **State Bank of India (SBI)** has reduced its **landing rates** to **___15-basis points**.
- Note:**
- In a statement, the country's largest lender said the new rates of 8.25 per cent will be effective from 10th
 - After this cut, SBI home loans have become cheaper by 35 bps since April. The bank is offering repo linked home loans since 1st July 2019.
5. Who has launched new **cyber insurance scheme** for the customers, to **safeguard their online bank account** or of ATM fraud **___SBI General Insurance**.
- Note:**
- Pushan Mahapatra is new MD, CEO of SBI General Insurance.
6. **Global payment** and technology company launched an Identity Check Express solution **___ Mastercard**.
- Note:**
- It is a next-generation, mobile-first authentication solution to secure online transactions.
 - The solution will help eliminate unnecessary friction and enhance the security of online transactions.
 - Mastercard Identity Check Express combines the latest technology, including device intelligence and behavioural biometrics, with the latest EMV 3-D Secure and FIDO authentication standards.
 - Identity Check Express was showcased at the Global Mastercard Cybersecurity Summit, held for the first time in India.
7. Traders body **Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT)** has launched an initiative **___Digi Vyapari-Safal Vyapari**.
- Note:**
- This is to accelerate acceptance of digital payments among merchants across the country.
 - For this the CAIT has partnered with HDFC Bank, Mastercard, Common Service Centres (CSCs) of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (Meity) and Global Linkers.
8. **RBL Bank** and **digital healthcare platform** have partnered to launch an industry-first co-branded health credit card **___Practo**.
- Note:**
- This credit card is powered by Mastercard and is available on both Practo & RBL mobile apps and websites.
 - It offers benefits like unlimited and round-the-clock online consultations with experienced and qualified doctors, one free full body health check-up, while users can use the card to earn points that can be redeemed for availing Practo services like ordering medicine, tests and online consultations.
 - Currently, Practo is the only platform in the country that lets patients manage their healthcare needs end-to-end.
9. According to **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**, **Aadhaar enabled Payment System (AePS)** has crossed the milestone transactions during July 2019 **___ Over 220 million (22 crores)**.
- Note:**
- Top five services provided by AePS model are cash withdrawal, cash deposit, Aadhaar to Aadhaar funds transfer, balance enquiry, gateway authentication service.
 - AePS is a bank-led model which allows basic banking transactions at point of sale.
 - AePS empowers a bank customer to use Aadhaar as identity to access respective Aadhaar enabled bank account and perform basic banking transactions like cash withdrawal, intrabank or interbank fund transfer and balance enquiry.

Obituaries

1. **WWE's professional wrestler** passed away due to lung Cancer **___Harley Race**.

Note:

- He became a mainstay of the wrestling circuit, winning numerous individual and tag-team titles in the 1960s, '70s and '80s.
 - Race was pitted in high-profile matches against Dusty Rhodes, Ric Flair, Andre the Giant, Hulk Hogan and other marquee names.
2. Bollywood veteran director and actor **Hrithik Roshan's grandfather** passed away__ **J Om Prakash**.
Note:
- He is best known for his films "Aap Ki Kasam" (1974), "Apnapan" (1977), "Aasha" (1980), "Apna Bana Lo" (1982), "Arpan" (1983) "Aakhir Kyon?" (1985) and "Aadmi Khilona Hai" (1993).
3. Singer-**songwriter** who formed the indie group '**Silver Jews**' in the 1990s passed away__**David Berman**.
Note:
- Berman had suffered from drug addiction for years and had survived several overdoses and one suicide attempt.
 - The 'Silver Jews' that recorded six studio albums between 1994 and 2008 rarely performed live.
 - Berman also authored two books of poetry, 'Actual Air,' and 'The Portable February.'
4. Noted freedom fighter who struggled against the British Government during the Quit India movement passed away __**Dayanidhi Nayak**.
Note:
- One of the 32 freedom fighters from **Panimora**, he joined the Quit India movement against the British government and was a devout follower of Mahatma Gandhi.
 - During the Quit India movement, he was jailed for nine months.
5. **Ivorian musician** passed away after getting involved in an ugly road accident__ **Houon Ange Didier**.
Note:
- DJ Arafat(33-year) issued 11 albums, mainly of "coupe-decale", a dance music form combining rapid percussion, choppy rhythms with hip hop-style vocals.
 - He was also named "Best Artist of the Year" at the Ivorian "Coupe-decale" Awards in 2016 and 2017.
6. Senior advocate and former **Additional Solicitor General** passed away__**Amarendra Sharan**.
Note:
- Sharan was the Additional Solicitor General in the Supreme Court from 2004 to 2009.
 - In 2008, Sharan won the award for "outstanding contribution for the development of scientific jurisprudence" on National Law Day.
 - The senior advocate was amicus curiae in the Supreme Court in the case related to the SC/ST Act last year and another related to Mahatma Gandhi's assassination.
7. Argentina's 1986 World Cup-winning defender passed away following a long battle with Alzheimer__ **Jose Luis Brown**.
Note:
- Brown made 36 appearances for his country, the most famous of which came in the 1986 World Cup final in Mexico.
 - Jose Luis Brown knew by his nickname "Tata", dislocated his shoulder in the match but refused to be substituted.

