

Weekly One Liner

1st - 7th September 2019



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Important Days

1. The ten-day long festival begins with great devotion ____ **Ganesh Utsav**.

Note:

- The festival marks the birth of Lord Ganesh, who is a symbol of wisdom, prosperity and good fortune.
- **Ganesh Chaturthi** is a major attraction in Maharashtra, where people celebrate it with great zeal.
- On the first day of the festival, devotees are welcoming the idols of Lord Ganesh to their homes and at public pandals in various parts of the state.
- In Tamil Nadu, the annual festival of the **famous hill-top Ganesh temple** in Trichy, popularly known as the Malaikottai (Hill Fort).

2. The entire month of September will be celebrated as the ____ **Rashtriya Poshan Maah**.

Note:

- This year the theme is '**Complementary Feeding**'.
- POSHAN Abhiyaan is a multi-ministerial convergence mission with the vision to address malnutrition with a targeted approach by 2022.
- Under the **Poshan Abhiyaan**, the Union government has set a target to reduce the stunting rate in children from 35% to 25%.

3. ICMR-NIN conducting programmes on occasion of National Nutrition Week till __ **7th September**.

Note:

- The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)-National Institute of Nutrition (NIN) is going to implement the effectiveness of diet and lifestyle intervention with respect to lifestyle diseases like hypertension and diabetes.
- This will be done through information, education and communication through Anganwadi Workers as a centre of knowledge dissemination with respect to these diseases.

4. **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)** launched a first-ever '**Terracotta Grinder**' at Sewapuri in ____ **Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh**.

Note:

- The **Terracotta Grinder** will grind the wasted and broken **pottery items** for re-using in pottery-making.
- This Terracotta grinder will make grinding of wasted pottery items faster than the traditional mortar and pestle. This will also create more job opportunities in the villages.

5. Teachers' Day is being celebrated throughout the country on the birthday of educationist and former President ____ **Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan**.

Note:

- Dr. Radhakrishnan was India's first Vice President and second President.
- President Ramnath Kovind has given the National Teachers' Awards to 46 teachers at a function in New Delhi.
- The awards have been given to meritorious teachers, who through their commitment have not only improved the quality of school education but also enriched the lives of their students.

6. The United States and **10 Southeast Asian countries** kicked off maritime drills at the Sattahip Naval Base in ____ **Thailand**.

Note:

- As part of a joint exercise extending into the flashpoint the South China Sea with eight warships, four aircraft and more than a thousand personnel.
- The drills come at a time of stepped-up U.S. engagement in the region and tensions between Beijing and Southeast Asian nations over the South China Sea.
- The exercise includes **8 warships** and 4 aircraft from **7 countries** and more than **1,000 personnel** from all 11 participants namely Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, and the US.

New Appointments

1. President **Shri Ram Nath Kovind** has approved the appointment of **new Governors** of ____ **Five states**.

Note:

- Former Uttarakhand Chief Minister **Bhagat Singh Koshyari** (77-years) has been appointed as the new Governor of **Maharashtra**.
 - Former Union Minister **Arif Mohammed Khan** (68-years) will take the responsibility of **Kerala governor**.
 - Former Union Minister and BJP leader, **Bandaru Dattatraya** (72-years) will be the new Governor of **Himachal Pradesh** in place of **Kalraj Mishra** (78-years) who has been given the charge of Governor of **Rajasthan**.
 - Former Tamil Nadu BJP chief, **Dr Tamilisai Soundararajan** (58-years) is the new Governor of **Telangana**.
2. **Oleksiy Honcharuk** has been appointed as the youngest-ever Prime Minister of **Ukraine**.
- Note:**
- The Prime Minister is appointed by the president with the consent of the Verkhovna Rada.
 - The Prime Minister of Ukraine is Ukraine's head of government, presiding over the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, which is the highest body of the executive branch of the Ukrainian government.
3. President Donald Trump has nominated Indian American as a judge of the US District Court for the Southern District of California **Shireen Mathews**.
- Note:**
- Currently, Mathews is a partner at Jones Day, the fifth-largest law firm in the country, in San Diego.
 - Mathews earned her BA, magna cum laude, from Georgetown University and her law degree, cum laude, from Duke University School of Law.
 - Mathews will be the first Asian Pacific American woman and first Indian-American to serve as an Article III federal judge in the Southern District
4. India's Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora has assumed Chairmanship of Association of World Election Bodies (AWEB) for the term **2019-21**.
- Note:**
- India was unanimously nominated to the Vice-Chair of **AWEB at the last General Assembly** held at Bucharest (in 2017).
 - The AWEB Flag was handed over to the new Chairman, Sunil Arora and it will remain with Election Commission of India for the two-year term till 2021.
 - More than 110 delegates from 45 countries attended the meeting.
5. The **Reserve Bank of India** (RBI) has made it mandatory for banks to link all **new floating-rate loans** for housing, auto and MSMEs (Micro and Small Enterprises) to external benchmark like repo from **1st October 2019**.
- Note:**
- The banks are free to choose one of the several benchmarks indicated in the circular.
 - Industry and retail borrowers have been complaining that banks do not pass on the entire RBI's policy rate (repo rate) reduction to them.
 - In 2019, the Reserve Bank has already reduced the repo or short-term lending rate by 110 basis points, but the banks have reportedly passed on only up to 40 bps to borrowers.

Important News – India

1. Vice-President **M Venkaiah Naidu** dedicated the country's longest electrified rail tunnel between **Cherlopalli & Rapuru**.
- Note:**
- He also dedicated the **electrified railway line** between Venkatachalam and Obulavaripalli.
 - The length of the rail tunnel is 6.6 kilometre.
 - The Vice-President also flagged-off a new inter-city superfast express train between Guduru and Vijayawada.
 - Mr Naidu stressed the need to step up investment to strengthen and modernize infrastructure, be it railways, airways, ports, inland waterways, rural roads, warehouses and cold storage units.

2. Union Minister Prakash Javadekar has announced the approval of the new 'Gorewada International Zoo' in ___ **Nagpur district**.

Note:

- The Zoo will have attractions like Bio Park, Indian Safari, African Safari, Night Safari, Research, Education and Training, facilities for tourists, etc.
- The task of construction of Indian Safari and ancillary activities, Water Reservoir and Gorewada Reserve has been given to FDCM Ltd. with Government Grants.
- The Gorewada International Zoo is likely to be one of the largest captive Zoo Safari in India with over 1914 Hectares of land adjoining the Gorewada Lake.

3. The Union Health Minister **Dr Harsh Vardhan** has launched a **new scheme** of Annual Health Check-up for ___ **CGHS beneficiaries**.

Note:

- Mr. Harsh Varshan also inaugurated state-of-the-art CGHS Bhawan in New Delhi.
- Dr Harsh Vardhan stated that CGHS services should be made available in 100 cities by 2022.
- The CGHS services which started in 1954 from Delhi expanded to only 25 cities till 2014.

4. Union Minister **Nitin Gadkari** has announced to use tiny earthen pots or '**Kulhad**' for serving tea at around ___ **400 railway stations**.

Note:

- The government has decided to increase the import duty on incense sticks by 30% to benefit domestic producers.
- 'Kulhar' is a traditional handle-less clay cup from North India that is typically unpainted and unglazed, and meant to be disposable.

5. Bollywood has taken lead to promote India's plastic-free movement with Varun Dhawan's upcoming movie ___ **Coolie No. 1**.

Note:

- The movie's producer **Deepshikha Deshmukh** announced that the movie is going **plastic-free** and urged her peers to do the same.
- Actor Varun Dhawan too applauded the move and tweeted that being a plastic-free nation is the need of the hour.

6. The 14th conference of Parties (COP 14) to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification in ___ **Greater Noida**.

Note:

- The Conference will focus on **desertification** and degradation of land and will go on till 13th September 2019.
- This Conference will provide a **framework** for countries to restore the land and protect human health.
- The **main objective of the convention** is to combat desertification and mitigate the effects of drought in countries experiencing serious drought or desertification.

7. Tech giant has signed a statement of intent with the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) for rolling out 'Build for Digital India' programme ___ **Google**.

Note:

- The programme will offer a platform for engineering students to develop market-ready, technology-based solutions that address key social problems.
- Google will also offer mentorship sessions in product design, strategy and technology to the most promising products and prototypes.

8. Prime Minister **Mr. Narendra Modi** has inaugurated the new building of '**Garvi Gujarat Bhavan**' at ___ **Akbar Road, New Delhi**.

Note:

- The Bhavan is equipped with traditional and modern artefacts and technologies and will serve as a home for Gujaratis in the national capital.
- The new structure is built on an area of 20,325 square meters and have 19 suits rooms, 59 regular rooms, a restaurant, a public dining hall, a business centre, a souvenir shop, a multi-purpose hall, conference hall, four lounges, a gymnasium, a yoga centre, a terrace garden and a library.
- This 'Garvi Gujarat Bhavan' building has been built at a cost of around 131 crore rupees by the Gujarat Government.

9. Eight United States-made Apache AH-64E attack helicopters have been inducted into the Indian Air Force (IAF) in a ceremony at the ___ **Pathankot Air Force station**.

Note:

- The AH-64E Apache is one of the world's most advanced multi-role combat helicopters.
- The IAF had signed a multi-billion-dollar contract with the US Government and Boeing Ltd in September 2015 for purchase of 22 Apache helicopters.
- Apache helicopter can deliver a variety of weapons which includes air to ground hellfire missiles, 70 MM Hydra rockets and air to air stinger missiles.

10. India has announced a contribution of USD 22 million to the Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFTAM) for the ___ 6th replenishment cycle (2020-22).

Note:

- This is an increase of 10% over the amount contributed by the US in the 5th cycle.
- The Global Fund is a partnership designed to accelerate the end of AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria.
- As an international organization, the Global Fund mobilizes and invests more than USD 4 billion a year to support programs run by local experts in more than 100 countries.

11. The Union Minister for Civil Aviation Hardeep Singh Puri has inaugurated the new “Aerodrome Control Tower” at ___ IGI Airport in Delhi.

Note:

- This ATC tower is India's tallest (102-metres) and most technologically advanced air traffic control (ATC) tower.
- It will enhance safety and boost the efficiency of air transport management services.
- The earth-quake resistant building has been constructed at the cost of approximately Rs 250 crore.
- This allows for simultaneous landings from the same direction on parallel runways which will further increase the capacity of the airport.

12. Joint military training, Exercise is being conducted at Joint Base Lewis Mc Chord, Washington, the USA __Yudh Abhyas - 2019

Note:

- Yudh Abhyas-2019 will provide an opportunity to the armed forces of both countries to train in an integrated manner at Battalion level with joint planning at Brigade level.
- It will be the 15th edition of the joint exercise hosted alternately between the two countries.
- Exercise Yudh Abhyas is one of the largest joint running military training and defence corporation endeavours between India and USA.

13. The Union Minister Shri Prahlad Singh Patel flagged off first-ever Mobile Science Exhibition (SCIENCE EXPLORER) for entire___ Ladakh Region.

Note:

- The Minister simultaneously launched 25 new Mobile Science Exhibition buses for Aspirational Districts of India.
- This will help to quickly and effectively transform these districts named as ‘Aspirational Districts’.
- The buses will travel to schools in Aspirational Districts throughout the year except during the vacations and will aim to create scientific awareness among the rural children.

14. Who has launched IPV6 services to bring a new era of the internet in the country ___Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited.

Note:

- This service is launched from Bangalore and shall be available to all the customers across the country in next few weeks”.
- IPV6 is having the highest security levels possible which will be very helpful for deploying IoT and other applications with enhanced security features.
- Now, Customers shall be using multiple devices at home and office, all these devices shall need an exclusive addressing scheme for which IPV6 is the right way forward.

15. CBI Director Rishi Kumar Shukla has inaugurated the 1st National Conference on Cyber Crime Investigation and Cyber Forensics at ___CBI Headquarters, New Delhi.

Note:

- The two-day conference covers one of the mandates of CBI which is to investigate crimes with inter-state and international ramifications.
- According to Mr. Rishi Kumar Shukla, Cybercrimes pose unique challenges to law enforcement officers and such crimes are complex and require certain skills and forensic skills for detection.
- The conference is aimed at creating the platform and bringing together investigators, lawyers, forensic experts and academia to discuss challenges related to cybercrime and ways to find solutions.

16. Central Government to invest Rs 25,000 crore in 5 years to revamp ___Fishery infrastructure.

Note:

- With the objective of achieving the real goals of the ambitious Blue Revolution project, The Union Government has lined up Rs 25,000 crore investments in different sectors of fisheries in the next three to five years.
- As inland fisheries contribute only 50 per cent of the total fish production, the Government intends to outspread its potential by covering reservoirs, wetlands, rivers and streams in different parts of the country.
- Considering the low contribution of inland water fisheries, the Government looks to increase its production to six million tonnes from three million tonnes in the next three to four years.

17. Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu has released 'Loktantra Ke Swar (Khand 2)' in Hindi and 'The Republican Ethic (Volume 2)' in English in ___ **New Delhi**.

Note:

- In order to promote and disseminate selected speeches of President Ram Nath Kovind, Publications Division under Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has published 'Loktantra Ke Swar (Khand 2)' and 'The Republican Ethic (Volume 2)'.
- They are a compilation of 95 speeches delivered by the President during his second year in office (July 2018 to July 2019).
- The books will be available on Kindle and other e-platforms

18. Former President Pranab Mukherjee has released the book of Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia titled ___ **Siksha**.

Note:

- The book 'Siksha' had two parts - 'fixing of foundation of education' and 'using education as foundation for India'.

19. Country's first 'Fun Zone' for children at ___ **Visakhapatnam railway station**.

Note:

- In a first of its kind in the Indian Railways, a paid gaming zone has been provided at Visakhapatnam railway station (platform number- 1) in Andhra Pradesh.
- The gaming zone (400sqft area) is for bonafide passengers/rail users who can utilize this facility with a payment of Rs 50 per game during their visit to the railway station.
- The project was developed under NINFRIS (New, Innovative Non-Fare Revenue Ideas Scheme) of the ministry of railways.

20. The 6th India-China Strategic Economic Dialogue (SED) held in ___ **New Delhi**.

Note:

- The Indian side led by Niti Aayog Vice-Chairman Dr Rajiv Kumar and the Chinese side by Chairman of National Development and Reforms Commission (NDRC).
- The SED was set up between the erstwhile Planning Commission and National Development and Reform Commission of China during the visit of Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao to India in December 2010.
- It has served as an effective mechanism for enhancing bilateral practical cooperation.

21. Who has partnered with **Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)** to build AI learning for schools ___ **Microsoft India**.

Note:

- They will conduct capacity building programmes for high school teachers with an aim to integrate cloud-powered technology in K12 teaching.
- The programme is for teachers of grades 8-10 and will be conducted in 10 cities across the country.
- The programme will provide teachers with better access to the latest Information and Communication Technology (ICT) tools.

22. The week-long annual Joint Indo-Lanka maritime fleet exercise has been started ___ **SLINEX 2019**.

Note:

- Sri Lankan Navy has sent two ships to India to participate in the exercise with the Indian Navy.
- The offshore patrol vessels, SLNS Sindurala and Suranimala left Trincomalee on are scheduled to arrive at the port of Visakhapatnam.
- The week-long exercise will be attended by 323 Sri Lankan navy personnel including the commanding flag officer of the naval fleet.

Important News – State

1. The Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has announced a 4,750 crore rupees waiver on interest and penalty on ___ **Crop loans**.

Note:

- The farmers who have borrowed from Primary Agriculture Cooperative Societies (PACS), District Cooperative Central Banks, Land Mortgage Bank and Haryana Land Reforms and Development Bank will benefit from this decision.
- This will benefit around 10 lakh farmers of the state.
- Around 85,000 farmers had taken loans worth 3,000 crore rupees from the District Cooperative Central Banks.

2. Uttar Pradesh Police has launched a mobile application to keep a tab on anti-social elements prevailing across the state ___

C-Plan app.

Note:

- It will verify the received information and counter these criminal activities in time.
- The department has identified 10 people in every village, known as Sambhrant-10, across the state who will inform about anti-social elements, simmering communal tensions or land disputes taking place in their respective villages through the app.
- This initiative will help the state to have better community policing and bringing down the crime rate by improving the police-public partnership with the help of technology.

3. Gujarat Government and the Delaware State of America have signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for ___ **Sister state**.

Note:

- MoU was signed in Gandhinagar when a delegation of Delaware State of America called on Gujarat Chief Minister Delaware's Vijay Rupani.
- According to official sources, cooperation in the field of services and investment opportunities in GIFT IFSC have also been discussed during the meeting.
- Sectors like Biotechnology University, biosciences, financial services, animal husbandry and dairy, port services have been shortlisted for future cooperation.

4. The Delhi state Cabinet has decided to include other backward class (OBC) and general category students in its ___ **Jai Bheem Mukhyamantri Yojana**.

Note:

- The government also enhance financial assistance from Rs. 40,000 to Rs. one lakh for coaching for various competitive exams.
- Earlier, the scheme was only for the scheduled caste category students under which financial assistance of up to Rs. 40,000 would be provided.

5. Who has won the **IT Excellence Award, 2019** for its innovative conception by using information technology in the field of disaster management ___ **OSDMA (Odisha State Disaster Management Authority)**.

Note:

- The "SATARK" (System for Assessing, Tracking and Alerting Disaster Risk Information based on Dynamic Risk Knowledge) application has been chosen for the award.
- This app has been developed to provide real-time watch, alert and warning information for different natural disasters and hazards such as heatwave, lightning, agriculture risk, flood, tsunami, earthquake, cyclone or storm, road accident and snakebite.

Important News – World

1. Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** visited Russia to take part in the 5th ___ **Eastern Economic Forum (EEF) summit**.

Note:

- **PM Modi** has also attended the 20th annual summit between **Russia** and India.
- According to Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale, both India and Russia want to move beyond the conventional cooperation in defence and nuclear civil cooperation to the new areas of the economy.
- **Eastern Economic Forum (EEF)** is an international forum held each year in Vladivostok, Russia, for the purpose of encouraging foreign investment in the Russian Far East.

2. Japan will launch a special police unit equipped with submachine guns and helicopters to patrol disputed isles in the ___ **East China Sea**.

Note:

- According to the National Police Agency, it had put in a budget request for an additional 159 officers to head off illegal landings on remote islands by armed groups.
 - It was the first-time police had stepped up patrols near the disputed islands.
 - The Japanese Government has long complained about China's routine dispatch of coastguard ships to waters surrounding the islands.
3. Asia's first 5th Generation Virtual Reality based Advanced Driver Training Simulator Centre was launched at the ___ **AASI, Chennai.**
- Note:**
- Under 'Safe Drivers Campaign', AASI (Automobile Association of Southern India Centre) will train 200 Ambulance drivers in the first six months, free of cost.
 - The patented simulator was ideated, designed and developed by Chennai based Red Chariots Technologies Pvt Ltd.
 - The training session is a combination of level-based practical learning modules coupled with self-learning theory modules through an interactive e-learning quiz app built in-house.
4. India-Russia Annual Summit 2019 held in ___ **Vladivostok, Russia.**
- Note:**
- Mr Modi also participated as the Chief Guest at the 5th Eastern Economic Forum.
 - India also announced a line of credit worth USD 1 Billion for the development of the Far East region of Russia.
 - Indian PM further launched Indo-Russian Innovation Bridge, an online platform to bridge the gap between Indian and Russian startup ecosystems and promote joint innovations.

Honor & Awards

1. Who will be honored with the prestigious **2019 Global Goalkeeper Award** ___ **Narendra Modi.**
- Note:**
- Mr. Modi will be felicitated by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, owned by Microsoft founder Bill Gates and his wife Melinda Gates.
 - The award is a "special recognition" that celebrates the commitment of a political leader towards the Global Goals, demonstrated through impactful work in their country and/or globally.
 - The annual awards, in five categories, are presented to leaders and individuals for their efforts in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
 - The categories are Progress, Changemaker, Campaign, Goalkeepers Voice and the Global Goalkeeper.
2. Prof Muhammad Yunus conferred 'Lamp of Peace of Saint Francis ' award by ___ **Vatican.**
- Note:**
- Nobel Laureate from Bangladesh Professor Muhammad Yunus was conferred the 'Lamp of Peace of Saint Francis ' award by the Vatican for his contribution towards establishing peace and harmony.
 - The award is a recognition for distinguished work by an individual for promoting peace and dialogue among people.
 - The Lamp of Peace award was first given to the Polish trade union leader Lech Walesa in 1981.
3. Who has been adjudged as the **Best Swachh Iconic** place in the country in the 'Swachh Iconic Places' ___ **Vaishno Devi Shrine.**
- Note:**
- The list was released by the **Ministry of Jal Shakti**, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation.
 - The President has conferred the prestigious award during the 'Swachh Mahotsav' on 6th September 2019.
 - The Shrine was in direct competition with dozen other iconic places including Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (Maharashtra), Taj Mahal (Uttar Pradesh), Tirupati Temple (Andhra Pradesh) Golden Temple (Punjab) Manikarnika Ghat (Varanasi), Ajmer Sharif Dargah (Rajasthan) among others.
 - In 2018, the Shrine was also declared as the cleanest religious place by the IndiaToday Group.

Sports News

1. Who lifted **SAFF Under-15 Championship** title in Kolkata ___ **India.**
- Note:**

- India defeated Nepal 7-0 in the final of the 2019 SAFF (South Asian Football Federation) U-15 Championship at the Kalyani Stadium, Kolkata, West Bengal.
 - The 2019 SAFF U-15 Championship was the 6th edition of the SAFF U-16 Championship held at Kalyani Stadium from 21st to 31st August 2019.
 - Five teams (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India (Host), Nepal and Sri Lanka) from the region has taken part in this tournament.
2. Indian **Shot putter** clinched **silver medal** at an athletic meet at Deci in the Czech Republic___ **Tejinderpal Singh Toor**.
Note:
- The Asian Games gold medalist came up with the best throw of 20.09m in his last attempt at the event. Tajinder has been awarded the Arjuna Award this year.
 - Toor has already qualified for World championship being the Area champion following his gold-winning feat at Asian Athletics Championships in April next year
3. Who won the **F1 Belgian Grand Prix 2019**___ **Charles Leclerc**.
Note:
- Lewis Hamilton (United Kingdom) was on second while Valtteri Bottas (Finland) finished third.
 - The Belgian Grand Prix is an automobile race, part of the Formula One World Championship.
4. Who has become the third Indian to claim a hat-trick in Test cricket___**Jasprit Bumrah**.
Note:
- Bumrah got the wickets of Darren Bravo, Shamarh Brooks and Roston Chase off successive deliveries to achieve the feat.
 - Bumrah is also the 44th player to achieve the feat in the longest format of the game.
 - Harbhajan Singh was the first Indian to pick up a Test hat-trick (vs Australia in Kolkata in 2001).
5. India's most successful Test skipper ___**Virat Kohli**.
Note:
- It came after the Indian team recorded its 28th win under Kohli's leadership in the second and final test against the West Indies at Kingston.
 - M S Dhoni led India to 27 wins from 60 Test matches during his tenure.
 - Overall, Graeme Smith (former South Africa skipper) remains the most successful skipper in the world with 53 Test wins, followed by Ricky Ponting (ex-Australia captain) who recorded 48 Test wins in his captaincy tenure.
6. Indian Shooter has won the gold medal in the women's 10meter Air Pistol event at the ISSF World Cup at Rio de Janeiro in Brazil___ **Yashaswini Singh 'Deswal'**.
Note:
- This is India's 9th quota in shooting for 2020 Tokyo Games.
 - Yashaswini Singh Deswal has also secured an Olympic quota for India.
 - The 2019 ISSF World Cup is the annual edition of the ISSF World Cup in the Olympic shooting events, governed by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF).
7. Indian women's **cricket ODI** (One Day International) Captain has announced her retirement from **T20 Internationals**___ **Mithali Raj**.
Note:
- She wants to focus on her **ODI career**, keeping in mind the **2021 World Cup** in New Zealand.
 - Mithali ended her **T20 career** with 2,364 runs from 89 matches at an average of 37.5 and the highest score of 97 not out.
 - In 203 ODIs, she scored **6,720 runs** at an average of 51.29, with seven hundred.
8. Zimbabwe captain has announced to retire from international cricket after conclusion of **Bangladesh & Afghanistan T20I Tri-series**___ **Hamilton Masakadza**.
Note:
- He is a **right-handed batsman** and occasional right-arm **medium-pace** bowler.
 - Hamilton Masakadza has represented Zimbabwe in 38 Tests (2223 runs), 209 ODIs (5658 runs) and 62 T20Is (1529-run).
 - In his overall **international career**, he scored 9,410 international runs including 10 international tons and 42 half-centuries.
9. The Indian boy team has settled for a silver medal at the Asian Junior and Cadet Table Tennis Championships at ___**Ulaanbaatar, Mongoli**.

Note:

- The second place helped Indian boys qualify for the World Junior Championships to be held at Korat, Thailand (Nov 2019).

10. Afghanistan's players has become the youngest skipper ever in Test cricket___ **Rashid Khan**.

Note:

- Afghanistan Spin sensation Rashid Khan (20 years and 350 days old) has become the youngest ever Test skipper at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium in Chittagong.
- Rashid beat the previous record held by former Zimbabwe captain Tatenda Taibu (20 years and 358 days) by a mere 8 days.
- India's Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi rounds up the top-3 in this regard, having made his captaincy debut against West Indies at the age of 21 years and 77 days on March 23, 1962

11. Former captain has been appointed as head coach and chief selector of Pakistan's cricket team ___ **Misbah-ul-Haq**.

Note:

- Former fast bowler Waqar Younis will join him as the team's new bowling coach.
- Misbah-ul-Haq scored over 10,300 international runs, played 75 Tests, 162 ODIs and 39 T20Is matches for Pakistan in a career which ended on 14th May 2017.

12. Who has become the second Australian player after Allan Border to score 500 and more runs in the consecutive Ashes series in England ___**Steve Smith**.

Note:

- **Steven Smith** reached this milestone after he added **122 runs** in the ongoing fourth Ashes Test.
- In 2015 Ashes which took place in England, Smith scored 508 runs while this time in his third match he crossed the 500 runs mark.
- Before Smith only Border had amassed the 500 plus runs consecutively in the Ashes in England.
- The **Ashes is a Test cricket series** played between England and Australia at least once every two years.

13. Indian **woman athlete** has won **bronze medal** in the World Martial Arts Mastership Jiu-Jitsu 2019__ **Anupama Swain**.

Note:

- Now she qualified for 2022 Asian Games. she was the only Indian to participate in the championship.
- Jiu-Jitsu is a form of martial art and combat sport and it puts the entire focus on grappling with particular emphasis on ground fighting.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. The Union Cabinet has approved a capital infusion of Rs 4,557 crore into ___ **IDBI Bank**.

Note:

- The capital infusion process will be done through recapitalization bonds.
- The Union government will infuse the capital into the bank and the bank will buy the recapitalization bonds from the government on the same day.
- The capital infusion is also expected to help IDBI to come out of Prompt Corrective Action framework of the Reserve Bank of India.

2. The **Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)** and the **State Bank of India (SBI)** have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to provide electronic payment services for beneficiaries of ___**ESIC**.

Note:

- As per an agreement, SBI will provide e-payment services directly to bank accounts of all ESIC beneficiaries and payees without any manual intervention as an integrated and automated process.
- The e-payment integration would affect the statutory benefit payments to ESIC beneficiaries as well as other payees on a real-time basis, reducing time lags and delays and at the same time, help eliminate mistakes and errors caused by repetitive and manual data entries.

3. The Union Cabinet has cleared recapitalization of IDBI Bank with a one-time infusion of funds by both the government and ___**LIC**.

Note:

- It has approved 9,000 crore capital infusion into IDBI Bank, including 4,557 crores by the government as one-time re-capitalisation.
 - This will help both IDBI and LIC, and it shows the government's commitment to take banking to a sound level.
4. British multinational **banking & financial services** company has launched a DigiSmart credit card __ **Standard Chartered Bank**.
- Note:**
- The primary focus of the Bank on the ever-growing segment of millennials.
 - The credit card will offer instant discounts and benefits across key e-commerce categories of travel, entertainment, fashion, groceries, and food delivery around the year.
 - The new credit card is available for a nominal monthly fee of only Rs 49.
 - However, this fee (49-rupees) will be waived off if the spends of the customer are Rs 5,000 or above in the previous month.
5. As per the release of the Finance Ministry, the GST collection in the month of August stood at __ **98 thousand 202 crore rupees**.
- Note:**
- The total number of **GSTR 3B Returns** filed for the month of July up to 31st of August is around 76 lakhs.
 - The Union government has settled **23 thousand 165 crore rupees** to CGST and 16 thousand 623 crore rupees to SGST from IGST as a regular settlement.
 - The total revenue earned by the Central Government and the State Governments after regular settlement in the month of August 2019 is 40 thousand 898 crore rupees for CGST and 40 thousand 862 crores for the SGST.
 - 27 thousand 955 crore rupees have been released to the states as GST compensation for the months of June and July this year.
6. Who has made mandatory for banks to **link retail** and **MSME loans** to external interest rate benchmarks__ **Reserve Bank of India**.
- Note:**
- This new norm will be effective from 1st of October.
 - Under this norm, banks have to link all of their new loan products, be it personal, housing or auto to an external benchmark rate.
 - Banks have been allowed to choose any benchmark market interest rate published by the Financial Benchmarks India Private Ltd (FBIL).
7. Who will introduce two **Repo Linked Products -Suidha Plus** Home Loan and Suidha Plus Auto Loan from 10th September __ **IDBI Bank**.
- Note:**
- The new Home Loan and Auto Loan products will be offered to new customers having good credit score and minimum income of Rs. 6 lakh per annum.
 - The Suidha Plus Home Loan will be offered for up to Rs. 75 Lakh with a tenor of up to 35 years. The Suidha Plus Auto loan will be offered for up to Rs. 25 lakhs covering the on-road price with a tenor of up to 7 years.

Obituaries

1. The four-time **Emmy Award-winning actress** passed away after years of fighting cancer__ **Valerie Harper**.
- Note:**
- She also has Golden Globe award for playing the brash New Yorker on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show".
 - **Valerie Harper** began her career as a dancer on Broadway, making her debut in the musical "Take Me Along" in 1959.
2. Noted novelist, play writer passed away in Mumbai__ **Kiran Nagarkar**.

Note:

- Nagarkar's epic novel 'Cuckold' and riotously funny 'Ravan and Eddie' trilogy count among the most celebrated works of fiction by an Indian writer in English.
- His first novel "Saat Sakkam Techaalis" or 'Seven Sixes Are Forty-Three' published in 1974 just as Indira Gandhi was turning increasingly authoritarian as prime minister.

3. Congress leader and former MP passed away after a prolonged illness__ Sukhdev Singh Libra.**Note:**

- Sukhdev Singh Libra was the member of the 14th (Fatehgarh Sahib) and 15th (Ropar) Lok Sabha and MLA in Punjab in 1985.
- He was a member of Rajya Sabha from 1998-2004.
- Libra had also served as a member of Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC).

4. Former Zimbabwe President passed away in Singapore__ Robert Mugabe.**Note:**

- He was hospitalized in Singapore for months for an undisclosed ailment.
- Robert Gabriel Mugabe was a Zimbabwean revolutionary and politician who served as Prime Minister of Zimbabwe (from 1980 to 1987) and then as President (from 1987 to 2017).
- Mugabe was forced to step down by the military in November 2017 following nationwide mass protests.

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