

Weekly One-Liner

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Dear readers,

Weekly One Liner Updates is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the **first week** (1-7th) of **February 2020**. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

- The Bank which partnered with Care Ratings for assessing the credit quality of small and medium enterprises (SME) customers __ **Bank of Baroda**.

Note:

- State owned Bank of Baroda(BoB) has partnered with Care Ratings for assessing the credit quality of small and medium enterprises (SME) customers.
- This partnership will help to grade the credit quality of the bank's current and prospective SME customers by processing and analyzing structured, unstructured and new data streams.

- The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has given its approval for loan worth Rs 140 crore at low interest rate to __ **Punjab State Agricultural Development Bank (PSADB)**.

Note:

- The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has given its approval for loan worth Rs 140 crore at low interest rate to Punjab State Agricultural Development Bank (PSADB).
- This has been done to strengthen as well as provide financial support to PSADB.

- Fitch Ratings Inc in its 'India's economic growth outlook', has estimated India's GDP growth rate for the financial year- FY21 at __ **5.6 %**.

Note:

- Fitch Ratings Inc, an American credit rating agency in its 'India's economic growth outlook', has estimated India's GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth to 5.6 % for the financial year-FY21.
- For the current fiscal 2019-20 (FY 20), GDP is projected at 4.6 %.

- The company which has partnered with Eastern Railways in order to set up a pick-up kiosk at the Sealdah railway station in Kolkata __ **Amazon India**.

Note:

- Multinational technology company(MNC) Amazon India has partnered with Eastern Railways in order to set up a pick-up kiosk at the Sealdah railway station in Kolkata, West Bengal.
- Previously successful pilot of pickup kiosks in 4 railway stations across Mumbai, Maharashtra was set up in 2019.

- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the proposal for the combination of Yum Restaurants (India) private Limited (YRIPL) and __ **Devyani International Limited (DIL)**.

Note:

- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the proposal for the combination of Yum Restaurants (India) private Limited (YRIPL) and Devyani International Limited (DIL).
- The proposal is that DIL is going to acquire some Equity Shareholding and sell some KFC restaurants.

- The payments bank which has launched an all-in-one QR (Quick Response), point-of-sale (POS) device for merchants across India __ **Paytm**.

Note:

- Paytm, India's leading digital payments company, has launched an all-in-one QR (Quick Response), point-of-sale (POS) device for merchants across India & SDK (software development kit) for third-party integration .

- With the help of QR & POS device, businessmen will be able to get unlimited payments across the country at zero percent fees through Paytm wallet, Rupay Cards & all UPI (Unified Payments Interface) based apps directly.
7. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has increased the Insurance cover on bank deposits to ___**Rs 5 lakh**.
- Note:**
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has increased the Insurance cover on bank deposits to Rs 5 lakh from Rs 1 lakh effective from February 4, 2020 with a view to giving protection to depositors.
- The cover is provided by a wholly owned subsidiary of the RBI, the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC).
8. Reliance General Insurance Company Limited, one of the leading insurance companies in India, has launched a comprehensive health insurance plan called ___ **Infinity**.
- Note:**
- Reliance General Insurance Company Limited, one of the leading insurance companies in India, has launched a comprehensive health insurance plan called “Reliance Health Infinity”.
- Under the plan, the minimum sum insured will be Rs. 3 lakh while the maximum sum insured limit will be Rs. 1 crore.
9. In its 6th Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy the Reserve Bank of India has kept Repo rate at ___ **5.15%**.
- Note:**
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced its 6th Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy Rates for 2020-21 in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The RBI has kept policy rates unchanged; the rates are
- Repo Rate: 5.15%
 - Reverse Repo Rate: 4.90%
 - Marginal standing facility (MSF) Rate: 5.40%
 - Bank Rate: 5.40%
10. As per the new Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) being conducted by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MosPI) the rate of unemployment for 2017-18 is ___ **6.1%**.
- Note:**
- As per the new Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) being conducted by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MosPI), the labour force participation is 36.9 % and the rate of unemployment for 2017-18 is 6.1%.
- The government is conducting a new PLFS with new parameters and bigger sample size, and its results cannot be compared with previous surveys. It’s an attempt to provide authentic data.
11. Union Cabinet Approves Amendments to Banking Regulation Act to regulate ___ **Urban Co-Operative banks**.
- Note:**
- The Union Cabinet has approved amendments to the Banking Regulation Act to empower India’s Central Bank (Reserve Bank of India) to have better control over urban co-operative banks and multi-state cooperative banks.
- These amendments will apply to the urban co-operative banks and multi-state cooperative banks.
12. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will conduct the “Financial Literacy Week 2020” from ___ **February 10 to February 14, 2020**.
- Note:**
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will conduct the “Financial Literacy Week 2020” from February 10 to February 14, 2020.
- The theme of the Financial Literacy Week 2020 is “Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)”.

Obituaries

1. Name the noted Social activist, feminist writer and journalist passed ___ **Vidya Bal**.

Note:

- Social activist, feminist writer and journalist Vidya Bal passed away.
- She was known for her heroic oppressive practices involving women.
- She was a forefront fighter for women equality with men.
- Her Public Interest Litigation was against the restriction of women at Shani Shingnapur temple under Maharashtra Hindu Place of Worship Act, 1956.

2. Jaswant Singh Kanwal passed away recently, he was a veteran ___ **Punjabi writer**.

Note:

- Eminent Punjabi writer and Sahitya Akademi Awardee Jaswant Singh Kanwal passed away.
- In 1996, he was bestowed the Sahitya Akademi Fellowship award for his book 'Pakhi' (Hand Fan) and two years later in 1998, he received the Sahitya Akademi award for his novel 'Taushali Di Hanso'.

3. Renowned personality Rabi Singh passed away recently, he was a veteran ___ **Odia revolutionary poet and freedom fighter**.

Note:

- Renowned Odia revolutionary poet and freedom fighter Rabi Singh passed away. He was popularly known as 'Biplabi Kabi' (the revolutionary poet) for his patriotic writings.
- Rabi Singh was awarded Atibadi Jagannath Das Samman by Odisha Sahitya Akademi in 2017 for his contribution to Odia literature.

4. Padma Shri awardee and renowned Punjabi novelist passed away recently is ___ **Dalip Kaur Tiwana**.

Note:

- Padma Shri awardee and renowned Punjabi **novelist, Dalip Kaur Tiwana** passed away at the age of 84 due to old age ailments.
- She was well known for novels 'Teeli da Nishaan' and 'Sooraj te Samandar'. She was also a former president of the Punjabi Sahit Akademi.

5. Sahitya Academy Awardee Jaswant Singh Kanwal passed away at 101, he was writer of ___ **Punjabi**.

Note:

6. Daniel Arap Moi passed away recently, he was former President of ___ **Kenya**.

Note:

- Daniel Arap Moi Kenya's Ex-President, who is a former School Teacher and became Kenya's longest serving President dies at 95 due to age issues and also getting treatment in Hospital for a month.
- Moi's Death was announced by Kenya's President Uhuru Kenyatta on the State Broadcaster with a Statement.

Important Days

1. The World Wetlands Day 2020 was observed on ___ **February 2, 2020**.

Note:

- World Wetlands Day (WWD) was observed to spread awareness and to conserve the wetlands all over the world.
- The of this year day is "Wetlands and Biodiversity".
- The theme highlights the importance of biodiversity conservation, which conveys nearly 40% of the world's plant & animal species live or breed on wetlands.

2. The World Cancer Day 2020 was observed on ___ **February 4, 2020**.

Note:

- The World Cancer Day is organized by the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC), Geneva, Switzerland, every year on February 4 to raise awareness to encourage cancer's prevention, detection and treatment.
- The primary goal of World Cancer Day is to reduce the illness & death caused by cancer. The theme of WCD from 2019-21 is "I am and I will".

3. International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation 2020 was observed on ___ **February 6, 2020**.

Note:

- The International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) was observed. It was observed since 2003, as part of the UN's efforts to eradicate Female Genital Mutilation.
- The day spreads the awareness about FGM which is a violation of the human rights of girls and women.

New Appointments

1. The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India (GoI) has appointed as Next High Commissioner of India to Canada ___ **Ajay Bisaria**.

Note:

- The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India(GoI) announced Ajay Bisaria as Next High Commissioner of India to Canada.
- Bisaria is an IFS (Indian Foreign Service) officer of 1987 batch.
- Bisaria served as High Commissioner of India to Pakistan.

2. Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of International Business Machines (IBM) ___ **Arvind Krishna**.

Note:

- Indian origin technology executive Arvind Krishna has been elected as Chief Executive Officer of American IT giant International Business Machines Corp (IBM) after a "world-class succession process" will be effective on April, becomes the third Indian to head US-based multinational company after Microsoft corporation chief Satya Nadella and Google ceo sundar pichai.

3. Who has been appointed as the chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) ___ **M. Ajit Kumar**.

Note:

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of M.Ajit Kumar as chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).
- Ajit is an IRS (Indian Revenue Service) officer of the batch 1984.
- Ajit served as member of CBIC and he will replace Pranab Kumar. Das as the chairman of CBIC.

4. Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Iraq ___ **Mohammed Tawfiq Allawi**.

Note:

- Mohammed Tawfiq Allawi, 65 years old, was appointed as the Iraq's new Prime Minister (PM) by its President Barhim Salih. He was the successor of Adil Abdul-Mahdi who resigned in November 2019 due to anti-government protests.

5. Who has been appointed as the Next High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka ___ **Gopal Baglay**.

Note:

- Ministry of External Affairs has announced Experienced Diplomat Shri Gopal Baglay, a 1992 batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, has been appointed as the Next High Commissioner of India to The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.
- Baglay will replace Taranjit Sandhu, who has been appointed as Indian Ambassador to U.S.

6. Who has been appointed as the President of the Paralympic Committee of India ___ **Deepa Malik**.

Note:

- India's lone woman Paralympic medalist Deepa Malik, 49 years old, Sonipat from Haryana, was elected as President of the Paralympic Committee of India.
- He was the successor of the acting interim president Gursharan Singh.
- Deepa Malik won a silver in shot put F-53 event in the 2016 Rio Paralympic games.

7. Who has been appointed as the new and 4th Prime Minister (PM) of the Republic of Kosovo ___ **Albin Kurti**.

Note:

- Former rebel leader Albin Kurti (44 years) has been appointed as the new and 4th Prime Minister (PM) of the Republic of Kosovo by its parliament.

- Albin replaced Ramush Haradinaj as the PM, as Ramush resigned the post in July 2019 when he was summoned to be questioned at the war crimes court in The Hague, Netherlands.
8. American Greek economist Pinelopi Koujianou Goldberg has resigned as the Chief Economist of the ___ **World Bank (WB)**.
9. Who has become the Executive Chairman of the LinkedIn ___ **Jeff Weiner**.

Note:

- Jeff Weiner became the Executive Chairman (EC) of LinkedIn. He was the CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of LinkedIn for the past 11 years. LinkedIn is the professional networking company owned by Microsoft.
 - Ryan Roslansky, senior Vice President (VP) of LinkedIn will become the CEO of the company as of June 1. He is the successor of Jeff Weiner.
 - Tom Cohan, current Vice President of Marketing Solutions will replace Roslansky.
10. Who has been appointed as the as Britain's New High Commissioner to India ___ **Philip Barton**.

Note:

- The Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) of Great Britain announced that it has appointed Philip Robert Barton KCMG OBE (Knight Commander order of British Empire) as its new high commissioner of Great Britain to India.
- He will Replace Sir Dominic Anthony Gerard Asquith KCMG and will take charge on Spring Season.

Important News - India

1. India's first of its kind fruit train was launched by ___ **Andhra Pradesh**.
- Note:**
- The fruit train was launched from Tadipatri Railway Station in Anantapur district & from Kadapa district of Andhra Pradesh.
 - This is the first time an entire train carrying a load of 980 metric tonnes of locally grown bananas which has been sent to the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNP) in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
 - Those bananas will be exported to Iran
2. The first meeting of the Indian National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO (INCCU) in ___ **New Delhi**.
- Note:**
- The Union Minister of Human Resource and Development (MHRD) Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' chaired the meeting of Indian National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO (INCCU) in New Delhi.
 - This was the 1st meeting after the National Commission's reconstitution.
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3. Indian Navy has carried out 5-day coastal security exercise called, 'Matla Abhiyaan' in ___ **Kolkata, West Bengal**.
- Note:**
- Indian Navy has carried out 5-day coastal security exercise called, 'Matla Abhiyaan' at Sunderban region in Kolkata, West Bengal with the aim to create awareness about the coastal security to the local community & understand the navigational complexities in the Sunderban delta waters.
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4. World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) 2020 was held in ___ **New Delhi**.
- Note:**
- The Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) was inaugurated a 3-day long World Sustainable Development Summit (WSDS) 2020 based on the theme "Towards 2030 Goals: Making the Decade Count" at India Habitat Centre in New Delhi from 29-31 January, 2020.
 - The summit was organized by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), a research institute specializes in the fields of energy.
5. The Department of Science and Technology has launched a special scheme for Science and Technology infrastructure in India is called ___ **Sophisticated Analytical & Technical Help Institutes (SATHI)**.

Note:

- The aim of the scheme is to create shared, professionally managed and strong Science and Technology infrastructure in India.
 - The SATHI scheme will enable academia, start-ups, manufacturing, industry and R&D labs to offer high-end analytical testing.
 - This will help to avoid duplication, reduce the dependency on foreign sources & also foster a strong culture of collaboration between institutions.
6. How many people were trained under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana from 2016-20 __ **73.47 lakh**.
- Note:**
- Approximately 73.47 lakh candidates were provided skilling under Short Term Training (STT) courses and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) across India from 2016-2020 under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY).
 - It is a flagship program under the Skill India Mission of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MoSD&E).
7. India's biggest rural technical festival 'Antahpragnya 2020' was held in __ **Telangana**.
- Note:**
- The festival was inaugurated by M Prashanthi, District Collector of Nirmal, Telangana.
 - The festival was held for 3 days from 31st January to February 1,2020. The theme for the year 2020 was "**Spot and encourage rural tech innovators**".
8. India signed 4 MoUs in the field of research and higher education with __ **Norway**.
- Note:**
- The agreements were led by Anni Line Wold, Norway Director-General, Norwegian Ministry of Education & Research and witnessed by Hans Jacob Frydenlund Norwegian Ambassador to India at New Delhi, India.
 - The MoU was signed between the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi and the University of Tromso, the Arctic University of Norway, for cooperation in fields such as bio-photonics, health & diagnostic tools, nanotechnology, water management and renewable energy.
9. 'Intivadhakey Pension' scheme was launched by which state which created a record by covering 94 % of about 60 lakh pensioners at their doorstep within a few days __ **Andhra Pradesh**.
- Note:**
- The Andhra Pradesh (AP) state Government led by its Chief Minister(CM) Yeduguri Sandinti Jaganmohan Reddy, has created a record with its 'Intivadhakey Pension' (Pension to your Doorstep) Scheme by covering 94 % of about 60 lakh pensioners at their doorstep within a few days.
 - The scheme was launched in 13 districts on February 1, 2020.
 - AP is the 1st state in India to take up such an initiative of Door delivery of pension service.
10. The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises(MSME) implemented a new scheme named __ **"Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries"(SFURTI)**.
- Note:**
- Under this scheme, financial support will be given to set up traditional industries clusters viz. Khadi, Coir & Village industries clusters.
 - Traditional industries to be set up in India in a period of 5 years and make the industries more profitable.
 - The scheme was first launched in 2005 to boost cluster development by MSME.
11. According to the recent report published by German cybersecurity firm Greenbone Sustainable Resilience which state topped which has been hit by global medical data leak __ **Maharashtra**.
- Note:**
- The analysis was made after data of around 120 million Indian patients were leaked and made freely available on the internet.
 - Maharashtra was followed by Karnataka in 2nd place with 1,82,865 data leaks giving access to 1,37,31,001 images.
12. The Supreme Court has directed the state governments to setup "Gram Nyayalayas" within __ **4 weeks**.
- Note:**
- It also asked the High Courts (HC) to speed up consultation with department concerned on the matter.
 - The present scenario of the states with respect to the Gram Nyayalayas were submitted by the SC Advocate Prashant Bhushan.
 - The SC observed that some States haven't taken any initiative & no notification has been issued in the matter.

13. 15-member trust named 'Sri Ram Janma Bhoomi Tirtha Kshetra trust' for the construction of Ram Mandir led by ____
Kesava Iyengar Parasaran.

Note:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced in Parliament about the formation of a trust to oversee the construction of a Ram Temple in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh.
- In this regard, 67.703 acres of land near the temple area has been allocated to the trust.
- This 15 member's trust will also include a Dalit representative who would be in-charge of the entire land.

14. 22nd edition of India International Seafood Show (IISS), 2020 was held in ____ **Kochi, Kerala.**

Note:

- The show was organized jointly by the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) under Ministry of Commerce and Industry & the Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI).
- The theme of this year's show is "Blue Revolution- Beyond Production to Value Addition".
- More than 200 exhibitors, 350 stalls and over 5000 delegates, including foreign delegates, are expected to attend the event at Kochi.

15. Sports Authority of India (SAI) and Hockey India announced the establishment of the High Performance Centers in ____ **7 places.**

Note:

- The 7 High Performance Hockey centres will be set up under the Khelo India scheme & will have expert professional training, utilization of sports science & education for the youngsters.
- The High Performance Centers

16. The Union Cabinet has given its in-principle approval for setting up a new Major Port at ____ **Vadhavan.**

Note:

- The new Major Port will be established on the basis of land lord model.
- The projected cost of the Vadhavan Port is over Rs 65,000 crore.
- After the development of this new Major Port at Vadhavan in Maharashtra, India is expected to enter the list of countries with top 10 container ports in the world.

Important News – State

1. Andhra Pradesh (AP) has launched a doorstep pension delivery scheme named ____ **'YSR Pension Kanuka'.**

Note:

- Under the scheme various welfare pensions will be delivered to the old age pensioners. The old age pensioners age has also been reduced from 65 to 60 years.
- The disabled pensions (DP) will be Rs. 3000 per month whereas the pension amount for CKDU (Chronic kidney disease of unknown)/dialysis pensions will be Rs. 5,000-Rs. 10,000 per month.

2. Sale of all types of online lottery schemes has been launched by the state of ____ **Punjab.**

Note:

- The govt of Punjab has banned the sale of all types of online lottery schemes under section 5 of the Lotteries (Regulation) Act 1998 in order to check for illegal sales.
- The act will not only check illegal lottery business but will also boost Punjab's tax and non tax revenue.
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3. 34th edition of Surajkund International Crafts Mela was held in ____ **Haryana.**

Note:

- The Mela is organized by the Surajkund Mela Authority & Haryana Tourism in collaboration with Union Ministries of Tourism, Textiles, Culture and External Affairs.
- The main motto of this mela is to promote handicrafts, rural crafts, arts and the culture of the country and also to bring our country's heritage among new generations.

4. The Amarkantak Narmada Mahotsa 2020 was conducted by ____ **Madhya Pradesh.**

Note:

- Madhya Pradesh (MP) Government conducts the Amarkantak Narmada Mahotsa 2020 from 31st January to 2nd February 2020 in the beautiful plains of Amarkantak, MP during Narmada Jayanthi.
- The Narmada is a major source of drinking water, irrigation & hydroelectricity for Madhya Pradesh & Gujarat.

5. The Janasevaka scheme is launched by which state ____ **Karnataka.**

Note:

- The government of Karnataka launched the Janasevaka scheme in certain municipal corporation wards to provide home delivery of various government services like ration cards, senior citizen identity and health cards, etc.
- The scheme is launched by the chief minister of Karnataka Mr. Bookanakere Siddalingappa Yediyurappa, and the scheme will contain 53 services from 11 departments.

6. The first of its kind in the country, glass floor suspension bridge is being built in ___**Uttarakhand**.

Note:

- Uttarakhand government has cleared the design of a glass floor suspension bridge, the first of its kind in the country, to be built across Ganga River in Rishikesh, Uttarakhand
- It is being built as a replacement to iconic Lakshman Jhula which was closed in 2019 due to safety reasons.
- The glass floor suspension bridge design is prepared by Public Works Department (PWD).

7. For the first time which state government has decided to use drones for mapping villages ___**Madhya Pradesh**.

Note:

- This will replace the land survey work, done either manually or with the help of satellite images.
- In this regard, state revenue department inked an agreement with Survey of India, the country's national mapping agency under the Ministry of Science and Technology.

8. The highest number (33,964) of women who go missing in India are from ___**Maharashtra**.

Note:

- This is as per the report titled 'missing women and children in India' released by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB).
- It is an Indian government agency responsible for collecting and analyzing crime data.
- the number of missing children are maximum (10, 038) in the State of Madhya Pradesh (MP) in the year 2016, 2017 & 2018.

Important News - World

1. In the Global Go To Think Tank Index Report-2019, released by the Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program at the University of Pennsylvania, United States (US), India's Observer Research Foundation (ORF) was ranked at ___**27th**.

Note:

- As per the report India's Observer Research Foundation (ORF) was ranked at 27th place among 176 global think tanks.
- The report was topped by Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (CEIP) of US.

2. Which country has once again become a member of the Commonwealth family ___**Maldives**.

Note:

- The Maldives became the 54th family member of the Commonwealth family.
- In November 2018, President Mohamed Solih, cabinet passed the country's interest to rejoin the Commonwealth family.
- After the positive feedback from Commonwealth observer group, who visited Maldives in April 2019 & from 53 commonwealth nations, Maldives readmitted.

3. Which country ends free entry for Indian tourists ___**Bhutan**.

Note:

- The Government of Bhutan, Thimphu decided to implement a daily fee of Rs.1200 (\$17) for "regional tourists" from India, the Maldives, Bangladesh from July 2020.
- The fee is called SDF "Sustainable Development Fees" in order to regulate a new tourism policy

4. In the 8th International Intellectual Property (IP) Index for 2020 India slips to ___**40th rank**.

Note:

- The US Chamber of Commerce's Global Innovation Policy Center has released the 8th edition of International Intellectual Property (IP) Index for 2020.
- The report was authored by Meir Pugatch and David Torstensson.
- The index has been topped by the United States (US) followed by UK (United Kingdom), Sweden, France and Germany.

5. A new Children's protection fund for India was unveiled by the Prince of ___ Britain.

Note:

- Britain's Prince Charles unveiled a new Children's protection fund for India as part of British Asian Trust.

- He announced Katheryn Elizabeth Hudson (Katy Perry), American singer as the new ambassador for the British Asian Trust Children's Protection Fund for India.
 - The British Asian Trust Children's Protection Fund will protect the child from child labour, child sexual abuse, anti-trafficking fund in South Asia.
6. 27-nation International Religious Freedom Alliance is being launched by ___ **United States**.

Note:

- The Alliance will try to adopt a collective approach in protecting and preserving religious freedom across the world.
 - It was announced by US Secretary of State Michael Pompeo.
 - More than eight in ten people in the world today live in a place where they cannot practice their faith freely.
 - So, in order to provide them religious freedom, this alliance has been launched.
7. Which country has celebrated its 72nd Independence Day on 4th February 2020 ___ **Sri Lanka**.
- Note:**
- On this day, Sri Lanka became an independent nation after getting independence from Britain.
 - The major change in the celebration ceremony was the National Anthem of Sri Lanka as it was sung only in Sinhala and not in Tamil language.
 - The national anthem was used to be sung in both the languages since 2016.
8. Mohammed Tawfiq Allawi was appointed as new Prime Minister of ___ **Iraq's**.

Note:

- Mohammed Tawfiq Allawi was appointed as Iraq's new Prime Minister by President Barhim Salih.
- He will replace Adil Abdul-Mahdi who resigned in November 2019 due to anti-government protests. Mohammed Allawi served twice as communications minister under Former PM Nouri al-Maliki.
- The 2019 Iraq Protests was also named as Tishreen revolution (October revolution) or Iraqi Intifada.

Honor & Awards

1. The Most Promising Brand of the Year Award 2019 was won by ___ **Amulya Mica**.

Note:

- It was announced during the 7th edition of the MSME Excellence Award.
 - The award & summit was organised by the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) at Le Maiden in New Delhi.
2. Which state has won the 1st position for its implementation of Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) ___ **Madhya Pradesh**.
- Note:**
- Union Minister of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) Smt Smriti Zubin Irani presented the award to Madhya Pradesh for implementation of Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY).
 - Indore (Madhya Pradesh) has also won 1st place for better performance in PMMVY.
3. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) governor Shaktikanta Das was awarded the 'Central Banker of the Year 2020', Asia-Pacific by ___ **The Banker magazine**.
- Note:**
- The Banker Magazine is a British English-language monthly financial magazine owned by The Financial Times Ltd.
 - Global Central Banker award 2020 has been given to Jorgovanka Tabakovi, the head of the National Bank of Serbia.
 - As per Banker magazine, Shaktikanta Das has made many efforts to improve India's banking system from NPAs loans to banks struggling with fraud.
4. 1st Mathrubhumi book of the year 2020 award won by ___ **Vinod Shukla**.
- Note:**
- He received this award from Kerala based Malayalam newspaper Mathrubhumi at the Mathrubhumi International Festival of Letters 2020.
 - He was awarded for his translated book 'Blue Is Like Blue'
 - Arvind Krishna Mehrotra and Sara Rai have translated the stories of 'Blue Is Like Blue's into English.
5. National Kishore Kumar Samman of the Madhya Pradesh(MP) government for the year 2018 was awarded to ___ **Waheeda Rehman**.

Note:

- She will be awarded at her residence in Mumbai, Maharashtra by Culture minister of MP Vijaylaxmi Sadho.
- The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 2 lakh and a citation.
- The award couldn't be given to Rehman during a function in 2019 as she was unwell at the time.

6. Transport Minister's Road Safety Award 2018-19 was awarded to __ **Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC)**.

Note:

- Delhi govt's public transport Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) has been awarded with Transport Minister's Road Safety Award 2018-19 at an event in New Delhi.
- The award was given for its lowest accident rate.
- The award was given by the Association of State Road Transport Undertakings (Asrtu).

7. Which film won the Best Film award, in the 73rd British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) Awards 2020 ceremony __ **1917**.

Note:

- The ceremony was hosted by Graham Norton, an Irish television and radio presenter, comedian and commentator.
- First World War drama '1917' won the Best Film award, which was directed by Sam Mendes. The film 1917 won 7 awards including best picture & director for Sam Mendes, the 1st time he has been honoured for direction by the British academy.

8. Which company was awarded the prestigious SKOCH Award for "Boron Nitrate Based Personal Hybrid Combat Armour" at New Delhi, India __ **Big Bang Boom Solutions Pvt Ltd**.

Note:

- Big Bang Boom Solutions also won in the MoD (Ministry of Defence) competition around See-Through-Armour and Illegal Defence Drones in iDex (Innovations for Defence Excellence) category.
- BBBS was the first company to consolidate Artificial Intelligence (AI) with the defense sector.

9. Who won the lifetime achievement award instituted by the Mantralaya & Vidhimandal Vartahar Sangh for journalism in Maharashtra __ **Dinkar Keshav Raikar**.

Note:

- Maharashtra Chief Minister (CM) Uddhav Bal Thackeray presented the Award.
- Raikar is a consulting editor of Lokmat Group and completed 50 years in journalism.

10. In the celebrity brand evaluation report for 2019 published by Duff & Phelps the first position was gained by __ **Virat Kohli**.

Note:

- Indian Captain Virat Kohli has retained the top position for the third consecutive time. Kohli's brand value has gone up to \$237.5 million in 2019 with a jump of 39%.
- Bollywood Actor Akshay Kumar becomes the 2nd position with a brand value of \$104.5 million.
- Bollywood couple, Ranveer Singh and Deepika Padukone became the 3rd position with a brand value of \$93.5 million each.

11. President of India Shri. Ram Nath Kovind presented the International Gandhi Awards for Leprosy to __ **Dr. N.S. Dharmashaktu**.

Note:

- The award was instituted by Gandhi Memorial Leprosy Foundation.
- The awards aim to recognize the outstanding work by individuals & organisations to fight leprosy and eliminate the prejudices associated with it.
- India had successfully achieved levels of leprosy elimination defined as less than one case per ten thousand population.

Sports News

1. Goa 2020 National Games unveils official Mascot as __ **Rubigula**.

Note:

- 'Rubigula', Flame-Throated Bulbul, has been unveiled as the official mascot for the Goa 2020 National Games in Panaji, Goa. The Flame-Throated Bulbul is the state bird of Goa.
- Goa will be hosting the 36th edition of the National Games from 20th October to 4th November 2020.

2. Who won the Men's single title at Australian Open 2020 ___ **Novak Djokovic**.

Note:

- Novak Djokovic from Serbia inched closer to Spain's Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer from Switzerland on the list of male tennis players with most Grand Slam titles after capturing a record-extending 8th title at Australian Open.
- Novak Djokovic has become only the 3rd man to win at least 8 titles.
- Novak Djokovic beat Austrian Dominic Thiem in five sets to successfully defend his Australian Open men's singles title in Melbourne, Australia.

3. Who won the Women's single title at Australian Open 2020 ___ **Sofia Kenin**.

Note:

- Australian Open is the first of the four annual Grand Slam events among the world's major tennis championships.
- The grand slam Australian Open is held annually at Melbourne Park in Melbourne, Australia.
- In Australian Open 2020, Sofia Kenin defeated Garbiñe Muguruza to win the Women's Singles title.

4. The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) has suspended weightlifter ___ **Ramshad AR**.

Note:

- The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) has suspended weightlifter Ramshad AR for a period of 2 years after being found guilty of violating the anti-doping rule.
- He was examined by the Doping Control Officer of NADA during the 71st Men's National Weightlifting Championship.





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