

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 **April** 2020. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has increased the foreign portfolio investment (FPI) limit in corporate bonds to 15%.

Note:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has increased the foreign portfolio investment (FPI) limit in corporate bonds to 15% of outstanding stock for FY 2020-21 from 9% to strengthen the segment of the corporate bonds.
- The limit has been increased under sections 10(4) and 11(1) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (42 of 1999).
- Apart from raising FPI limit in corporate bonds, RBI has also enabled a Fully Accessible Route (FAR) for investment by non-residents in government securities.

2. Which bank has launched Whatsapp banking to assist its customers in meeting the banking needs from homes during the lockdown ICICI Bank.

Note:

- Any existing ICICI Bank Savings Account customer on WhatsApp can access the new service.
- The customer who has only an ICICI credit card can use the service to block/ unblock the card.
- The Non-ICICI Bank customers can also use this service to know the nearby location of the Bank's branches / ATMs.

3. To launch 'COVID-19 protection insurance cover' for shopkeepers, in a 1st, BhartPe partners with ICICI Lombard.

Note:

- According to this policy, 100% of the sum assured will be paid to the policyholder for the diagnosis of Coronavirus. This includes expenses incurred after hospitalization.
- The ICICI Lombard Health Cover, available on the BharatPe app, provided at a reasonable cost & offers a premium starting from Rs 199 and a sum assured of Rs 25,000 and value-added benefits.

4. Asian Development Bank (ADB) has signed a loan agreement worth of \$60 million with affordable housing loan provider Aavas Financiers Ltd.

Note:

- The grant, provided under the ADB's supporting access to housing finance for women and in lagging states project, will help increase higher rates of property ownership for women in lower-income groups.
- At present, India saw the acute housing shortage of 18.7 million units in urban region & 43.7 million units in rural region, that mostly affecting low-income groups, who are facing major problems in receiving mortgages including a lack of documents to prove their incomes.

5. Standard & Poor Global Ratings has slashed down India's growth forecast for financial year 2020-21 to 3.5%.

Note:

- The growth rate has been slashed due to the deteriorating credit conditions in the Asia-Pacific region as a result of Covid-19 outbreak.
- It also expects a sharp growth at 7.3% in the Indian economy for FY22 & also has lowered India's growth rate to 5.2% from 5.7% before lockdown.

6. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in consultation with the Government of India (GoI), has hiked the limit of Ways and Means Advances (WMA) for the first half of the financial year 2020-21 for the centre to _____ **Rs 1.2 lakh crore.**
- Note:**
- The increment will help state & central government to overtake the current mismatch in the cash flow of their receipts and payments & will step up expenditure in the social sector, including health and sanitation at the time of outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.
7. For the proposed a 4 -year COVID-19 emergency response & health systems preparedness project in India the World Bank has offered _____ **USD 1 billion.**
- Note:**
- The project aims to develop the preparedness of India's health care systems in the time of the pandemic & also to respond and mitigate the pandemic.
 - The project measures the progress on key indicators, such as the proportion of laboratory-confirmed cases of Covid-19 who responded within 48 hours and the proportion of samples submitted for the confirmed Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus-2.
8. PhonePe has launched India's first COVID-19 hospitalization insurance policy called Corona Care in collaboration with _____ **Bajaj Allianz General Insurance.**
- Note:**
- The policy will provide an insurance cover of 50,000 on a one-time payment of Rs 156 for people who are under 55 years of age.
 - The insured person will be eligible for the claim only if he/she is diagnosed with COVID-19 after 15 days from the date of purchase of this insurance.
 - The policy will be valid at any hospital that is offering treatment for covid-19. It will also cover 30 days of expenses on pre-hospitalization and post-care medical treatment.
9. Which bank has listed green bonds of USD 100 million under its USD 10 billion global medium-term note programme on India International Exchange Limited's (INX) Global Securities Market Green Platform (GSM) _____ **State Bank of India.**
- Note:**
- SBI has adopted the green bond framework with the objective of creating a positive impact on the environment & this transaction is considered as part of the sustainability journey.
 - The funds raised by green bonds are used to finance green projects that do not discharge toxic elements.
10. The United Nations (UN) Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) World Economic Forecasting Model estimates that the global economy could shrink by _____ **1%.**
- Note:**
- The UN has also warned if the restrictions on economic activities are extended without adequate fiscal responses, the decline could be even deeper.
 - The analysis estimated best & worst scenarios for global growth in 2020
11. According to the Fitch Solutions India's fiscal deficit is expected to go up to what per cent of GDP _____ **6.2 %.**
- Note:**
- The reason for this is the economic stimulus package given to deal with the economic impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic.
 - The government had set a target of limiting the fiscal deficit to 3.5 % of GDP during the current financial year FY 2020-21.
12. Asian Development Bank (ADB) in its Asian Development Outlook (ADO) 2020 has forecasted a slowdown in Indian economic growth to _____ **4%.**
- Note:**
- For FY 21-22 it has predicted Indian economic growth to 6.2%.

- On the region front, Asia and Pacific are expected to decline to 2.2% in FY 20-21 and then rebound to 6.2% in 2021.
 - Also, the growth in South Asia will downgrade to 4.1% in FY 20-21 and then recover to 6% in FY 21-22.
13. Fitch Ratings has trimmed the Indian growth forecast for fiscal year (FY) 2020-2021 to _____ **2%**.
- Note:**
- This would be the slowest growth in India over the past 30 years.
 - On the global front, Fitch has predicted a contraction of 1.9% in GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth for FY 20-21.
14. The government of India has nominated Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) and which private sector bank for for the collection of donations PM-CARES Fund _____ **HDFC Bank**.
- Note:**
- The contributions can be made by RTGS, NEFT, IMPS, cheques and demand drafts were drawn in favour of PM-CARES Fund.
 - One can also remit contributions directly by electronic clearing system (ECS) to the designated savings bank account of nominated banks.
 - It should be noted that all donations are entitled to 100% income tax exemption under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

Obituaries

1. Professor Arjun Dev passed away recently; he was a veteran _____ **Historian**.
- Note:**
- He served as a historian at the National Council of Education Research and Training (NCERT). He also co-wrote some of the extremely popular textbooks with his wife Indira Arjun Dev.
 - Arjun Dev served as Member Secretary of the National Steering Committee on Textbook evaluation.
 - One of his books, which was discontinued by NCERT and was republished by Orient Blackswan as “History of the World: From the Late 19th to the Early 20th century”, has remained a widely read text.
2. Name the Nobel Prize- winning physicist who expanded the world’s understanding of magnetism, superconductivity and the structure of matter, passed away _____ **Philip Warren Anderson**.
- Note:**
- The American theoretical physicist graduated from Harvard University in 1949 & then worked for Bell Telephone Laboratories until he began teaching at Princeton and the University of Cambridge.
 - Anderson received Nobel Prize in Physics in 1977, along with Nevill Francis Mott of Britain & the American John Hasbrouck van Vleck, for their contribution on fundamental theoretical investigations of the electronic structure of magnetic and disordered systems.
3. Padma Shri awardee and former “**Hazoori Raagi**” at the Golden Temple, passed away is _____ **Bhai Nirmal Singh Khalsa**.
- Note:**
- He has the knowledge of all 31 “raags” in the Gurbani of the Guru Granth Sahib (Sikh Holy Book).
 - In 2009, Singh received the Padma Shri award from the Government of India for his contribution of services in the field of arts and he was the first Hazoori Raagi to receive the award.
4. Name the American singer-songwriter, record producer and bassist passed away due to Coronavirus _____ **Adam Lyons Schlesinger**.
- Note:**
- He was the co-founder of the 2000s pop-rock band “Foundations of Wayne” & known for co-writing the band’s 2003 hit “Stacy’s Mom”.

- Schlesinger won 3 Emmy awards, two for original music and lyrics for the 2011 and 2012 Tony Awards and, another for original music and lyrics for “Crazy Ex-Girlfriend” in 2015.
 - “A Colbert Christmas”, co-written by Schlesinger & David Javerbaum, won him the 2009 Grammy Award for Best Comedy Album.
5. Name the world renowned virologist passed away in Johannesburg, South Africa ____ **Gita Ramjee**.
- Note:**
- She was the stellar vaccine scientist and an HIV prevention research leader.
 - Gita was born on April 8, 1956, in Kampala, Uganda. She served as the Clinical Trials Unit Principal Investigator and Unit Director of the HIV Prevention Research Unit of the South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC) offices in Durban.
6. Name the American songwriter, soulful singer, guitarist & 3 time Grammy award winner passed away recently ____ **Bill Withers**.
- Note:**
- He is well known for these compilations- Lean on Me, Ain’t No Sunshine, Just the two of us (for which he received Grammy awards) & Lovely Day.
 - He has produced 9 albums, his debut album is Just As I Am(1971) & the last album was Watching You Watching Me(1985).
 - In 2006 he was awarded the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) Rhythm & Soul Heritage Award, in 2007- Inducted into West Virginia Music Hall of Fame & in 2015- Inducted into Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
7. Name the Libya’s former Prime Minister who passed away due to Coronavirus _____ **Mahmoud Jibril el-Warfally**.
- Note:**
- He served as the interim Prime Minister (PM) of Libya for almost a year during the Libyan Civil War in 2011, chairing the executive board of National Transitional Council and later killed Moammar Gaddafi in 2011.
 - He also served as an economic advisor to the Gaddafi government before the revolution and served as the interim leader until the country held its first free elections in four decades in 2012.
8. M.K. Arjunan passed away recently, he was a renowned _____ **Malayalam Music Composer**.
- Note:**
- He tuned about 700 songs, many of them among the biggest hits of all time.
 - His songs were celebrated as much as those of great composers like G. Devarajan (who was also his guru), M.S. Baburaj, V. Dakshinamoorthy and K. Raghavan.
 - Arjunan was awarded Kerala State award for the best composer in 2017 for Jayaraj’s Bhayanakam.

Important Days

1. World Autism Awareness Day is observed every year on ____ **April 2**.
- Note:**
- The World Autism Awareness Day is observed to raise awareness about autism and problems faced by people suffering from it.
 - The day has been observed since 2008.
 - The day is one of the seven health-based United Nations (UN) days.
 - The theme for 2020 is “The Transition to Adulthood”.
2. The International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action is observed every year on _____ **4th April**.
- Note:**
- It is observed to create awareness on landmines, other threats and progress towards their eradication.
 - In 2005, the UN (United Nations) General Assembly declared April 4 as the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action.
3. The 57th Edition of National Maritime Day (NMD) was celebrated on _____ **April 5, 2020**.
- Note:**

- The day is observed annually to raise awareness in supporting intercontinental commerce and the global economy.
 - The National Maritime Day was first celebrated on April 5, 1964.
 - The saga of India shipping first started on April 5, 1919, when the SS Loyalty, the first ship of The Scindia Steam Navigation Company Limited travelled from Mumbai to the United Kingdom (UK).
4. The International Day of Conscience (IDC) is observed for the 1st time on _____ **5th April 2020**.
- Note:**
- This is celebrated to recognize the need to establish stability, well-being, peaceful and friendly relations on the basis of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all.
 - FIFA has joined forces with the United Nations (UN) and the World Health Organization (WHO) in supporting the "#BeActive campaign" launched on the UN International Day of Sport for Development and Peace
5. The International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSP) is celebrated every year on _____ **6th April**.
- Note:**
- This is celebrated to recognize the power of sport in promoting social change, community development and to encourage peace and understanding.
 - The United Nations (UN) General Assembly in 2013 has declared April 6 as IDSP & is celebrated annually since then 2014.

New Appointments

1. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director of the Sundaram Home Finance _____ **D. Lakshminarayanan**.
- Note:**
- He will take charge on April 1, 2020 and will replace Srinivas Acharya.
 - Srinivas Acharya has been the company's MD since 2010 & has been part of the Sundaram Finance Group for almost 4 decades.
 - The company had posted a total income of Rs 1006 crore and a net profit of Rs 145 crore for the financial year 2019.
2. The government extended the tenure of National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) acting President _____ **BSV Prakash Kumar**.
- Note:**
- Earlier he was appointed as the acting President for 3 months from January 5 after the retirement of NCLT president Justice Mahesh Mittal (M.M.) Kumar.
 - He previously served as a Judicial Member of the NCLT's Madras bench.
3. The Government has extended the appointment of Madhabi Puri Buch as a whole time member (WTM) of the _____ **SEBI**.
- Note:**
- She was appointed as a WTM of SEBI for a period of 3 years in April 2017 whereas all the appointed members and Chairman of SEBI were only men from the public sector, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) or the Indian Administrative Service (IAS).
 - She was not only the first woman to be appointed as a WTM of SEBI but also the first person from the private sector.
 - In SEBI, she handles a range of departments from market and market intermediaries regulation to integrated surveillance and economic and policy analysis.

Important News - India

1. The virtual meeting of the G20 Trade and Investment Ministers was attended by _____ **Piyush Goyal**.
- Note:**

- Piyush Goyal has urged the G20 nations to build a universal framework to boost the affordable access & facilitate easy movement of health professionals across national borders to fight over COVID-19.
 - He stressed on the need to uphold multilateral commitments and improve its effectiveness to meet current challenges.
2. Govt extends implementation of uniform stamp duty for capital market instruments from 1 April 2020 to _____ **July 1, 2020.**
- Note:**
- the Department of Revenue has postponed the implementation of the uniform stamp duty on transfer of shares, debentures, futures, options, currency and other capital market instruments by 3 months to 1 July 2020 from 1 April 2020.
 - To curb tax evasion, the government through Finance Act 2019 amended the Indian Stamp Act, 1899. Specific changes were to be effective from April 1, 2020 while amendments would come into effect from July 1, 2020.
 - As part of the amendments, the stamp duty rates levied by Maharashtra will be taken as a benchmark as it accounts for 70% of the total collection.
3. As per revised norms of the central government what is the limit for a person reside in J&K to become permanent resident of the UT _____ **15 Years.**
- Note:**
- A new definition for domicile for Jammu and Kashmir was introduced.
 - As per the new definition a person residing in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir for at least 15 years or has studied for a period of seven years in Jammu and Kashmir and appeared in Class 10 or 12 examinations will now be eligible to be a permanent resident of the UT.
 - This new rule was issued under the Section 3A of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Adaptation of State Laws Order 2020, under the Jammu and Kashmir civil services decentralisation and recruitment Act.
4. Which organization has launched a competition titled “United Against Corona- Express through Art” _____ **Indian Council for Cultural Relations.**
- Note:**
- The aim of the competition is to unite citizens across the world.
 - The competition was announced by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and this soft-power initiative is being organized by ICCR.
 - ICCR invites Indians and world citizens to submit their work of art expressing their emotions, feelings, ideas and innovative thoughts on the COVID- 19.
5. The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has extended the existing foreign trade policy (2015-20) _____ **March 2021.**
- Note:**
- The existing Policy came into effect on 1st April, 2015, is valid for 5 years and was originally up to March 31, 2020.
 - Now, the commerce ministry will continue to provide the relief under various export promotion schemes such as Duty Free Import Authorisation (DFIA) and Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) by granting an extension of another one year.
6. Donations for PM-CARES Fund granted tax exemption of _____ **100%.**
- Note:**
- the donations made under newly-formed Prime Minister’s Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations Fund (PM-CARES FUND) to provide assistance to the persons affected by the COVID-19 outbreak, are made eligible for 100% deduction under section 80G of the Income Tax (IT) Act, 1961.
 - For this, the provisions of the IT Act are amended through the Taxation and other Laws (Relaxation of Certain Provisions) Ordinance, 2020.
7. National Cadet Corps (NCC) has offered its volunteer cadets to assist the civilian authorities to fight COVID-19 under _____ **‘Exercise NCC Yogdan’.**
- Note:**
- It has issued guidelines for the temporary employment of its cadets to enhance the operations of various organizations involved in relief efforts & fighting the pandemic.
 - The tasks for NCC cadets include- manning of helpline, call centres; distribution of relief materials, medicines, food, essential commodities; community assistance; data management and queue & traffic management.
8. To build a portable and lightweight emergency ventilator system Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST) has partnered with _____ **‘Wipro 3D’.**

Note:

- The ventilator system will be based on Artificial Manual Breathing Unit (AMBU) to assist the breathing of the critical patients who have no access to ICU.
- This ventilator system is essentially a hand held device also called as AMBU bag or bag-valve-mask (BVM) to provide positive pressure ventilation to a corona patients with breathing difficulties with a controlled rate of expiration, inspiratory to expiratory ratio, Tidal volume etc.

9. The COVID- 19 National Preparedness Survey 2020 was conducted in how many districts _____ **410**.

Note:

- The COVID-19 National Preparedness Survey 2020 was conducted in 410 Districts in the Country within 3 working days beginning on March 25, 2020.
- The survey was conducted with responses from 410 civil servants who are providing field level leadership.

10. To fight COVID-19 Civil services associations form an initiative called _____ '**Caruna**'.

- Associations representing officers of Central Civil Services, including the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) and the Indian Police Service (IPS), have created an initiative called 'CARUNA'.
- The CARUNA stands for Civil Services Associations Reach to Support in Natural Disasters.
- This is to assist and supplement the government's efforts to battle against Corona Virus (COVID-19).

11. The National Health Authority (NHA) partnered with which taxi company to provide 24/7 free transport services to India's frontline healthcare workers _____ **Uber India**.

Note:

- Initially, Uber will facilitate the provision of 150 cars free of cost to support medical facilities in Delhi, Noida, Ghaziabad, Kanpur, Lucknow, Prayagraj, Patna via UberMedic service.
- The new cars supplied to NHA will be equipped with roof-to-floor plastic sheeting enclosing the driver's seat, thereby acting as a protective barrier between rider and driver.

12. Name the operation launched by the Indian Air Force (IAF) to air-lifted 6.2 tonnes of essential medical supplies to Maldives via transport aircraft C-130J as assistance in the fight against the virus _____ '**Operation Sanjeevani**'.

Note:

- Medicines including influenza vaccines, anti-viral drugs such as Lopinavir arid Ritonavir & other useful items were purchased by the Maldives' State Trading Organisation (STO) from 8 suppliers in India.
- But due to the 21-day lockdown imposed due to the COVID-19 epidemic, it could not be possible to take them to Maldives by any other means.
- India has already sent a 14-member Rapid Response Team of doctors and specialists to Maldives to set up a viral testing laboratory.
- In addition, 5.5 tons of essential medicines were presented as gifts to the Maldives by the Government of India (GoI).

13. To deal with Covid-19 epidemic the central government has constituted a 10-member group under the chairmanship of _____ **Amitabh Kant**.

Note:

- The work of this group will primarily identify issues through 3 groups of stakeholders, the empowered group set up for coordination with private sector, NGOs and international organisations then present effective measures to address solutions to the issues related to the formulation of plans for counter-activities related to COVID-19.

14. To help India fight against COVID-19 the Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched the initiative called _____ "**Lifeline UDAN**".

Note:

- Under Lifeline UDAN initiative of Ministry of Civil Aviation, 132 cargo flights have been operated so far across the country to transport medical cargo including to remote and hilly areas.
- With support from Air India, Alliance Air, IAF and private airlines, medical supplies of more than 184 tons have been delivered till date during lockdown period.

15. Department of Science & Technology, Government of India has approved to set up a rapid response centre _____ "**CAWACH**".

Note:

- CAWACH stands for Centre for Augmenting WAR with COVID-19 Health Crisis. Rapid response centre "CAWACH" has been set up at a total cost of Rs 56 Crore at Society for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (SINE), IIT Bombay.

- Centre for Augmenting WAR with COVID-19 Health Crisis (CAWACH) is a rapid response centre which has been set up to scout, evaluate and support the innovations and start-ups that address COVID-19 challenges.
 - The CAWACH centre will support the potential startups by providing financial assistance as well as fund deployment to target innovations that are deployable in the market within next 6 months.
16. Which Naval Dockyard has designed 'Portable Multi-feed Oxygen Manifold (MOM)' _____ **Naval Dockyard Visakhapatnam.**
- Note:**
- This oxygen manifold is designed to supply oxygen to multiple patients at a time, which could prove helpful in a contingency created by COVID-19 spread.
 - The preliminary trials were conducted at MI Room at NDV, followed by rapid trials at the Naval Hospital INHS Kalyani, where it was successfully installed within 30 minutes.
 - The Navy personnel from the Eastern Naval Command (ENC) have developed a 'Portable Multi-feed Oxygen Manifold (MOM)' using a six-way radial header fitted to a single cylinder.
17. Name the official COVID-19 tracking app that has been launched by the Government of India ____ **Aarogya Setu.**
- Note:**
- The "Aarogya Setu" app has been developed by the National e-Governance Division of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology in association with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
 - The Government of India has launched the mobile application "Aarogya Setu" to connect essential health services with the people of India to fight against COVID-19.
18. To help foreign tourists who are stuck in various parts of the country the Ministry of Tourism has launched a portal _____ **'Stranded in India'.**
- Note:**
- The portal consists of information around COVID-19 helpline numbers and call centres that foreign tourists can reach out for help, information around Ministry of External Affairs control centres along with their contact information and information around state-based/regional tourism support infrastructure.

Important News – State

1. Which state topped in the all-India level for micro-irrigation (MI), under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) _____ **Tamil Nadu.**
- Note:**
- Tamil Nadu topped with coverage of 2,06,853.25 ha for the year financial year 2019-20.
 - The state is followed by Karnataka and Gujarat with 1,41,103.56 Ha and 1,08,322.00 Ha of coverage respectively.
 - On the other hand, the cumulative total coverage of MI during 2015-2020 has been topped by Karnataka (8,15,690.31 ha) followed by Andhra Pradesh (7,17,421.08 ha) and Gujarat (7,00,858.35 ha)
1. A 'Modi Kitchen' has been set up in which state of India _____ **Tamil Nadu.**
- Note:**
- The kitchen which has a capacity to serve 500 meals per day and will remain operational till 14th April 2020.
 - The Modi Kitchen aims to deliver food parcels within a range of radius of 10 kms and has been set up in one of the main shopping areas of the city.
 - This initiative has been taken by the functionaries of the Common Service Centre amid the lockdown due to COVID-19 pandemic.
2. To provide information about the symptoms of COVID-19 to the people at their doorsteps which state has launched "Active Case Finding Campaign" _____ **Himachal Pradesh.**
- Note:**
- Under the "Active Case Finding Campaign", the information would be provided to the people by the health workers.
 - Every ASHA worker with a two-person team will reach out every house in the village and collect health information of every person.
 - The collected information would be shared by the team with the department via Google form.
3. Which state government has launched a mobile application 'Corona Watch' _____ **Karnataka.**
- Note:**

- The mobile application aims to track the movement history of persons tested positive, before their detection in order to take precautions and to contain the coronavirus outbreak.
 - The app will also provide the date and time of visit to spots by the patients. 'Corona Watch' app also comprises a list of government designated first response hospitals for COVID-19 where citizen with symptoms can visit.
4. Which state has celebrated its formation day on April 1, 2020 _____ Odisha.
- Note:**
- Utkal Divas (Odisha Day) is celebrated every year on 1st April all over Odisha.
 - Odisha Day is celebrated in the memory of the formation of the state as a separate province on 1 April 1936.
 - This year marks the 83rd Utkal Divas or the foundation day of Odisha.
5. Which state government has started distributing pensions at the doorstep to its 58,44,240 beneficiaries _____ **Andhra Pradesh.**
- Note:**
- They using its 2.5 lakh volunteer eliminating the need for pensioners to step out of their homes. The aim is to encourage beneficiaries to stay at home and avoid stepping out.
 - The beneficiaries have been receiving different amounts as per the defined categories.
 - From old age persons to fishermen and folk artists, the pension will help every section amid the ongoing 21-day lockdown.
6. The Odisha government has launched an online cultural competition "Mo Prativa" in collaboration with the _____ **UNICEF.**
- Note:**
- The cultural competition "Mo Prativa" has been launched in order to keep children engaged at home during the lockdown period.
 - The competition will enable children to participate in various activities such as painting, writing of slogans, short stories, poems etc.
7. In which state 'V Safe Tunnel' has been installed to sanitize people _____ **Telangana.**
- Note:**
- The sanitising tunnel has been installed at the state Director General of Police's office.
 - A unique disinfectant named 'V Safe Tunnel' sanitizes people from any possible bacteria and other microbes within 20 seconds.
 - The 'V Safe Tunnel' aims to minimise the local transmission of Coronavirus in the state by providing maximum protection to people passing through the tunnel in around 20 seconds.

Important News - World

2. As per the UNCTAD report titled World will go into recession except _____ **India and China.**
- Note:**
- According to the latest UN report the world economy will go into recession except India and China due to coronavirus pandemic.
 - With two-thirds of the world's population living in developing countries facing unprecedented economic damage from the coronavirus crisis.
 - The exporting countries will face \$2 trillion to \$3 trillion drop in investment from overseas in the next two years.
 - The downward growth in the emerging economies was already predicted in the last quarter of 2019 but the corona virus outbreak has made it worsen.
 - It should be noted that the analysis did not give an explanation to why and how India and China will be the exceptions in the times of world recession.
3. The World Bank in its Economic Update for East Asia and Pacific (EAP) titled "East Asia and Pacific in the Time of COVID-19" stated that poverty is estimated to increase _____ **11 Million.**
- Note:**
- The World Bank in report says that the economic fallout from the coronavirus pandemic could drive an additional 11 million people into poverty in East Asia and the Pacific.
 - In the worse-case scenario outlined by the Washington-based financial institution, the region could suffer its sharpest downturn in more than two decades, plunging much of Asia into a prolonged recession.

- The bank's baseline forecast projects that regional growth could slow to 2.1% in 2020, compared to estimated growth of 5.8% in 2019.
 - However, under its worse case projection, the region's economy could contract by 0.5%, creating the potential for an extended crisis.
4. United Nation's COP 26 climate change summit postponed till _____ **2021**.
- Note:**
- The conference was planned to take place from 9-19 November 2020, in Glasgow, Scotland in the United Kingdom (UK).
 - Pre-COP and 'Youth for the Climate' event were also postponed supposed to be held in Italy.
 - This decision has been taken by the COP Bureau of the UNFCCC after discussion with the UK and Italian partners.
5. What amount has been offered by the World Bank to the Indian government for a proposed India COVID-19 emergency response and health systems preparedness project _____ **\$1 billion**.
- Note:**
- This four-year project aims to develop the preparedness of India's health care systems in the time of the pandemic.
 - The idea of the project will be to respond and mitigate the COVID-19 threat and strengthen national systems for public health preparedness in India, as per the project document.
 - The World Bank funding is from its COVID-19 fast-track facility where both the entities (World Bank and the government of India) will work on following the best international practice.

Honor & Awards

1. Which manufacturing unit of Indian Railway has set the Limca Book of Records for producing record 431 locomotives in the financial year 2019-2020 _____ **Chittaranjan Locomotive Works**.
- Note:**
- This was achieved despite novel coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions that creating disruptions during the current financial year (FY20).
 - The unit has surpassed its own previous year (2018-2019) record when it produced 402 locomotives in 297 working days.
 - CLW's Locomotive production has increased 75% over the last 6 years period from 250 in 2014-15 to 431 in 2019-20 in line to support 100% Electrification and 'Make in India' initiative of the central government.
2. Which NGO has been awarded the Skoll Award for Social Entrepreneurship 2020 in recognition of its exceptional work in the maternal and child health space in India _____ **ARMMAN**.
- Note:**
- ARMMAN, an India-based non-profit organization (NPO), has been awarded the Skoll Award for Social Entrepreneurship 2020 in recognition of its exceptional work in the maternal and child health space in India, along with 4 other awardees.
 - ARMMAN is the only organization from Asia and Africa, selected from 700 organizations.
3. Who has been conferred with 'Hero to Animals Award' by animal rights body PETA India _____ **Naveen Patnaik**.
- Note:**
- He has been awarded by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) for allocating funds to feed community animals in Odisha during the lockdown over the novel coronavirus pandemic.
 - The lockdown has not only affected people but animals as well. In the concern that the animals do not go starving in such conditions, CM approved of Rs 54 lakhs from a relief fund to feed animals of the community.

Sports News

1. Which Grand Slam tournament has been cancelled for the first time since World War II due to coronavirus pandemic _____ **Wimbledon 2020**.
- Note:**
- The tournament organizer, All England Club (AELTC) after an emergency meeting announced that the Championships 2020 will be cancelled due to public health concerns linked to the Novel Coronavirus pandemic.
 - The tournament was due to be played between 29 June and 12 July.
2. World Athletics championship shifted to _____ **2022**.

Note:

- The 2021 world athletics championships will be shifted to 2022. The championship was originally scheduled to held in Eugene, Oregon from August 6-15, 2021.
- The announcement came immediately after the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games postponed because of the coronavirus pandemic will now take place on July 23-August 8, 2021.
- The athletics federation also talking to the organisers of the 2022 European Athletics Championships, which are due to take place in Munich on August 11-21.

3. What will be the mascot 19th Asian Games _____ ‘The Smart Triplets’.**Note:**

- The Olympic Council of Asia has announced the official mascots of the 19th Asian Games to be held in Hangzhou in 2022.
- The three robots namely Congcong, Lianlian and Chenchen which are collectively known as “The Smart Triplets” will be the official mascots of the 19th Asian Games.
- The mascot was unveiled by Olympic Council of Asia at a digital launch ceremony in Hangzhou, China.

4. Who has been inducted into Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame _____ Kobe Bryant.**Note:**

- The late Kobe Bryant has been selected as a member of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.
- He has been selected as the member of the Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility.
- Kobe Bryant, the 18-time NBA All Star, has now become a part of 9-member class that also constitutes multiple All-Star selections Tim Duncan and Kevin Garnett.

5. The International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) has banned which two countries from participating in weightlifting events at the Tokyo Olympics due to multiple doping offences _____ Malaysia & Thailand.**Note:**

- The Independent Member Federation Sanctions Panel (IMFSP) of the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) has banned the Malaysia & Thailand weightlifters from competing in Tokyo Olympics 2020.
- IMSP has imposed the disciplinary sanctions on both the countries from participating in weightlifting events at the Tokyo Olympics for doping violations.

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