

Weekly One-Liners

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Dear readers,

Weekly One Liner Updates is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the second week (8-14th) of April 2020. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to increase the number of days that a State/UT can continue to overdraft to _____ **21 working days.**

Note:

- Due to coronavirus pandemic States/UTs are facing cash flow mismatches therefore RBI has increased the number of days of overdraft from 14 working days to 21 working days.
- In addition, the number of days that a State/UT can overdraft in a quarter has also been increased to 50 working days from the current stipulation of 36 working days.
- The new arrangement is effective immediately and is valid until September 30

2. Airtel Payments Bank has collaborated with which General Insurance to offer financial protection for COVID-19 via two different health insurance plans _____ **Bharti AXA General Insurance.**

Note:

- The plan named “Bharti AXA Group Health Assure Policy” offers a lump sum benefit of Rs 25,000 and the other plan “Group Hospital Cash” will offer a daily benefit of starting Rs 500.
- It should be noted that both are ‘Need-Based Insurance’ covers with a validity of one year and there is no mention about the minimum and maximum age limit to avail this policy.

3. The Punjab National Bank Housing Finance (PNBHF) has signed agreement with which agency to raise to provide loans to affordable housing segment _____ **Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).**

Note:

- It is a 5 year long term loan which helps to balance the company’s Asset Liability Management (ALM) position.
- It is JICA’s first debt funding in India’s housing finance sector.

4. Which public sector bank has initiated four schemes for agri sector to tackle COVID-19 impact _____ **Bank of Baroda (BoB).**

Note:

- The Bank of Baroda (BoB) has initiated four agro schemes for Women Self Help Groups (SHGs), Farmer Producer Organizations (FPO/FPC) and farming community.
- It should be noted only the existing borrowers of BoB whether individual or FPO or SHG are eligible for the schemes.
- The four schemes are
 1. Additional Assurance to SHGs- COVID19
 2. Baroda Emergency Credit Line for Farmer Producer Organization (FPO/FPC)
 3. Baroda Special Scheme for existing Agriculture Investment Credit borrowers
 4. Baroda Special Scheme for existing BKCC borrowers impacted by COVID-19

5. The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has announced to provide emergency working capital to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) up to _____ **one crore.**

Note:

- The SIDBI Assistance to Facilitate Emergency response against coronavirus (SAFE) loan limit has been increased to 2 crores from Rs 50 lakhs.
 - It is a financial assistance program launched by SIDBI for (Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises) MSMEs that engage in the manufacturing of products (hand sanitizers, masks, gloves, head gear, bodysuits, shoe covers, ventilators, goggles, among others) or offer services to combat the novel coronavirus.
6. According to the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) report India's GDP growth for FY 20-21 is likely to be declined to ____ **4.8%**.
- Note:**
- As per the report the Economic growth for the country could stand at 5.1% for fiscal year 2021-22.
 - It should be noted that our Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had projected India's GDP growth of 6-6.5% while presenting economic survey 2020-21, up from 5% estimate for 2019-20.
7. Goldman Sachs lowered India's growth forecast for Financial Year 2020-21 from 3.3% to ____ **1.6%**.
- Note:**
- It stated that the revised growth will be deeper when compared to the recession India has experienced in 1970's, 1980's & 2009.
 - Many analysts like Fitch, Moody are downgrading India's growth rate due to the pandemic.
8. Which Small Finance Bank has launched DigiGen a digital banking platform to open savings account & fixed deposit digitally ____ **Jana Small Finance Bank**.
- Note:**
- It is a 3 step process to open an account, where the customers are eligible for 4.5% interest rates on savings accounts with no minimum balance and up to 7.5% interest on fixed deposits.
 - The new digital solution offers many features including online bill payment, instant cash transfer and airport lounge access on a debit card.
9. Which bank has extended its strategic bancassurance partnership with Max Life Insurance for five more years ____ **Yes Bank**.
- Note:**
- As a part of partnership, the products of the life insurer sold through the branches of Yes Bank. Customers are offered with a broad range of need-based products and services.
 - It should be noted that the companies began their partnership in February 2005, and has about 280,000 policies. It has settled death claims of more than Rs 70 crore and offered protection worth Rs 34,500 crore to policy holders and their families.
10. Which countries central bank has raised its stake in Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited (HDFC) from 0.8% to 1.01% ____ **China (People's Bank of China)**.
- Note:**
- The stake raising process was done as a secondary market transaction. The stakes comprises of 17.49 million shares of the the country's largest mortgage lender HDFC.
 - After the transaction, the closing price of the Chinese central bank's stake in HDFC was Rs 2,976 crore.
11. The twitter campaign urging bank customers to adopt digital modes of payment that are convenient and safe has been launched by ____ **Reserve Bank of India**.
- Note:**
- RBI emphasised on transacting digitally as it gives the convenience of making payments anytime and anywhere.
 - Through the campaign, RBI reiterated the multiple digital payment options such as NEFT, IMPS, UPI and BBPS that are available 24*7.
 - The face of the campaign is Bollywood actor Amitabh Bachchan.

Obituaries

1. Renowned personality Honor Blackman passed away recently, she was a veteran _____ **Hollywood Actress**.
Note:
 - Honor Blackman was one of the memorable co-stars of the early James Bond films.
 - Honor Blackman shot to fame in her late 30s after playing legendary Bond girl Pussy Galore in the 1964 movie Goldfinger.
2. Famous sportsperson Radomir Antic passed away recently, he was associated with which sports _____ **Football**.
Note:
 - Radomir Antic, Serbian football manager and player, the only man to have coached Barcelona, Real Madrid and Atlético Madrid, passed away at the age of 71 in Madrid, Spain.
 - Antic managed Atletico on three separate occasions, winning the league and cup double in 1995-96 and only one of two people to coach EL Clasico rivals Real and Barca during his career after Enrique Fernandez Viola.
3. Name the 2 time Grammy award winner & Grammy lifetime achievement award winner American folk singer passed away recently _____ **John Prine**.
Note:
 - John Prine passed away due to coronavirus complications.
 - His best works are Missing Years, Fair and Square for which he received Grammy awards, Angel From Montgomery, Illegal Smile, Christmas in Prison & Tree of Forgiveness among others.
 - He was inducted into Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2003 & Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2019 & received the PEN/New England Song Lyrics of Literary Excellence Award in 2016.
4. Renowned player Donato Sabia passed away due to Coronavirus he was a veteran _____ **Sprinter**.
Note:
 - Donato Sabia, twice Olympics 800 meters finalist and the former European Indoor Champion, passed away at the age of 56 in Potenza, Italy due to Coronavirus.
 - He was born on September 11, 1963 in Potenzo, Italy.
5. Famous Indian American Brahm Kanchibotla passed away due to coronavirus, he was a veteran _____ **Journalist**.
Note:
 - In recent years, he has been writing for two Indian-American publications, the Indian Panorama and the South Asia Times.
 - During his 28-year career in the US, he worked for 11 years as a content editor for Merger Markets, a financial publication, and also worked for News India-Times Weekly.
 - He emigrated to the US in 1992 after having worked for several publications in India.
6. Famous Shanti Hiranand Chawla passed away recently, she was a veteran _____ **Hindustani Classical singer**.
Note:
 - Shanti was trained in thumri, dadra and ghazal singing by Begum Akthar. With the passing of Shanti Hiranand the Begum Akthar era is formally over.
 - She was world-renowned for keeping the legendary ghazal singer's style alive in her performances, which she staged all across the world including Lahore, Islamabad, Toronto, Boston, New York and Washington.
7. Legendary sportsperson Sir Stirling Moss passed away recently, he was associated with which sports _____ **Formula 1**.
Note:
 - Moss was widely regarded as the greatest driver never to win the Formula One drivers' world championship.
 - The British driver took part in Formula One from 1951 to 1961 and also made 67 starts in the F1 World Championship, claiming victory winning 16 races and claiming 16 pole positions and 24 podium positions.
8. Famous sportsperson Peter Bonetti passed away recently, he was associated with which sports _____ **Football**.
Note:

- He was part of England's 1966 World Cup-winning team but was unused throughout the tournament. He was featured in 1970 World Cup quarter-final defeat by West Germany.
- He was nicknamed as 'The Cat' because of his safe handling, lightning reflexes and his graceful style.

Important Days

1. The International Romani Day is observed every year on _____ **8th April.**

Note:

- The day is observed annually to raise awareness of the issues faced by Romani people and to celebrate Romani culture.
- The International Romani Day was officially declared at the fourth World Romani Congress of the International Romani Union (IRU) in Serock, Poland, in 1990.
- The day also remembers the first major international meeting of Romani representatives held between April 7 to 12, 1971 in Chelsfield, England.

2. The World Homeopathy Day is celebrated every year on ____ **10th April.**

Note:

- This year the day marks the 265th birth anniversary of the father of the Homeopathy systems of medicines Dr. Christian Friedrich Samuel Hahnemann, German physician.
- He discovered the way to heal through the use of homeopathy.
- The term 'homeopathy' comes from the combination of the two Greek words, homeo- meaning similar & pathos- meaning suffering or disease.
- Theme of the day this year (2020) is "Enhancing the scope of Homeopathy in Public Health".

3. The Play True Day is observed every year on _____ **9th April.**

Note:

- The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) celebrated the Play True Day 2020.
- The theme of this year is 'Play Safe on Play True Day 2020'.
- WADA and the anti-doping community worldwide is celebrating the 'Play True Day' since 2014. WADA celebrates the day with athletes, national and regional anti-doping organizations, sports federations, major event organizers & other anti-doping stakeholders from the global clean sport community.

4. National Safe Motherhood Day (NSMD) is celebrated annually on _____ **11th April.**

Note:

- The day is celebrated to raise awareness on proper healthcare and maternity facilities to pregnant and lactating women.
- NSMD is an initiative of the White Ribbon Alliance India (WRAI) to ensure that every woman should have the availability and enough access to care during pregnancy, childbirth and postnatal services

5. The international day of human space flight is observed across the world annually on ____ **12th April.**

Note:

- The day remarks 1st human to orbit the earth- Yuri Gagarin in "Vostok 1" on April 12, 1961.
- The day is observed to celebrate the space age for the human race to reaffirm the vital role of space science and technology in achieving sustainable development goals and improve the well-being of states, people, and to realize the ambition of maintaining the space for peaceful purposes.
- The 1st human-made Earth satellite Sputnik I was launched into outer space on 4th October 1957 which opened a new way for space exploration.

6. National Pet Day is celebrated every year on _____ **11th April.**

Note:

- The Day is celebrated to create public awareness about animals that currently live in shelters and rescues and are in need of a forever home.
- National pet day was founded in 2006 by Colleen Paige, who is a renowned animal welfare advocate and lifestyle expert.

New Appointments

1. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) _____ **UB Pravin Rao.**

Note:

- UB Pravin Rao succeeds Keshav Murugesh, Group Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of World Network Services (WNS) Global Services, who served as chairman of NASSCOM for the year 2019-20. Previously Rao was the vice chairman of NASSCOM.

2. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of PepsiCo for one year _____ **Shafali Verma.**

Note:

- Pepsi will be Shafali's first contract with a major brand. The beverage firm recently signed Bollywood star Salman Khan as its face for 2 years.
- Shafali Verma hails from Haryana is the explosive top-order Indian batswoman, who played the ICC Women's Twenty20 International World Cup against Australia in Melbourne.

3. Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bharti AXA Life Insurance Company _____ **Parag Raja.**

Note:

- The appointment will be subject to the requisite approval from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).
- Parag Raja will be the successor of Vikas Seth.
- Raja served as the Chief Distribution Officer at Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance (ABSLI).

4. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of IFFCO Tokio General Insurance _____ **Anamika Roy Rashtrawar.**

Note:

- She was the successor of Warendra Sinha.
- She was the first woman MD and CEO of a large private sector IFFCO Tokio general insurance company.
- She joined the company as a whole-time director in June 2018 and spearheaded the company's business transformation project by expanding operations in tier -II, III, IV towns.

5. Who has been appointed as part-time Chairman of AU Small Finance Bank for the period of one year _____ **Raj Vikash Verma.**

Note:

- Verma was inducted as an Independent Director with the AU Bank in January 2018. He was the former Chairman and Managing Director (MD) of National Housing Bank (NHB).
- Verma was a certified Associate of the Indian Institute of the Bankers (CAIIB).

6. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of AU Small Finance Bank _____ **Sanjay Agarwal.**

Note:

- Sanjay Agarwal reappointed as Managing Director (MD) and CEO (Chief Executive Officer)
- Agarwal has been associated with this institution (AU small finance bank) since its inception in 1996 (erstwhile AU Financiers India Limited), is also its promoter.
- AU Small Finance Bank is an Indian Scheduled Commercial bank that was founded as a finance company AU financiers (India) Limited incorporated as L.N. Finco Gems Private Limited

7. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Karnataka Bank _____ **Mahabaleshwara M S.**

Note:

Private sector lender Karnataka Bank received RBI (Reserve Bank of India) approval for the re-appointment of Mahabaleshwara M S as MD (Managing Director) and CEO (Chief Executive Officer) for next 3 years. The bank regulator has also approved for reappointment of Polali Jayarama Bhat as part time (non-executive) chairman.

8. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of the James Bullough Lansing (JBL)'s campaign -"Live it Real, Live it Raw" _____ **Sara Ali Khan.**

Note:

- She lines up with JBL ambassadors and partners from music, sports, and entertainment industries including actor and humanitarian Priyanka Chopra, music mogul AR Rahman, and Olympian Shuttler PV Sindhu in India.
- Mahindra Group's MeraKisan, an organic Agri producer has partnered with The Vice-Captain of the Indian Test Cricket team Ajinkya Rahane, as part of this, he will own equity & will be its brand ambassador.

Important News – India

1. Union Cabinet headed by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi has approved an ordinance to cut in the salaries of all Members of Parliament by 30%.

Note:

- It also provisioned a two-year suspension (2020-21 and 2021-22) of the MP Local Area Development (MPLAD) scheme so that the amount saved can go to the Consolidated Fund of India to fight COVID-19.
 - This announcement was made by Prakash Javadar, Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting.
2. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has achieved the highest ever highway construction feat with an accomplishment of 3,979 km.
 - However, it has completed 88% of highway construction against the target of building 4,500 km highways in FY-20. In the FY 2018-19, NHAI constructed 3,380 km of National Highways.
 - The government has initiated a highway development programme in 2015 namely Bharatmala Pariyojana, which includes development of about 65,000 km of NHs.
 - Under Phase-I of the programme, the government has approved implementation of 34,800 km of national highways projects with an outlay of Rs 5.35 lakh crore in a period of five years
 3. What is the name that has been given to mega ONLINE innovation challenge launched by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) SAMADHAN.

Note:

- The innovation cell of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has launched a mega ONLINE challenge called "SAMADHAN" to fight against covid19.
 - Under the "Samadhan" challenge, the students and faculty will be motivated for doing new experiments and new discoveries and provide them with a strong base leading to a spirit of experimentation and discovery.
4. Which platform has been launched by the government of India for all front-line workers to equip them with the training and updates in coping with Pandemic iGOT e-learning platform.
 - Giving COVID 19 training to other potential second line workforce, India will be better prepared for the emergent situations.
 - The target group is Doctors, Nurses, Paramedics, Hygiene Workers, Technicians, Auxiliary Nursing Midwives (ANMs), Central & State Govt. Officers, Civil Defence Officials, various Police Organisations, National Cadet Corps (NCC), Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), National Service Scheme (NSS), Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS), Bharat Scouts & Guides (BSG) and other volunteers.
 - The platform delivers curated, role-specific content, to each learner at his place of work or home and to any device of his choice.
 5. Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has removed export restrictions on 24 pharma ingredients including 12 active pharmaceutical ingredients, it operates under which ministry Ministry of Commerce & Industry.
 - In this regard, amendment has been made in the chapter 29 and 30 of the Schedule 2 of the ITCHS (Indian Trade Clarification based on Harmonized System) Export Policy, 2018 which is related APIs and formulations.
 - It should be noted that the outbound shipments of paracetamol and its formulations continue to remain restricted or need a license from the government to get exported
 6. Which ministry has divide the the health centers into 3 categories namely- COVID Care Centre, Dedicated COVID Health Centre and Dedicated COVID Hospital Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
 - Under these facilities, it will be ensured that the capacity of hospital beds is used only for moderate and severe patients of infection.
 - Patients suspected of corona or patients with mild or very mild symptoms will be placed in Covid Care Center.

- Patients with moderate symptoms of coronavirus will be admitted in Dedicated COVID Health Centre
 - Serious patients infected with the corona virus will be admitted in Dedicated COVID Hospital.
7. Name the mobile doctor booth created by the West Central Railway's Coach Rehabilitation Workshop (CRWS) _____ **CHARAK**.
- Note:**
- This is to eliminate the possibility of physical contact between the doctor and the coronavirus (COVID-19) infected patient.
 - A viral barrier chamber has been built in the railway compartment itself, through which doctors will be able to examine patients without direct physical contact.
 - This system will prove to be very helpful as there is a shortage of PPE and medical staff at this time.
 - The mobile booth can go to remote villages & can also be taken up to 500 meters by hand.
8. Hindustan Unilever has partnered with which organization to support India to combat COVID-19 _____ **UNICEF**.
- Note:**
- Hindustan Unilever has partnered with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to support India to combat COVID-19.
 - The partnership aims to initiate a mass communication campaign with an objective of informing and empowering the general public against the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - The mass communication campaign titled '#BreakTheChain' or '#VirusKiKadiTodo' will unite the technical knowledge of UNICEF with the marketing expertise and scale of HUL.
9. What amount the government of India has approved for the 'India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package' _____ **Rs.15000 crores**.
- Note:**
- The package is to build health infrastructure in states and UTs till March 2024.
 - Of the 15,000 crore, Centre would release Rs.7,774 crore for immediate COVID-19 Emergency Response use till June 2020 and the rest will be set for medium-term support of 1-4 years.
10. To launch a digital campaign to ensure work safety of Tribal Gatherers TRIFED has collaborated with WHO and _____ **UNICEF**.
- Note:**
- This is to ensure tribal gatherers carry on their work safely during the collection and harvest of Minor Forest Produce (MFP)/Non Timber Forest Produce (NTFP).
 - This collaboration will promote a digital campaign for Self Help Groups (SHGs) highlighting the importance of Social Distancing
 - This will further create awareness among the tribal community and also provide Do's and Don'ts Advisories relating to NTFP during Covid-19.
11. The Supreme Court (SC) of India has extended the tenure of chairperson of Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT) _____ **Justice Shiva Kirti Singh**.
- Note:**
- This decision has been taken by the bench of Justices L Nageswara Rao, Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Deepak Gupta headed by Chief Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde.
 - The bench also expressed concern over the delay in appointment of administrative and technical members of TDSAT and asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta to answer on behalf of Centre.
12. To improve the online education ecosystem of India Union Human Resource Development Ministry has launched the campaign _____ **'Bharat Padhe Online'**
- Note:**
- The campaign aims to invite all the best brains in India to share suggestions or solutions directly with the HRD Ministry, to overcome the obstacles of online education while promoting the available digital education platforms.
 - Educators across the country can also contribute with their expertise in the field of education, where a conversation may be initiated about the limitation of the current online education scenario, challenges faced by them in traditional classrooms that can be addressed through online education & the structure of a perfect online education ecosystem.
13. Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has allowed the use of a diagnostic machine used to test drug-resistant TB (Tuberculosis) for conducting coronavirus tests namely _____ **Truenat™**.
- Note:**
- Currently, India is using Real Time-Polymerase Chain Reaction test recommended by the US and approved by the FDA (Food and Drug Administration).

- During the investigations, samples will be taken from the nose and throat and sent to the viral transport medium (VTM) provided with the kit.
- Earlier ICMR has also recommended the use of the Truenat beta CoV test on Truelab workstation, which is used to detect drug resistant TB.

14. Which railway station becomes first station of IR to install sanitizing tunnel _____ **Ahmedabad**.

Note:

- The Ahmedabad railway station at Kalupur, Gujarat of Western Railway became the first station of Indian Railways (IR) to install a Walk Through Mass Sanitizing Tunnel to ensure the safety of staff and passengers in the view of the COVID-19.
- The tunnel was inaugurated by Ahmedabad DRM (Divisional Railway Manager) Deepak Jha.

Important News – State

1. As per the report published by Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) for the year ended March 31, 2018 which state commits highest crime related to the environment in the country _____ **Rajasthan**.

Note:

- In accordance with the report by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) for the year ended March 31, 2018, 40.59% of the crimes related to the environment in the country were committed in Rajasthan (RJ) during 2014-16.
- The major crimes were violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Wildlife Protect Act, 1972 which resulted in using of forest land for non-forest purposes without approval of government and capturing, poisoning, snaring or trapping of wild animals respectively.

2. Which becomes the first state to extend Covid-19 lockdown till April 30 _____ **Odisha**.

Note:

- Amid unconfirmed speculation about the nationwide lockdown due to end on April 14, Odisha has become the first Indian state to extend the ongoing lockdown.
- In a statement Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik said that his government has decided to extend the lockdown period in Odisha till April 30.

3. Which becomes the first state to commence clinical trial plasma therapy treatment _____ **Kerala**.

Note:

- The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has given approval to Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala,
- This is to commence convalescent plasma therapy, which uses antibodies from the blood of cured patients, to treat critically ill COVID- 19 cases on a trial basis.
- Therefore, Kerala becomes the first state in the country to start clinical trial plasma therapy treatment

4. Which state announced a 5T plan which includes- Testing, Tracing, Treatment, Teamwork & Tracking and monitoring to control the spread of COVID-19 in the state _____ **Delhi**.

Note:

- Testing- Only through testing, the infected person can be detected & aggressive testing is crucial to prevent the spread of the virus.
- Tracing- Persons associated with a positive patient are identified and asked for self-quarantine.
- Treatment- If someone is infected with COVID-19, they will be provided treatment.
- Teamwork- The virus can be combated & defeated through teamwork.
- Tracking & Monitoring- Active tracking & monitoring the developments will help to take action to deal with the spread of the virus.

5. Which state government has launched “Operation SHIELD” in identified Containment Areas of the state to control the spread of the coronavirus pandemic _____ **Delhi**.

Note:

- It deals with sealing, home quarantine, isolation & tracking, essential supply of commodities, local sanitisation and door-to-door health checkups.
- S- Sealing of the immediate area/surroundings after geographical marking.
- H- Home quarantine of all the people living in the area.

- I- Isolation and tracing of people who have been first and second contacts.
 - E- Essential supply of commodities is ensured.
 - L- Local sanitisation of the area by authorities.
 - D- Door-to-door health checks of everyone living in the area.
6. Which state Government has launched a new initiative “Food Bank” based on the theme ‘Help End Hunger Today’ _____
Manipur.
- Note:**
- The food bank will provide food items (such as rice, aata, maida, daal, edible oil, salt, potato, onions , milk, biscuits, packaged drinking water), hand sanitisers and face masks to drug rehabilitation centres and people living in Imphal East District affected by HIV (human immunodeficiency virus).
7. Which state government has launched an app called “COVIDCARE” _____**Arunachal Pradesh.**
- Note:**
- The newly developed “COVIDCARE” app is an effort of the Arunachal Pradesh government to combat COVID-19. The “COVIDCARE” app has been launched for the people who are quarantined, asymptomatic or COVID-19 patients, facilitating them various facilities through the app.

Important News - World

1. What amount has been announced by the aid agency USAID to India to fight against Coronavirus _____ **USD 2.9 million.**
- Note:**
- The funds announced are going to help India in its fight against COVID-19 and to also provide care for those who are affected and help the local communities with the tools to stop the pandemic spreading in the country.
 - The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and other relevant agencies, is working closely with India to support the country’s response to the pandemic.
 - The US Agency for International Development (USAID) is one of the leading aid agencies globally.
2. What amount has been allocated by the SAARC Development Fund for COVID-19 projects _____ **USD 5 million.**
- Note:**
- The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Development Fund (SDF) has allocated USD 5 million (about Rs 38 crore) for COVID-19 projects in 8 member countries, in an effort to mitigate the financial losses and severe socio-economic impact of the pandemic.
3. Which country has become the world leader in international patent filings via WIPO’s Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) _____
China.
- Note:**
- China has filled a total of 58,990 applications surpassing the United States (US), which was at top spot since the PCT began operations in 1978.
 - It should be noted that for the third consecutive year, Chinese telecoms giant Huawei topped the global ranking in 2019 with 4,411 PCT applications.
 - It was followed by Mitsubishi of Japan, which made 2,661 filings, Samsung of South Korea with 2,334 filings and Qualcomm of the US with 2,127 filings
4. Which organization has signed an memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Consumer Unity and Trust Society _____
UNIDO.
- Note:**
- The MoU, valid for 5 years, aims to create a joint technical co-operation initiatives to support ongoing activities in achieving the 2030 Sustainable Development Goal (SDG).
 - As per the MoU, CUTS will support e-commerce as a platform to accelerate Member States’ transition to the digital economy and adapt to the 4th Industrial Revolution.
 - Both the agencies also decided to implement a BRICS e-commerce project that will build upon the success of UNIDO’s pilot e-commerce project implemented in the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) countries from 2016 to 2018.

Honor & Awards

1. Who has been named as the leading cricketer of the world in 2020 by Wisden _____ **Ben Stokes.**

Note:

- England's all-rounder Ben Stokes has been named as the leading cricketer in the world 2020 by Wisden.
- Andrew Flintoff was the last English player to win the award in 2005. Ben Stokes was the hero of the Cricket World Cup 2019 final as he guided England to their maiden triumph in the 50-over showpiece tournament at Lord's on July 14.

2. Which female cricketer has been named the Wisden's Leading Female Cricketer in the World 2020 _____ **Ellyse Perry**.

Note:

- Australia's Ellyse Perry has been named the Wisden's Leading Female Cricketer in the World.
- Perry scored the highest runs and took the most wickets as Australia successfully retained their Women's Ashes title against England last year.

Sports News

1. What is India's rank in the latest FIFA Ranking _____ **108th**.

Note:

- According to the FIFA latest World Ranking 2020, released on April 09, 2020, Indian football team retained its 108th position with 1187 points.
- While Belgium ranked first and world champion France is in 2nd place and Brazil is at 3rd spot.

2. Which country will host Asian Boxing Championships 2020 in November 2020 _____ **India**.

Note:

- India will host the Women's and Men's Asian Boxing Championships 2020 in November-December as he expressed confidence that by then the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic would have been completely under control.
- However, the host city will be decided by BFI after things return to normal.
- India last hosted the Men's Asian Championship in Mumbai, Maharashtra in the year 1980, while the Women's Championship was hosted in 2003 in Hisar, Haryana.
- This competition is usually held once in two years but in the past it has also been held in consecutive years.

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