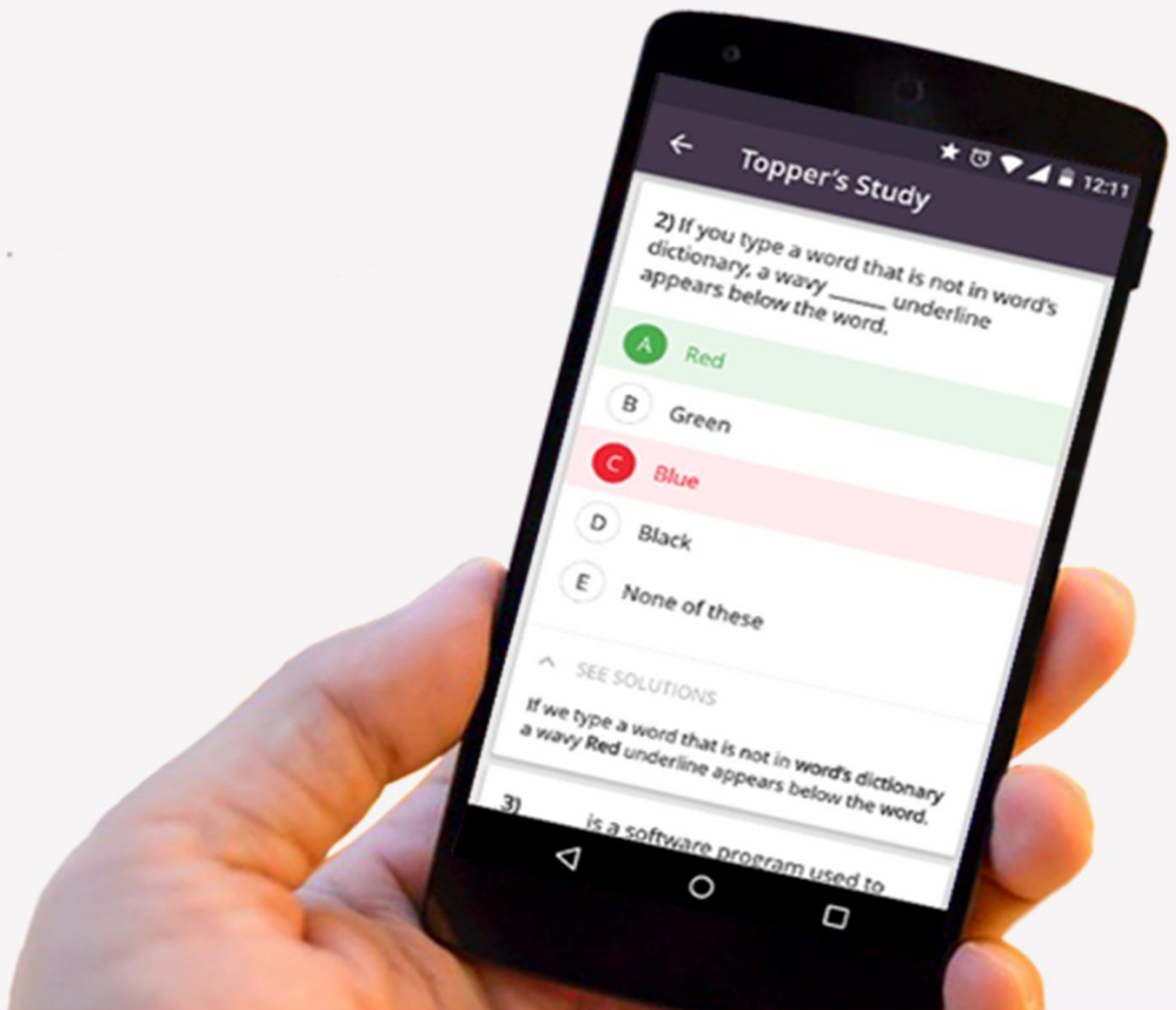




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**Dear readers,**

Weekly One Liner Updates is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the **third week (15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>) of December 2016**. This file is important for exams like **NIACL AO, RBI Assistant, India Post Payment Bank, IBPS Clerk VI, IDBI, Indian Bank, Syndicate bank** and all upcoming Banking & Insurance exams.

**Banking & Financial Awareness**

1. The 2016 - Economic Times Asian Business Leaders' Conclave has been held in the country \_\_\_ **Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia)**.  
**Note:**
  - The conclave has been held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 14<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> December, 2016.
  - The purpose was to deliberate the course businesses need to take to make Asia the most thriving region for trade in the world.
2. The Government of India (GoI) will contribute to United Nation's Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) for the year 2016-17 \_\_\_ **\$500,000**.  
**Note:**
  - The CERF is a humanitarian fund to promote early and coordinated action and response to save lives, to increase response to time-crucial requirements based on demonstrable needs.
3. The State Bank of India (SBI) recently launched its mobile wallet application '**State Bank MobiCash**' in partnership with \_\_\_ **Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)**.  
**Note:**
  - '**MobiCash**' will allow users to deposit cash through **BSNL retail** outlets and withdraw funds from their account.
4. The current interest rate on Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) for FY 17 \_\_\_ **8.65%**.  
**Note:**
  - Employee's Provident Fund (EPF) is a retirement benefit scheme that's available to all salaried employees.
  - This fund is maintained and overseen by the Employees Provident Fund Organisation of India (EPFO) and any company with over 20 employees is required by law to register with the EPFO.
5. Who has issued "petro cards" to its drivers for cashless payments for fuel \_\_\_ **Haryana government**.  
**Note:**
  - Two oil companies like 'Indian Oil' and 'Bharat Petroleum' have been shortlisted for this purpose.
  - The State Bank of India (SBI) will install 3000 Point of Sale (POS) Machines at various state government offices across the state without any charges.
6. Who has received the SKOCH silver award for attaining the position of number one channel partner of LIC of India for the past three financial years \_\_\_ **The Corporation Bank**.
7. Indian Railways ties up with State bank of India (SBI) to install POS machines \_\_\_ **10000**.  
**Note:**
  - The move comes in support of the demonetisation step of central government.
  - This will help passengers book their tickets digitally (cashless transaction) with the help of their debit or credit cards at Public Reservation System counters.
8. The bank has partnership with Ola to provide cash-on-demand at customer's doorstep \_\_\_ **YES Bank**.  
**Note:**
  - Customers will be able to use the Ola app to book a cab and opt for 'cash at their doorsteps' that will be enabled using Point-of-Sale (PoS) machines powered by YES Bank.

**Important Date**

1. The International Migrants Day (IMD) is observed on \_\_\_ **18<sup>th</sup> December**.

**Note:**

- This year UN's International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.
2. The United Nations' (UN) International Human Solidarity Day is observed on \_\_\_ **20th December**.
- Note:**
- The day reminds people on the importance of solidarity in working towards eradicating poverty.
3. National Mathematics Day is observed every year on \_\_\_ **22<sup>nd</sup> December**.
- Note:**
- The declaration was made by **Dr Manmohan Singh**, Prime Minister of India, during the **inaugural ceremony** of the celebrations to mark the 125th birth anniversary of Srinivasa Ramanujan held at the Madras University Centenary Auditorium on **26 February 2012**.
4. Kishan Divas (Farmer's Day) is observed every year on \_\_\_ **23<sup>rd</sup> Dec**.
- Note:**
- Since, farmers are the backbone of an economy therefore our nation celebrates Farmers Day in the memory of late Ch. Charan Singh, the ex-Prime Minister of India.

### **New Appointments**

1. Who has been appointed as the new Director of Intelligence Bureau (IB) \_\_\_ **Rajiv Jain**.
- Note:**
- Jain will take over the post from Dineshwar Sharma on January 2017.
  - The Intelligence Bureau (IB) is the internal intelligence agency of India and reports to Ministry of Home Affairs.
2. Who has been appointed as the new chief of the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW)\_\_\_ **Anil Dhasmana**.
- Note:**
- He has been appointed as the new chief of the RAW for a period of two years.
  - Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) is the external intelligence agency of India and the head of RAW is designated Research in the Cabinet Secretariat and is under the direct command of the Prime Minister and reports on an administrative basis to the Cabinet Secretary of India.
3. Who will be the new chief of the Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) of the Indian Army\_\_\_ **Bipin Rawat**.
- Note:**
- He will succeed General Dalbir Singh Suhag, who will retire on 31st December, 2016.
  - Rawat has handled various operational responsibilities in many areas, including along the LoC with Pakistan, the LAC with China, and in the North-East.
4. Who will be the new chief of the Chief of the Air Staff (COAS) of the Indian Air Force (IAF)\_\_\_ **B S Dhanoa**.
- Note:**
- He will assume the post of Air Chief on January 1, 2017 after Air Chief Marshal Arup Raha retires.
  - Dhanoa was commissioned into the fighter stream of the Air Force in June 1978 and also in the Intelligence Directorate of Air Headquarters.
5. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Executive of the Indian Banks' Association (IBA)\_\_\_ **V G Kannan**.
- Note:**
- He succeeded M V Tanksale.
  - The purpose of IBA is to promote and develop in India sound and progressive banking principles, practices and conventions and to contribute to the development of creative banking.
6. Who has been appointed as the new director general of the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs(IICA)\_\_\_ **Sunil Arora**.
- Note:**
- Arora is an IAS officer of 1980-batch Rajasthan cadre and the former Information and Broadcasting Secretary and was also serving as an advisor at Prasar Bharati.
  - He will serve for a period of 5 years or till attaining 65 years of age or until further orders.
7. Who has been named as the new UN's Deputy Secretary-General\_\_\_ **Amina Mohammed**.

8. The new chairman of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)\_\_\_ **V K Sharma**.

Note:

He has become the new chairman of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) for 5 years.

Earlier, Sharma was acting as chairman since September 2016.

9. The head of high-level task force on Indus Water Treaty (IWT)\_\_ **Nripendra Mishra**.

Note:

- He will look into all the strategic aspects of Indus Water Treaty (IWT) with Pakistan.
- The other members of the team include NSA Ajit Doval, Foreign Secretary S Jaishankar and Secretaries in ministries of Finance, Environment, Power and Water Resource.

10. Who has become the brand ambassador of Assam tourism\_\_ **Priyanka Chopra**.

Note:

- The actress will not charge a fee for the brand ambassador assignment.
- She will charge professional charges for the work she will do in photoshoots and television commercials.

### Important News – India

1. “Swasthya Raksha Programme” has been launched by the ministry\_\_\_ **AYUSH ministry**.

Note:

- It will promote health and health education in villages.

2. The union ministry has launched GARV-II mobile app to monitor rural electrification data\_\_\_ **Ministry of Power**.

Note:

- The ministry has launched Grameen Vidyutikaran mobile application (GARV-II) app to track rural household electrification and citizen engagement window ‘SAMVAD’.

3. India’s first cashless bazaar has come up in the states\_\_\_ **Raipur (Chhattisgarh)**.

Note:

- over 900 shops of this ‘Smart’ bazaar are providing customers the facilities of cashless payments using POS, UPI and other digital systems.

4. The national newspaper for senior citizen has been launched by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment ministry \_\_\_ **‘Saanjhi Saanjh’**.

Note:

- The newspaper will carry important and useful news pertaining to elderly persons besides inspirational stories.

5. The 6th state who has attained 100% Aadhaar saturation in India\_\_\_ Himachal Pradesh.

Note:

- The state has achieved 100% Aadhaar saturation on the basis of population of year 2015.
- The other states which achieved 100% Aadhaar coverage are Delhi, Telangana, Haryana, Punjab and Chandigarh.

6. The first-ever Indian Institute of Skills will come up in the state\_\_\_ Uttar Pradesh.

Note:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of the first-ever “Indian Institute of Skills” at Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh.

### States News

1. The first Indian state to launch ‘Mahila Police Volunteer’ (MPV) initiative\_\_\_ **Haryana**.

Note:

- Mahila Police Volunteer (MPV) is a joint initiative with the Union Ministry of Home Affairs and the state has become the first Indian state to adopt this scheme.
- The MPV initiative will create a link between the police authorities and the local communities in villages through police volunteers who will be women specially trained for this purpose.

2. India's first transgender school will come up in the city\_\_\_ **Kochi** (Kerala).  
**Note:**
  - The purpose of Transgender School is to provide transgenders security, salvation, and sustainability.
3. "Immunization Incentives and Information Programme" has been launched by the state government of India\_ **Haryana**.
4. The state government has launched the 'Annapura Rasoi' scheme \_\_\_ **Rajasthan**.  
**Note:**
  - The scheme is introduced for 12 cities in the state and in future will cover the state.
  - As per the scheme, the poor and the needy will get breakfast for Rs. 5 and lunch or dinner for Rs. 8.
5. Who has announced that a separate Ministry will be created for Other Backward Classes (OBCs)\_ **Devendra Fadnavis**.  
**Note:**
  - The ministry will be headed by the Independent minister.
  - The government has come up with a target of planting **50 crore** saplings in next three years to increase the green cover across the state.
6. World famous river island Majuli district will soon become the India's first-ever carbon neutral district by \_\_\_ **2020**.  
**Note:**
  - The Assam government has launched a project "Sustainable Action for Climate Resilient Development in Majuli".
7. The 'Thal Favang Kut festival' has started in the state of India\_\_\_ **Aizawl** (Mizoram).  
**Note:**
  - The festival celebrated every year in Mizoram to thank the Almighty as well as to promote tourism in the state.
8. The first Indian state to have 24x7 helpline for forests\_\_\_ **Maharashtra**.  
**Note:**
  - The facility would enable citizens to complain about illegal wildlife trade, poaching, forest fires and encroachments on reserved land, among others.
9. Goa has celebrated its 55th Liberation Day. Goa was liberated on this day in 1961 from \_\_\_ **Portugues rule**.
10. Who has registered 5% more growth in comparison to all India growth rate of the first half during the year 2016-17\_ **Andhra Pradesh**.
11. Who will provide free LPG connections to those BPL families who were missed in the 2011 Socio Economic Caste Census on the lines of Pradhan Mantri Ujwala Yojana \_\_\_ **Punjab**.

### **Important News - World**

1. The joint military exercise '2016 EKVURIN' has started between India and \_\_\_ **Laamu Atoll (Maldives)**.  
**Note:**
  - The purpose of the joint exercise is to acquaint both forces with each other's operating procedures in the backdrop of amphibious and counter terrorism environment.
2. The International Civil Aviation Negotiations (ICAN)-2016 was held in \_\_\_ **Nassau(Bahamas)**.  
**Note:**
  - Now, India will allow unlimited number of flights to 6 metro airports namely Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, and Bengaluru.
  - The new arrangement will encourage connectivity and passenger travel between India and these countries.
3. The 2016 World Confluence of Humanity, Power and Spirituality has started in \_\_\_ **India**.  
**Note:**
  - The annual convention is organized by ASSOCHAM, Srei Foundation and the Times Group.
  - The theme of the convention is 'Sach Bharat: Spirituality at Work'.
4. The 6th BRICS Health Ministers' Meet has been held in the city\_\_\_ **New Delhi**.  
**Note:**
  - The 7th BRICS Health Ministers and Senior Health Officials meeting will be held in China in 2017.

5. Recently, the India-Nepal folk crafts festival (INCF-2016) has started in the city to promote cultural exchanges between the two neighbours \_\_\_ **Kathmandu(Nepal)**.

**Note:**

- The 5-day festival is an initiative of South Asia Foundation (SAF) and aims to promote crafts based bilateral relations and enhance cultural exchanges between the artisans of India and Nepal.

6. Who has launched world's first chat operating system \_\_\_ **Flock**.

**Note:**

- A team messenger for businesses Flock has launched world's first chat operating system "FlockOS" which allows developers to build customized apps, bots and integrations on Flock.
- With FlockOS, we have thrown open our platform to the global developer community.
- This OS provides setup slash commands, providing an additional option for users to interact with the app.

7. The Union Minister of State Mahesh Sharma has announced in Rajya Sabha that the union govt. has extended the facility of e-Tourist Visa Scheme for \_\_\_ **161 countries citizens**.

**Note:**

- Under e-Tourist Visa Scheme, an applicant receives an email authorizing him/her to travel to India after it has been approved.

### **Honours & Award**

1. Who has won gold medal in the Web Ratna category of 2016 Digital India Awards \_\_\_ **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**.

**Note:**

- Web Ratna award felicitates a Ministry or Department of the Government of India which has a comprehensive web presence and to display the level of accountability in terms of quantity, quality, the spectrum of coverage and innovation ascertaining user satisfaction.

2. International personality has topped the 2016 World's Most Powerful People list of Forbes \_\_\_ **Vladimir Putin**.

**Note:**

- He has been ranked 1st among the 2016 World's Most Powerful People annual list of Forbes for a fourth straight year.
- US President-elect Donald Trump has stood at second position.

3. The Indian Council of Food and Agriculture (ICFA) has conferred the 2016 Global Agriculture Leadership Award to \_\_\_ **Ratan Tata**.

**Note:**

- He was conferred with the award for his transformational role in scaling Tata Group as the globally admired group during 20 years as chairman.

4. Who has been honored with the "Legends Award" by the International Boxing Association (AIBA) for her trailblazing boxing career in Montreux, Switzerland \_\_\_ **M C Mary Kom**.

5. The 2016 Sahitya Akademi award has been won by the author \_\_\_ **Vannadasan**

**Note:**

- He has been active in the modern **Tamil literary field** for more than 30 years and contributing immensely to the literature, particularly in the field of short story and poetry.

6. Who of the following has won the Miss World 2016 competition \_\_\_ **Stephanie Del Valle**.

**Note:**

- She has won the 66th edition of the Miss World pageant "Miss World 2016" in Washington, United States.
- The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico is an unincorporated territory of the United States and its capital is San Juan.

7. Who has been named as a '2016 Global Thinker' for her 'novel twitter diplomacy' \_\_\_ **Sushma Swaraj**.

**Note:**

- She has been chosen to be part of a list of 15 top global thinkers by a prestigious foreign policy magazine.



## Sports News

1. The batswoman who has been named in the ICC Women's team of the year 2016\_\_ **Suzie Bates**.

**Note:**

- This is the first time that the International Cricket Council (ICC) has named a women's team of the year.
- New Zealand's Suzie Bates has become the first cricketer to clinch both the ICC Women's ODI and T20I Player of the Year awards.

2. Who has won the 2016 Hero Indian Super League (ISL) by defeating the Kerala Blasters \_\_ **Atletico de Kolkata**.

**Note:**

- Atletico De Kolkata has won Indian Super League (ISL) football tournament for the second time in three years in Kochi.
- Earlier, Both the teams were one goal each in the stipulated time.
- The Kolkata team scored four goals against the three by Kerala Blasters in the penalty shootout.

3. Scottish professional tennis player who has won the BBC sports personality of the Year 2016 \_\_ **Andy Murray**.

**Note:**

- He has become the first person to win award 3 times.

4. Who has won the 2016 Men's Junior Hockey world cup tournament\_\_ **India**.

**Note:**

- Indian Junior Men's hockey team has won the 2016 Men's Junior Hockey World Cup tournament by defeating Belgium in the final match by 2-1 in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- Earlier, India won the Junior World Cup trophy in 2001 in Hobart, Australia.

5. Who beats Francis Cheka by TKO to retain WBO-Asia Pacific title\_\_ **Vijender Singh**.

**Note:**

- Indian boxing star Vijender Singh knocked out former world Francis Cheka and retain WBO-Asia Pacific Super Middleweight title at Thyagraj Stadium in New Delhi.
- Vijender landed the winning blow in the third round of what was to be a 10-round contest to leave Cheka dazed and delirious.

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