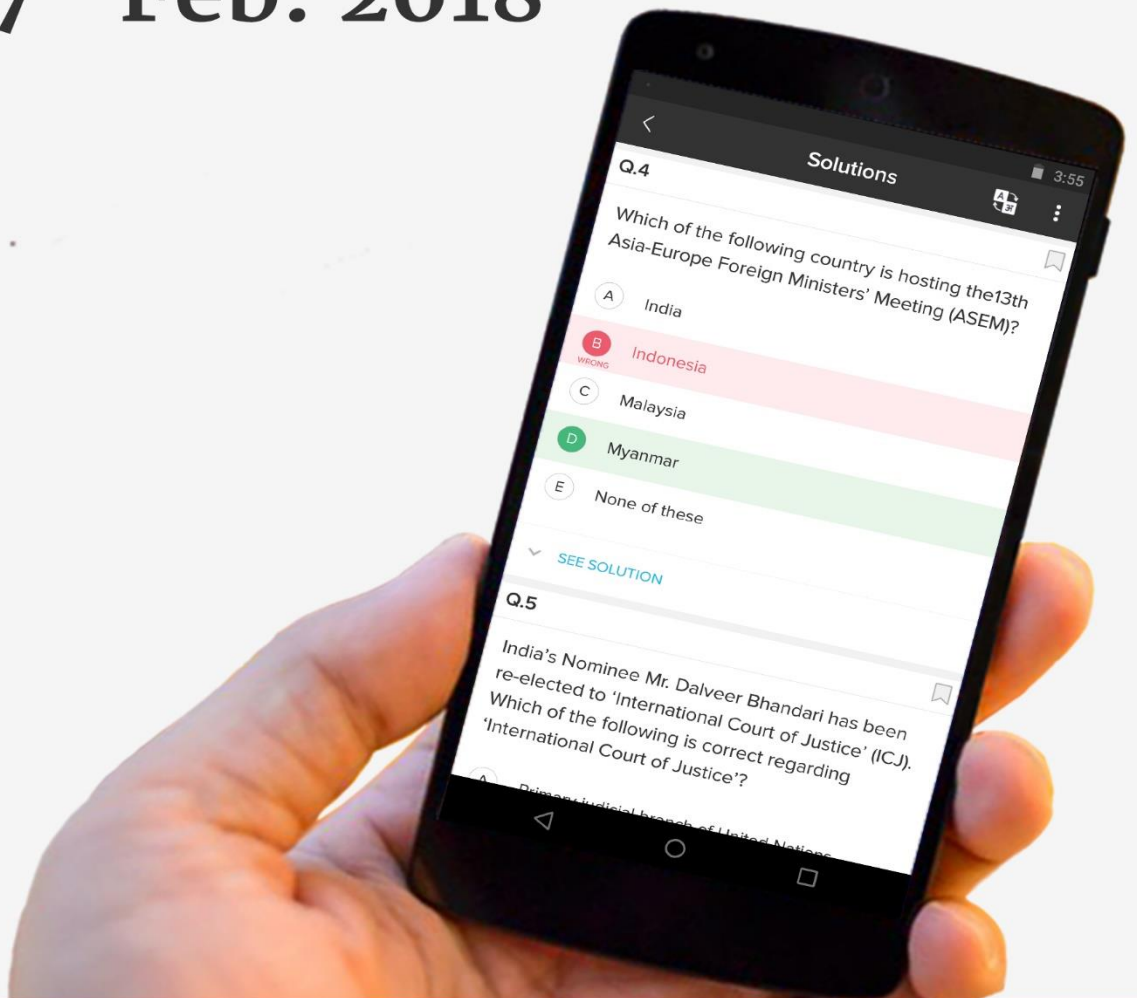




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Dear readers,

Weekly One Liner Updates is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the **first week (1st -7th) of February 2018**. This file is important for, **Banking interviews** and all **upcoming Banking & Insurance** exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. ADB and Centre sign loan agreement for construction of roads in five states ___**250 mn dollar**.

Note:

- The **Asian Development Bank** (ADB) and the union Govt. have signed a 250 million USD loan to finance the construction of over 6,200 kilometers all-weather rural roads in 5 States (Assam, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, and West Bengal), under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).

2. According to **6th Bi-monthly Monetary policy** statement for 2017-18, the current repo rate___**6.0%**.

Note:

- Keep the policy repo rate under the **liquidity adjustment facility** (LAF) unchanged at 6.0 percent.
- The reverse repo rate under the LAF remains at 5.75 percent.
- The marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate at 6.25 percent.
- The decision of the MPC is consistent with the neutral stance of monetary policy in consonance
- Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) remains unchanged at 4%.

3. The **European Union (EU)** has announced a new funding package to help the Palestinians build their new state___**42.5 million euros**.

Note:

- Any framework for negotiations must be multilateral and must involve all players, all partners that are essential to this process.
- Palestine is a de jure sovereign state in the Middle East claiming the West Bank (bordering Israel and Jordan) and Gaza Strip (bordering Israel and Egypt) with East Jerusalem as the designated capital.

4. **Axis Bank** has launched the fourth edition of ___**Evolve**.

Note:

- It is an annual multi-city knowledge series for Bank's small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) customers.
- The current edition of 'evolve' is titled as "Transform your Family Business into your dream company".
- It will empower the SMEs to understand the winning strategies and best practices that have helped some of the leading family businesses in India grow into the reputable enterprise.

5. **Retail inflation** for industrial workers rises in Dec ___ **4%**.

Note:

- The food inflation stood at 4.32% in December last year against 3.91% of November.
- The year-on-year inflation measured by monthly Consumer Price Index-Industrial Workers (CPI- IW) as compared to 3.97% of previous month.

6. According to the **Reserve Bank of India**, country's foreign exchange reserves ___**417.789 billion dollars**.

Note:

- In the previous week, the reserves had increased by 959.1 million dollars to 414.784 billion dollars.
- Gold reserves remained unchanged at 20.421 billion dollars.

7. The union Finance Minister 'Arun Jaitley' has inaugurated India's first sentiment index for micro and small enterprises developed jointly by SIDBI and CRISIL ___**CriSidEx**.

Note:

- This index will give the detail breakup of the sentiment sentiments and analysis as the sector sees it for the current quarter and for the next quarter.

- CriSidEx is a composite index based on a diffusion index of 8 parameters and measures MSE business sentiment on a negative to positive scale.

Important Dates

1. The world cancer day is being observed on ___**4th February**.

Note:

- The day raise awareness about cancer, its **treatment and to encourage methods** of its prevention.
- Cancer is a group of diseases involving abnormal cell growth with the potential to invade or spread to other parts of the body.

2. Sri Lanka celebrates 70th Independence Day __**4th February**.

Note:

- Sri Lanka celebrated the **70th Independence Day** in a grand ceremony at the Galle Face Green in Colombo.
- The theme of the ceremony was "One Nation".
- In 1948 on this day, Sri Lanka achieved freedom from British rule.

3. International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation ____**6th February**.

Note:

- **International Day of Zero Tolerance** for Female Genital Mutilation is a United Nations-sponsored annual awareness day that takes place on February 6 as part of the UN's efforts to eradicate female genital mutilation.
- It was first introduced in 2003

Obituaries

1. Senior BJP leader & Lok Sabha MP from Kairana (U.P.) passed away __ **Hukum Singh**.

Note:

- He was previously elected as a Member of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly for seven terms before entering the Lok Sabha in the 2014 polls.

2. Senior TDP leader, former Andhra Pradesh minister passed away in Hyderabad__ **Gali Muddukrishnama Naidu**.

Note:

- Mr. Naidu was elected to the AP Assembly for six terms from Puttur and Nagari constituencies.
- He had served as a minister of education and forests in the cabinet of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) founder-president, N T Rama Rao.

3. Kathakali maestro passed away while performing at Agasthyacodu Mahadeva Temple, Anchal __ **Madavoor Vasudevan Nair**.

Note:

- He was recipient of several awards including Padma Bhushan.
- Madvoor had worked as a faculty in the Thekkan Kalari (Southern school of Kathakali) of Kerala Kalamandalam.

New Appointments

1. The new **Director General of Military Operations** (DGMO) of the Indian Army____ **Anil Chauhan**.

Note:

- As DGMO, Lt Gen Chouhan will oversee various operations of the Indian Army including along the LoC in Jammu and Kashmir.

2. The new vice-chancellor of **Banaras Hindu University** (BHU) ____ **B A Chopade**.

Note:

- Currently, He is the vice-chancellor of Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University.

3. The new Director-General of **Sports Authority of India** (SAI) __ **Neelam Kapur**.

Note:

- Currently, she is the Principal Director General of the Directorate of Field Publicity (DFP).
- The Sports Authority of India (SAI) is an apex National Sports body set up in 1984 by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of Government of India for the development of sport in India.

4. Justice **Syed Mahmud Hossain** appointed new chief justice of ____ **Bangladesh**.

Note:

- Bangladesh's President Md Abdul Hamid administered the oath for Hossain as the 22nd chief justice of the in Dhaka.

- The Chief Justice of Bangladesh is the chief amongst the judges of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh and head of the whole judicial establishments.

5. **Cyprus President** has won the re-election for a second term___ **Nicos Anastasiades**.

Note:

- Anastasiades has taken credit for steering the economy of Cyprus to recovery after it was plunged into crisis in 2013 by its exposure to debt-wracked Greece and fiscal slippage under a former left-wing administration.

Honor & Awards

1. The state government has won **the 2018 Geospatial World Excellence Award**___ **Odisha**.

Note:

- The Odisha govt has won the award for successful IT application for tracking of mineral production, dispatch and value accrued on real time basis through its i3MS website-based software.

2. The eminent Magahi writer has been honored with the 2018 Sahitya Akademi Bhasha Samman award ___ **Shesh Anand Madhukar**.

Note:

- Madhurkar was conferred the award, comprising a Rs 1 lakh cheques and a memento, by Sahitya Akademi President Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari.
- Sahitya Akademi currently honors writers from 24 regional languages, but Bhasha Samman identifies those languages which are equally spoken in the different parts of the country.

3. The prestigious **V. Shantaram lifetime achievement Award 2018** for his contribution to the promotion of the documentary movement___ **Shyam Benegal**.

Note:

- Maharashtra Governor, Shri C Vidyasagar Rao has given V. Shantaram lifetime achievement Award 2018 to veteran film producer and director 'Shyam Benegal' at the MIFF 2018 valedictory function in Mumbai.
- The award carrying a Trophy, a shawl, citation and cash prize of Rs. 10 lakhs.
- Benegal has been selected for his contribution to the promotion of the documentary movement.

Important News – India

1. The **2018 Kala Ghoda Arts festival** has started ___ **Mumbai, Maharashtra**.

Note:

- The 2018 theme of the festival is “Hara Ghoda” to promote sustainable living, recycling, and environment-friendliness.
- It is an open platform to discuss contemporary issues led by individuals from different disciplines.

2. The 7th India Energy Congress 2018 organized by World Energy Council India with theme Energy 4.0: Energy Transition Towards 2030 held in___ **New Delhi**.

Note:

- India’s per capita power consumption of 1,200 units is likely to go up by three to four times by 2030 as it aspires to become a developed country with GDP growth rate averaging 8.5% and the country is also committed to environmental protection.

3. The book written by the **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** and published by Penguin India ___**Exam Warriors**.

Note:

- Exam Warriors inspire youth to face the difficult moments of examinations and life with fresh and new energy.

4. The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) has signed an agreement with the World Bank for Jal Marg Vikas Project (JMVP) to enhance navigation on National Waterway-1 from ___ **Varanasi to Haldia**.

Note:

- The JMVP is being implemented with the financial and technical support of the World Bank, completed by March, 2023.
- The development and operations of the National Waterway-1 project will lead to direct employment in the states of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, and West Bengal.

5. Vice-President **M. Venkaiah Naidu** has inaugurated the first International Kala Mela in ___ **New Delhi**.
Note:
- The objective of the event is to focus on direct interaction between the artist and the connoisseur and also educating and raising awareness about art.
 - More than 800 artists from all over the country are expected to participate in the event.
6. India has successfully test-fired nuclear capable ballistic missile as part of a user trial from a test range off the Odisha coast ___ **Agni-I**.
Note:
- The trial was conducted by the Strategic Forces Command (SFC) of the Indian Army from Launch Pad 4 of the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Abdul Kalam Island in Balasore, Odisha.
 - Ground radars, telemetry stations and naval ships positioned close to the intended impact point monitored the course of the missile.
7. According to the **railway board**, no diesel locomotive will be allowed in the Delhi area after ___ **March 2019**.
Note:
- Railways will be completely LED lit in the next eight months.
 - The railway ministry has set a target of 2022 to switch to electric locomotives completely by phasing out their diesel counterparts with a focus on increasing speed.
8. Today, President Ram Nath Kovind has inaugurated the 88th Mahamastakabhisheka Utsav of Lord Gommateshwara in Sharavanabelagola in ___ **Karnataka**.
Note:
- Mahamastakabhisheka of Gommateshwara (known as Bahubali) takes place once in 12 years.
 - It is an important Jain pilgrimage centre and lakhs of tourists visit Shravanbelagola to see 57 feet tall monolithic stone statue that is anointed from head to feet during the Utsav.
9. The union ministry has launched the Start-up-India ranking framework ___ **Commerce and Industry**.
Note:
- The Start-up-India ranking framework in New Delhi to help the Startup India initiative to drive economic growth of the country.

States News

1. The Union government has announced to build a tunnel through the **Sela Pass** located in ___ **Arunachal Pradesh**.
Note:
- The Sela pass is located between the Tawang and West Kameng districts of Arunachal Pradesh.
 - The proposal to build the Sela pass comes amid concerns in the defence establishment over China's growing assertiveness along the nearly 4,000 km-long Sino-India border.
2. The 32nd Surajkund International Crafts Mela 2018 started at ___ **Faridabad, Haryana**.
Note:
- This year Uttar Pradesh is the theme state and Kyrgyzstan is the Partner Nation.
 - Surajkund is located near the Surajkund village between the villages of Baharpur and Lakkarpur in Faridabad district of Haryana.
3. The state govt has signed an MoU with the Corporation for construction of Twin Tower Trade Centre in Guwahati ___ **National Building Construction Corporation (NBCC) Ltd**.
Note:
- The centre has enacted a pro-active 'Act East Policy' to elevate and harness the strengths of North- East India and reduce the isolation of the region by improving all round connectivity and civic infrastructure.
 - This trade centre will generate once established and made operational, by connecting us with South East Nations and being a major trading hub thereby increasing economic interlinkages.
4. The state govt. approves proposal to provide sanitary napkins at Rs 5 to women in rural areas ___ **Maharashtra**.
Note:
- The decision would be effectively implemented from International Women's Day, which falls on March 8.

- The use of sanitary pads (among girls and women) stands at around 17% due to high costs.
5. Maharashtra govt approves new wildlife sanctuary at ___ **Ghodazari**
Note:
- The decision was taken at the 13th meeting of the Maharashtra State Board for Wildlife chaired by Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis.
 - Wildlife sanctuaries are established by IUCN category IV protected areas.
6. Lieutenant Governor of Delhi has launched the upgraded version of app containing complete information of taxi and auto-rickshaw drivers across the NCR- region___ **Himmat App and QR code.**
Note:
- The new-version with a new logo is called 'Himmat Plus'.
 - 'Himmat Plus' intends to ensure that only genuine and verified drivers take the passengers to their destination from Airport and Metro stations.
7. The 'Pelican Bird Festival-2018' was held in Atapaka Bird Sanctuary at Kolleru lake in ___ **Andhra Pradesh.**
Note:
- It was organized jointly by Krishna district administration and Andhra Pradesh Tourism Authority (APTA).
 - Every year Over 5,000 pelican birds from various countries reach Kolleru lake during winter by travelling over 3500 km.
8. The Chief Minister of U.P. Yogi Aditya Nath has launched massive door to door campaign against Acute Encephalitis Syndrome(AES) and Japanese Encephalitis ___**DASTAK.**
Note:
- The war cry of DASTAK is 'Darwaja khatkhatoo, AES aur JE ko bhagao'.
 - Now, the whole state machinery with the help of UNICEF will go door to door in 38 JES and AE affected districts which mostly fall in the Tarai region of the state which contributes to about 60% of the total AES cases all over the country.
9. Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has launched Yojana to provide for the sale of organic manure and cow urine to benefit farmers___ Gobardhan Yojana.
Note:
- Under this scheme, a provision of Rs 11 crore has been made to provide benefits of various projects.
 - In Union Budget-2018-19, The Union Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley has announced the 'Gobar-Dhan' scheme.

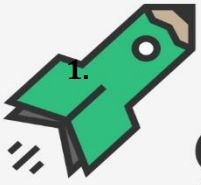
Important News – World

1. The country has joined Ashgabat agreement ___**India.**
Note:
- India has joined Ashgabat Agreement on the establishment of an International Transport and Transit Corridor between the Iran, Oman, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.
 - The objective of this agreement is to enhance connectivity within Eurasian region and synchronize it with other transport corridors within that region including the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC).
2. Who has launched the world's longest zip Line "Jebel Jais Flight" in Ras al-Khaimah ___ **United Arab Emirates (UAE).**
Note:
- The Jebel Jais Flight zip line (2.83km) launches from 1,680m above sea level, at the peak of the Jebel Jais Mountain.
3. The country has become the 1st poor country to provide eye care for all ___**Rwanda.**
Note:
- Rwanda partnered with UK-based charity Vision for a Nation (VFAN) has become the first low-income country to provide universal eye care for its 12 million population.
 - VFAN will train more than 3,000 eye care nurses based in 502 local health centres prescribing glasses and referring those with serious eye problems to national clinics.
4. The country has opened the consulate general's office in Guwahati (Assam)___**Bhutan.**
Note:
- It is the second country in the Indian subcontinent, after Bangladesh.
 - Dorji also announced a Bhutan-Guwahati-Singapore flight service would be launched.
5. The South Asia Region Public Procurement Conference (5th edition) was held in ___**New Delhi.**
Note:
- The Conference was hosted by Public Procurement Division (PPD) of Ministry of Finance and All India Management Association (AIMA).
 - The theme this edition of conference was "Public Procurement and Service Delivery.

6. Who has launched 'the world's most powerful rocket' 'Falcon Heavy' from Kennedy Space Centre near Cape Canaveral, Florida (USA) _ **SpaceX**.
Note:
- It was launched from the same launchpad, from where Apollo 11 moon rocket was launched.
 - SpaceX's Falcon Heavy is carrying CEO Elon Musk's cherry red Tesla roadster to an orbit near Mars.
 - This rocket generated 22,819 kilonewtons (5.13 million pounds) of thrust through 27 Merlin engines.
7. Who has launched the world's smallest rocket from the Uchinoura Space Center in Kagoshima prefecture, Japan __ **Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)**.
Note:
- The objective of the launch for testing the ability of JAXA to launch low-cost rockets that can put micro satellites into space at affordable rates.
 - The rocket measuring 10 meters in length, 50 cm in diameter and some 2.6 tons in weight.

Sports News

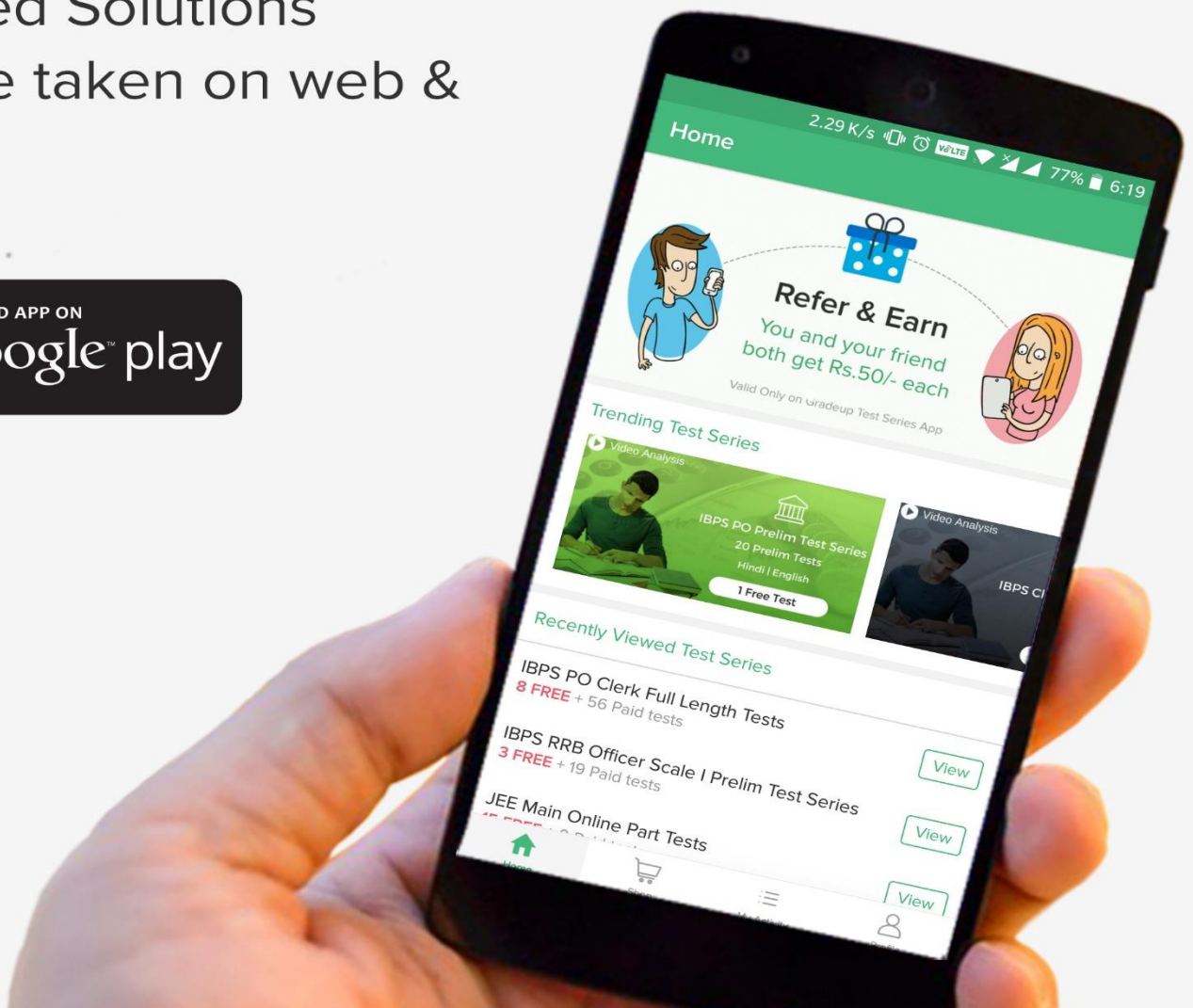
1. The first gold medal in Khelo India School Games __ **Anu Kumar**.
Note:
- Anu Kumar grabbed the first gold medal of the '**Khelo India School Games**' in 1500 metres (4 minutes and 4 seconds) at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi.
2. Five-time world champion claimed a gold (48kg category) at India Open Boxing Tournament, in New Delhi __ **M C Mary Kom**.
Note:
- She defeated Filipino Josie Gabuco 4-1 in the.
 - Pinki fetched gold for India after defeating Jargalan Ochirbat in the final of fly (51 kg) category.
 - Shiva Thapa had to settle with a bronze medal after going down in the semi-finals of the 60 kg category.
3. Who has won the 12th edition of ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup 2018 at Mount Maunganui in New Zealand __ **India**.
Note:
- India defeated Australia by eight wickets, lifted the ICC Under-19 World Cup at Mount Maunganui in New Zealand.
 - Now, India has won the World Cup **fourth times**, while Australia and (3-times), Pakistan(2-times) and England, South Africa & the West Indies once each.
4. The PyeongChang Cultural Olympiad kicked off with an opening festival in the South Korean coastal city of ____ Gangneung.
Note:
- Gangneung is co-hosting the 2018 Winter Games which are set to open on 9th February.
 - All of the Olympic ice events including hockey, skating and curling will be held in the city.
4. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has announced a cash reward of Rs. 50 lakhs for the Under-19 chief coach ____Rahul Dravid.
Note:
- The victorious squad members will receive Rs. 30 lakhs each.
 - The other members of the support staff including Abhya Sharma (fielding coach) and Paras Mhambrey (bowling coach) will be richer by Rs. 20 lakhs.
5. India's Golfer roared back from a four-stroke deficit to claim a remarkable two-shot win at the Maybank Championship in Malaysia __ **Shubhankar Sharma**.
Note:
- He shot 10 birdies in a sizzling closing round of 10-under-par 62 to aggregate 21-under for the tournament, finishing ahead of joint overnight leader Jorge Campillo who carded a 68.
6. Who won the India Open Badminton tournament at Sri Fort Complex in Delhi__ **Beiwen Zhang**.
Note:
- PV Sindhu lost the final to Beiwen Zhang 18-21, 21-11, 20-22.
 - The 2018 India Open was a badminton tournament which took place in India from 30th January to 4th February 2018 and had a total purse of USD 350,000.
 - This tournament was organized by the Badminton Association of India (BAI), and sanctioned by the BWF.



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