

Weekly One Liner

22nd - 30th April 2019



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Important Days

1. The **International Mother Earth Day** has been celebrated every year around the world on **___22nd April**.

Note:

- The Day (the largest secular world event) provides an opportunity to raise public awareness around the world to the challenges regarding the well-being of the planet and all the life it supports.
- The theme for 2019 International Mother Earth Day is "Protect our species", which aims to draw attention to the rapid extinction of species across the world.

2. The **'World Book and Copyright Day'** (WBCD) is being observed every year on **___23rd April**.

Note:

- The day raise awareness about the importance of reading and promote publishing and the protection of copyright around the globe.
- UNESCO at its General Conference held in Paris chose 23rd of April to celebrate World Book Day as it is a highly symbolic date for world literature in 1995.

3. The United Nations English Language Day is being observed annually across the world on **___23 April**.

Note:

- It is the date traditionally observed as both the birthday and date of death of the greatest writer ever known in the English language **'William Shakespeare'**.
- English has an official or special status in at least **75 countries** that have a total population of over **two billion**.
- The day was **established in 2010** by the Department of Public Information, as a result of its efforts to establish language days for each of United Nation's six official languages.

4. The **'National Panchayati Raj Diwas'** being observed every year across India on **___24th April**.

Note:

- This day marks the passing of the Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992 that came into force with effect from 24 April 1993.

5. The **'World Malaria Day'** being observed every year across the world on **___25th April**.

Note:

- This year's global theme for World Malaria Day is "Zero malaria starts with me".
- Malaria caused by the falciparum parasite is the most serious and can lead to breathing problems, liver failure, and eventual death.

6. Anzac Day is being observed every year on **___25th April**.

Note:

- ANZAC Day is a national day of remembrance in Australia and New Zealand that commemorates all Australians and New Zealanders who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations.
- On 25 April 2019 a wreath 'laying ceremony' was held for the first time in the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery, Kolkata.

7. The **'World Intellectual Property Day'** is observed annually on **___26th April**.

Note:

- The Day is organized by World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).
- This year's theme of the day is 'Reach for Gold: IP and Sports'.

8. The **World Day for Safety and Health at Work** to promote the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases globally observed every year on **___28th April**.

Note:

- The theme for the 2019 is: "Safety and Health and the Future of Work".
- The day is observed mainly by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) as an awareness-raising campaign to raise awareness of safety in the workplace.

9. International Dance Day is being observed globally on **___29th April**.

Note:

- The day strives to encourage participation and education in dance through events and festivals held on the date all over the world.
- The event takes place every year on 29th April on the anniversary of the birth of Jean-Georges Noverre (1727–1810), the creator of modern ballet.

New Appointments

1. Ukrain's **political newcomer** has won the **2019 Presidential election** of the country ___**Volodymyr Zelensky**.

Note:

- He won 73% of the vote in the runoff election, according to national exit poll results broadcast by Ukrainian television.
- Mr Zelensky is best known for starring in a satirical television series Servant of the People in which his character accidentally becomes Ukrainian president.

2. CEO of Network18 Digital has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) for India operations ___**Manish Maheshwari**.

Note:

- Mr. Maheshwari takes over from interim head Balaji Krish.
- He will be responsible for driving an integrated business strategy to accelerate Twitter's audience and revenue growth in the country.
- Twitter is an American online news and social networking service on which users post and interact with messages known as "tweets".

3. Who took over as the **52nd** Controller General of Defence Accounts__ **Shri Rajendra Kumar Nayak**.

Note:

- Shri Nayak has held important assignments in the Defence Accounts Department and on deputation in the Government of India.
- He was Additional Controller General of Defence Accounts, Defence Accounts Department, Ministry of Defence before taking over as the CGDA.
- Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA) heads the Defence Accounts Department (DAD), which is one of the oldest government organizations in India.

4. Who resigned from the post of The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Assocham) Secretary-General__ **Uday Kumar Varma**.

Note:

- He had succeeded D S Rawat who held the position for nearly 14 years.
- Mr. Varma retired from the post of Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on June 30, 2013.
- The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) is one of the apex trade associations of India.

5. Former Army Chief **Dalbir Singh Suhag** has been appointed as India's next **high commissioner** to the island nation ___**Seychelles**.

Note:

- Seychelles is a country which is of strategic importance to India in the Indian Ocean region.
 - General (retired) Suhag was the Army chief from 31st July 2014, to 31st December 2016.
 - Seychelles is an archipelago country (115-island) in the Indian Ocean.
6. The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** has set up a 13 members committee under IRDAI Executive Director__ **Suresh Mathur**.
- Note:**
- The committee will review the regulatory framework on microinsurance and recommend measures to increase the demand for such products.
 - The committee has been formed in the backdrop of a less-than-desired offtake of microinsurance products despite their inherent benefits.
7. A high-level panel led by former RBI governor set up to decide the appropriate capital reserves that the central bank should maintain, is likely to submit its report by June__ **Bimal Jalan**.
- Note:**
- The six-member Jalan panel was appointed on 26th December 2018, to review the Economic Capital Framework for the RBI.
 - The panel has got an extension beyond its three-month term.

Important News – India

1. The Indian Navy launched guided missile destroyer at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders in Mumbai__ **‘Imphal’**.
- Note:**
- Imphal is the third ship to be launched under a project in which ships are built to carry and operate two multiple role helicopters.
 - According to enhanced stealth features have been achieved through the shaping of hull and use of radar transparent deck fittings which make the ships difficult to detect.
 - Navy has become a builder from a buyer and was slated to excel in coming years.
2. The first edition of Naval Commanders’ Conference of 2019 held in__ **New Delhi**.
- Note:**
- The three days conference is the apex forum within the Service for interaction between the Naval Commanders.
 - It will provide the higher naval leadership a forum to discuss the emerging challenges in the maritime domain.
 - The conference also serves as a platform for interaction of Naval Commanders with senior Government Officials.
3. Who has been placed at 19th spot out of 28 countries in the **Index of Cancer Preparedness (ICP)** 2019 created by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) __ **India**.
- Note:**
- Australia (score - 90.6) has topped the ICP list with a, followed by the Netherlands (score- 89.9) and Germany (88.7).
 - The Index of Cancer Preparedness (ICP) presents data on 45 indicators that are relevant to cancer control.
 - Cancer It is generic term for large group of diseases characterized by growth of abnormal cells beyond their usual boundaries that can then invade adjoining parts of body and spread to other organs.
4. Who has released a **special commemorative stamp** on the theme of **Ramayana** to mark the **70th anniversary** of the establishment of its diplomatic ties with India __ **Indonesia**.
- Note:**
- According to the Embassy of India in Jakarta, the stamp designed by renowned Indonesian sculptor Padmashri Bapak Nyoman Nuarta, featured a scene from Ramayana in which Jatayu valiantly fought to save Sita.
 - A specially signed version of the stamp will be on display at the Philately Museum in Jakarta.
5. Who has become the second-largest telecom company in the country__ **Reliance Jio**.
- Note:**
- Jio overtaken Bharti Airtel in terms of customer base and now trails only Vodafone Idea.
 - According to a Times of India report, Jio presently has 306 million customers, Vodafone Idea continues to lead the industry with 387 million subscribers, Airtel has 284 million subscribers.
6. The Union government has extended the ban on import of milk and its products, including chocolates, from__ **China**.

Note:

- Food regulator FSSAI had recommended extending the ban until all labs at ports are modernised to test the chemical.
 - The ban was imposed on apprehensions of the presence of melamine in some milk consignments from China.
7. Country's largest car maker will phase out diesel cars from its line-up from April 2020 ____ **Maruti**.

Note:

- The reason of stopping is higher manufacturing cost on account of stricter BS6 emission norms that would make diesel vehicles significantly expensive for customers, pricing them out of the market.
- For Maruti, the share of diesel variants is 23% in total sales that stood at 17.5 lakh units last fiscal.

States News

1. Dr. M. Ravi Kanth (CMD, HUDCO) has inaugurated the 49th Foundation Day celebrations of HUDCO (Housing and Urban Development Corporation) in ____ **New Delhi**.

Note:

- The HUDCO Design Awards for innovative design solutions for disaster resistant housing, conservation of heritage, green buildings and landscape planning & design were also presented on the occasion.

2. South Central Zone Cultural Centre (SCZCC) of Ministry of Culture, Government of India has organized a Madhya Dakshini Festival 2019 in four venues of ____ **Guwahati**.

Note:

- The festival is being celebrated in collaboration with North East Zone Cultural Centre (NEZCC) in four venues of Guwahati.
- Around 100 folk artists from Central India, states from Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Andhra Pradesh has performed vibrant and colourful folk dances showing the rich cultural heritage of India.

3. The Gujarat health department has issued an alert for two-days as the temperatures are likely to touch 44 degrees ____ **Orange Alert**.

Note:

- All state's bus stands and municipal corporation has made arrangement for water at multiple points.
- Meteorological Centre (MC) Ahmedabad released warning for a heat wave in multiple regions of Gujarat for the next 48 hours.

Important News - World

1. The UAE Cabinet has adopted the **National Artificial Intelligence Strategy 2031** at the Presidential Palace in ____ **Abu Dhabi**.

Note:

- Its aims at positioning the UAE as a global leader in artificial intelligence by 2031 and to develop an integrated system that employs artificial intelligence in vital areas in the country.
- According to Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid, The UAE is moving ahead with its vision and aspirations through a well-defined plan for the UAE Centennial 2071.

2. Who will host the G20 summit on 21-22 November 2020 ____ **Saudi Arabia**.

Note:

- First-ever '**Japan**' will host this year's **G20 summit** in Osaka (28-29 June 2019).
- The G20 (Group of Twenty) is an international forum for the governments and central bank governors from 19 countries and the European Union.
- It was founded in 1999 with the aim to discuss policy pertaining to the promotion of international financial stability

3. NASA astronaut is going to have her mission on the **International Space Station (ISS)** extended to 328 days ____ **Christina Koch**.

Note:

- This would set a record for the longest single spaceflight by a woman.
- Koch arrived at the space station on 14th March and scheduled to remain in orbit until February 2020.
- She will eclipse the record of 288 days set by former NASA astronaut Peggy Whitson in 2016-17.

4. Who has been nominated as the "**Guest of Honour**" country at the 29th edition of the Abu Dhabi International Book Fair (ADIBF) ____ **India**.

Note:

- According to Indian Ambassador to the UAE, Navdeep Singh Suri 30 publishing houses from India will take part in the fair.
- Books on the life and struggle of Mahatma Gandhi will be on display as part of the 150th birth anniversary celebrations.

5. Kim Jong-un (North Korean leader) and Vladimir Putin (Russian President) meet for their first summit talks in the Pacific port city of **Vladivostok**.

Note:

- The two leaders talked about the Korean peninsula's nuclear problem.
- The situation in the Korean peninsula had stabilized somewhat in recent months and Russia intends to help in any way possible to cement that positive trend.

6. Israel to name town in Golan Heights after **Donald Trump**.

Note:

- All Israelis were deeply moved when President Trump made his historic decision to recognize Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights.

7. The world's first malaria vaccine RTS known as 'Mosquirix' has launched in **Malawi**.

Note:

- This vaccine has created by British Pharmaceutical giant GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) in 1987 and after that vaccine has undergone 30 years of testing which was supported by many organizations including a non-profit organization PATH.
- This pilot project aims to reach 360,000 children per year in all three countries.

8. The 5th Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) Media Summit on Climate Action and Disaster Preparedness held in **Kathmandu**.

Note:

- The theme of the two-day summit is "Media Solutions for Sustainable Future: Saving Lives, Building Resilient Communities".
- Over 200 participants including political leaders, representatives of UN agencies and NGOs, climate change and disaster management experts, scientists and media persons are attending the event.

9. **UAE based flag carrier** has become the **first major airline** in the Gulf region to operate a flight without any single-use plastics on board **Etihad Airways**.

Note:

- The objective is to raise awareness about pollution on Earth Day.
- Etihad Airways has pledged to reduce single-use plastic usage by 80% across the entire organization by the end of 2022.

10. Srilankan President Maithripala 'Sirisena' has decided to ban the two fundamentalist terror networks **National Thawheed Jamath (NTJ) & Jamathei Milathu Ibrahim (JMI)**.

Note:

- The organizations have been banned under emergency provisions, which were imposed on 23rd after the attacks.
- All activities of those organizations as well as their property will be seized by the government.
- Earlier, NTJ was named behind suicide attacks last Sunday which killed over 250 people including 42 foreigners.
- Over 100 suspects linked to the organizations have been taken into custody as a countrywide crackdown on the organizations continue.

11. The Shanghai Co-operation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' conclave (16th) held in **Kyrgyzstan**.

Note:

- The SCO was founded at a summit in Shanghai in 2001 by the presidents of Russia, China, Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.
- Along with India, Pakistan was also granted membership of the SCO in 2017.

12. Who has reached a valuation of one trillion dollars for the first time after posting an increase in profits **Microsoft**.

Note:

- It makes the software giant only the third publicly-traded company in history to reach the threshold after Apple and Amazon passed it in 2018.
- Microsoft's current valuation also means that it has again taken over Apple as the world's most valuable company.

Honor & Awards

1. **Cipla chairman** received UK Royal Society honour ____ **Yusuf Hamied**.

Note:

- The Royal Society is an independent scientific academy of the UK and the Commonwealth, dedicated to promoting excellence in science.
- Fellowship of the Royal Society (FRS) is an award granted to individuals that the Royal Society of London judges to have made a 'substantial contribution to the improvement of natural knowledge, including mathematics, engineering science and medical science'.

2. Who has been honoured with the **Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant Award** for the year 2018-19 for his book 'Samvidhan Kavya' ____ **Sunil Kumar Gautam**.

Note:

- The award was presented by the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
- The book depicts the Constitution of India in a very simple and poetic form to make it understandable to the common man in a very simple manner.

3. Who has become the **first Indian female scientist** to be elected as a **Fellow of the Royal Society** (FRS) in the UK fellowship's 358-year-history ____ **Professor Gagandeep Kang**.

Note:

- Dr Kang is known for her inter-disciplinary research studying the transmission, development and prevention of enteric infections and their sequelae in children in India.
- She is the Executive Director of Translational Health Science and Technology Institute at Faridabad.
- Other notable FRS inducted in 2019 include Fields Medal-winning mathematicians Akshay Venkatesh and Manjul Bhargava.

4. **Malayalam film** has won the best cinematography award at Beijing International Film Festival 2019 ____ **Bhayanakam**.

Note:

- The cinematography was done by **Nikhil S Praveen** and directed by Jayaraj.
- The film had also won the best cinematography award at the 65th National Film Awards.
- The film portrays the visits of first World War veteran to a small village in the backwaters of Kerala's Kuttanad as a postman during the World War-II.
- The film is an adaptation of two chapters from Takazhy Sivasankara Pillai's epic Malayalam novel Coir (1978).

5. Who has become only Indian institute to feature in QS EMBA Rankings 2019 ____ **IIM Bangalore**.

Note:

- The institute's post-graduate programme in **Enterprise Management** (PGPEM) has secured the 12th rank in APAC listing and came 61st globally in the QS Executive MBA Rankings 2019.
- The **QS Rankings identify** the world's top universities in individual subject areas so that students who know what subjects they are interested in can find suitable universities.
- QS Executive MBA Rankings 2019 have been ranking B-schools based on certain parameters such as thought leadership, executive profile, diversity and career outcomes.

6. Who has been honored with the **National Intellectual Property Award - 2019** in the category of Top Individual for Patents and Commercialization ____ **Dr. Benny Antony**.

Note:

- Along with the National IP Award, the Intellectual Property Office India and the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) have jointly conferred the 'WIPO Medal for Inventors' also to Antony.
- Antony is the inventor of the world's leading patented turmeric extract formulation "BCM-95".

7. The International Press Institute has declared the recipient of its 71st World Press Freedom Hero award ____ **Cyril Almeida**.

Note:

- The institute lauded Almeida for his 'tenacious coverage of the Pakistani state's patronage of militant groups'.
- The awards will be presented in a ceremony in Geneva, Switzerland on 5th June 2019.
- The World Press Freedom Hero award honours journalists who have made significant contributions to the promotion of press freedom.

8. Former captain of India national women's cricket team awarded the "Sportsperson of the Year" in Kolkata ____ **Jhulan Goswami**.

Note:

- Sukumar Samajpati (former India winger) and Sambaran Banerjee (Bengal's Ranji Trophy winning captain) honoured 'Lifetime Achievement' awards.
9. The prestigious Master Deenanath Mangeshkar Award 2019 was awarded to___ **Madhur Bhandarkar, Salim Khan and Helen.**
Note:
 ➤ This year, the Master Deenanath Mangeshkar Award for music and art has been given to classical dancer Sucheta Bhide-Chapekar.
 ➤ Anandmayee Puraskar was given to Pandit Suresh Talwalkar of Taalyogi Ashram.
10. The Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize (2nd edition) was awarded to author for his 2010 novel 'Solo' ___ **Rana Dasgupta.**
Note:
 ➤ An amount of USD 10,000, a Tagore statue and a certificate for contribution to literature was given to Dasgupta.
 ➤ The Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize for social achievement was awarded to Yohei Sasakawa, for his incredible efforts to uproot leprosy and great contribution to world peace.
 ➤ Mr. Yohei Sasakawa is the World Health Organization Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination.

Sports News

1. Who has won the 73rd edition of premier domestic football tournament 'Santosh Trophy' ___ **Services.**
Note:
 ➤ Santosh Trophy is an annual Indian football tournament started in 1941.
 ➤ The trophy is named after the late Maharaja Sir Manmatha Nath Roy Chowdhary of Santosh (now in Bangladesh).
 ➤ It is knock-out competition contested by the regional state associations and government institutions under the All India Football Federation (AIFF).
2. India cricketers were fined 20 lakh rupees each by the BCCI ombudsman Justice D.K. Jain for their sexist comments on a popular TV chat show___ **Hardik Pandya & K.L. Rahul.**
Note:
 ➤ Justice Jain wrote that no further action will be taken against Pandya and Rahul.
 ➤ In the order published on the official BCCI website, they have already served a provisional suspension and tendered an unconditional apology for their loose comments on women.
3. The Asian Weightlifting Championships 2019 held in ___ **Ningbo, China.**
Note:
 ➤ As many as 278 participants from 28 nations and regions, including China, Japan, South Korea, India, Iran and North Korea have registered for the competition.
 ➤ The Asian Weightlifting Championships is a weightlifting championship organised by the Asian Weightlifting Federation for competitors from the Asian countries.
4. Italian Tennis Player has won the 2019 Monte-Carlo Masters___ **Fabio Fognini.**
Note:
 ➤ He defeated Dusan Lajovic (Serbia) 6-3, 6-4.
 ➤ Croatia's Nikola Mektic & Franko Skugor has won the 2019 Monte-Carlo doubles title, defeating Robin Haase & Wesley Koolhof in the final, 6-7, 7-6, [11-9].
 ➤ The 2019 Monte-Carlo Masters (113th edition) is an annual tennis tournament (outdoor clay courts) for male professional players held in Roquebrune-Cap-Martin, France.
5. Who has regained the world number one spot in the men's 65-kilogram freestyle category rankings___ **Bajrang Punia.**
Note:
 ➤ Punia secured 58 points ahead of Akhmed Chakaev of Russia.
 ➤ Punia won Gold in the Asian Games and Commonwealth Games as well as a silver in the World Championships last year.
6. Japanese player retained his Badminton Asia Championships 2019 title in Shanghai___ **Kento Momota.**
Note:
 ➤ He defeated Shi Yuqi (China) 21-12, 11-11, 21-18.
 ➤ 255 players from 21 nations are participating in this edition and the total prize money is USD 400,000.
 ➤ The 2019 Badminton Asia Championships is the 39th edition of the Badminton Asia Championships.
7. Who has won the women's 2019 Badminton Asia Championships title ___ **Yamaguchi.**

Note:

- Yamaguchi won the women's crown with an emphatic victory over home player He Bingjiao 21-19, 21-9.
- The 2019 Badminton Asia Championships was the 39th edition of the Badminton Asia Championships held at Wuhan Sports Center Gymnasium in China.
- This tournament is hosted by the Chinese Badminton Association, with the sanctioned from the Badminton Asia.

8. Who won the gold medal in 65kg men's freestyle at Asian Championship 2019 __ **Bajrang Punia**.

Note:

- Bajrang Punia (World number-1) defeated Kazakhstan's Sayatbek Okasov 12-7 in a nail-biting 65kg men's freestyle final.
- It is Bajrang's second gold at this championship, having won one in 2017.
- In 97 Kg category Satywart Kadian, picked bronze medal defeating Haobin Gao of China by 8-2.

9. Young shooters took the top spot in the 10 metres Air Pistol Mixed Team event__ **Manu Bhaker and Saurabh. Chaudhary**

Note:

- Anjum Moudgil and Divyansh Singh Panwar opened the country's gold account in the 10 metres Air Rifle Mixed Team event.
- Moudgil and Panwar had to fight tooth and nail to beat another Chinese pair of Liu Ruxuan and Yang Haoran 17-15 in the 10 metres Air Rifle Mixed Team final.

10. The first Indian wrestler to fight at New York's iconic Madison Square Garden____**Bajrang Punia**.

Note:

- Bajrang Punia won the 65kg men's freestyle gold at the recent Asian championships.
- He will take on two-time US national champion Yianni Diakomahlis in the "Grapple at the Garden" Beat the Streets event.
- Punia has eight gold medals from his previous nine international tournaments including last year's Commonwealth and Asian Games.

11. India bagged one gold and two silver medals at the Asian Boxing Championships in ____**Bangkok**.

Note:

- Boxer Amit Panghal picked up his second successive gold medal of the year in the 52-kilogram category.
- Panghal defeated Korea's Kim Inkyu Korea.
- National champion Deepak Singh and Kavinder Singh Bisht in 56 kg category signed off with silver medals after close losses.

12. India's ace cueist won the inaugural Asian Snooker Tour title__ **Pankaj Advani**.

Note:

- Advani beat Nezhad 52-40, 66 (58)-0, 1-63(62), 78-4, 35-47, 0-51, 47-35, 38-39, 53(49)-35, 51(50)-20 in the final.
- Advani had earlier won the second leg of the Tour in China.

13. Mercedes' Finnish driver beat Lewis Hamilton by 1.5 seconds to win Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2019__ **Valtteri Bottas**.

Note:

- With this, Mercedes became the first team to win the opening four races of an F1 season with one-two finishes.
- The 2019 Azerbaijan Grand Prix was a Formula One motor race that took place on 28 April 2019 at the Baku City Circuit in Baku, Azerbaijan.

14. India's Shooter bagged a Gold medal in the 10-metre Air Pistol event at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup at Beijing in China__ **Abhishek Verma**.

Note:

- He clinched the top honours with a total score of 242.7 points.
- Russia's Artem Chernousov won the Silver.

15. Who has become the **first female umpire** to stand in a men's one-day international (ODI) __**Claire Polosak**.

Note:

- Polosak has already stood in 15 women's ODIs, the first one in November 2016 between Australia and South Africa.
- She has also umpired the semi-final of the Women's T20 World Cup in 2018 between England and India and four matches at the 2017 Women's World Cup.

16. Liverpool's centre back was named Player of the Year by England's Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) __ **Van**

Dijk.**Note:**

- Van Dijk has helped the title-chasing Merseysiders keep 19 clean sheets in the Premier League and they have conceded the fewest goals in the top flight so far this season.
- Arsenal's Dutch forward Vivianne Miedema (22-years) claimed the women's Player of the Year award.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. Who has launched a product to protect businesses from financial and reputational losses due to cyber-attacks__ **SBI General Insurance (SBIG)**

Note:

- In the initial phase, it will focus on **small medium-sized enterprise** (SME), mid-market businesses.
- The new insurance plan of SBI General Insurance comes with CyRUSS (Cyber Risk Underwriting and Solution Suite).
- CyRUSS is a cloud-based tool for commercial cyber policies including risk assessment, ongoing risk management and claim management as well.

2. Who has been appointed as the new **Managing Director** (MD) and CEO of Indian Overseas Bank___ **Karnam Sekar**.

Note:

- **Mr. Sekar (from July 1, 2019) will take over from R Subramaniakumar.**
- Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) is a major public sector bank based in Chennai, India.
- The bank has achieved 100 percent networking status as well as 100 percent CBS status for its branches.
- IOB has a network of about 3,300 ATMs all over India.

3. The bank has proposed to raise **Rs 188.16 crore** by allotting 4.99% of its shares at Rs 112 a piece on a preferential basis to Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd.___ **Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB)**.

Note:

- On 5 April 2019, the board of Lakshmi Vilas Bank approved a merger of the bank with the country's second largest housing finance company, Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd.
- The board of LVB has approved the merger with IBHL in which shareholders of the bank will get 14 shares of IBHL for every 100 shares they hold.

4. According to Allahabad Bank statement, the union government has increased its authorized capital by Rs 5,000 crore to___ **Rs 8,000 crores**.

Note:

- The increase in authorized capital will enable the bank to raise further fund up to a maximum ceiling of Rs 8,000 crore.
- Every Company irrespective of size, type of business, category of business etc will have its share capital classified under various types in the financial statement.
- It is the maximum amount of the capital for which shares can be issued by the Company to shareholders.
- The Authorized capital is mentioned in the Memorandum of Association of the Company under heading of "Capital Clause".

5. Who has divested its entire stake in National Housing Bank (NHB) and the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) _ **Reserve Bank**.

Note;

- According to RBI press release, it is based on the recommendation of second Narasimham Committee.
- The RBI sold the entire stake worth 20 crore rupees in NABARD and 1,450 crore rupees in NHB in the last quarter of 2018-19.
- With this divestment, the government now holds 100 percent stake in both these financial institutions.

6. Who plans to buy Rs 25,000 crore worth of bonds in two instalments from the secondary market in May__ Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

Note:

- The first such open market operations (OMO) for the fiscal year 2019-20, amounting to Rs 12,500 crore, will happen on 2nd May 2019.
- This is despite the central bank buying bonds worth Rs 3 trillion in the last fiscal year and infusing another about Rs 70,000 crore through two-dollar swaps.

7. Who has announced to acquire Philippine largest personal care company 'Splash' __ **Wipro Consumer Care**.

Note:

- According to Wipro, this is the company's 11th acquisition in the consumer line business, and the 9th acquisition in the personal care segment overall.
- Splash recorded revenues worth USD 80 million in 2018.

8. The RBI (Reserve Bank of India) has granted approval to HDFC Ltd for holding up to 9.9% stake in Bandhan Bank following the __ **Gruh Finance deal**.

Note:

- The scheme is yet to get approvals from the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) and the shareholders of Gruh Finance and Bandhan Bank.
- The Gruh Finance deal will decrease stake of Bandhan Financial Holdings Ltd in Bandhan Bank from 82% to 61%.
- The share swap ratio for the merger will be 568:1000, that is 568 shares of Bandhan Bank for every 1,000 shares of Gruh Finance.

9. Digital financial services company collaborated with **Aegon Life Insurance** (pioneer of digital insurance in India) to launch a Rs 20 smart digital insurance product __ **Mobikwik**.

Note:

- The main objective for this initiative is to improve the insurance penetration in India (currently at 3.7%) that is to drive financial inclusion for the masses.
- The company has created 3 variants of the amount assured between Rs. 1 lakh, Rs.1.5 lakh and Rs. 2 lakhs at no extra cost.
- The policy can be availed at a premium of Rs 20, Rs 30 and Rs 40 respectively depending on the protection amount and this is issued instantly.

10. Who launched the first debit card-based authentication solution on NPCI's (National Payments Corporation of India) e-Mandate (electronic mandate) API platform__ **Kotak Mahindra Bank**.

Note:

- With this, it has become the first ever Destination Bank to go live with both Net Banking and Debit Card-based e-mandate authentication.
- The objective of this initiative is to enable Kotak customers to create electronic mandates, similar to the former e-NACH with Aadhaar + OTP via both debit card and net banking provision.

11. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will soon release new banknotes in the Mahatma Gandhi (New) Series of __ **Rs 20**.

Note:

- The base colour of the note is greenish yellow and bear the signature of Shaktikanta Das (RBI Governor).
- The new denomination Rs 20 (dimension: 63 mm x 129 mm) has the motif of the Ellora Caves on the reverse.
- All the banknotes in the denomination of Rs 20 issued by the RBI in the earlier series will continue to be legal tender.

12. Who has reduced the minimum required level for clearing corporations operating in international financial services centre (IFSC) __ **SEBI**.

Note:

- They should have at least Rs 100 crore net worth from three years of commencing operations.
- This net worth requirement in the form of liquid assets has been brought down from the earlier Rs 300 crore.

Obituaries

1. Noted Bengali folk singer passed away in Kolkata after a prolonged illness __ **Amar Pal**.

Note:

- He was an old artist of Akashvani Kolkata and remained closely associated with this prestigious institution.
- The West Bengal Government conferred Sangeet Mahasamman on him in 2012 for his outstanding contribution in the field of music.

2. Veteran **lady mountaineer** of the country passed away following a cardiac arrest__ **Rama Sengupta Paul**.

Note:

- She led the first successful all-women expedition to **Krdarnath Dome** in Garhwal Himalaya.
- Rama was a member of **Indo-Japanese Women** expedition to Kamet and Abi Gamin organized by Indian Mountaineering Foundation in 1976

3. Former India footballer passed away at a city hospital In Kolkata ____ **Pungam Kannan**.

Note:

- Kannan (known as the 'Pele of Asia') played 14 matches for India & was the former Mohun Bagan & East Bengal forward.

4. The writer of 'Children of a Lesser God' passed away in Las Cruces, New Mexico. ____ **Mark Medoff**.

Note:

- Medoff wrote 30 plays and is best known for the groundbreaking Children of a Lesser God, the story of a young deaf woman and her love affair with her speech teacher.
- Matlin won an Oscar for her portrayal of Sarah.

5. British film & sound editor passed away ____ **Terry Rawlings**.

Note:

- He was an Oscar nominee for his work on Best Picture winner "Chariots of Fire".
- Mr. Rawlings was the founding member of the Guild of British Film and Television Editors.

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