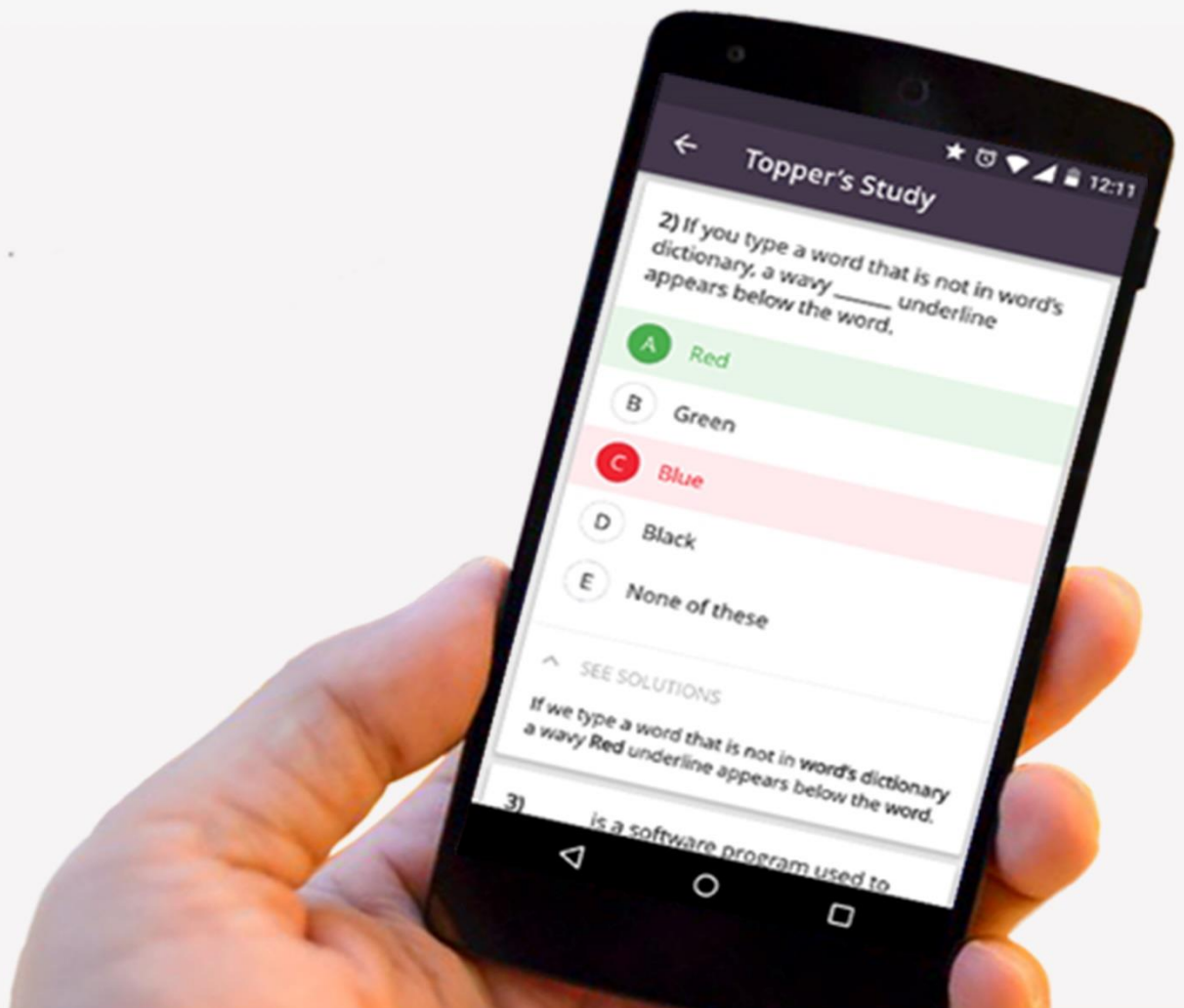




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# WEEKLY ONE LINER UPDATES

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**Dear readers,**

Weekly One Liner Updates is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the **fourth** week (22<sup>nd</sup>–28<sup>th</sup>) of **February** 2017. This file is important for exams like, **SBI PO, Banking interviews** and all upcoming Banking & Insurance exams.

**Banking & Financial Awareness**

1. The Union Government has launched an app to enable digital payments without card swiping machines\_\_\_“**Bharat QR code**”.

**Note:**

- Bharat QR code has been developed jointly by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), MasterCard Visa, and American Express under instructions from Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- It works as a common interface for the MasterCard/Visa/ RuPay platforms and also facilitate acceptance of Aadhaar-enabled payments and Unified Payments Interface (UPI).

2. Who will acquire the business of Telenor India for an undisclosed sum in all seven circles in India\_\_\_**Bharti Airtel**.

**Note:**

- Airtel is India’s largest wireless operator with over 269 million subscribers and a revenue market share of over 33 per cent.
- Telenor India (formerly known as Uninor) was an Indian mobile network operator based in Gurgaon, Haryana, India.

3. The Direct-to-home operator Dish TV has joined hands with private lender for digital payments\_\_\_**ICICI bank**.

**Note:**

- Now, customers to do recharge through unified payment interface (UPI) transactions.
- This alliance with ICICI Bank through UPI will drive higher customer adoption and allow them to be a part of the digital economy.

4. The bank has launched a railway ticket booking facility by having a direct tie-up with IRCTC\_\_\_**United Bank of India** (UBI).

**Note:**

- UBI customers can book railway tickets seamlessly through IRCTC website using the bank’s debit card.

5. India’s GDP forecast for FY 17, as per latest report by the International Monetary Fund (IMF)\_\_\_ **6.6%**.

6. India’s GDP growth forecast for FY 17, as per latest survey by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)\_\_\_ **7%**.

**Note:**

- The OECD is a global policy forum that promotes policies to improve the economic and social well-being of people around the world.

7. Inter-disciplinary standing committee has been constituted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to review cyber threats\_\_\_**Meena Hemchandra**.

**Note:**

- The eleven- member committee headed by Executive Director of RBI Meena Hemchandra.
- The committee study adoption of various security standards and protocols, interface with stakeholders and suggest appropriate policy interventions to strengthen cyber security and resilience.

8. The bank has introduced Radio Frequency Identification Card, (RFID) enabled banking cards\_\_\_**Dena Bank**

**Note:**

- With the help of this card a branch/relationship manager can identify a valued client entering a branch with the card.

## New Appointments

1. Nagaland People's Front president has been sworn-in as the 11th Chief Minister of Nagaland\_\_\_**Shurhozelie Liezitsu**.  
**Note:**
  - He succeeded TR Zeliang, who resigned as the Chief Minister following widespread protests over reservation to women in local body elections.
2. Who has been appointed as the chairman of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal\_\_\_**Justice Abhay Manohar Sapre**.  
**Note:**
  - The post was vacant since Justice Balbir Singh Chauhan resigned from the post.
  - Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal was established with an aim to speed up water sharing disputes among states.
3. Azerbaijan's President Ilham Aliyev has appointed his wife as the First Vice President of the country\_\_\_ **Mehriban Aliyev**.  
**Note:**
  - The Vice President position was created after a constitutional referendum in September, 2016.
  - According to Azerbaijan's constitution, the First Vice President takes over the country's presidency if the president is unable to perform the duties.
4. Who has been appointed as the new Vice Chairman of Asian Hockey Federation\_\_\_ **Abhijit Sarkar**.  
**Note:**
  - He was also appointed the Chairman of the AHF Commercial and TV Committee with immediate effect.
  - Sarkar has been associated with the Sahara India Pariwar since 2004 and served as the Head of Corporate Communications, Corporate Affairs and Relations, and the Sports Division.
5. Former Nagaland Chief Minister has been appointed as Finance Advisor to the state government\_\_\_ **T R Zeliang**.  
**Note:**
  - He will receive the pay and allowances admissible to a cabinet minister.
6. Former aid worker and oil executive, has been appointed the new Prime Minister of Federal Republic of Somalia\_\_\_**Hassan Ali Khayre**.
7. Who has been appointed as the new spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)\_\_\_ **Gopal Baglay**.

## Important Day

1. International Mother Language Day (IMLD) is a worldwide annual observance held on \_\_\_**21st February**.  
**Note:**
  - The day promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism.
  - The theme of 2017:"Towards Sustainable Futures through Multilingual Education".
2. The Central Excise Day (CED) is celebrated on which date in India\_\_\_ **24th February**.  
**Note:**
  - The 32 Officers of Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) and its formations from all over India to receive 'Commendation Certificate' on the occasion.
3. The National Science Day (NSD) is celebrated every year in India on \_\_\_ **28<sup>th</sup> February**.  
**Note:**
  - India celebrates National Science Day on 28th February of every year to commemorate the discovery of the Raman effect in 1928 by Indian physicist Sir C.V. Raman.
  - The basic objective of observation of National science day is to spread the message of the importance of science and its application among the people.

## Important News – World

1. The Pakistan army has launched nationwide military operation to eliminate terrorists and consolidate gains of its counter-terrorism operations\_\_\_**Radd-ul-Fasaad**.

**Note:**

- The operation aims include the elimination of the residual and latent threat of terrorism, consolidating gains of operations made so far and ensuring the security of Pakistan's borders.
2. Astronomers have discovered for the first-time new Earth-sized exoplanets that may be able to sustain life\_\_\_ **seven**.

**Note:**

- The stunning discovery of seven Earth-like planets orbiting a small star in the galaxy open up the most promising hunting ground so far for life beyond the Solar System.
3. The world's first robot table tennis tutor in Japan has set a new Guinness World Record for its uncanny ability of being able to play the game better than most humans\_\_\_**FORPHEUS**.

**Note:**

- FORPHEUS (Future Omron Robotics Technology for Exploring Possibility of Harmonised Automation with Sinic Theoretics) has officially been given the Guinness title for its unique technological intelligence and educational capabilities.
4. The country to host the 9th edition of BRICS Summit-2017\_\_\_ **China**.

**Note:**

- The theme of this year's event is 'BRICS: Stronger Partnership for a Brighter Future'.
5. India has signed MoU with which neighboring country for development of Sylhet city\_\_\_ **Bangladesh**.

### Important News - India

1. In a notification who has asked hospitals to display revised price list of cardiac stents\_\_\_ **National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)**.

**Note:**

- NPPA has warned stent manufacturers and importers against shortage and said the companies were under legal obligation to maintain smooth production and supply of coronary stents.
2. Indian scientists have discovered how many new miniature frog species which can comfortably sit even on a child's thumbnail in the Western Ghats\_\_\_ **Seven**.

**Note:**

- These frogs were overlooked earlier because of their insect-like calls and secretive habitats.
  - Out of seven new species, five are facing considerable anthropogenic threats and require immediate conservation prioritisation.
3. The Union Health Secretary K. Mishra has launched a scheme to provide information on adolescent-related issues such as puberty and mental health\_\_\_**Saathiya Resource Kits**.

**Note:**

- The resource kit comprises of an Activity Book, Bhranti-Kranti Game, a Peer Educator Diary and a Question-Answer Saathiya Kits Book.
4. The union ministry will launch the World Integrated Medicine Forum on Regulation of Homeopathic Medicine\_\_\_ **Ministry of Ayush**.
5. Two-day high-level workshop on advancing passenger mobility and transportation has been organized by the \_\_\_**NITI Aayog**.

**Note:**

- The workshop in association with an international non-profit organization Rocky Mountain Institute to explore technologies and business models to help India leapfrog traditional approaches to passenger mobility and transportation.
6. The latest report by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), the world's largest arms importer country during 2012-16\_\_\_**India**.

**Note:**

- As per the report, India accounted for 13% of the total global arms import between 2012-16 which is highest among all the countries.
7. The city to host the first edition of Gramin Khel Mahotsav (GKM)\_\_\_ **New Delhi**.

**Note:**

- The first edition of Gramin Khel Mahotsav (GKM) will be held from 25th to 31st March 2017 in New Delhi.
8. The Civil Aviation Minister Ashok Gajapati Raju has inaugurated the first ever dedicated heliport at \_\_\_ **Rohini(Delhi)**.

**Note:**

- The heliport is built by state-owned Pawan Hans Ltd.
  - The heliport consists of a terminal building and capacity of 150 passengers.
  - This heliport is expected to reduce congestion at the Delhi Airport, which currently handles about 40-50 helicopter arrivals and departure.
9. The union Railways minister Suresh Prabhu has flagged off new 'Humsafar Express' between \_\_\_ **Sriganganagar and Tiruchirapalli**.

**Note:**

- The new train is fully air-conditioned third AC service with an optional service for meals.
  - The minister also flagged off an "Antyodaya Express" between Ernakulam and Howrah.
  - 'Antyodaya Express' is long-distance, fully unreserved, super-fast train service for the common man to be operated on dense routes.
10. The International conference on 'Bharat Bodh' was held in \_\_\_ **New Delhi**.

**Note:**

- Three- day conference is organized by the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) and Bhartiya Shikshan Mandal (BSM).

### States News

1. The state govt. has given the Bhim awards to 42 sports persons of the state \_\_\_ **Haryana govt**.

**Note:**

- Spotting them for their outstanding performance at the national and international fronts between the years 2013 and 2017.
  - A total prize money of Rs 2.10 crore was distributed among the 42 sports persons.
  - The awardees would be presented Bhim award that would get in cash, a memento, citation, blazer, tie and a scarf.
2. The state government has launched anti-corruption induction training mandatory for government officials \_\_\_ **Kerala**.
3. The state government has made mandatory for all private schools to install solar systems \_\_\_ **Haryana**.

**Note:**

- A special grant at the rate of Rs 20,000 per kilowatt will be given to the schools for installing solar power plants.
4. The Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Shivraj Singh Chouhan has inaugurated the India's First Post Office Passport Seva Kendra in \_\_\_ **Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh**.

**Note:**

- The Vidisha's Post Office Passport Seva Kendra will work as Laghu Passport Seva Kendra.
5. The first Indian state to have a public registry of sex offenders \_\_\_ **Kerala**.
6. The Andhra Pradesh government has signed MoU with the payment network company to transform Vishakhapatnam into India's first 'less cash' city \_\_\_ **Visa**.
7. India's first hill station bicycle path was inaugurated in \_\_\_ **Darjeeling (West Bengal)**.

**Note:**

- The path was opened in response to growing interest from both national and foreign tourists.
8. The state government has launched "RAHAT" project for treatment of heart disease in remote and rural areas \_\_\_ **Rajasthan**.
9. The state government has launched pilot project "Sex Ratio Monitoring Dashboard" for the state \_\_\_ **Haryana**.

## Books & Authors

1. The HarperCollins Publishers India has announced that a book will be released on the 69th birthday of the dream girl\_\_\_**Hema Malini: Beyond the Dream Girl.**  
**Note:**
  - The authorized biography is penned by a senior journalist and author Ram Kamal Mukherjee.
  - The book discusses Hema Malini's life and achievement, since she has been extremely active as a stage performer, actor and a politician.
2. The author of the book "Autoplay:Not-so Stories" \_\_ **G Sampath.**  
**Note:**
  - The book "Autoplay:Not-so Stories" has been authored by G Sampath.
3. The author of the book "Feroze: the Forgotten Gandhi" \_\_ **Bertil Falk.**  
**Note:**
  - The book "Feroze: the Forgotten Gandhi" has been authored by Swedish journalist Bertil Falk. The author brings together his 40-year old research in this biography of Feroze Gandhi.
4. The author of the book "Kohinoor: The Story of the World's Most Infamous Diamond" \_\_\_\_ **William Dalrymple.**

## Honours & Award

1. The city who is hosting the 2017 Mobile World Congress(MWC) \_\_ **Barcelona** (Spain).  
**Note:**
  - ✓ The 2017 Mobile World Congress (MWC) has started in Barcelona, Spain from 27<sup>th</sup> February and will continue till March.
  - ✓ The MWC is the world's biggest and best mobile industry event comprising of a massive exhibition, an award-winning conference, outstanding networking opportunities, partner programmes, the Glomo Awards and much more.
2. Indian institute has won the International Mercury Awards for the year 2016-17\_\_ **Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII).**
3. The new Brand Ambassador for 'Swachh Bharat Mission' \_\_ **Shilpa Shetty.**  
**Note:**
  - She will feature in TV and radio campaigns aimed at discouraging people from littering on roads.
4. The movie who has won the Best Picture award at 89th Oscar Academy Awards\_\_ **Moonlight.**  
**Note:**
  - An American drama 'Moonlight' directed by Barry Jenkins has won the Best Picture award at the 89th edition of Oscar Academy Awards at the Dolby Theater in Los Angeles, California.
5. Who has won the Best Foreign Language Film at 89th Oscar Academy Awards\_\_ **The Salesman.**
6. The movie who has won the Best Animation award at the 88th Academy Awards - 2017\_\_ **Zootopia.**
7. The film actor Kabir Bedi has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador of "Sightsavers" \_\_ **Kabir Bedi.**  
**Note**
  - Kabir Bedi is known in the United Kingdom for his role as villainous henchman Gobinda in 1983 James Bond movie 'Octopussy'.
  - Sightsavers is an international global organization that works with partners in developing countries to treat and prevent avoidable blindness, and promote equality for people with visual impairments and other disabilities.

## Obituaries

1. Hindi novelist famous for novels with unique titles like Dahej Mein Revolver has passed away\_\_ **Ved Prakash Sharma**  
**Note:**
  - His novel "Vardi Wala Gunda" published in 1993, gave him the big break and sold more than eight crore copies.
2. Recently, Bengali singer has passed away in Kolkata due to illness\_\_ **Banasree Sengupta.**

**Note:**

- She had recorded large number of romantic songs since 1966.
- West Bengal government had bestowed **Sangeet Samman** (2012) and the **Mahasangeet Samman** (2013) for her contribution to music.

3. Nobel-winning economist, mathematician has passed away in USA\_\_ **Kenneth J Arrow**.

**Note:**

- He received the Nobel memorial prize in economic science for their pioneering mathematical work on general equilibrium theory in 1972.

4. The noted bureaucrat, columnist and director of the Institute of Economic Studies (IES), has recently passed away in Hyderabad\_\_ **V. K. Srinivasan**.

5. An Indian politician who served as the Minister of External Affairs (MEA), Law and Petroleum passed away in Hyderabad\_\_ **Punjala Shiva Shankar**.

## Sports News

1. National level swimmer-turned-model has completed an extremely high endurance event called 'Ultraman' a 517.5 km race on in Florida\_\_ **Milind Soman**.

**Note:**

- The challenge requires participants to complete a 10-kilometre open water swim, a 423-kilometre-long bike ride and an 84-kilometre ultra-marathon run.
- Earlier, he completed the toughest triathlon in the world to become India's Iron Man.

2. Who has won the International Hockey Federation (FIH) female Player of the Year 2016\_\_ **Naomi van**.

3. Former Asian champion has won the bronze in the women's 10 metre air rifle event in the 2017 International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup\_\_ **Pooja Ghatkar (India)**.

**Note:**

- Ghatkar shot 228.8 score in the final to finish third.
- Mengyao Shi (China) won the gold medal with 252.1 while setting a new world record in the event.

4. Who has won the International Hockey Federation (FIH) Male Player of the Year 2016\_\_ **John-John Dohmen**.

5. The country to host the 2019 Combined World Cup for shooting\_\_ **India**.

**Note:**

- India will host the 2019 Combined World Cup for shooting, a qualifying event for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

6. Rio Olympian has won the men's title in the second edition of the IDBI Federal Life Insurance New Delhi Marathon \_\_ **Thanackal Gopi**.

**Note:**

- In Men's full marathon Gopi clocked 2 hours, 15 minutes, and 37 seconds to win the race in his first appearance in the event.

7. Indian sportsperson will represent IOC's Athletes' Commission in the Badminton World Federation (BWF) \_\_ **Saina Nehwal**.

8. The hockey team has won the 5th edition of Coal India Hockey India League (HIL) 2017 tournament\_\_ **Kalinga Lancers**.

**Note:**

- Kalinga Lancers have lifted the fifth edition Hockey India League Title in Chandigarh.
- They beat Dabang Mumbai 4-1 in the final to win their first title.

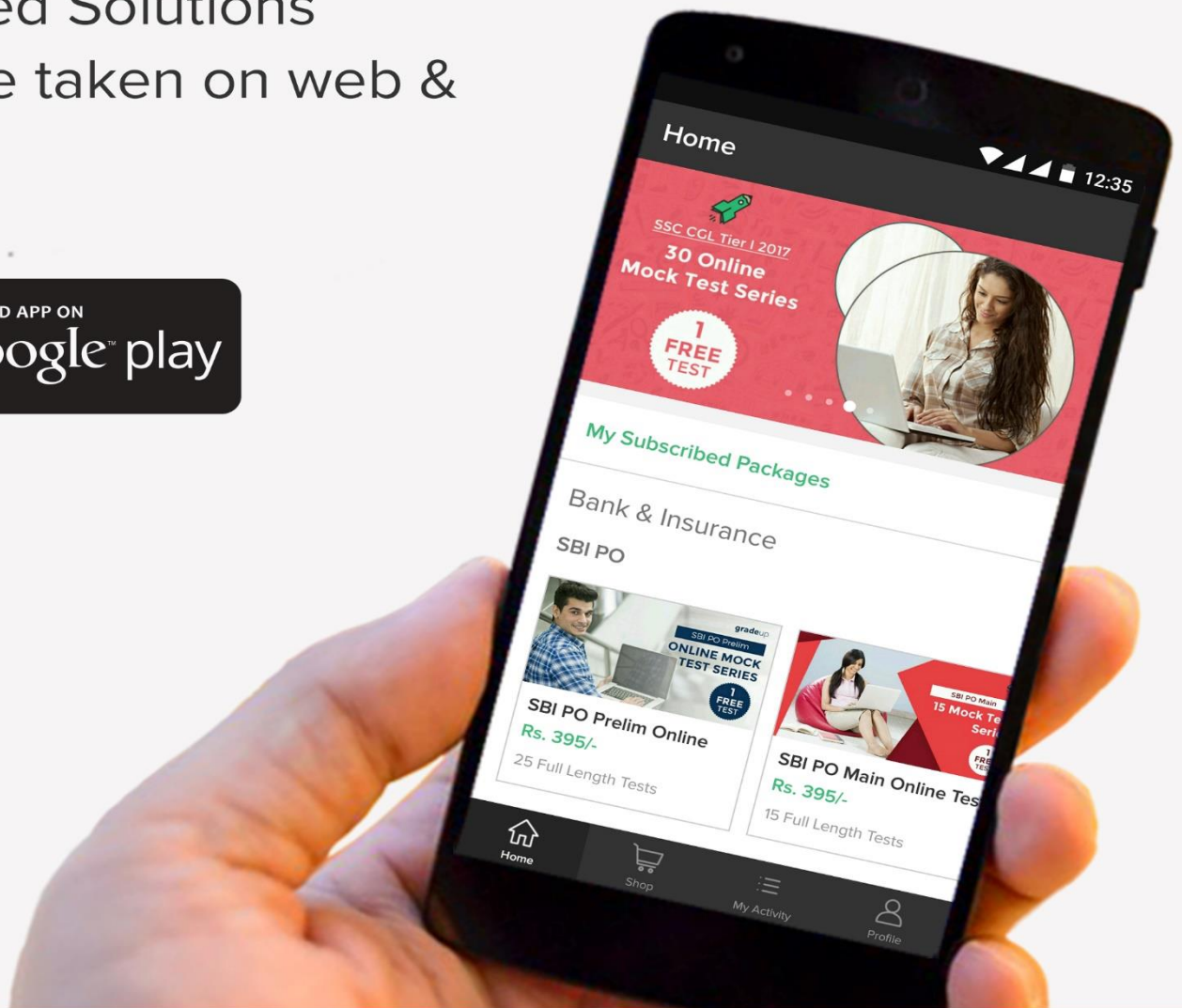
9. Who has won silver in men's double trap at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup 2017\_\_ **Ankur Mittal**.



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