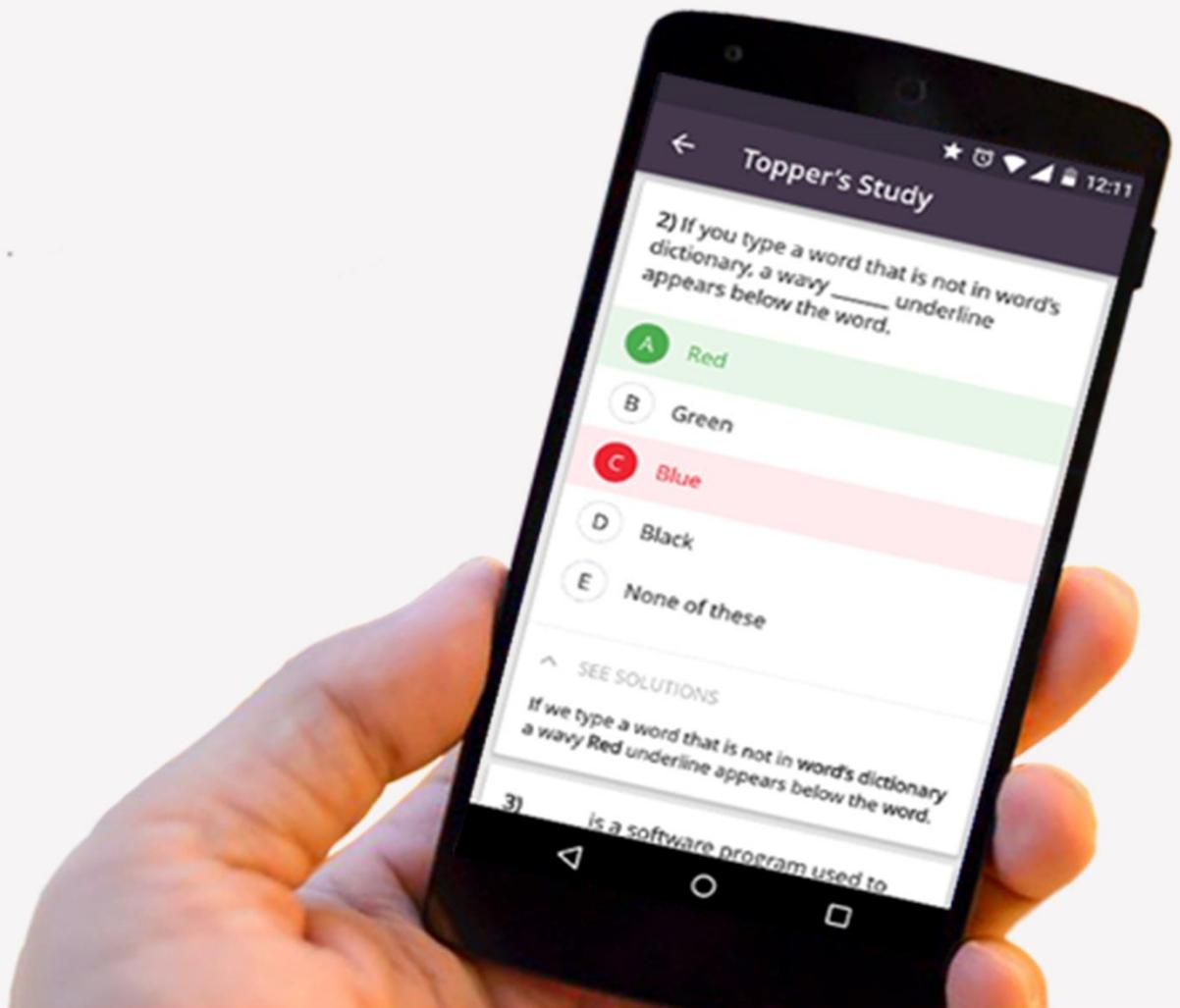




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Dear readers,

Weekly One Liner Updates is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the **fourth** week (22nd –31st) of **December** 2016. This file is important for exams like **NIACL AO, RBI Assistant, India Post Payment Bank, IDBI, Indian Bank, Syndicate bank** and all upcoming Banking & Insurance exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. India's rank in the 2016 Global Wind Power Installed Capacity Index __ **4th**.

Note:

- The index was released as part of Global Wind Report, Annual Market, the flagship publication of the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC).

2. Mobile app launched by ICICI Bank for merchants as an all-in-one acceptance payment platform __ **EazyPay**.

3. The agreement to buy or sell a debt instrument at a specified future date at a pre-determined price __ **Interest Rate Future**.

Note:

- The cash-settled IRFs provide market participants an option to hedge risks arising from fluctuations in interest rates, which depend on various factors, including RBI policy, demand for liquidity and flow of overseas funds.

4. An aadhaar-linked cashless merchant solution "Aadhaar Pay" has been launched by the bank __ **IDFC Bank**.

Note:

- The IDFC Aadhaar Pay will enable millions of merchants across the country to facilitate cashless purchases for customers in a cost-effective and scalable way.

5. Recently, the mobile app has been launched by the union Government to make digital payments easier __ **"BHIM"**.

Note:

- The "Bhim app" is named after Dr. B R Ambedkar and will empower small traders, tribal and farmers.
- The app is inter-operable with Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and it connects directly to your bank account. The application is developed by the National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI).

6. The bank has tied up with online portal "magicbricks.com" to conduct joint marketing activities __ **State Bank of India**.

Note:

- To kick start the MOU, SBI and Magicbricks has launched the "Seal the Deal" campaign.
- The campaign will show case SBI approved projects on the Magicbricks platform.
- This mega online property show will be the first housing carnival in the industry at this scale.

7. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has increased the daily limit of Automated Teller Machine (ATM) withdrawal from 1st January, 2017 __ **Rs. 4500**.

Note:

- There has been no change in the weekly withdrawal limit (Rs 24,000) including from ATM for individuals and Rs 50,000 in the case of small traders.
- The RBI had also permitted White Label ATM Operators (WLAOs) to source cash from retail outlets.

8. Indian Railways has announced rebate for the vacant berths after finalisation of the reservation charts __ **10%**.

Note:

- The discount will be based on the basic fare of the last ticket sold in the train.

9. Bank of Baroda (BoB) has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with a private sector dairy enterprises to provide dairy loans to farmers through the lender's branches across the country __ **Heritage Foods Ltd (HFL)**.

10. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has extended the period of enhanced Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPI) limit of __ **Rs 20,000**.

Note:

- As part of efforts to promote digital payments to meet the transactional needs of the public through digital means.

Books and Author

1. The book “Parijat” has been authored by ___ **Nasira Sharma**.

Note:

- He has won the Award for his novel “Parijat”.
- The awards comprising a casket containing an engraved copper plaque, a shawl and a Cheque of Rs. 1 lakh.

2. Who has launched book series “Tactabet” for visually impaired children___ **Hrithik Roshan**.

Note:

- The alphabets books available in both Hindi and English are created to enable integrated and fun learning for visually impaired and kids with low vision.

3. The book “On the Front Line: The Collected Journalism” has been authored by ___ **Marie Colvin**.

4. The book “India-US relations in the age of uncertainty: An uneasy courtship” has been authored by___ **B M Jain**.

Note:

- It offers a comprehensive analysis of the evolution of US-India relations from estranged democracies to strategic partners.

5. The book “Emperor Chandragupta” has been authored by ___ **Adity Kay**.

Note:

- This is the story of a youth who fought against all odds within and without to become one of the greatest emperors ever known.
- This is the story of Chandragupta Maurya, the founder of the Maurya Empire in India.

6. The book “Watership Sown” was authored by ___ **Richard Adams**.

7. The book “I am a troll” has been authored by journalist___ **Swati Chaturvedi**.

Note:

- The author targets the trolling affair of ruling government in the social media.

8. The book “That thing called love” has been authored by ___ **Tuhin A. Sinha**.

Note:

- The book explores the trivialization of relationships in the current urban society in India.

9. The book “The Secret Chord” has been authored by ___ **Geraldine**.

Note:

- It is a historical novel that traces the life of King David.

Important Date

1. The National Mathematics Day (NMD) is celebrated every year on ___ **22nd December**.

Note:

- The birth anniversary of great mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan and to recognize his contribution to mathematics.

2. The National Consumer Day (NCD) is observed every year in India on ___ **24th December**.

Note:

- In 2016, the Ministry of Consumer Affairs has celebrated the NCD with the theme “Alternate Consumer Disputes Redressal”.

3. The Good Governance Day (GGD) is observed on ___ **25th December**.

Note:

- The day observed every year in India to mark the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

4. The National Trust Foundation Day (NTFD) is observed on___ **30th December**.

New Appointments

- Who has been appointed as the chief secretary of Tamil Nadu ____ **Girija Vaidyanathan**.
Note:
 - An additional chief secretary and commissioner of land administration Girija Vaidyanathan has been appointed the new Chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu.
 - She succeeded P.Rama Mohana Rao.
- Who has named as General Secretary of the ruling AIADMK in place of the late J Jayalalithaa __ **VK Sasikala**.
- The special secretary in the internal security department of the Ministry of Home Affairs __ **R K Dutta**.
Note:
 - He will be at the post till October 31, 2017.
- Who has been appointed as the Director General of National Cadet Corps (NCC)____ **Lt Gen Vinod Vashisht**.
Note:
 - Earlier, he was the Commandant at Officers Training Academy at Gaya, Bihar.
- Who has been appointed as the new deputy governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI)____ **Prof. Viral Acharya**.
Note:
 - He has been appointed for a term of 3 years.
- The High-Level Committee (HLC) will review institutionalization of arbitration mechanism in India____ **B N Srikrishna**.
- Who has been named as the new Prime Minister of Romania____ **Sorin Grindeanu**.
- Who is the new Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) of the Indian Army____ **Bipin Rawat**.
Note:
 - He is known for his balanced approach towards soldiering, compassion, and connect with civil society.
- Who has been appointed as the Director General of Police of Jammu and Kashmir __ **Dr. Shesh Pal Vaid**.
Note:
 - He will succeed K Rajendra Kumar who was appointed in May 2014 and extended term of service ends on 31st December 2016.
 - Presently, Mr. Vaid is working as Special DGP (Law and Order).
- Who has been appointed as the Chief executive officer (CEO) of Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority (GNIDA) as the CEO of Noida Authority__ **Deepak Agarwal**.
- The former Union Minister has been re-elected as the president of All India Football Federation (AIFF) for the term 2017-2020 __ **Praful Patel**.
- Coca-Cola India has signed Bollywood actor as the brand ambassador for its Thums Up brand__ **Ranveer Singh**
Note:
 - The company launched new campaign starring Ranveer Singh in its 'Toofani' series.

Important News - India

- Who has launched 'OCMC' to provide speedy redressal of consumer grievances __ **The Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs**.
Note:
 - An 'Online Consumer Mediation Centre (OCMC)' in association with the Bengaluru's National Law School of India University (NLSIU) to provide speedy redressal of consumer grievances.
- Who has become the first free Wi-Fi city in the North-East region__ **Aizawl**.
Note:
 - The free Wi-Fi facilities would enable the needed internet accessibility to one and all.
 - It is a pilot project of the Aizawl Municipal Corporation.
- The 'Chardham highway project' will come up in the state of India__ **Uttarakhand**.
- Vittiya Saksharata Abhiyan (VISAKA) has been launched by the Ministry to make people aware about cashless economic system__ **Human Resource Development (HRD)**.

5. The 2016 National Children Science Congress (NCSC) programme has started in the cities __ **Pune**.

6. The 2017 Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit will take place in the city___ **Gandhinagar**.

Note:

- The 8th edition of Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit will be held at Mahatma mandir, Gandhinagar from January 10th to 13th, 2017.

7. The 77th session of Indian History Congress (IHC) has started in the state of India___ **Kerala**.

Note:

- The IHC is the largest professional and academic body of Indian historians with over 10,000 members

8. India successfully test fired its home-grown long range intercontinental surface-to-surface nuclear capable ballistic missile __ **Agni-5**.

9. The committee who has submitted report on promoting digital payments to the Union Government__ **Ratan Watal committee**.

Note:

- The report suggested a host of fiscal incentives to promote digital transactions.
- It suggested withdrawal of all charges levied by government departments and utilities on digital payments and making it mandatory for government departments and agencies to provide option to consumers to pay digitally.

10. The state government who will set up a pilot corridor for an innovative concept of 'Caterpillar Train __ **Haryana**.

Note:

- The C-train includes a citywide network of lightweight, elevated train coaches running at about 100 kmph on a track supported by poles bent into arches.

11. The 2016 World Bhojpuri Conference was held in the cities___ **Varanasi**.

Note:

- The 4-day conference will deliberate on culture, religion, language and business among other issues, in which over 18 countries will participate.

12. The union government will set up a toll-free number to provide relevant information and guidance directly to the pregnant women___ **10588**.

13. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has decided that Class X Board exams will be compulsory from the academic session __ **2017-18**.

Note:

- The languages listed in schedule VIII of the Constitution should be taught under the "Three language formula" under which Hindi, English and Indian language are taught could be extended till Class X and the Foreign language might be treated as fourth and elective.

14. National Green Tribunal (NGT) has ordered to impose a fine of how many Rs. on airlines whose aircraft empty toilet tanks in air while landing and splattering human waste on houses___ **Rs. 50,000**.

15. The state government has declared 50% reservation in judicial services for OBCs, SCs, STs and EBCs___ **Bihar**.

Note:

- Bihar government has declared 50% reservation in all judicial services for aspirants belonging to the Extremely Backward Classes (EBCs), Other Backward Classes (OBCs), Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs).

States News

1. The first Second Generation ethanol bio-refinery will be set up in the state___ **Bathinda, Punjab**.

Note:

- The Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL), a Central Government Public Sector Undertaking, will set up the project.

2. Who has won the Asian Cricket Council Under-19 Asia Cup title__ **India**.

Note:

- India dished out a clinical performance to beat hosts Sri Lanka by 34 runs and lift the Asian Cricket Council Under-19s Asia Cup title in R Premadasa Stadium, Colombo (Sri Lanka).
 - The ACC Under-19 Asia Cup is a cricket tournament organised by the ACC for Under-19 teams from its member nations.
3. A new malaria control programme “DAMAN” will be launch by the state government __ **Odisha**.
 4. The state government has launched “Nagar Uday Abhiyan” in all 378 urban bodies in the state __ **Madhya Pradesh**.
 5. The state government will create new ministry for Vimukta Jati and Nomadic Tribes (VJNT), OBCs and SBCs __ **Maharashtra**.
 6. India’s first transgender school “Sahaj International” has started in the state __ **Kerala**.
Note:
 - It was inaugurated by transgender activist, writer and actor Kalki Subramaniam.
 7. India’s first cashless and digital tribal colony is located in the state Kerala __ **Nedumkayam**.
 8. The state’s government has approved 50% reservation in all its judicial services __ **Bihar**.
 9. 15 coaches of the train has derailed near Rura railway station in Kanpur Dehat district of Uttar Pradesh __ **Sealdah Ajmer 12987 Express**.
 10. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has aid foundation stone for Shivaji Memorial in the Arabian Sea off __ **Mumbai coast**.
Note:
 - The expected expenditure for the project is Rs. 3600 crore.

Important News – World

1. The world’s first chat operating system “Flock OS” has been launched by __ **Flock**.
Note:
 - Flock is the free instant messaging service for work and business environments.
 - The FlockOS is an ultra-powerful platform which enables developers to build apps, bots and integrations on top of Flock.
2. The first-ever joint military exercise “Pratihar-I” will be held between Nepal and China on __ **10th February 2017**.
Note:
 - The focus of the military exercise will be on training Nepali forces in dealing with hostage scenarios involving international terror groups.
3. The China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) links the Pakistani port of Gwadar with “Kashgar” in __ **China**.
4. The first country in the world to use drones for national mail service __ **France**.
 - The French postal service has announced a drone delivery program to deliver parcels on a 14-kilometre route once a week to reach mountainous regions.
 - These mail drones will have a range of 19 km and a top speed of 30.5 kmph.
5. Who will launch “Digitally Safe Consumer” campaign in India __ **Google**.
Note:
 - The Google India will launch “Digitally Safe Consumer” campaign with the Ministry of Consumer Affairs in 2017 to raise awareness and protect consumer interest on the internet.
 - Google will work on educating consumer organizations in India and it will help in training members of the Consumer Affairs department.
6. China has launched a global carbon dioxide monitoring satellite to understand climate change __ **TanSat**.
Note:
 - It was put into orbit by Long March-2D rocket from Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in north west China's Gobi Desert.
7. Who has successfully tested the newest version of the J-31stealth fighter “FC-31 Gyrfalcon” __ **China**.
Note:
 - The new FC-31 has better stealth capabilities, improved electronic equipment and a larger payload capacity.
8. The world’s highest bridge “Beipanjiang Bridge” is in the country __ **China**.

9. The country who issued an "immediate and severe" travel warning for Western tourists in India__ **Israel**.
10. A team messenger for businesses Flock has launched world's first chat operating system __**FlockOS**.

Honours & Award

1. Who has bagged the prestigious Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy __ **Ravichandran Ashwin**.

Note:

- He has become the 2nd Indian player after Rahul Dravid to bag the two coveted prizes in the same year.
- In 2016, Ashwin has picked up 72 wickets in 12 test matches at an average of 23.90 and scored 612 runs at an average of 43.17

2. Who has won the 2016 SASTRA Ramanujan award for mathematics__ **Maksym Radziwiłł**.

Note:

- The award citation and the shared prize money of \$5,000 were presented by Prof. Steven Weintraub from Lehigh University who is also the Associate Secretary of the American Mathematical Society.

3. Who has topped the 2016 Forbes India celebrity 100 List __ **Salman Khan**.

Note:

- Shah Rukh Khan has been ranked second, followed by Virat Kohli, actor Akshay Kumar and MS Dhoni.
- The Forbes' ranking is based parameters, estimates of entertainment-related earnings and estimates of fame during the period October 2015 to September 2016.

4. Who has been selected for the prestigious 2016 Jnanpith Award__ **Shankha Ghosh**.

Note:

- He has earlier won the Sahitya Academy Award and the Padma Bhushan for his contribution to Indian literature.
- The Jnanpith Award is an Indian literary award presented annually by the Bharatiya Jnanpith to an author for their 'outstanding contribution towards literature'.

5. Bollywood personality has been conferred honorary doctorate by the Maulana Azad National Urdu University__ **Shahrukh Khan**.

Note:

- He has been conferred honorary doctorate at the 6th convocation of the Maulana Azad National Urdu University in Hyderabad for extraordinary contribution towards promotion of Urdu language and culture.

6. Who has been chosen for 2016 Bihari Puraskar__ **Dr. Satya Narayan**.

Note:

- Dr. Satya Narayan is the well-known Rajasthani litterateur.
- He has been chosen for the 26th edition of Bihari Puraskar for 2016 for his Hindi book titled, "Yeh Ek Dunia".

7. Who has been appointed as the new Lt Governor of Delhi__ **Anil Bajaj**.

Note:

- He succeeded Najeeb Jung, who recently resigned from the post.
- Bajaj had served as Union Home Secretary under the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government besides holding key positions in other ministries.

8. Who has been chosen for the 2016 Navlekhan Award of Bharatiya Jnanpith__ **Shraddha and Ghyansham Kumar Devansh**.

Obituaries

1. Veteran Kannada film actor has recently passed away in Mysuru, Karnataka__ **Chetan Ramarao**.
2. The famous Malayalam actor, who passed away in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala__ **Jagannatha Verma**.

Note:

- He is known for his hit films like New Delhi, Pathram and Lelam.

3. The British pop superstar and founding member of Wham! has passed away at Goring, England __ **George Michael**.
4. An international fame painter, has passed away in Indore, Madhya Pradesh__ **Dinanath Bhargava**.

5. Senior BJP leader and former chief minister of Madhya Pradesh has passed away in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh__ **Sunderlal Patwa**.
6. Former Prime Minister of Sri Lanka has passed away in Colombo, Sri Lanka__ **Ratnasiri Wickremanayake**.
Note:
 - He was the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka from 2000 to 2001 and again from 2005 to 2010.

Sports News

1. Who has won the Kids Golf World Championship 2016____ **Arjun Bhati**.
Note:
 - He defeated South Africa’s Methu Denish during the three-level final match in Malaysia.
 - The “Kids Golf World Championship” is a special opportunity for boys and girls between ages 5 to 18 years to play in a world competition organized by US Kids Golf Foundation
2. Who has won the 2016 All India Football Federation (AIFF) Player of the Year__ **Jeje Lalpekhlua**.
Note:
 - He will be presented a prize of Rs. 2.5 lakh along with the glittering Trophy.
3. Gujarat Ranji player has broken the 117-year-old record in first-class cricket by scoring 359 while carrying his bat is __ **Samit Gohel**
4. The Indian tennis player has won the ITF Hong Kong F4 Futures singles title __ **Yuki Bhambri**.
5. The Women’s Hockey World Cup 2018 will be held in the country__ England.
Note:
 - The 2018 Women’s Hockey World Cup will be held between July 7–21, 2018 in London (England).
6. Who has won gold in the Women Elite’s 500m individual time trial event in the 2016 Senior National Track Cycling__ **Deborah Herold**.
7. “Bank Sakhi” scheme has been launched by the Grameen bank of India__ **Karnataka Vikas Grameen Bank**.
Note:
 - A “Bank Sakhi” is someone who has been a member of a self-help group involved in conducting banking and book-keeping activities of the group.
8. The Indian cricketer who was chosen as the Captain of the Cricket Australia’s ODI Team of Year __ **Virat Kohli**.
9. Who has won the 2016 FIFA Team of the year title __ **Argentina**.
10. The British cyclist who announced retirement from the game is __ **Bradley Wiggins**.
11. The Indian snooker player has won the National title in 6-red Snooker __ **Pankaj Advani**.
12. Who has won all three gold medals in three categories (Rapid, Blitz and Standard) on offer in the 1st Western Asia Youth Chess Championships at Al Ain Chess Club in UAE__ **Kush Bhagat**.
Note:
 - Bhagat is the second standard student of the NSS Hill Spring International School, Mumbai.
 - He achieved the feat of being the only Indian to bag all the crowns in the competition.

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