WEEKLY ONE LINER

08th – 14th May 2017
Dear readers,
Weekly One Liner Updates is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the Second week (8th – 14th) of May 2017. This file is important for exams like, SBI(PO), Banking interviews and all upcoming Banking & Insurance exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. Who has launched the NHAI’s Masala Bond at the London Stock Exchange, UK ____ Nitin Gadkari.
   Note:
   ➢ The NHAI witnessed an overwhelming response from a wide range of investors, some of them were first-timers to participate in a Masala Bond market.
   ➢ According to the London Stock Exchange, there are 38 Masala Bonds currently in the market, raising around 5 billion dollars.

2. According to IMF’s latest report ‘Regional Economic Outlook (REO) for Asia and Pacific, India’s GDP growth forecast for FY 18 ____ 7.2%.
   Note:
   ➢ The removal of long-standing structural bottlenecks to enhance market efficiency.
   ➢ Temporary disruptions caused by cash shortages accompanying the currency exchange initiative are expected to gradually dissipate in 2017 as cash shortages ease.

3. The State bank of India (SBI) has announced an interest rate cut for affordable housing loans under Rs 30 lakh up to ____ 25 basis points.
   Note:
   ➢ Salaried woman borrowers can avail loan at an interest rate of 8.35%, offering a reduction of 25 basis points, while for the non-salaried, the rate cut will be a 20 basis points.
   ➢ For salaried male borrowers, loan will be available at 8.40% (a rate cut of 20 basis points), while for the non-salaried, the rate cut will be a 15 basis points.

4. Who has set up an Investor Facilitation Platform to provide information about stocks of public sector units ____ The Finance Ministry.
   Note:
   ➢ The platform will be an interactive forum for all stakeholders, including investors, investment banks, law firms, public sector units and administrative ministries that are involved in stake sales.
   ➢ All users will have to register on the platform, which will then be authorized by Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM).

5. The Cashback portal Cashkaro.com tied up to launch card-linked offers with ____ Yes Bank.

6. According to the Union Minister for Micro Small and Micro Medium Enterprises ministry the export of Coir and Coir products from the country has touched all time high by value ____ Rs. 2282 crore.
   Note:
   ➢ This represents an increase by 27% over value and 20 % over quantity comparing to the previous year.
   ➢ The Coir Board is going ahead with a project to fabricate a versatile spinning machine capable of producing yarn with uniform thickness in large quantity.

7. The department has launched a new e-facility to link a person’s Aadhaar with the Permanent Account Number(PAN) ____ Income Tax (I-T) department.
   Note:
➢ The department's e-filing website https://incometaxindiaefiling.gov.in has created a new link on its homepage making it easy to link the two unique identities of an individual.
➢ The link requires a person to punch in his PAN number, Aadhaar number and the exact name as given in the Aadhaar card.

8. The bank that has been put under watch list under Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) due to high bad loans ___IDBI Bank.

New Appointments

1. Who has won the French Presidential election 2017____Emmanuel Macron.
   Note:
   ➢ Macron defeated his far-right opponent Marine Le Pen.
   ➢ He has won the elections by securing 66.06% votes, while Le Pen got 33.94% of the votes.
   ➢ The President of the French Republic is the executive head of state of the French Republic.

2. India’s Ambassador to the Netherlands___Venu Rajamony.
   Note:
   ➢ Earlier, He had served as Consul General of India in Dubai (2007-2010) and been posted to Indian missions in Hong Kong, Beijing, Geneva, and Washington.
   ➢ Rajamony had been serving in the Rashtrapati Bhawan since August 2012.

3. Who has been appointed Ambassador to Bulgaria ___Pooja Kapur.

4. Who has recently sworn-in as the President of South Korea ____Moon Jae-in.
   Note:
   ➢ Moon Jae-in is the former human rights lawyer and chief of staff to then-President Roh Moo-hyun.
   ➢ Earlier, Moon won about 41.1% of vote, defeating his rivals Hong Joon-pyo -24% (conservative Liberty Korea Party) and Ahn Cheol-soo - 21.4% (centrist People’s Party).

5. Pakistan’s new High Commissioner to India ____ Sohail Mahmood.
   Note:
   ➢ He will replace ‘Abdul Basit’.
   ➢ currently he is the Pakistan’s ambassador to Turkey.

6. Who has been elected as the new chairman of FIFA Governance Committee___Mukul Mudgal.
   Note:
   ➢ Justice (Retd) Mukul Mudgal has been elected as the chairman of ‘FIFA governance committee’ at the world football governing body’s 67th Congress in Bahrain’s capital city of Manama.
   ➢ Former Vice-President of the European Commission Olli Rehnn (Finland) will be the Deputy Chairman of the FIFA Governance Committee.

7. Eminent scientist and former Director General of DRDO has been appointed as the Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University ___V K Saraswat.
   Note:
   ➢ He succeeds former ISRO chairman K Kasturirangan.
   ➢ Currently, Mr. Saraswat is serving as the Member of NITI Aayog.
   ➢ Jawaharlal Nehru University was established in 1969 by an act of parliament.

8. Who has been appointed as new Defense Secretary ___ Sanjay Mitra
   Note:
   ➢ The appointments Committee of the cabinet has approved the appointment of senior IAS officer (1982-West Bengal cadre) Sanjay Mitra (58- year) as the new defence secretary for two-year tenure.
   ➢ The Defence Secretary is the head of the Department of Defence is the senior most civil servant in the Ministry and is responsible for co-coordinating the activities of the four Departments in the Ministry.
9. According to International Cricket Council (ICC) who will complete his term as ICC Chairman ___ Shashank Manohar.

Note:
- The International Cricket Council (ICC) is the international governing body of cricket founded as the Imperial Cricket Conference in 1909 by representatives from England, Australia and South Africa, renamed the International Cricket Conference in 1965 and took up its current name in 1989.

10. Who has been appointed as the WHO Goodwill Ambassador for Hepatitis___ Amitabh Bachchan.

Note:
- Veteran Indian actor Amitabh Bachchan has been appointed as WHO (World Health Organisation) Goodwill Ambassador for the Hepatitis awareness programme in southeast Asia region.
- He has been brought on board to boost awareness and intensify action to arrest the Hepatitis epidemic.
- A ‘goodwill ambassador’ is a person who advocates for a specific cause on the basis of their notability.

11. India’s new ambassador to France ___ Vinay Mohan Kwatra.

Note:
- He will succeed Mohan Kumar

12. Newly elected Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas ____ Hubert Minnis.

13. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed British humanitarian expert as the UN Humanitarian Chief ___ Mark Lowcock.

Note:
- He will replace Undersecretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs Stephen O’Brien in September.
- The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs mobilizes and coordinates humanitarian action with international, national and civil society partners to provide aid during disasters, emergencies and conflicts.

Obituaries

1. Legendary sitar player passed away in Karachi, Pakistan _____ Ustad Raees Khan.

Note:
- He was born in 1939 in Indore (India) in a family of musicians later in 1968, he moved to Pakistan.
- He was honoured with Presidential award (2005) and Sitara-e- Imtiaz (2017).

2. Former Puducherry CM passes away ____ Ramaswamy.

Note:
- Ramaswami became Chief Minister first time in 1974 and for a second time in the same year after winning Assembly elections in 1974.

3. Himachal Pradesh State Ayurveda and Co-Operative affairs minister passed away in Delhi ____ Mr. Karan Singh.

Note:
- He was elected from Banjar assembly constituency in Kullu district in the last assembly elections in 2012.
- Mr. Singh was made the Ayurveda Minister in 2015 by the Virbhadra Singh government.

Important News – India

1. India’s 1st bio-refinery plant has set up in the state ____ Maharashtra.

Note:
- The project is situated at Rahu in Pune district.
- The plant can produce one million litre of ethanol per annum by processing a variety of agro-residue like rice and wheat straw, cotton stalk, cane trash, corn cobs with superior product yields.

2. The country has elected as the new President of Governing Council of UN-Habitat ____ India.

Note:
- The UN-Habitat promotes socially and environmentally sustainable human settlements across the world.
- It is only the third time that India has been elected to lead this important organization after 2007 and 1988.
3. The strategic anti-Naxal operations command headquarters of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has been shifted back from Kolkata to ____Raipur.

Note:
- Earlier, the central zone command headquarters was shifted from Raipur to Kolkata due to logistics, and connectivity issues.
- CRPF is the largest central armed police force or paramilitary force in India.

4. The union Govt. has approved the Under-Ground metro extension in the next three years from ‘Najafgarh’ to _____Dhansa bus stand.

Note:
- Centre will bear 107 crore rupees and Subordinate Debt. Japanese International Cooperation Agency will provide 323 crore rupees and the rest by the Delhi government.
- Najafgarh-Dhansa Bus Stand Metro Extension is estimated to serve the travel needs of an additional 10,000 passengers daily.

5. The Union Government has set up a High-level committee to provide credible data for employment policies ___Arvind Panagariya committee.

Note:
- The task force will recommend solutions which can be implemented in a time bound manner.
- The other members of the task force are Sathiyavathy (labour secretary), T.C.A. Ananth (secretary statistics), Pulak Ghosh(NITI Aayog) and Manish Sabharwal (member RBI Board).

6. The city will host biggest ever International Yoga Day event ____Ahmedabad.

Note:
- According to the Yoga Guru Baba Ramdev ‘Ahmedabad’ will host the biggest ever International Yoga Day event on the 21st June this year.
- About 5 lakh people will be participate in the event.
- GMDC ground and AES ground of Ahmedabad will jointly host the event.

7. The ministry has launched MHA Grievances Redressal App & BSFMyApp ____Home Ministry.

Note:
- Th Union Home Minister ‘Rajnath Singh’ has inaugurated two important mobile applications ‘MHA Grievances Redressal App’ and ‘BSFMyApp’ in New Delhi.
- Now, all the Paramilitary Force Jawans and BSF personnel will be able to raise their problems on ‘BSFMyApp’.

8. Who has launched National Contact Centre with a toll-free number 1800111950 ______ The Election Commission of India.

Note:
- Now, any citizen from any part of the country call on the toll-free number and get their query or complaint addressed at any time of the day in Hindi or English.
- The Centre is operated on a National Grievance Redressal System Software.
- It is a single window platform to manage complaints and feedback received through calls, SMS, emails, and website access in an integrated and time-bound manner.

9. Who has launched new Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine, (PCV) for Pneumonia ____J. P. Nadda.

Note:
- The vaccine will give protection against 13 types of pneumococcal bacteria which cause pneumonia disease
- This vaccine would help health department to control the pneumonia and child mortality rate.
- This is the twelfth disease against which vaccine has been launched by the Health Ministry.

States News

1. Oracle has signed a MoU to improve cloud-based citizen services and make Jharkhand an attractive destination for start-ups with the state ____Jharkhand govt.

Note:
They will jointly explore and identify areas in which Oracle’s latest cloud-based technologies can be used to deliver improved citizen services. Oracle will offer its support to the state through its vast portfolio of technology solutions, including Oracle Cloud.

2. The state govt. has imposed a ban on the sale of junk food (like Potato chips, pizzas, burgers, cakes, biscuits, pastries) in school canteens ___Maharashtra government.  
   **Note:**  
   - It gave a list of 20 items that can be sold, which include wheat roti, vegetable pulav, idli-vada, coconut water and jaljira.  
   - Junk food containing high levels of fat, salt and sugar and very little nutritional content leads to obesity, dental diseases, diabetes and heart ailments in later life.

3. The state govt. has decided to set up Act East Policy Affairs department in the state ___Assam govt.  
   **Note:**  
   - The new department will be set up in a bid to give boost to the ‘Act East policy’.  
   - The State Cabinet has also decided to create a Rhino Protection Force to curb poaching.

4. The Sakewa Festival has been celebrated in the state ___Sikkim.  
   **Note:**  
   - This festival is marked with the performing of puja where prayers are offered to the Supreme Power for Peace and Protection and for the well-being of all the living and non-living things of the universe.

5. The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) raised the minimum fare from Rs.8 to ___Rs.10.  
   **Note:**  
   - Under the new fare structure, for up to 2 kilo-meters the fare will be 10 rupees.  
   - over 32 kilo-meters the fare will be 50 rupees.

6. The state govt. has increased the disability pension of labourers ___Haryana govt.  
   - The Haryana Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board has increased the disability pension of labourers from Rs. 300 to Rs. 3,000.  
   - The increase of pension would provide relief to labourers who became physically disabled due to accidents.  
   - The Board has also increased the amount given on the basis of disability from Rs 1.5 lakh to Rs 3 lakh for registered construction workers who become disabled due to an accident while at work.

7. Who has approved a policy for online transfer of government teachers from the next academic session ___The Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh.

8. The state govt has launched the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gramin Awas Yojna in the state___Gujarat.  
   **Note:**  
   - It will provide benefits of housing to more than 2 lakh homeless families in the rural areas.  
   - The rural homeless people can build their own house with 20 percent subsidy to be directly deposited in their bank account.  
   - Gujarat Government has made provision of Rs.1372 crore in the budget for Pradhan Mantri Gramin Awas Yojana.

**Important News – World**

1. The 2017 joint military exercise ‘Balikatan’ has started between ___United States & Philippines.  
   **Note:**  
   - The joint military exercise 'Balikatan' has started at Camp Aguinaldo in Manila, Philippines.

2. The country hosting the 26th session of the Governing Council (GC) of UN-Habitat-2017___Kenya.  
   **Note:**  
   - UN-Habitat-2017 has started at the United Nations Offices in Nairobi, Kenya with the theme ‘Opportunities for effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda’.

3. The 7th edition of multinational military exercise “Eager Lion” has started in ___Jordan.  

4. US President Donald Trump fires FBI director ___James Comey.  
   **Note:**  
   - James Comey was leading the investigation into whether his election campaign had ties to Russia’s and its interference in last year’s election.

More than 400 Buddhist delegates from over 100 countries has participated in the conference focused on 'Social Justice and Sustainable Peace'.

6. The country who declares end to national Zika emergency ____Brazil.

Note:
- Latin American country Brazil has declared an end to a national emergency over the Zika virus.
- The Zika scare was at its peak before Rio de Janeiro held the 2016 Olympics, with countries around the world reporting an increase in infections.

7. The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared an Ebola outbreak in ____Congo.

Note:
- Teams of experts, including epidemiologists, biologists and hygiene specialists had been dispatched to the region.
- Earlier, more than 11,000 people died in the Ebola outbreak in West Africa in 2014-2015.

8. The country where a cultural festival is being organized by India to mark the 156th birth anniversary of the famous Indian poet, Rabindranath Tagore ____Egypt.

**Important Day**

1. The ‘World Red Cross Day’ is observed annually to commemorate the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant ____8th May.

Note:
- The theme for 2017 is ‘Less Known Red Cross Stories’.

2. The World Thalassemia Day (WTD) is observed every year on ____8th May.

Note:
- Thalassemia is genetic blood disorders characterized by reduction in the synthesis or absence of hemoglobin in the body.
- The theme for 2017 is ‘Together for Humanity’ highlights the need for unity and the efforts that are required to fight this fatal disease.

3. The ‘National Technology Day’ is being celebrated every year on ____11th May.

Note:
- This year’s theme for celebrations of the Technology Day is ‘Technology for inclusive and sustainable growth’.
- The day celebrate the anniversary of first of the five tests of Operation Shakti (Pokhran-II) nuclear test, held on 11th May 1998 in Pokhran, Rajasthan.

4. International Nurses Day (IND) is an international day celebrated around the world on ____12th May.

Note:
- To mark the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale (the founder of modern nursing).
- The theme of this year is ‘Nursing: A voice to lead - Achieving the sustainable development goals.”

**Honors & Award**

1. Hollywood star has received the first-ever Genderless Acting Award for the Best Actor category at the 2017 MTV Movie and TV Awards ____Emma Watson.

Note:
- This is the first ever genderless award that doesn’t separate nominees based on their sex.
- The MTV Movie & TV Awards is a film and television awards presented annually to winners decided online by general public.

2. The Tholkappiyar Award for the year 2015-16 ____R Kalaikkovan.

Note:
- The Tholkappiyar award is a Presidential Award for scholars in classical Tamil.
The awards were instituted to give recognition and honour to distinguished scholars who have made outstanding contribution to Classical Tamil language and literature.

3. Indian cricketer has been conferred with the Fellowship Award in United Kingdom (UK) __ Sachin Tendulkar.

4. Recently, India cricketer batsman V V S Laxman has been awarded an honorary life membership to the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) ____ V V S Laxman.

   Note:
   - He is the fifth Indian to receive the honour after Sachin Tendulkar, Sourav Ganguly, Rahul Dravid, and Zaheer Khan.
   - Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) is a cricket club in London, founded in 1787.

5. The first Indian woman to be conferred with the prestigious Woodrow Wilson Award for Global Corporate Citizenship ____ Chanda Kochhar.

   Note:
   - Woodrow Wilson Award was instituted in 1998 by the prestigious Wilson Center to felicitate individuals whose actions and accomplishments either in their careers or through service.
   - Now, she has joined the league of APJ Abdul Kalam and Narayana Murthy.

6. Indian actress has won the best actress award at the New York Indian Film Festival - 2017 ____ Konkona Sen Sharma.

   - Konkona Sen has won the best actress award for “Lipstick Under My Burkha”
   - She also bagged the best director award for her debut film “A Death in the Gunj” at the award ceremony.

7. Who has won the Eurovision 2017 Song Contest for the first time ____ Portugal.

   Note:
   - Portugal has won the Eurovision-2017 Song Contest for the first time ever with a melancholy ballad performed by a singer who suffers from a serious heart condition.
   - The fado-tinged song "Amar Pelos Dois" was performed by Salvador Sobral (27-year), who is awaiting a heart transplant.

---

**Sports News**

1. Who has won the ‘Sultan Azlan Shah Cup’ title at Ipoh in Malaysia ____ Great Britain.

   Note:
   - The ‘Sultan Azlan Shah Cup’ is an annual international men’s field hockey tournament held in Malaysia.
   - The tournament is named after the ninth Yang di-Pertuan Agong (King) of Malaysia, Sultan Azlan Shah.


   Note:
   - The sea turtle ‘Olive Ridley’ has been declared the mascot of the Championship.
   - The Asian Athletics Championships will be held at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar from 6th to 9th July 2017.
   - More than 700 athletes from nearly 45 countries would participate in 42 sports events during the four-day sports extravaganza.

3. The world’s highest wicket-taker in women ODI cricket ____ Jhulan Goswami.

   Note:
   - India’s woman’s cricket team fast bowler ‘Jhulan Goswami’ has become the highest wicket-taker (181- wickets) in the history of ODIs (One Day International).
   - She eclipsed the record in the name of Cathryn Fitzpatrick (Australia) record 180 wickets from 109 matches.

4. The Indian boxer qualified for the World Championships in the 52 kilogram category after getting a walkover against Malaysia’s Salam Abdul Kasim at the Asian Championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan ____ Kavinder Singh Bisht.

5. Who has won his maiden professional title with a convincing win over compatriot Kush Kumar in the SYS Open ____ Ramit Tandon.

   Note:
   - Tandon had come into this event as a qualifier beat third seed Kumar 11-3, 11-2, 11-3 in the final.
6. Spanish professional tennis player has won the 5th Madrid Open title of Tennis at Madrid, Spain — Rafael Nadal.
   Note:
   ➢ He defeated Dominic Thiem (Austria) in straight sets 7-6(8), 6-4.
   ➢ The Madrid Open is a men's and women's professional tennis tournament, held in Madrid, Spain.

7. Who won a bronze medal in Greco-Roman weight divisions of Asian Wrestling Championship in New Delhi — Harpreet Singh.
   Note:
   ➢ He beat his rival Jun Ji Na (China) in 80 kg category.
   ➢ Gurpreet had earlier entered the bronze medal play-off round of Greco-Roman weight divisions in the 75 Kg category.

8. The footballer has named for the FWA Footballer of the Year — N'Golo Kante.

9. Indian women wrestlers bagged silver medals in their respective categories in the Asian Wrestling Championship in New Delhi — Sakshi Malik, Vinesh Phogat and Divya Kakran.

10. Who has won the bronze in Grand Prix of Liberation Plezn 2017 Shooting championship — Heena Sidhu.
    Note:
    ➢ Heena Sindhu claimed a bronze medal in the women's 10m Air Pistol at the Grand Prix of Liberation Plezn 2017 Shooting championships in Czech Republic.
    ➢ Heena shot 218.8 in the eight-woman final, Anna Korakaki (Greek) claimed Gold medal (sot 246.3) and Michelle Skeries (Germany) took silver (shot 237.8)
Banking & SSC Online Mock Test Series

- Based on Latest Exam Pattern
- Available in Hindi & English
- Get all India rank & result analysis
- Detailed Solutions
- Can be taken on web & mobile

www.gradeup.co