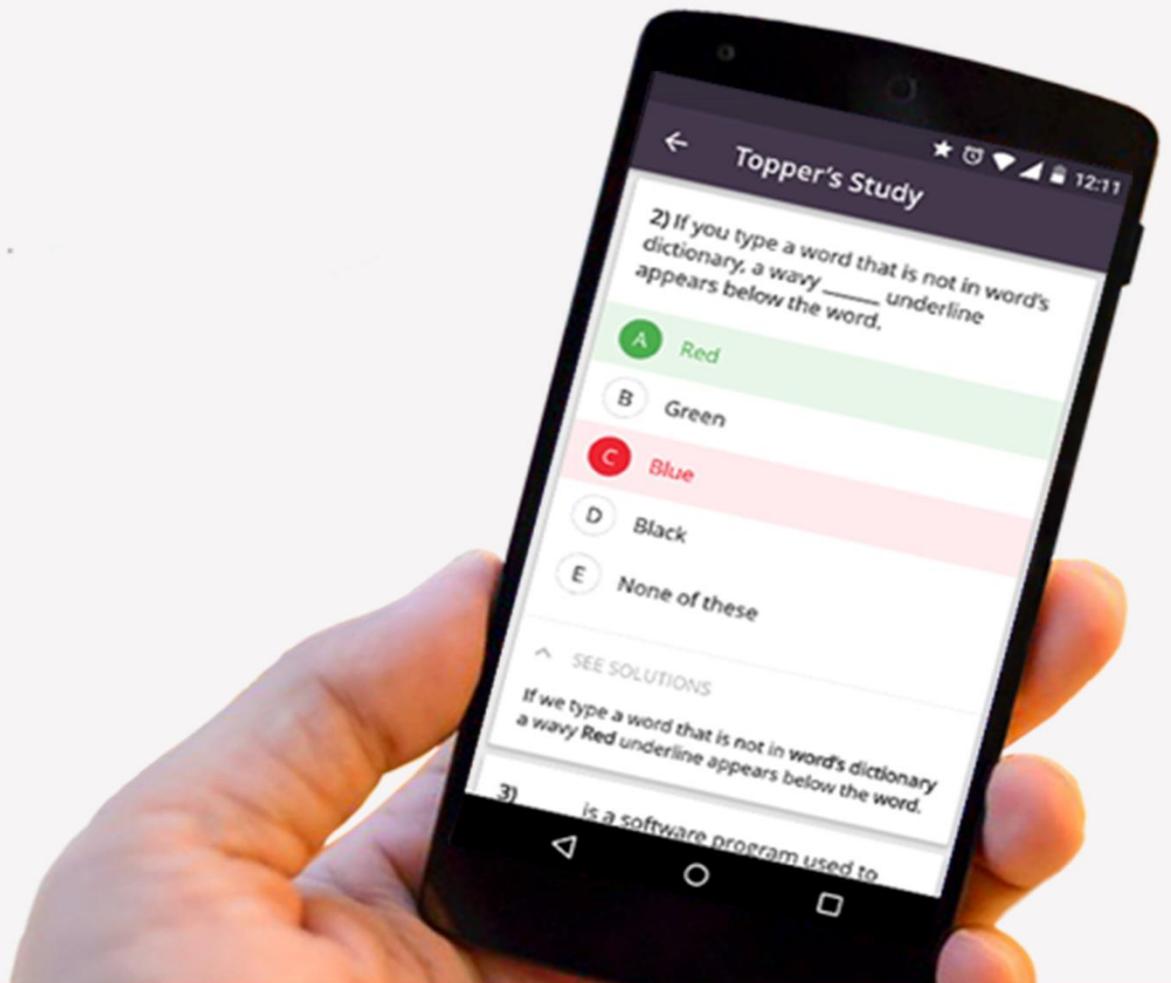




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Dear readers,

Weekly One Liner Updates is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the **third** week (15th -21st) of June 2017. This file is important for **Banking interviews** and all upcoming Banking & Insurance exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. State-owned oil firms signed an agreement to jointly set up world's biggest refinery at Ratnagiri district of Maharashtra ___ **IOC, BPCL and HPCL.**
Note:
 - Indian Oil Corp (IOC) will be the lead partner with 50% stake while Hindustan Petroleum Corp Ltd (HPCL) and Bharat Petroleum Corp Ltd (BPCL) will take 25% stake each.
 - The new complex will have 60 million tones refining capacity.
2. Who has imposed a penalty of Rs. 87 crores on Hyundai Motor India for unfair business practices with respect to providing discounts for cars ___ **Competition Commission of India (CCI).**
Note:
 - According to CCI, the company contravened competition law through arrangements which resulted into resale price maintenance and by mandating its dealers to use recommended lubricants and oils.
3. As per a recent United Nations report, the country who has become the top remittance-receiving country for the year 2016 is ___ **India.**
Note:
 - India was the top receiving country for remittances in 2016, followed by China (USD 61 billion), the Philippines (USD 30 billion) and Pakistan (USD 20 billion).
 - Indians working across the globe sent home 62.7 billion US dollars last year.
4. India's rank in the 2017 Global Innovation Index (GII) ___ **60th.**
Note:
 - India has been ranked 60th out of 130 nations on the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2017.
5. The union govt. has made mandatory for opening new bank accounts & for financial transactions of Rs 50,000 and above ___ **Aadhaar card.**
Note:
 - All existing account holders are asked to submit Aadhaar to banks by 31st Dec,2017.
 - Once Aadhaar is linked with PAN, it will certainly lead to automatic link with the bank accounts as well.
6. The public-sector bank has tied up with Tirumala Milk Products for providing loans to dairy farmers ___ State Bank of India(SBI).
Note:
 - SBI offers loans for construction of shed, and purchase of milch animals, milking machine, and chaff cutter.
7. Hike Messenger has collaborated with the bank to launch UPI-based wallet ___ **Yes bank.**
Note:
 - With Unified Payments Interface(UPI) support, users can now do free and instant bank-to-bank transfers with their friends even if they aren't on Hike.
 - For those who don't actively use a bank account, Hike still allows them to send and receive money with your friends through the Wallet.
 - The app now also allows users to recharge their phones and pay their post-paid bill right from inside Hike.
8. Indian organization has launched digital enrollment process "APY@eNPS" for Atal Pension Yojna ___ **PFRDA.**
Note:

- The APY is the government's flagship social security scheme which may be availed by every citizen of India who is in the age group of 18-40 years.

Obituaries

1. P N Bhagwati, who passed away recently, was known for introducing ____ **Public Interest Litigation (PIL)**.

Note:

- Former Chief Justice of India P N Bhagwati considered a pioneer of judicial activism in the country for introducing the concept of PILs (Public Interest Litigation) passed away after brief illness.
- In 2007, Bhagwati was awarded India's second highest civilian award the Padma Vibhushan in public affairs.

2. Former German Chancellor passed away at his house in the western state of Germany __ **Helmut Kohl**.

Note:

- Kohl served as German Chancellor continuously for 16 years (from 1982 to 1998).
- He is also credited with bringing East and West Germany together after the fall of the Berlin Wall.
- Kohl is remembered for reuniting the country and for making a huge political and economic contribution to Europe's integration.

3. British actor who played Professor Everard in 'Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix' passed away __ **Sam Beazley**.

Note:

- As Professor Everard, Beazley became known as one of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry's most celebrated head teachers.

4. The President of Ramakrishna Math and Mission passed away in a Kolkata __ **Swami Atmasthananda**.

Note:

- Atmasthananda was born near Dhaka (now in Bangladesh) and had received 'mantra diksha' from Swami Vijnananandaji Maharaj in 1938.
- He was elected President of the Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission in December 2007.

5. Baldwin Lonsdale passed away recently, was the President of ____ **Vanuatu**.

Note:

- President of Vanuatu Baldwin Jacobson Lonsdale has passed away in Port Vila, Vanuatu.

Honour and award

1. The first Israeli author to win the Man Booker International Prize 2017 for his novel 'A Horse Walks Into a Bar' __ **David Grossman**.

Note:

- He will share the USD 64,000 award money with his translator **Jessica Cohen**.
- From 2016, the Man Booker International Prize has evolved to encourage more publishing and reading of quality fiction in translation and the prize is to be awarded annually on the basis of a single book.
- The Man Booker Prize is world's most prestigious English-language literary award launched in 1969 and presented by the Man Group.

2. The IIT institute has conferred honorary doctorate degree (D.Sc) to PT Usha __ **IIT Kanpur**.

Note:

- P T Usha has conferred honorary doctorate degree for her contributions to Indian sports and women empowerment.
- The D.Sc is the highest (honorary) academic degree of IIT Kanpur.

3. Eminent writer has been selected for the 5th Bhupen Hazarika National Award 2017 __ **Yeshe Dorjee Thongchi**

Note:

- The award has been instituted a Maharashtra-based social organisation 'Sarhad' for outstanding literary work at national and international level.

- The award consists of Rs. 51,000, a memento and a certificate.
 - Yeshe Dorjee Thongshi belongs to the West Kameng district, Arunachal Pradesh.
4. The Yoga Institute here has been selected as the first recipient of the Prime Minister's Award for outstanding contribution for promotion and development of yoga __ **Ramamani Iyengar Memorial Yoga Institute,Pune.**

Note:

- The Yoga Institute has worked to spread Yoga, internationally over a period of four decades.
 - The selection was done from among 85 nominations received and 15 more recommended by the Screening Committee.
5. The state has gotten the awarded for constructing the highest number of rural roads, under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) __ **Bihar.**
6. The state has gotten the award for use of non-conventional construction material in constructing roads __ **Madhya Pradesh.**
7. Who has won the 2017 Orwell Prize __ **John Bew.**

Note:

- John Bew has been bestowed with the 2017 Orwell Prize for his extraordinary biography 'Citizen Clem', which is about Clement Attlee.
8. The person who conferred with the Member of the Order of the British Empire is __ **Annabel Mehta.**
- Note:**
- Social activist Annabel Mehta has been conferred with the Member of the Order of the British Empire in recognition of her 40 years of service to underprivileged communities in Mumbai and the NGO 'Apnalaya'.
9. The new brand ambassador to promote Goods and Services Tax (GST) __ **Amitabh Bachchan.**

Note:

- Bachchan will explain the GST as a unifying force just like the three colours in the national flag.

New Appointments/ Retirement

1. The newly appointed Indian Ambassador to European Union (EU) __ **Gaitri Issar Kumar.**

Note:

- Gaitri Issar Kumar (1986 batch IFS officer), has been appointed as the India's new Ambassador to Belgium and the European Union (EU).
2. Indian-origin has become the youngest Prime Minister of Ireland __ **Leo Varadkar.**
3. International Law expert has been elected as the Judge of the United Nations' International Tribunal for Law of the Sea (ITLOS) __ **Neeru Chadha.**

Note:

- Chadha got 120 votes with the highest in the Asia-Pacific group.
 - The Hamburg-based ITLOS, established in 1996, is one of dispute settlement mechanisms under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) that entered into force in 1994.
4. The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has appointed education activist & Syrian refugee as its newest and youngest Goodwill Ambassador __ **Muzoon Almellehan.**

Note:

- Almellehan lived as a refugee for three years in Jordan before being resettled in the United Kingdom (UK).
 - She will be the first person with official refugee status to become an Ambassador for UNICEF.
5. India has re-nominated Justice as its candidate for another term as Judge at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) __ **Dalveer Bhandari.**

Note:

- He was elected in April 2012 during simultaneous balloting in both the General Assembly and the Security Council to a seat on the ICJ.
- His current term runs through February 2018.
- The International Court of Justice (ICJ) is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations (UN) based in The Hague, Netherlands.

6. Who will be NDA's presidential candidate for the upcoming presidential election __**Ramnath Kovind**

Note:

- Earlier NDA (National Democratic Alliance) has announced the name of Dalit leader Kovind (71-year) as its nominee for the president's post.
- The presidential election is scheduled for 17th July 2017

7. Who has been appointed as the new crown prince of Saudi Arabia by King Salman __**Mohammed bin Salman.**

Note:

- Saudi King 'Salman' named his son 'Mohammed bin Salman' as crown prince also named deputy prime minister and minister of defence.
- The Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia is the second most important position in Saudi Arabia, second to the king, and is his designated successor.

8. Uber Founder & the chief executive of Uber has resigned from the post __**Travis Kalanick.**

Note:

- Kalanick will remain on Uber's board of directors.
- Uber Technologies Inc. is an American technology company headquartered in San Francisco, California, United States and operating in 570 cities worldwide.

Important News - India

1. India's first canal top solar PV System on cooling water (CW) channel inside power station__ **NTPC Mouda (Nagpur).**

Note:

- This novel Solar PV system makes use of side walls of CW channels as load bearing structure thereby significantly decreasing cost of civil and mounting structure.

2. The 16th North East Region Commonwealth Parliamentary Association(NERCPA) Conference at __ **Imphal (Manipur).**

Note:

- The Conference has deliberated on three significant themes North East and Look East Policy, special plan for development of railways, airways, surface road and inland waterways connectivity for speedy economic development of North East Region and setting up of a chapter of Speaker's Research Initiative in the North-Eastern Region for capacity building of the legislators.

3. Who has signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Participation in the ANUGA 2017 Exhibition__ **India.**

Note:

- ANUGA (Allgemeine Nahrungs Und Genußmittel Ausstellung) is the world's biggest and most important trade fair for Food and beverage trade.

4. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the first phase of Metro for the city in Kerala __**Kochi Metro.**

Note:

- The Kochi metro project became the first metro in the country which connects rail, road, and water transport facilities.
- The first phase is 13.2 km section (11 stations) of the line from Aluva to Palarivattom.
- Kochi Metro Rail Limited is a 50-50 Joint Venture of Centre and the Kerala government.

5. Who has become the 71st country to join the United Nations TIR (Transports Internationaux Routiers) Convention to boost trade through smoother movement of goods across territories __**India.**

Note:

- It is part of its multi-modal transport strategy that aims at integrating Indian economy with global and regional production networks through better connectivity.
- The TIR system is the international customs transit system with the widest geographical coverage.

6. Who has offered support for implementation of Kerala government's ambitious 'Nava Kerala Mission' which focusses on education, health, agriculture, and housing__ **NITI Aayog.**

Note:

- Nava Kerala Mission is an initiative of Kerala government launched in November 2016.

- The initiative seeks to address problems faced in four key social sectors, namely, health, education, agriculture, and housing, with the help and involvement of local self-governments.
7. The Union Railways Minister has flagged off special tourist train __ **Gandhi Darshan Spl.**
Note:
- This train will cover all the important destinations like Wardha, Motihari, Bettiah, Gaya, Varanasi, Allahabad & Surat connected with India's freedom struggle movement & Mahatma Gandhi.
 - The 864-seater tourist train will be on a special Tour for 10 days.
8. The union External Affairs Minister has inaugurated a Programme for young overseas Indians in New Delhi __ **Know India Programme (KIP).**
Note:
- The Know India Programme (KIP) is a three-week orientation programme for the Indian diaspora.
 - The programme is aimed at promoting awareness on different facets of life in India and the progress made by the country in various fields such as economic and education.
9. Who has launched a special blue 'umbrella emoji' for its Indian users to celebrate monsoon__ **Twitter.**
Note:
- The emoji went live on 16th June and will be active till 31st August this year.
 - Earlier, Twitter has celebrated the local culture with customized emojis (Diwali, Ganesh Chaturthi, Independence Day, Republic Day, International Day of Yoga, and Ambedkar Jayanti).
10. The authority has cleared the final raising of Sardar Sarovar Dam (SSD) in Gujarat by lowering of gates and impounding of water in the reservoir upto its Full Reservoir Level (FRL) of EL 138.68 mts ____ **Narmada Control Authority (NCA).**
Note:
- The 'Sardar Sarovar Project' would primarily meet the water requirement of drought prone and desert areas of Gujarat and Rajasthan.
11. The ministry has launched 'National Mission on Cultural Mapping of India' ____ **Ministry of Culture.**
Note:
- This Mission is part of the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' umbrella and a stage will be provided to the registered artists for performance and displaying their talent.
 - Registration can also be done directly on the portal 'culturalmappingofindia.nic.in'.
 - The scheme is set to cover all the Blocks of the Country, involving a total of 6.40 Lakh villages over the span of next 3 years.
12. The American aerospace giant and 'Tata Group' have signed a pact to produce, operate, and export the combat-proven F-16 fighters in India ____ **Lockheed Martin.**
Note:
- The deal announced during the Paris Air show between Tata Advanced Systems Ltd (TASL) and Lockheed Martin is ideally suited to meet Indian Air Force's single-engine fighter needs.
 - The General Dynamics F-16 Fighting Falcon is a single-engine supersonic multirole fighter aircraft originally developed by General Dynamics (now Lockheed Martin) for the United States Air Force (USAF).
13. Who has launched Energy Conservation Building Code (ECBC) 2017 developed by Bureau of Energy Efficiency in New Delhi__ **Piyush Goyal.**
Note:
- The code aims at optimizing energy savings with the comfort level for occupants, and prefers life-cycle cost effectiveness to achieve energy neutrality in commercial building.
 - **ECBC 2017** is a leap forward towards strengthening **India's capabilities** to combat **climate changes** in a sustainable manner.
14. Airports in small towns would come on the aviation map by this September through the regional connectivity scheme 'UDAAN'__ **thirty-three.**
Note:
- The 'UDAAN' scheme is designed as a demand-driven one so that States can participate in it to make it fruitful.

15. Who has launched a Mobile App – ‘Celebrating Yoga’ to connect people through Yoga for a scientific healthy living at a function in New Delhi ___ **Dr. Harsh Vardhan**.

Note:

- The mobile application will help to provide a platform to share information and insights about people's participation during Yoga activities on International Yoga Day (21st June).
- The Ministry will also share research works done under the programme called Science and Technology of Yoga and Meditation about the positive impact of yoga.

States News

1. The state Cabinet has approved for setting up of a cloud based IP CCTV surveillance system in the State ___ **Andhra Pradesh**.

Note:

- Andhra Pradesh will set up a surveillance cloud with the technical support of Statewide Fiber Optic Network Infra's Network Operations Centre for security, traffic control, real-time monitoring, cleanliness of the surroundings and other purposes.
- The two data centres would come up in Visakhapatnam and Amaravati.

2. The state government launched the website 'PashuBazar' to facilitate online sale or purchase of cattle ___ **Telangana**.

Note:

- New cattle rules issued by the Central government were under study and the rules would be applicable to online sale too.
- Farmer can keep maximum five registrations for sale at any time.

3. The state govt. has announced to wave off entire crop loans up to Rs. 2 lakhs for small and marginal farmers ___ **Punjab**.

Note:

- The state govt. will take over the outstanding crop loan from institutional sources of all the families of farmers who committed suicides in the state.
- The Punjab has also decided to raise the ex-gratia for suicide affected families to Rs. 5 lakhs (existing Rs.3.00 lakh).

4. A regional Silk Research and Production centre will be set up in the city of Uttar Pradesh ___ **Gorkahpur**.

5. The state's government has launched the Anuyatra campaign for disabled persons ___ **Kerala**.

Important News - World

1. The country has ratified automatic exchange of information with India to help flush out black money ___ **Switzerland**.

Note:

- According to the country's top governing body 'The Swiss Federal Council', the protocol will be implemented next year and the first set of information is planned in 2019.

2. Who has been re-elected to the UN's principal organ on economic, social, and environmental issues for another three-year term ___ **India**

Note:

- India was among 18 nations to win election to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).
- India obtained 183 votes in the Asia Pacific category.

3. The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) Board of Governors has approved the membership of the countries at its second annual meeting ___ **Argentina, Madagascar, and Tonga**.

Note:

- These members will join the AIIB once they complete the required domestic processes and deposit the first instalment of the capital with the bank.
- The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) is a multilateral development bank that aims to support the building of infrastructure in the Asia-Pacific region.

4. A country has announced to opening of online visitor visa applications for Indian nationals ___ **Australia**.

Note:

- The online application option would make applying for the country's visitor visas easier and enhance the experience for Indians.

- There has been a significant increase in demand for Australian visas in India with the rising popularity of Australia as a holiday destination.
- 5. The countries have been re-elected to the United Nations Economic and Social Council ___ **India, Japan and the Philippines**.
- 6. Who has inaugurated the first 'Afghanistan-India air corridor' at the Kabul International Airport, Afghanistan ___ **Ashraf Ghani**.
Note:
 - The aim of the corridor is to create direct route (bypass Pakistan) to improve commerce in Afghanistan.
 - Afghanistan is a mountainous landlocked country and all imports and exports depend on neighbouring countries.
- 7. The interplanetary Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM) of ISRO completed 1000 Earth days in its orbit ___ **Mangalyaan**.
- 8. The city hosted the World Summit on Information Society (WSIS) Forum-2017 ___ **Geneva** (Switzerland).
- 9. As per a new study conducted by the UN Refugee Agency, the number of people displaced worldwide in 2016 ___ **65.6 million**

Important Day

1. The ASEAN Dengue Day (ADD) is observed every year on ___ **15th June**.
Note:
 - The day raise awareness on dengue and to mobilize resources for prevention and control involving private and public-sector stakeholders.
 - The theme of the 2017 is 'United fight against dengue'.
2. The World Day to Combat Desertification (WDCD) is being observed globally on ___ **17th June**.
Note:
 - The theme of 2017 is 'Link between land degradation and migration'.
 - Over 250 million people are directly affected by desertification, and about one billion people in over one hundred countries are at risk.
3. International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict is being observed on ___ **19th June**.
Note:
 - The day raise awareness to put an end to conflict-related sexual violence.
 - Theme of this year is 'Preventing Sexual Violence Crimes through Justice and Deterrence'.
4. The World Refugee Day (WRD) is observed every year on ___ **20th June**.
Note:
 - The day raise awareness of the situation of refugees throughout the world.
 - This year, the World Refugee Day also marks a key moment for the public to show support for families forced to flee.
 - In Dec 2000, **United Nations General Assembly** (UNGA) had passed a resolution to observe **20th June** as World Refugee Day.
5. International Yoga Day is being celebrated world-wide on ___ **21st June**
Note:
 - The theme of this year is "Yoga for Health", to highlight the fact that yoga can contribute in a holistic way to achieving an equilibrium between mind and body.
 - The first International Yoga Day (IYD) was celebrated across the world on 21st June 2015.

Sports News

1. India's shuttler has lifted the Indonesia Open Super Series men's singles Premier title at Jakarta, Indonesia ___ **Kidambi Srikanth**.
Note:
 - In the final, Srikanth defeated Kazumasa Sakai (Japan) in straight games 21-11, 21-19.
 - Srikanth clinched his 3rd Super Series title after he had notched up victories at the China Open (2014) and the India Open (2015).
 - The Indonesia Open is an annual badminton tournament organized by Persatuan Bulutangkis Seluruh Indonesia (PBSI) and held in Indonesia since 1982.

2. India bag how many medals in Asian Junior Wrestling Championships___ **five**.

Note:

- India bagged five medals (Gold-1-, Silver-2, Bronze-2) in the 2017 Asian Junior Wrestling Championships in Taiwan.
- India's gold came in the women's 51 Kg freestyle category through Puja.

3. Who has clinched its maiden ICC Champions Trophy title with a massive 180-run victory over India at the Oval in London ___**Pakistan**.

Note:

- The Man of the series: Hasan Ali (Pakistan).

4. India has won medals in the 'Wushu competition' of the first ever BRICS Games in Guangzhou, China __**Six**.

Note:

- Around 300 athletes from five countries (Brazil, China, India, Russia, South Africa) with 10 events in 3 sports (men's basketball, women's volleyball and Wushu).

5. Former Indian Captain has resigned from the post of 'Head Coach' of the Senior Indian Cricket team ___**Anil Kumble**.

Note:

- Earlier, one year contract of Kumble expired at the end of the Champions Trophy but he was given the option to travel with the team to the West Indies tour.

6. International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced that the Women's World Cup winning team will bag a handy prize money of ___**USD 660,000**.

Note:

- Earlier, the ICC had declared that the total prize money for the tournament would be 2 million US Dollars.
- The prize money filters down the ladder with the runner-up winning USD 330,000 and the losing semi-finalists getting USD 165,000 each.
- Teams exiting at the group stage will get USD 30,000 each, while each win in the group stage will earn a side USD 20,000.

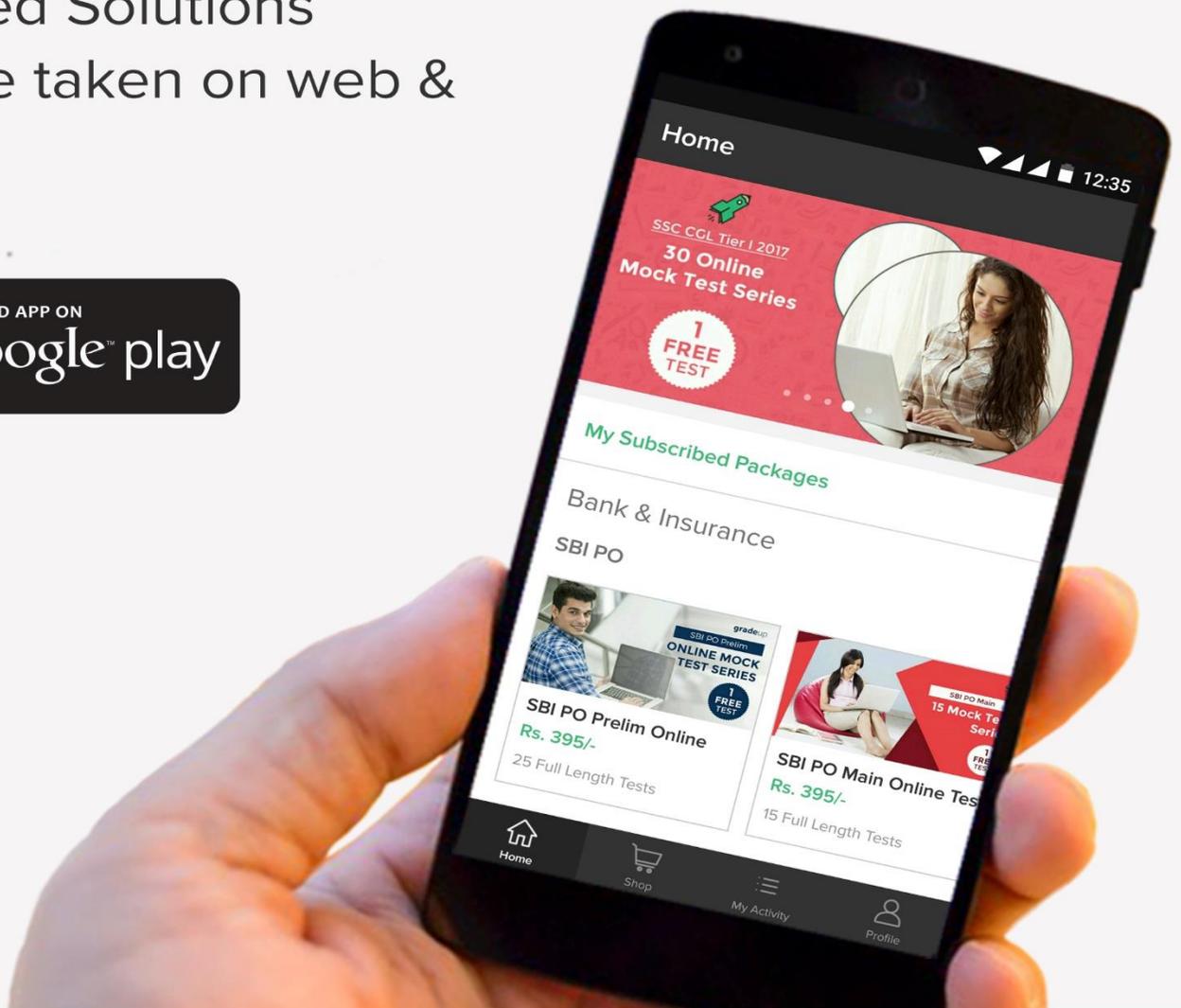
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