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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 July 2017. This file is important for Banking interviews and all upcoming Banking & Insurance exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. The bank has signed an agreement with Directorate General of Supplies & Disposal (DGS&D) for extending various banking services to Government e-Marketplace (GeM) ___ Bank of Baroda (BoB).
   Note:
   ➢ DGS&D has been mandated to set up GeM, an initiative intended to bring greater transparency and efficiency in public procurements.
   ➢ It will immensely benefit all stakeholders and ensure a support system including a dedicated team for seamless functioning of the portal.

2. The Bank has launched a ‘Multicurrency Forex Card’ for the customer’s convenience of loading up to 20 widely used currencies on one card ___ Standard Chartered bank.
   Note:
   ➢ The card comes with an online reload facility during overseas travel and is designed to offer travelers a secure way to carry money when travelling abroad.
   ➢ The card will also provide forex rate lock-in with zero mark-up on cash withdrawals and shopping abroad.
   ➢ It will also provide travelers insurance covers against misuse of lost card, personal accident insurance and loss of baggage or personal documents.

3. The bank has decided to acquire digital wallet FreeCharge from Snapdeal in a deal worth Rs. 385 Crore ___ Axis bank.
   Note:
   ➢ Now, the acquisition will need approval from Reserve Bank of India among others.
   ➢ According to the RBI regulations, any bank can have one license for prepaid payments instrument(PPI) like free charge.
   ➢ Axis Bank already have an PPI license, the lender has surrender one of the licenses.

4. Canara Bank has launched its first ‘Digital Banking Branch’ at Spencer Towers in MG Road, Bengaluru ___ CANDI.
   Note:
   ➢ The bank has also introduced customer-friendly mobile apps which help customers get most of the information related to their accounts from the app without the need to visit the branch.
   ➢ The feature of the ‘Digital Branch’ is a humanoid robot that addresses basic queries of customers on banking products and services.

5. Who has received final approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to function as the Bharat Bill Payment Central Unit (BBPCU) and operate Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) ___ National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
   Note:
   ➢ The total number of Bharat Bill Payment Operating Units certified by NPCI now stands at twenty-four.
   ➢ The certified units include 10 private sector banks, five cooperative banks, three public sector banks and six non-bank biller aggregators.

6. The Income Tax (IT) department has detected around how many crore rupees of undisclosed income after conducting massive searches, seizures, and surveys over the last three years ___ 72 thousand crore rupees.
   Note:
   ➢ During the period of demonetisation from 9th of November last year to 10th January, the total undisclosed income admitted was more than 5,400 crore rupees.
7. The GST council has formed a committee to select members of National Anti-profiteering Authority (NAPA) under GST______Pradeep Kumar Sinha.

Note:
➢ The standing committee is empowered to refer cases requiring detailed enquiry to the Director General of Safeguards, Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) for consideration of the NAPA

Imported Day

1. The 2017 National Broadcasting Day (NBD) is celebrated in India ____ 23rd July.
2. Kargil Vijay Diwas is observed every year in honour of the Kargil War’s Heroes ____ 26th July.

Note:
➢ On this day in 1999 that the Indian Armed Forces, as part of Operation Vijay recaptured Indian posts in Kargil which had been occupied by Pakistan’s army.
➢ The Kargil war was fought for more than 60 days, 527 soldiers from Indian Armed Forces sacrificed their lives during the war.
3. The World Hepatitis Day is being observed world-wide to raise global awareness of Hepatitis and encourage prevention, diagnosis and treatment____ 28th July.

Note:
➢ The Theme of this year is “Eliminate Hepatitis” to mobilize intensified action towards the health targets in the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.
➢ Hepatitis is a group of infectious diseases known as Hepatitis A, B, C, D, and E.
4. The International Tiger Day is observed globally to raise awareness for tiger conservation____ 29th July.

Note:
➢ The goal of the day is to promote a global system for protecting the natural habitats of tigers and to raise public awareness and support for tiger conservation issues.
➢ According to the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), only 3,890 tigers are left in the world.
5. The World Day against Trafficking in Persons is observed across the world to raise awareness of the plight of victims of human trafficking and to protect their rights_______30th July.

Note:
➢ The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) selected this year ‘Act to Protect and Assist Trafficked Persons’ as the focus of the Day.

Obituary

1. Space scientist and the former chairman of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) passed away in Bengaluru____ Prof. ‘Udupi Ramachandra Rao.

Note:
➢ He initiated the development of the medium powered GSLV rocket for two-tonne spacecraft in 1991.
➢ Prof. Rao was decorated with the Padma Vibhushan (2017) and the Padma Shri (1976).
2. American songwriter the lead singer of Linkin Park passed away in California, U.S.____ Chester Bennington.

Note:
➢ He was best known as the front man for the rock band Linkin Park the sixth-greatest band of the music video era and the third-best of the new millennium.
➢ He was also the lead singer for Dead by Sunrise and fronted Stone Temple Pilots from 2013 - 2015.
3. Renowned scientist known for his contributions to the study of cosmic rays passed away at his residence in Noida __ Professor Yash Pal.

Note:
➢ He received the Kalinga Prize (in 2009) awarded by UNESCO, Padma Bhushan (in 1976) and Padma Vibhushan (in 2013).
4. Former Chief Minister of Karnataka and Congress Leader passed away due to heart attack in Bengaluru____ N. Dharam Singh.

Note:
Mr. Singh headed the Congress-Janata Dal (Secular) coalition government from May 2004 to February 2006. He represented the Karnataka Legislative Assembly seven times without a defeat and was a member of the Lok Sabha from Bidar constituency in 2009 general election.

5. Bollywood actor passed away due to heart attack at his residence in Andheri Mumbai— Inder Kumar.
   Note: Inder has worked in several popular films like Wanted, 'Tumko Na Bhool Payenge' 'Kahin Pyaar Na Ho Jaaye' and Akshay Kumar's 'Khiladiyon Ka Khiladi.'

New Appointments

1. The state's chief minister handed over the offer letter to the Rio Olympics silver medallist 'P V Sindhu' as a Group-I officer—Andhra Pradesh.
   Note: In Olympics history, Sindhu has become the fifth Indian woman (Karnam Malleswari, Mary Kom, Saina Nehwal and Sakshi Malik) to clinch a medal. Since 2013, She has been working with Bharat Petroleum Corp Ltd (BPCL) and is currently an assistant manager (sports) at its Hyderabad office.

2. Tamil film actor has been appointed brand icon of Pro Kabaddi League franchise Tamil Thalaivas—Kamal Haasan.
   Note: Tamil Thalaivas co-owned by India batting legend Sachin Tendulkar.

3. Who has been appointed as Secretary to President elect Ram Nath Kovind—Sanjay Kothari.
   Note: Currently, Mr. Kothari is the Chairman of Public Enterprises Selection Board. Bharat Lal (forest service officer) has been appointed as Joint Secretary to the President. Senior journalist Ashok Malik will be Press Secretary to the President.

4. Who has been sworn in as India’s 14th President replacing 'Pranab Mukherjee'—Ram Nath Kovind.
   Note: He was administered the oath of office by Chief Justice of India ’JS Khehar’ at a special function in the central hall of Parliament. Earlier, Kovind was elected as the President on 20 July 2017 after he defeated the Opposition parties' nominee Meira Kumar.

5. The largest microfinance company 'Janalakshmi Financial Services' (JFS) has appointed a veteran banker as its new chief executive officer(CEO)—Ajay Kanwal.
   Note: Currently, Kanwal is a senior adviser to private equity firm TPG Capital and global payments company Mastercard. The current CEO V. S. Radhakrishnan will take over as Vice-Chairman.

6. The new Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar—Sushil Kumar Modi.
7. The new spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)—Raveesh Kumar.
8. Who has been re-appointed as Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Axis Bank for three-year from June 2018—Shikha Sharma.
   Note: Sharma began her career with the erstwhile infra lender ICICI Ltd in 1980. She joined Axis from ICICI Prudential Life where she was the managing director (MD)and chief executive officer(CEO).

9. India’s alternate Governor on the Board of Governors of the Asian Development Bank (ADB)—Subhash Chandra Garg.
The secretary of Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) Subhash Chandra Garg has been appointed as India’s Alternate Governor on the Board of Governors of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), Manila, Philippines.

Honour & Awards

   Note:
   ➢ Earlier, He had served as UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador for Polio in India.
   ➢ The World Health Organisation (WHO) also appointed Bachchan as its goodwill ambassador for hepatitis in South-East Asia region to boost awareness and intensify action to arrest the epidemic.

2. Who handed over the offer letter to the Rio Olympics silver medallist ’P V Sindhu as a Group-I officer in the state ___ N Chandrababu Naidu.
   Note:
   ➢ Since 2013, She has been working with Bharat Petroleum Corp Ltd (BPCL) and is currently an assistant manager (sports) at its Hyderabad office.
   ➢ In Olympics history, Sindhu has become the fifth Indian woman (Karnam Malleswari, Mary Kom, Saina Nehwal and Sakshi Malik) to clinch a medal.

3. Mohun Bagan has conferred the former club captain and coach with the prestigious Mohun Bagan Ratna Award 2017___ Subrata Bhattacharya.
   Note:
   ➢ Former club striker Balwant Singh has been awarded the Best Football Player of the Year prize.
   ➢ Debabrata Das was honoured with the Best Cricket Player of the Year award.

4. The Indian metro has become the world’s first completely green metro system___ Delhi Metro.
   Note:
   ➢ Delhi Metro has secured the platinum rating for adherence to green building norms for its 10 residential colonies from the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC).

5. The veteran actress has been honored with the 2017 Mahanayak Samman ___Shakuntala Barua

Important News – India

1. The city will host the tenth edition of Urban Mobility India conference beginning 4th November this year___ Hyderabad. 
   Note:
   ➢ The three-day event will be jointly organised by the Union Ministry of Urban Development and the Telangana Government.
   ➢ The theme of this year’s conference is intelligent, inclusive and sustainable mobility.

2. The union Minister Maneka Gandhi has launched online complaint system for registering sexual harassment complaints at workplace in New Delhi ___ sexual harassment e-box.
   Note:
   ➢ This online portal is open for central government women employees only and later on, complaints from private sector will be entertained effectively.
   ➢ The Ministry will soon conduct a national level survey to examine the magnitude of sexual harassment at workplace.

3. Who has formed a new catering policy to improve food quality in trains & stations___ Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd (IRCTC).
   Note:
   ➢ As per the new catering policy of 2017, the IRCTC will manage catering services on all mobile units, and pantry car contracts will also be reassigned to railways' catering arm.
   ➢ Now, IRCTC will not have the right to outsource or issue licenses for provision of catering services to private licensees.
4. Who has launched National Dairy Development Board's (NDDB) quality logo for milk and milk products to signify safe and quality milk and milk products from dairy cooperatives — **Radha Mohan Singh**.
   
   Note:
   - This move will reinforce the consumers' recognition that the quality mark is synonymous with good quality.
   - NDDB's quality mark will provide dairy cooperatives and producer institutions the much-needed brand identity and a competitive edge.

5. Who has inaugurated round table conference- ensuring cyber security on Indian Railways in New Delhi — **Suresh Prabhu**.
   
   Note:
   - Railways keeps conducting audits to ensure safety checks and cyber security is one of the top priorities. Cyber security on railway has now been identified as the focus area and it must be implemented as per acceptable standards in the IT industry.

6. Who has invited online application from girl students for enrolment in UDAAN project 2017-19 — **The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)**.
   
   Note:
   - The scheme is open for deserving girl students who aspire to pursue higher education in engineering and to assist them to prepare for entrance exam while studying in Class 11 and 12th in Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV), Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) or government schools affiliated to CBSE or any board.

7. Who has planned to install 1,100 water vending machines at 450 stations in 2017-2018 to ensure clean drinking water at low cost — **Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)**.
   
   Note:
   - A glass of 300 ml water dispensed through these machines will cost just one rupee.
   - At present, there are 1,106 water vending machines at 345 stations in the country.

8. The Union minister has launched a mobile app for road maintenance in all the States — **Aarambh**.
   
   Note:
   - The mobile phone app aims at use of Geographic Information System (GIS) based mapping for making road inventories, condition surveys, and producing cost estimates and other relevant data for preparation and monitoring of annual road maintenance plans.

9. The FSSAI (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India) directs the concerned food business operators to discontinue the manufacture, storage, distribution, sale and import of stapled tea bags by — **1st January, 2018**.
   
   Note:
   - The FSSAI has also directed all food safety commissioners to take action to prevent the use of unsafe packaging materials by companies and take up measures for enforcement of its order.

10. Who has launched its first two Naval Offshore Patrol Vessels (NOPVs) ‘Shachi’ and ‘Shruti’ at their shipyard in Pipavav, Gujarat — **Reliance Defence and Engineering Limited (RDEL)**.
   
   Note:
   - These two NOPVs are the first warships to be launched by a private sector shipyard in India.
   - The ships are part of a five-ship project (approximately Rs 2,500 crore) being constructed for the Indian Navy.

11. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated a national memorial on the second death anniversary of former president Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam in — **Rameshwaram (Tamil Nadu)**.
   
   Note:
   - The Kalam memorial was built by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) in Pei Karumbu.
   - The memorial, build at a cost of 20 crores, blends Mughal and Indian architecture.
   - Its main entrance resembles Delhi's India gate and the main door is a replica of the entrance of the Brihadiswara Temple in Tanjavur.

12. Microsoft officially unveiled a mobile-only productivity application to simplify large group communication for Indian organisations — **Kaizala**.
   
   Note:
   - "Microsoft Kaizala, a made for India product, brings together the two disparate worlds of mobile only messaging apps and a digitally integrated modern workplace"
➢ The application had been optimized for 2G networks to enable connectivity in remote locations and offered features with offline support.

13. The High Court ordered that "Vande Mataram" must be played and sung in all schools, colleges, and universities at least once a week **Madras High Court**.
   Note:
   ➢ The court also ruled that the national song must be played and sung in all government offices and institutions, private companies, factories, and industries at least once a month.

14. Scientists have developed new Artificial intelligence (AI) software to create three dimensional (3D) models from 2D photographs **SurfNet**.
   Note:
   ➢ It will give them the ability to understand the 3D environment around them using standard 2D cameras.
   ➢ SurfNet software can be used in object recognition, robotics, and even self-driving cars.

15. The union govt. will provide vaccine free from next year and it would help in tackling the liver related diseases **Hepatitis C**.
   Note:
   ➢ For this purpose, union government is planning to provide up to 3,000 crore rupees in the budget.

16. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has launched India's first unmanned tank that was being developed in Chennai lab **'Muntra'(Mission UNmanned TRAcked)**.
   Note:
   ➢ Muntra-S: Country's first unmanned surveillance missions.
   ➢ Muntra-M: for detecting mines.
   ➢ Muntra-N: for operation in areas where there is a nuclear radiation or bio weapon risk.

17. The oil company will operate India's first petroleum R&D facility for testing high-end BS-VI quality fuel emissions **Indian Oil Corp (IOC)**.

**States News**

1. The Union Minister of State for Home Kiren Rijiju has inaugurated the Research Institution of World Ancient, Traditional, Culture & Heritage (RIWATCH) Museum at **Roing (Arunachal Pradesh)**.
   Note:
   ➢ It will serve as a place of exchange of cultural values of various tribes of the state and the North East.

2. Who has launched ‘Mission Football’ at a grand ceremony at JN Sports Complex, Shillong **Dr. Mukul Sangma**.
   Note:
   ➢ Mission Football is an initiative to help develop skills of football enthusiasts and develop young footballers for the country.

3. Who has inaugurated a ‘Rojgar Mela’ in Kukas area of Jaipur(Rajasthan) **Col Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore**.
   Note:
   ➢ Three thousand students have been enrolled in the Rojgar Mela and more than 40 companies would take interviews of them.

4. The state hosted the fifth edition of South India Writers Ensemble (SIWE) at Chengannur **Kerala state**.
   Note:
   ➢ The core theme of this year festival is ‘tolerance’.
   ➢ The three-day event is being organized by People for Performing Arts and More, an art and cultural outfit.

5. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister ‘Yogi Adityanath’ has launched online UP- RERA (Real Estate Regulatory Act.) registration platform in Lucknow **www.up-rera.in**
   Note:
   ➢ Now the builders of Uttar Pradesh can register their projects on the site and instantly get a RERA registration number.

6. The state government has formally named the Outer Wheeler island in Bhadrak district as APJ Abdul Kalam Island as a tribute to the former president **Odisha government**.
   Note:
Dr Kalam's emotional attachment with the interim test range at Chandipur in Balasore district and Wheeler Island in Bhadrak district.

7. The Union government has launched two Mobile apps to the user community in timely manner for their safety—India Quake & Sagar Vani.
   Note:
   ➢ The 'India Quake' will automatically disseminate relevant parameter (location, time and magnitude) after the occurrence of earthquakes.
   ➢ The 'Sagar Vani' is a software platform where various dissemination modes are integrated on a single central server.
   ➢ Mobile apps have been Developed by the National Centre for Seismology (NCS).

8. The state government has launched its flagship health scheme Care Companion Programme (CCP) in Punjab.
   Note:
   ➢ The CCP scheme is targeted to improve patient outcome by implementing better family engagement.

9. The state government has signed MoU with Airport Authority of India (AAI) for aviation development in Uttarakhand.
   Note:
   ➢ The Airport Authority of India (AAI) has signed MoU with Govt. of Uttarakhand for development for aviation sector in the state.

**Important News – World**

1. The country has declared total independence from IMF and World Bank (WB) in Bolivia.
   Note:
   ➢ The President of Bolivia Evo Morales has declared his government's full independence from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank.

2. The country who has successfully launched an advanced satellite-carrying rocket “Simorgh” is Iran.
   Note:
   ➢ Iran has successfully launched Simorgh’ into space from the Imam Khomeini National Space Station in Semnan.

3. The world’s first full-scale floating wind farm has started to take shape off the north-east coast of Scotland.
   Note:
   ➢ The technology will allow wind power to be harvested in waters too deep for the current conventional bottom-standing turbines used.
   ➢ The Peterhead wind farm (Hywind) is a trial which will bring power to 20,000 homes.

4. The new species of giant ocean sunfish has been discovered by an international team of researchers led by Murdoch University in Perth, Australia—hoodwinker (mola tecta).
   Note:
   ➢ The heaviest type of bony fish that can weigh over two tonnes and grow to three metres long.
   ➢ The new species has so far been found around New Zealand, around the southeast coast of Australia, off Africa and southern Chile.

5. Who has selected Dubai as the data hub for the Middle East North Africa and South Asia (MENASA) region for the city’s integrated initiatives to mine and manage its data—The United Nations (UN).
   Note:
   ➢ The designation will be part of a portfolio of local and regional data portals, analytics and reports to engage stakeholders and help accelerate progress.
   ➢ It will also serve as a platform for city-to- city learning and ‘solutions transfer’ across metropolitan, national and global contexts.

6. The 2017 BRICS Youth Forum opened to discuss the development of the youth in the countries of the grouping in Beijing, China.
   Note:
   ➢ The three-day forum gathered 50 youth representatives working as civil servants, scholars, entrepreneurs, artists and journalists from the BRICS countries.
   ➢ The theme of the forum is ‘Enhance BRICS Partnership, Promote Youth Development’.

7. The mostly submerged unknown continent beneath the South Pacific has been named as Zealandia.
   Note:
   ➢ Zealandia measured 1.9 million square miles and is 94% underwater.
It had only three major landmasses, New Zealand's North and South Islands to the south, and New Caledonia to the north. Zealandia.

8. The 7th edition of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Artists Camp & Exhibition of Paintings begins in ___Nepal.  
   Note:  
   ➢ These events provide platform to artists for exchanging ideas with fellow artists and helping in creating special bonding among them.  
   ➢ Around 40 artists from SAARC member countries (except Afghanistan) taking part in the camp.

**Sports News**

1. Who has won the 2017 ICC women world cup title by defeating India at Lord's Cricket Ground in London___ England.  
   Note:  
   ➢ Chasing a target of 229, India being bowled out for 219 in 48.4 overs  
   ➢ Shrubsole (England) who took six wickets was declared Player of the Match.  
   ➢ Tammy Beaumont (England) was awarded Player of the Series title. She had made 410- runs in the tournament.

2. ICC has chosen captain of the ICC Women's World Cup 2017 team___ Mithali Raj.  
   Note:  
   ➢ The side includes four players from England (Tamsin Beaumont, Anya Shrubsole, Sarah Taylor and Alex Hartley), three from South Africa (Laura Wolvaardt, Marizanne Kapp and Dane van Niekerk) three from India (Harmanpreet Kaur, Deepti Sharma and Mithali Raj) and Australia all-rounder Ellyse Perry.

3. Indian Shuttler has won the 2017 US Open Grand Prix Gold badminton tournament title at Anaheim___ H S Prannoy.  
   Note:  
   ➢ In the final match, Prannoy beat Kashyap(India) 21-15, 20-22, 21-12.  
   ➢ In the women's singles tournament, Aya Ohori (Japan) won the final beating Michelle Li (Canada).

4. India ended their World Para Athletics Championship campaign with medals ___Five.  
   Note:  
   ➢ The lone Gold came through Sundar Singh Gurjar in men's javelin throw F-46 event.  
   ➢ India bagged two medals in the high jump, Sharad Kumar won a silver medal, Varun Bhati bagged bronze medal in the T42 event.

5. Who will host the men's World Championship for the first time in 2021___ India  
   Note:  
   ➢ Earlier, the major men's boxing events hosted by India have been the 1990 World Cup in Mumbai and the 2010 Commonwealth Championships in New Delhi.

6. Indian weightlifter has bagged a gold medal at the Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships in Kathmandu, Nepal ___ Konsam Ormila Devi.  
   Note:  
   ➢ The weightlifter from Manipur lifted 56kg in snatch and 70kg in clean & jerk for a total effort of 126kg in the 44kg weight category to finish on the top of the podium.

7. The world youth champion Indian boxer has clinched a gold medal in Commonwealth Youth Games Bahamas___ Sachin Siwach.  
   Note:  
   ➢ Siwach defeated Welsh boxer James Nathan Probert 4-1 in the final to claim the gold in the light flyweight (49kg) category.

8. Who has won the women's 100m backstroke gold in a new world-record time at the world aquatics championships in Budapest___ Kylie Masse.  
   Note:  
   ➢ Earlier, she tied for the bronze medal at the 2016 Summer Olympics in 100 m backstroke.

9. Who has won bronze medal in Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships at Kathmandu, Nepal___ Ajay Singh.  
   Note:  
   ➢ He got third place in 77 Kgs men's junior category, lifting 143 kgs in snatch and 172 kgs in clean and jerk.

10. Who has won the Hungarian Formula One Grand Prix at the Hungaroring in Mogyoród ___ Sebastian Vettel (Germany).
➢ The 2017 Hungarian Formula One Grand Prix was the eleventh round of the 2017 Formula One season and the 32nd running of the Hungarian Grand Prix.

11. American newest star of the pool has become the first swimmer to win three gold medals on a single night at either the worlds or the Olympics---Caeleb Dressel.

Note:
➢ Dressel won the 50m freestyle (22.76) and the 100m butterfly before leading off a world-record performance in the 4x100-meter mixed freestyle relay.
➢ Dressel has become the second swimmer to win seven gold medals at a single World Championships, after Michael Phelps.
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