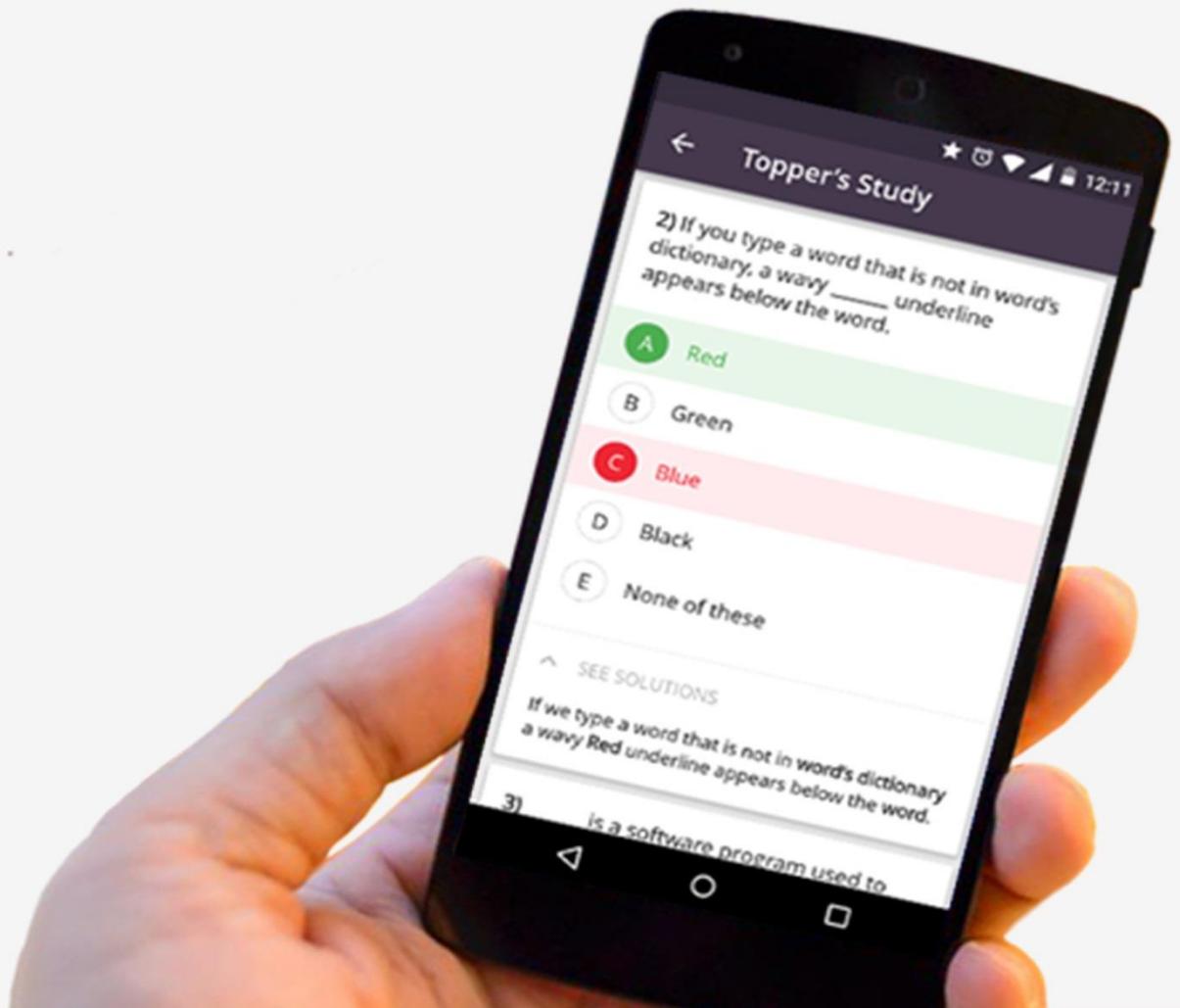




gradeup

WEEKLY ONE LINER UPDATES

22nd – 31st August



www.gradestack.com/blogs

Weekly One Liner Updates
22nd – 31st Aug 2016

Dear readers,

Weekly One Liner Updates is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the **fourth** week (22nd – 31st) of **August** 2016. This file is important for exams like **RBI Grade B Officer, IBPS PO VI, BOB Manipal PO 2016 Exam** and all upcoming Banking & Insurance exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. India's rank on the 2016 World Risk Index ___ 77th.

Note:

- India has been ranked **77th** out of **171 countries** on the **World Risk Index 2016**.
- The index assessed the risk of disaster in **171 countries** through the combined analysis of natural hazards and societal vulnerabilities.

2. Which banks introduced NPCI's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) that allows customers to make payments via digital means are ___ **Axis Bank, Union Bank of India, Federal Bank and Bank of Maharashtra**.

3. The Company who has topped the Forbes list of The World's Most Innovative Companies 2016 ___ **Tesla Motors**.

4. Indian's highest-ranked company in the Forbes list of The World's Most Innovative Companies 2016 ___ **Asian Paints**.

5. Head of the high-level committee constituted by Union Finance Ministry to suggest steps to promote card payments ___ **Ratan P Watal**.

Note:

- The committee will be headed by Principle Adviser for social sector in NITI Aayog and former Finance Secretary Ratan P Watal.
- The committee will also study and recommend need for changes, if any, in the regulatory mechanism under various laws, relevant for the purpose of promotion of payments by digital modes.

6. Who has launched a new digital technology platform "DiGi SENSE 1.0" to enable fleet owners to track their Mahindra vehicles in real time basis ___ **Mahindra & Mahindra**.

Note:

- The new platform will enable customers to digitally build knowledge about the performance and location of their vehicles.
- Mahindra has become the first Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) in India to integrate its product line-up onto a cloud-based technology platform.

7. As per the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)'s annual report 2015-16, India's GDP growth forecast for FY 17 is ___ **7.6 %**.

Note:

- The report highlights that the passage of Goods and Services Tax (GST) Bill will mark a new era in co-operative fiscal federalism and a growing political consensus for economic reforms.

8. Recently released report titled "Connecting to Complete 2016", India has been ranked ___ **35th**.

Note:

- India has been ranked **35th** out of 160 countries in the World Bank's Logistics Performance Index (LPI) 2016.
- The LPI report is published by World Bank in every 2 years.

9. India signed Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA) with ___ **the United States**.

10. India is ranked at The W10 report 2016 released by New World Wealth ___ **Seventh**.

11. Who has acquired the cement business of Reliance Infrastructure Ltd ___ **Birla Corporation Limited**.

12. Union Cabinet has approved revised Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) for avoidance of double taxation and prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income with ___ **Cyprus**.

13. The Karnataka Bank has recently launched a mobile application ___ **KBL-SMARTz**.

Note:

- The UPI is a new initiative from NPCI in the digital payments ecosystem.

- The interface is designed to enable customers across UPI member banks to pay and collect money from their smartphones without entering any bank account information.

New Appointments

1. Who has appointed as the new independent director on the board of India Post Payment Banks (IPPB)___**R S Sodhi**.

Note:

- Sodhi is one of the 5 independent members to be appointed on the board.
- It is set to be operational in March 2017.

2. Former Competition Commission of India (CCI) head will take charge as Non-Executive Part-time Chairman of the YES Bank___**Ashok Chawla**.

Note:

- He has been appointed for a period of three years.
- Currently, he is the Chairman of NSE and chairs the governing council of The Energy and Research Institute (TERI).

3. Who has been appointed as the Vice Chancellor of the Homi Bhabha National Institute___**P D Gupta**.

4. Who has appointed as the head of the task force by the Union Government to study the structure of organized Group A Central services ___ **T Jacob**.

5. Anuradha Rao has appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of ___**SBI Mutual Fund**.

6. The Indian film director has appointed as the UN Women’s Advocate for Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment in India ____**Aishwaryaa Rajinikanth Dhanush**.

7. Who has appointed as the President of India Bullion and Jewellers Association ____**Mukesh Mehta**.

Important News – India

1. e-Library has been launched by the Union government for divyang___**Sugamya Pustakalaya**.

Note:

- Sugamya Pustakalaya is an online library for Divyang and houses publications across diverse subjects and languages in multiple accessible formats.
- Over 2 lakhs books are available in Accessible formats for people with visual impairment and other print disabilities.

2. A Bronze statue of B R Ambedkar will be installed at the Ambedkar memorial at Indu Mill land in Mumbai. The statue will be called the ___**Statue of Equality**.

3. A researchers group discovered a new species of eel, Gymnothorax indicus from ___ **Bay of Bengal**.

4. The Conference on “International Arbitration in BRICS: Challenges, Opportunities and Road ahead” will be held in ___**New Delhi**.

Note:

- The purpose of conference is to assess, evaluate and debate ideas and insights regarding dispute resolution mechanism and arbitration which are integral to economic growth and stability.

5. The first Children Court of South India has launched in___**Hyderabad**.

Note:

- This court is a child-friendly court and 6th in India with features like separate waiting rooms for children and a video camera trial for the accused, mandated under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POSCO) Act-2012.

6. Who has been named as the Chairman of a 5-member National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) review committee ___ **Abhinav Bindra**.

Note:

- The committee will examine and the causes behind shooting not securing any medals at the Rio Olympics.
- The committee is also mandated to recommend concrete steps that NRAI must immediately undertake to ensure that this is not repeated in future Olympics.

8. Union Women and Child Development Minister has launched Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) e-box in ___**New Delhi**.
- Note:**
- POCSO e-box is an online complaint management system for easy and direct reporting of sexual offences against children and timely action against the offenders under the POCSO Act, 2012.
9. The 4th edition of Mother Teresa International Film Festival (MTIFF) 2016 has started in ___**Kolkata**.
- Note:**
- The 4-day-long movie carnival at the state-run Nandan multiplex is screening a selection of 23 best foreign and Indian films ever made on or inspired by Teresa.
 - It is organized by the Archdiocese of Kolkata, Missionaries of Charity and SIGNIS India.
7. Redefined Engagement with Indian Diaspora Karnataka will host the 15th edition of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBS) 2017 in ___**Bengaluru**.
8. India's first textile university will set up in ___**Gujarat**.
- Note:**
- India's first textile university will set-up at Surat, Gujarat to create a complete eco system for the textile industry in Gujarat and India.
9. High-level committee has been constituted by the Union Government to promote card payments___**Ratan P Watal committee**.
10. Indian Navy has set-up a high level committee to find out the extent of Scorpene submarine data leak and the damage to the Navy___ **Ashok Kumar committee**.
- Note:**
- The committee will be headed by Deputy Chief of Naval Staff Admiral **Ashok Kumar**.
11. The committee has submitted report on border protection to Union Government__**Madhukar Gupta committee**.
- Note:**
- The committee has submitted its report to the Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh.
 - The committee was formed to strengthen border protection and to address the issue of gaps and vulnerability in border fencing along Indo-Pakistan Border.
12. The 2016 BRICS Convention on Tourism will be hosted by ___Madhya Pradesh.
- Note:**
- The 2016 BRICS Convention on Tourism will be held at **Khajuraho** in Madhya Pradesh from September 1 to promote intra-regional tourism.
13. Who has become the first Indian state to distribute two crore LED bulbs under the Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for all (UJALA) scheme___ **Gujarat**.
- Note:**
- Gujarat has reached this milestone in just **96 days** and over **42 lakh** households have already benefitted from the scheme.

States News

1. First Indian state to sign an agreement with the Union Ministry of Civil Aviation to develop 10 non-functional regional airports/ airstrips ___**Maharashtra**.
- Note:**
- The Civil Aviation Ministry and Airports Authority of India (AAI) to develop 10 airports at Shirdi, Amravati, Gondia, Nashik, Jalgaon, Nanded, Solapur, Kolhapur, Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg.
2. A special Pink colour envelop under speed has been launched in the state to expedite judicial process___**Jharkhand**.
- Note:**
- All the notice and summons of the High Court will be served through this envelop, which would be a special category of Speed Post.

3. Who has proposed a draft notification to create 17 new districts in the state ___ **Telangana**.

Note:

- The existing 10 districts will be reorganized on the basis of population and convenience to people to reach the district headquarters with an aim for easier administration and better development.

4. Turga hydel project has been approved by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) located in ___ **West Bengal**.

5. Who has decided to engage retired teachers in government high schools under “Teacher on Call” scheme to meet the shortage of teaching faculty ___ **Odisha government**.

6. President Pranab Mukherjee has launched Kolkata Akashvani Kendra’s Moitree Service in Bangla for listeners in ___ **Bangladesh**.

7. Who has launched the DNA Index System for DNA profiling of criminals ___ **Andhra Pradesh**.

8. The state that fixed a target of planting over one crore saplings over an area of **15000 hectares** in 2016 ___ **Himachal Pradesh**.

9. The rocket has been used by ISRO to test Supersonic Combustion Ramjet engine called Scramjet, from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh ___ **ATV02**.

10. Ministry of Civil Aviation has given green signal for expansion of ___ **Agartala airport**.

11. First Indian state to draft its own internal security act ___ **Maharashtra**.

Note:

- The draft act has defined internal security as a situation posing threat to state within its borders, either caused or provoked, prompted, or proxy.

Important News – World

1. Indian has signed pact with a country on vocational training ___ **Germany**.

Note:

- German technical assistance will be used to increase industry institute partnerships between Indian and German organizations, build capacity of local training institutions and foster industry linkages which will help adapt elements of the German dual system into the Indian context.

2. The country accounted for the highest share of tourist arrival in India ___ **Bangladesh**.

3. World’s largest indoor theme park will open in ___ **Dubai**.

Note:

- United Arab Emirates (UAE) to lure back some of the tourists and residents who often flee abroad during the scorching desert summer.

4. The first Asian Science and Technology Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) was held in ___ **Thailand**.

Note:

- The purpose of the conference was to discuss the key issues, challenges, needs and opportunities in application of science in policy making and share good practices from the region.

5. Who has launched its first Tibetan-language search engine ‘Yongzin’ ___ **China**.

Note:

- The search engine will serve as a unified portal for all major Tibetan-language websites in China.
- There are 8 sections for news, websites, images, videos, music, encyclopedia, literature and forums.

6. The first BRICS Film Festival will be hosted by ___ **India**.

Note:

- It will be held at the Sirifort Auditorium Complex, New Delhi from **2nd to 6th** September, 2016.
- The film festival will showcase an amalgamation of culture, films, song, dance and food of the 5-member countries including Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.
- Around 20 films (four from each of the countries) will be scheduled to be screened in the competition section.

7. The Union Cabinet has given its approval for signing of new Air Services Agreement (ASA) between India and __**Fiji**.
Note:
 - The update is as per latest ICAO template keeping in view the latest developments in civil aviation sector and with an objective to improve the air connectivity between the two countries.
8. The 19th SAARC Summit will host by __**Pakistan**.
Note:
 - The 19th SAARC Summit will host by Islamabad (Pakistan) on 9th and 10th November this year.
 - SAARC Summit Cell has been constituted to work with all stakeholders and concerned authorities in Pakistan.
9. Typhoon that made landfall near Tateyama City in Chiba Prefecture south of Tokyo, Japan is__ **Mindulle**.
10. International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition is observed globally on__ **23rd August**.
11. Who has launched the KN-11 ballistic missile from a submarine in Sea of Japan __ **North Korea**.
12. The World's Highest-Paid Actresses 2016 is __ **Jennifer Lawrence**.
13. The 6th edition of Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD) 2016 was held in__ **Kenya**.
Note:
 - This is the first time that the conference is held in **Africa**.
14. The focus country at the 47th edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2016__ **South Korea**.
Note:
 - It will be held in Goa on **November 2016**.
 - In 2016 IFFI, South Korea's movies will be showcased and well-known film personalities will also attend the festival.
15. The world's first self-driving taxi service has been launched in __ **Singapore**.
Note:
 - World's first self-driving taxi service has launched by Singapore-based nuTonomy, an autonomous vehicle software startup in Singapore.
 - With this, nuTonomy has become an entity in the world first to offer self-driving taxi rides to the public.
16. Scientists in Japan studying earthquakes have detected a rare deep-Earth tremor known as __ **S wave microseism**.

Books & Authors

1. Author of the book 'One Indian Girl' is __ **Chetan Bhagat**.
Note:
 - The book is about an Indian girl who is intelligent and successful, because of which she finds it difficult to get love.
2. Author of the book "Theatres of Democracy: Between the Epic and the Everyday – Selected Essays" is__ **Shiv Visvanathan**.
Note:
 - It provides fascinating insights into science and religion, politics and society, cricket and film in contemporary India.
3. Author of the book ' book Life In Diplomacy ' is __ **M K Rasgotra**.
4. Author of the book" An Intimate History of Killing: Face to Face Killing in Twentieth Century Warfare" __ **Joanna Bourke**.
Note:
 - It reveals a simple truth: men and women derive pleasure from officially sanctioned killing.
5. Author of the autobiography "Chitt-Chete" written in Dogri language is __ **Padma Sachdev**.

Honours & Award

1. Flag bearer from India at the closing ceremony in the 2016 Rio Olympics____ **Sakshi Malik**.
Note:
 - She created history by becoming the first Indian woman wrestler to win an Olympic medal.
2. Who will be the brand ambassador for "Beti Bachao, Beti Padao campaign" in Haryana__ **Sakshi malik**.

Note:

- Chief Minister Khattar also awarded 2.5 crore rupees and Commendation Certificate to Rio bronze medal winner Sakshi Malik.

3. The scientist who has conferred the first IEI-IEEE Award for engineering excellence 2015 is ___ **G. Satheesh Reddy**.

Note:

- The award is in recognition of his significant national contributions towards missiles and aerospace technologies.
- IEI-IEEE Award has been constituted by the Institution of Engineers (India) and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Asia Pacific region to mark IEI's 50th anniversary.

4. First Asian to be nominated for 2016 Heritage Heroes Award of International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)___
Dr. Bibhuti Lahkar.

Note:

- The award is aimed to recognize the outstanding efforts of conservationists around the world in making a difference in the conservation of World Heritage sites in challenging situations.

5. Who has awarded with the prestigious Saraswati Samman for the year 2015___**Padma Sachdev**.

Note:-

- She has been chosen for the prestigious Saraswati Samman for the year 2015 for her autobiography "Chitt-Chete"(in Dogri language).
- She was felicitated by Delhi's Lt Governor Najeeb Jung in New Delhi.
- Saraswati Samman is considered to be among the highest literary awards in India.

6. The actor who has honoured with the Entertainer of The Year award by CNBC-TV18 is ___**Irrfan Khan**.

7. Indian actress made her entry in the Forbes list of World's Highest-Paid Actresses 2016___**Deepika Padukone**.

8. The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has appointed as its brand ambassador ___**PV Sindhu**.

Note:

- Sindhu will be honoured and presented the rank badges and camouflage combat fatigues of the CRPF at a ceremonial event.
- This is a symbolic representation, with no salary or fee being given to the sports star.

Obituaries

1. Singapore's longest serving president passed away ___**Sellapan Ramanathan**.

Note:

- He was the sixth and longest-serving (1999 to 2011) President of Singapore.
- Ramanathan was closely associated with the founding leader of Singapore Lee Kuan Yew.
- He was born in 1924 in the family of Indian Tamil descent in Straits Settlements of Singapore.

2. Former editor of 'Mathrubhumi' passed away in Kochi___**K K Sreedharan Nair**.

Note:

- He was selected for the first Kelappaji memorial award instituted by Kerala Mahatmaji Samskarika Vedi in 2010.
- It is an Indian general interest weekly magazine published by the Mathrubumi Printing and Publishing Company in Kozhikode, Kerala.

3. The journalist who considered the 'dean of black press columnists' passed away is___ **George E. Curry**.

4. The Belgian jazz musician, harmonica playing, who passed away recently ___ **Toots Thielemans**.

5. Former Governor and a recipient of Padma Vibhushan passed away___ **Dr. A.R. Kidwai**.

Note:

- Kidwai served as the Governor of several states for a record period of 17 years.
- He was awarded the Padma Vibhushan for his outstanding contribution towards public affairs.

6. The famous painter from the Bengal school of painting who passed away is ___**Dhirendranath Brahma**.

Sports News

1. Who has topped the medal table at the 2016 Summer Olympics recently concluded in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil __ **The United States**.
2. Who will host 2016 Kabaddi World Cup___**India**.
Note:
 - Ahmedabad city will host the 2016 Kabaddi World Cup .
 - Kabaddi World Cup event will see **12 Kabaddi teams** around the world (India, USA, Canada, UK, Australia, Iran, Poland, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Korea, Japan and Kenya) representing all the **five geographies** of the Olympic Games.
3. Who has won the UEFA Best Player in Europe award for the year 2016__**Cristiano Ronaldo**.
Note:
 - This is 2nd time he has won this award after 2014.
 - In 2015, he had scored 35 goals for Real Madrid and 16 goals in Champions League competition.
4. German Formula One Mercedes driver has won the 2016 Belgian Formula One Grand Prix at the Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps in Stavelot, Belgium___**Nico Rosberg**.
5. The National Sports Day is celebrated on August 29 in India to mark the birth anniversary of ___**Dhyan Chand**.
Note:
 - The hockey player who won gold medals for India in the years **1928, 1932** and **1936**.
6. Who has won the overall team championship, in the 82nd All India Railway athletic Championship (AIRAC) in Tamil Nadu__ **Western Railway**.
 - Central railway stood second and Southern Railway third in the overall team category.
 - In men’s category best athlete award has been given to Jasdeep Singh (Northern Railway) and best women athlete award to Dutee Chand (Northern Railway).
7. The 128th edition of Durand Football Cup Tournament 2016 will be started from___**August 28, 2016**.
Note:
 - It will continue till September 11, 2016
 - 8 teams from Indian League of All India Football Federation and four Services teams will participate.
 - It is the oldest tournament in Asia and 3rd oldest in the world after Football Association Cup of England and Scotland Football Association Cup.

Best wishes for your exams!



Download GradeUP from the Google Play Store

Get Daily GK Updates, Resources, Quizzes, Tips and Strategy

