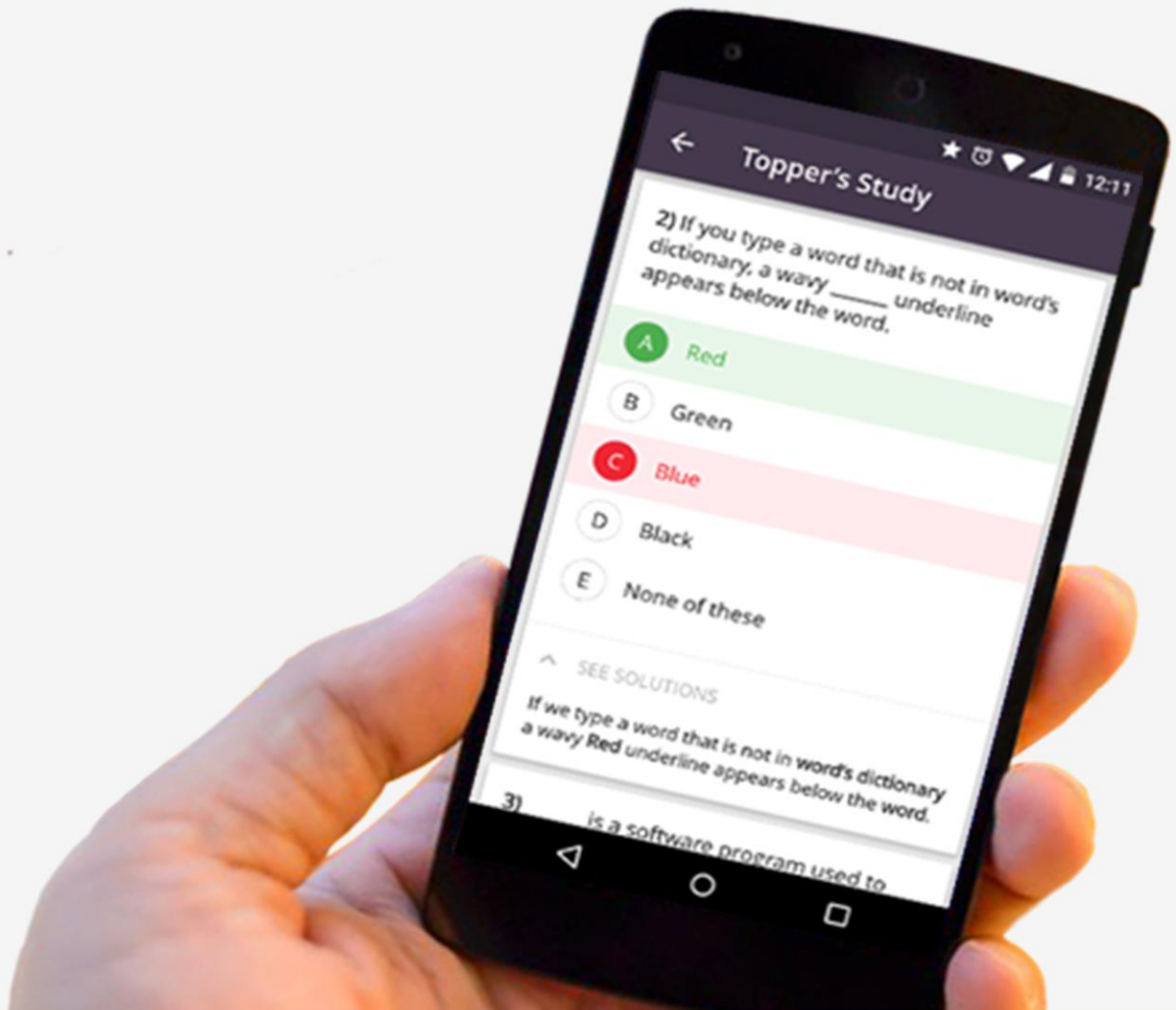




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Dear readers,

Weekly One Liner Updates is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the **third week (15th -21st) of November 2016**. This file is important for exams like **NIACL AO, RBI Assistant, India Post Payment Bank, ECGC, IBPS Clerk VI, IBPS RRB V 2016 Exam** and all upcoming Banking & Insurance exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has proposed the opening of a bank in conventional banks for “gradual” introduction of Sharia-compliant (interest-free) banking in the country___ **Islamic window**.
2. Global payments & technology company MasterCard has introduced a safe and secure ‘quick response’ (QR) mobile payments solution in India___ **Masterpass QR**.

Note:

- Masterpass QR is a digital wallet service, which allows mobile banking users to safely pay for face-to-face purchases using their smartphones.

3. The RBI has directed banks to waive ATM charges on all transactions done by savings bank customers till __ **30th December 2016**.
4. Who has set to launch intelligent banking chat bots to make mobile banking services more conversational___ **Axis Bank**.

Note:

- The bank has tied up with Active Intelligence Pte or Active.ai, a Singapore-based fintech platform.
- It will enable customers to chat through its mobile banking app and messaging platforms such as Facebook messenger.

5. Recently, The Union Government has decided to permit families celebrating weddings to withdraw___ **2,50,000 rupees**.
6. The Union Government reduced the limit of exchange of old 500 and 1000 rupees notes from 4500 rupees to__ **2000 rupees**.
7. The Company named as the 2016 Digital Innovator of the Year by GE Digital___ **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)**.
8. The State Bank of Mauritius (SBM) Group has appointed Chief Executive for its India operations___ **Siby Sebastian**.

Note:

- State Bank of Mauritius, is a bank in Mauritius.
- The SBM Group operates four branches in Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad and Ramachandrapuram.

9. Recently, Several banks including ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank slashed their FD rates by up to __ **1 %**.

Note:

- Canara Bank announced lowering its deposit rates in the range of 0.05 to 0.25 % while United Bank of India slashed rates of short-term deposits by 1 %.
- Largest private lender ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank cut their deposit rates by up to 0.25 %.

10. The Union Government has hiked how many Rs. per quintal in wheat Minimum Support Price (MSP) ___ **Rs.100**.

Note:

- The Union Government has hiked the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of wheat by Rs.100 per quintal and pulses by up to Rs. 550 a quintal to boost the output of these Rabi crops and check prices.

11. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the state Government and Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) to open STPI centres at four districts in the State___ **Odisha government**.

Note:

- STPI is a central body established in 1991 by the Indian Ministry of Communications and Information Technology.
- The objective of encouraging, promoting and boosting the export of software from India.

Important Date

1. The International Day for Tolerance is being observed in the world___**16th November**.

Note:

- It is annually observed on 16th November to educate people about the need for tolerance in society and to help them understand the negative effects of intolerance.

2. World Philosophy Day is being observed worldwide on ___ **17th November**

Note:

- The day initiated by **UNESCO** aims to underline the enduring value of philosophy for the development of human thought, for each culture and for each individuals.

3. The World Toilet Day is being observed across the world on _____**19th November**.

Note:

- An aim to motivate millions across the world on issues of sanitation.
- The theme for 2016 World Toilet Day is 'toilets and jobs' focusing on how sanitation or the lack of it can impact people's livelihoods.

4. The Quami Ekta Week is being observed across the country___**19th to 25th Nov**.

Note:

- The week is observed to highlight the strength and resilience of the nation to withstand any potential threats to the secular fabric.
- District administrations will hold programs that promote secularity and non-violence.

5. The Universal Children's Day was observed across the world on ___**20th November**.

Note:

- Universal Children's Day offers each of us an inspirational entry-point to advocate, promote and celebrate children's rights, translating into dialogues and actions that will build a better world for Children.
- UN (United Nations) Universal Children's Day was established in 1954.

6. The United Nations' (UN) World Television Day is annually observed in many places around the world on ___ **21st November**.

Note:

- United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 21 November as World Television Day commemorating the date on which the first World Television Forum was held in 1996.
- The day recognizes that television plays a major role in presenting different issue that affect people.

New Appointments

1. Who will head the eight-member task force that was constituted by RBI to re-calibrate all ATMs functioning in India___**SS Mundra**.

2. Who has inaugurated the 47th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2016 at the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium at Bambolim,Panaji,Goa___**Venkaiah Naidu**.

Note:

- Veteran filmmaker Ramesh Sippy was the Chief Guest of the IFFI- 2016.
- Veteran Korean filmmaker Im Kwon Taek has honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

3. Who has been appointed as the Executive Chairman of National Legal Services Authority____ **Jagdish Singh Khehar**.

Note:

- He succeeds Justice Anil R. Dave, who retired from the Supreme Court.

4. Harish Bhat has recently replaced Cyrus Mistry as the Chairman of ___**The Tata Global Beverages**.

5. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director & CEO of Catholic Syrian Bank Ltd___**C V R Rajendran**.

Note:

- Currently, Rajendran is the Chief Executive Officer of the Association of Mutual Funds in India.
 - The Catholic Syrian Bank Limited (CSB) is an Indian private sector bank with its headquarters at Thrissur, Kerala (India).
 - The bank has a network of over 430 branches and more than 240 ATMs across India.
6. US President-elect Donald Trump has announced National Security Adviser going to his military Adviser ____ **Michael Flynn**.

Note:

- Mr Flynn is a retired United States Army Lieutenant General and former director of the Defence Intelligence Agency.
- Flynn served as Mr Trump's top military advisor during the Presidential campaign.
- Michael Flynn would not require US Senate confirmation, unlike Sessions and Pompeo.

Important News – India

1. Indo-China joint military exercise “Hand-in-Hand-2016” has started in ____ **Maharashtra**.

Note:

- India-China Joint Military Training Exercise “Hand-in-Hand 2016” has started at the parade ground in Aundh Military Camp in Pune, Maharashtra.
- The purpose of the joint exercise is to share the expertise in drills and practices while tackling insurgency and terrorism and also to promote healthy military to military relations between the Indian Army and the People’s Liberation Army of China.

2. Who has been awarded 2016 Digital Innovator of the Year by GE Digital in the Ecosystem Excellence award category at GE’s Minds and Machines event in San Francisco, California ____ **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)**.

3. The 2016 Great Indian Film and Literature Festival (GIFLIF) will be held in ____ **Haryana**.

Note:

- The three-day-festival will include panel discussions on an array of themes ranging from filmmaking, digital media, advertising, to publishing, literature, script writing and film screenings, besides a play and a music concert.

4. The first Indian state to adopt the Fly Ash Utilization Policy ____ **Maharashtra**.

Note:

- This policy will create new employment opportunities in the power plant sector and pave way for prosperity by generating Wealth from Waste.
- Fly ash will be used to make bricks, blocks, tiles, wall panels, cement and other construction materials

5. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Unique Identification Authority of India has launched revamped Aadhaar toll-free helpline number ____ **1947**.

Note:

- The helpline number will be available 24×7 throughout the year on Interactive voice response system mode (IVRS).
- The Call-Centre agents will be available from 7 A.M. to 11 P.M

6. Who has launched the National Student Startup Policy of the second Visitor’s Conference at Rashtrapati Bhavan ____ **President Pranab Mukherjee**.

7. Who has inaugurated thematic handicrafts exhibition and ‘pehchan’ Identity cards to artisans in Ahmedabad (Gujarat) ____ **Smriti Irani**.

Note:

- Irani distributed ‘pehchan’ card to artisans from five clusters (Jamnagar, Surendranagar, Amreli Kalol and Naroda) of Gujarat .
- The upgraded Pehchan cards for the artisans will be linked with their Aadhar Card numbers as well as their bank accounts so that they can receive the cash benefits of government schemes directly.

8. The train that derailed near Kanpur due to rail fracture ____ **Indore-Patna Express**.

9. The Union Government has allowed National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to disburse Rs. to help cash-starved farmers to sow Rabi crops __ **Rs. 21,000 crore**.

Note:

- NABARD is an apex development bank in India. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) holds the majority stake in it.

10. Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) has successfully carried out maiden flight of __ **RUSTOM – II**.

States News

1. Who has become the first Indian state to adopt a resolution on demonetization of high-value currency notes __ **Chhattisgarh**.

Note:

- The decision was taken to flush out black money from the system and to usher in the clean transaction and clean money system.

2. The National Institute of Sowa Rigpa will be established at __ **Leh (Jammu & Kashmir)**.

Note:

- The Tibetan Medicine system is known as Sowa Rigpa.
➤ The medicine has been recognized by Government of India (GoI) by amending the Indian Medicine Central Council (IMCC) Act, 2010.

3. Who has signed a MoU with the Microsoft India for digital initiatives __ **Telangana**.

Note:

- Microsoft India will work with the state government to support the development of cloud and mobile-based solutions and support the use of machine learning and advanced visualization to help solve challenges in the fields of education, agriculture and healthcare.

4. The 2016 Global Citizen India festival has started in the city __ **Mumbai**.

Note:

- The festival will conclude a two-month long campaign in support of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

5. 'Har Ghar Bijli Lagatar' scheme has been launched by the state government __ **Bihar**.

Note:

- Under the Scheme, 50 lakhs household in Bihar would be provided free electricity connection by 2018.
➤ The Scheme aims to cover the rural above poverty line population of Bihar.
➤ Centre's Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana has already covered the BPL families.

6. The Chief Minister has flagged-off the Digital India Outreach Campaign Van in the state __ **Pema Khandu**.

Note:

- The van will carry out rural outreach campaign in Gram Panchayats, Post offices, CSC, Schools, Business Correspondents, SHGs, Hats across Districts, Sub- Districts and villages.
➤ It will also explain people the benefits and details of the services offered under e-Governance, Healthcare, e-Commerce etc.
➤ The Van will travel for around 10-15 days in a particular district depending on the population coverage.

7. The Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna -Gramin (PMAY-G) has been launched in the city __ **Agra**.

Note:

- PMAY-G provide affordable houses to all those Indians living below the poverty line by the year 2022.
➤ Under the scheme, Rs. 1, 50,000 will be given for each house which will be equipped with many facilities like kitchen and toilet.

Important News – World

1. Who has become an Associate Member of the European Organisation for Nuclear Research (CERN) __ **India**.

Note:

- CERN is the world's largest nuclear and particle physics laboratory.
2. The 2016 World Internet Conference will kick off in ____ **Wuzhen**.
- Note:**
- More than 120 countries, including 8 top foreign leaders will attend the conference.
 - Delegates will be discussing the creation of an online community of shared destiny which features innovation.
 - The World Internet Conference (Wuzhen Summit) is an annual event, first held in 2014.
3. 'hindirantrade.org' has been launched a trade portal between India and ____ **Iran**.
- Note:**
- The purpose of the trade portal is to disseminate information relevant to Indo-Iran Trade and to provide an e-marketplace for the buyers and sellers of the two countries.
4. "2016 Raad ul Barq" military exercise has been conducted by the country ____ **Pakistan**.
- Note:**
- Showcase the combat readiness of the country's defence line with live firepower demonstration using heavy artillery fighter jets and air defence weapons.
5. The 2016 World Travel Market (WTM), the leading global event for the travel industry, has started in ____ **London, United Kingdom (UK)**.
- Note:**
- Ministry of Tourism, Government of India (GoI) has participated as Official Premier Partner at WTM London 2016.
6. The world's fastest supercomputer title, as per recently released semiannual Top 500 list of supercomputers ____ **Sunway Taihulight**.
- Note:**
- It is developed by the China's National Research Centre of Parallel Computer Engineering and Technology (NRCPC).
 - The Supercomputer is the capable of performing 93 million billion calculations per second.
7. The BBC World Service will launch how many language services as part of its biggest expansion since the 1940s ____ **11 language**.
- Note:**
- The new languages will be Afaan Oromo, Amharic, Gujarati, Igbo, Korean, Marathi, Pidgin, Punjabi, Telugu, Tigrinya, and Yoruba.
 - The first new services are expected to launch in 2017.
8. The Company who has launched the photo scanning app named PhotoScan ____ **Google**.

Books & Authors

1. The book "Water for Elephants" has been authored by ____ **Sara Gruen**.
- Note:**
- The novel presents us with a fascinating history of the American circus as well as a painful look at the time known as "The Great Depression".
2. The book "A Season of Ghosts" has been authored by ____ **Ruskin Bond**.
- Note:**
- It is an entertaining book, which have interesting short stories about the mists and mellow magic of Bond's beloved mountains.
3. The Indian actor has launched the book titled "The Legend of Lakshmi Prasad" ____ **Twinkle Khanna**.

Honours & Award

1. Who has been chosen for the 2016 Rolex Awards for Enterprise ____ **Sonam Wangchuk**.
- Note:**
- She is the famous educationist and social scientist from Ladakh.

- The Rolex Award funds will support his Ice-stupas project and promote ice stupas as a climate-change adaptation and desert-greening technique.
- 2. Who has conferred this year's Sumitra Charat Ram Lifetime Achievement Award for his contribution in the field of Indian classical music__**Pt Hari Prasad Chaurasia**.
Note:
 - The award was presented by Lt. Governor Delhi Najeeb Jung.
- 3. Who has been honored with the 2016 Centenary Indian Film Personality of the year award at the 47th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2016 at Panaji in Goa__ **SP Balasubrahmaniam**.
Note:
 - In the 2016 IFFI, South Korea will be the focus country.
- 4. Who has been conferred the prestigious Mother Teresa International Award by the Mumbai-based NGO Harmony Foundation__**Shaikh Abdullah Bin Zayed Al Nahyan**.
Note:
 - The Mother Teresa Awards are to honour individuals and organisation that promote peace, equality and social justice and aim to encourage the cause of justice and peaceful coexistence while providing an impetus for society to imbibe these values.
- 5. Who has awarded IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea__**Radhika Menon**.
Note:
 - Menon has honoured with the prestigious award for her role in the rescue of seven fishermen from a sinking fishing boat in the Bay of Bengal in June 2015.
 - She has become the first female to receive the IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea.

Obituaries

- 1. Renowned heart surgeon has passed away in Houston, Texas__**Denton Cooley**.
Note:
 - He performed the world's first artificial heart transplant in the United States.
 - Cooley was the founder of Texas Heart Institute and pioneered of many techniques still used in cardiovascular surgery.
- 2. Irish novelist and playwright has passed away recently ____ **William Trevor**.
Note:
 - He won the Whitbread Prize thrice and was nominated five times for the Booker Prize.
- 3. Former Jammu and Kashmir Governor has passed away at the Army Research and Referral hospital in New Delhi__ **Lt. Gen Srinivas Kumar Sinha**
Note:
 - He led the first batch of Indian troops who entered J&K when Pakistan raiders invaded in 1947.
 - Sinha also served as India's Ambassador to Nepal and as the Governor of Assam.
- 4. China's first woman pilot of a J-10 fighter jet has died in a flying accident__ **Yu Xu**.
Note:
 - She was a member of the **1st August** aerobatics team of the People's Liberation Army Air Force.

Sports News

- 1. Indian chess grandmaster has won the 2016 Champions Showdown__ **Viswanathan Anand**.
Note:
 - Anand has won the 2016 Champions Showdown in Saint Louis, USA.
 - The tournament saw each competitor play 24 matches, including two classical round robins, two rapid round robins and four blitz round robins.
- 2. The Indian Golfer grabbed the title at the Manila Southwoods Golf and Country Club__**S.S.P. Chawrasia**.

Note:

- He will be awarded 1 million US Dollars for the win.

3. The International Master has won the National Women Premier Championship for the third time___**Padmini Rout**.
4. Who has won the 9th edition of men's Airtel Delhi Half Marathon(ADHM) at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium___**Eliud Kipchoge**.

Note:

- Over 34 thousand participants from across the world participated in the marathon.
- Both the men's and women's elite winners won \$27,000 for their victories.

5. Indian senior women's hockey team captain in the Test Series against Australia to be played at Melbourne from 23rd November to 30th November___**Vandana Katariya**.
6. Who has clinched the gold medal in men's trap event at the 60th National Shooting Championship for Shotgun in Jaipur___**Manavjit Singh**.

Note:

- He defeated silver winner Raninder Singh (Odisha), 14-13, to seal the top spot in his favour.
- Young Kynan Chenai (Telengana) who represented India at the Rio Olympics, bagged the bronze medal beating Adhiraj Singh Rathore of Rajasthan 14-12.

7. Who has won the BWF Superseries Premier title at the China Open badminton tournament in Fuzhou China___**PV Sindhu**.

Note:

- Olympic silver medallist P.V. Sindhu (21-year) battled past Chinese Sun Yu to win her first BWF Superseries Premier title at the China Open badminton tournament in Fuzhou, China.
- Sindhu won the first game 21-11 but lost the next 17-21 before registering a 21-11 triumph in the final game to clinch the title.

8. A special court in Mumbai has allowed Enforcement Directorate (ED) to send a Letter of Request to the British government for execution of a non-bailable warrant against___**Lalit Modi**.
9. Who has won the gold medal in men's trap event at the 60th National Shooting Championship for Shotgun in Jaipur___**Manavjit Singh Sandhu**.

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