

Weekly One Liners 19th of August to 25st of August 2019

National Sports Award 2019

- Selection Committee for the Sports Awards 2019 has announced the National Sports Awards 2019. National Sports Awards are given every year to recognize and reward excellence in sports. The awardees will receive their awards from the President of India at a specially organized function at the Rashtrapati Bhawan.
- Selection Committee for the Sports Awards 2019 was headed by Justice Mukundakam Sharma, Retired Judge, Supreme Court.
- Apart from a medal and a citation, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Awardee will receive a cash prize of Rs. 7.5 lakh. Arjuna, Dronacharya and Dhyan Chand Awardees will receive statuettes, certificates and cash prize of Rs. 5 lakh each. A trophy and citation is given to the entity in the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar, 2019. Recipients of Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar will be given Trophies and certificates. Overall top performing university in inter-university tournaments will be given MAKATrophy, award money of Rs. 10 lakh and certificate.

The list of awardees:

Sr. No.	Award	Name	Discipline
1	RAJIV GANDHI KHEL RATNA AWARD	Sh. Bajrang Punia	(Wrestling)
2	RAJIV GANDHI KHEL RATNA AWARD	Ms. Deepa Malik	Para (Athletics)
3	ARJUNA AWARD	Sh. Ravindra Jadeja	(Cricket)
4	ARJUNA AWARD	Ms. Poonam Yadav	(Cricket)

For complete list of awardee visit currentaffairs.adda247.com/national-sports-awards-2019.

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National Affairs

- The Union Minister of Human Resource Development inaugurated the International Conference titled "Journey of Teacher Education: Local to Global" in New Delhi.
- Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju and former India football captain Baichung Bhutia flagged off Op-Blue Freedom. This is an initiative in which a group of armed forces veterans train sports enthusiasts in survival training and self-defence.
- NISHTHA (National Initiative for School Heads and Teachers Holistic Advancement) is the training programme to improve Learning Outcomes at the Elementary level across the country. This is the largest teachers' training programme of its kind in the world.
- Amazon has opened its largest campus in the world in Hyderabad.
- Union Government is planning to launch an e-commerce portal named "Bharatcraft" for MSME's. The portal is based on other e-commerce portals like 'Alibaba' and 'Amazon'.
- The Health Ministry has notified the new warnings on "Tobacco packs". The text messages that will be printed on the packs are "tobacco causes painful death". A quitline number "1800-11-2356" will also be printed on the packs.
- President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the first-ever World Youth Conference. The theme of the conference was 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam: Gandhi for the Contemporary World: Celebrating the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
- "Hunar Haat" has proved to be an effective programme to provide employment and employment opportunities to master artisans.

States in the News

- 5 New fish species discovered in Arunachal Pradesh and there name's are Mystus prabini, Exostoma kottelati, Creteuchiloglanis tawangensis, Garra rangansensis , Physoschistura harkishorei.
- The Odisha Wetland Authority has approved implementation of an integrated management plan of lakes "Chilika and Ansupa".
- Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh launching the "School Fagadaba" scheme to improve the infrastructure of government schools in the state.
- Karnataka government has amended the Karnataka Poisons (Possession and Sale) Rules 2015 and notified Nicotine as "Class A poison".
- India's first Central Institute of Chemical Engineering & Technology will be set up in Gujarat.
- chief minister of Punjab has launched a universal health insurance scheme "Sarbat Sehat Bima Yojana " benefiting nearly 46 lakh families. With this scheme, covering 76% of the state's population.

- Maharashtra's Tribal Development Department launched an academic programme "Super 50". Super 50 programme will mentor 50 most meritorious tribal students from the State and prepare them for engineering and medical exams.
- 24th Meeting of Western Zonal Council held was held in Panaji, Goa. Western Zonal Council is a forum for the Centre and the states to cooperate and exchange ideas and experiences on issues related to health, security and social welfare.

International Affairs

- Iceland commemorated the loss of 1st glacier "Okjokull", lost due to climate change. A bronze plaque bears the inscription "A letter to the future" was unveiled by Iceland in a ceremony.
- Pakistan Prime Minister Office has announced a 3-year extension of General Qamar Javed Bajwa's tenure as Chief of Army Staff.
- President of Sri Lanka has appointed Lieutenant General Shavendra Silva as 23rd Commander of the Sri Lankan Army.
- Discovery India and World Wildlife Fund (WWF) India have partnered with the Forest Directorate, the government of West Bengal and local communities to preserve Sundarbans.
- Iran has unveiled new missile defence system "Bavar-373". This is also Iran's first domestically produced long-range missile defence system which has been inducted into the country's missile defence network.
- Pakistan has been placed on the blacklist of the Financial Action Task Force's Asia Pacific Group.
- Russia launched the world's first floating nuclear reactor. This reactor loaded with nuclear fuel.

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- I-League champion Chennai City FC has announced a strategic partnership with German sports goods supplier "uhlsport".
- Wipro announced a strategic partnership with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) to conduct advanced applied research in autonomous systems, robotics and 5G.
- Shri Mata Vaishno Devi University (SMVDU), Jammu and National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE) have signed a (MoU) to work jointly to achieve the objective of National Solar Mission through training programmes.
- Army Welfare Housing Organization (AWHO) and Tata Realty & Housing have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU). This MoU enables the personnel of Indian Army to immediately take over dwelling units.
- BookMyForex.com, a marketplace for foreign exchange and remittances, has partnered with YES Bank to launch a co-branded multi-currency forex travel card for Indian overseas travellers.

Books and Authors

- Culture Minister will launch the book "The Diary of Manu Gandhi". The book has been brought out by National Archives of India, on the occasion of 150th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in collaboration with Oxford University Press.

Banking/Economy/Business News

- Reserve Bank of India has permitted processing of e-mandate on credit and debit cards for recurring transactions (merchant payments). The maximum limit for such a transaction will be Rs 2,000.
- Acko General Insurance, an insurtech company, has partnered with Zest Money. This partnership will help Zest Money customers cover their monthly EMI payments during times of crisis.
- Securities and Exchange Board of India has announced a new mechanism to reward insider trading informants to uncover insider trading cases. The reward would be 10 per cent of the money collected, subject to a maximum amount of Rs 1 crore.

Appointments/Resignations

- Digital payments player Paytm announced the promotion of its Chief Financial Officer Madhur Deora as the company's President.
- Ravinder Takkar has been appointed as the MD and CEO of Idea-Vodafone. He will replace Balesh Sharma.
- Home Secretary Rajiv Gauba appointed as a Cabinet secretary for two years. He will replace P.K. Sinha.
- Ajay Kumar has been appointed as Defence Secretary. He will replace Sanjay Mitra.
- Ajay Kumar Bhalla was appointed as the new Union Home Secretary. He is currently serving as an officer on special duty in the home ministry. He replaces Rajiv Gauba
- Suparna Singh, interim CEO of NDTV has resigned with immediate effect.

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Defence News

- Union Home Ministry has fixed the retirement age of all Central Armed Police Force personnel at 60 years.
- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) handed over the design of Mobile Metallic Ramp (MMR) to the Indian Army. MMR has been designed and developed by
- DRDO. It is portable, modular in design, which can be easily assembled or disassembled.

Awards and Recognitions

- The United Arab Emirates will honour the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi with the "Order of Zayed", the highest civilian award of the country.
- A biographical documentary "100 Years of Chrysostum" will receive Guinness Award in the category of longest documentary. This documentary is based on the life of Philipose Mar Chrysostum, scripted and directed by filmmaker Blessy.
- Dr K Thangaraj, Chief Scientist at Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR)- Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) was awarded JC Bose Fellowship.
- Navneeth Murali, an Indian-American teenager from New Jersey, has won the 2019 South Asian Spelling Bee contest.
- JNU Professor Meeta Narain was conferred the 'Pushkin Medal - 2019'. Pushkin Medal is given to a scholar of Russian language and literature for outstanding contribution to Russian studies abroad.
- Women and Child Development Minister distributed the Poshan Abhiyaan Awards for 2018-19. The awards were given to the States, Districts, Blocks and Anganwadi Workers for their contributions in scaling up the Abhiyaan.

Summit and Conference

- The 5th meeting of India-Nepal Joint Commission will be held in Kathmandu, Nepal. The Joint Commission Meeting will review overall state of bilateral relations and various areas of cooperation.

Ranks and Reports

- Karnataka tops the State Rooftop Solar Attractiveness Index which was launched during the Review Planning and Monitoring (RPM) Meeting with States and State Power Utilities.
- Dwayne 'Rock' Johnson tops the Forbes list of the 10 highest-paid actors. Bollywood Actor Akshay Kumar has made it to the 4th position on the Forbes magazine's Worlds Highest-Paid Actors Of 2019 list.
- 'Statue of Unity' in Gujarat and Mumbai's Soho House have been featured by the Time magazine in its second annual list of the 2019 World's greatest places, in a compilation of 100 new and newly "noteworthy destinations."

Science and Technology

- Ankita Gulati from IIT Delhi was awarded the NCPEDP-Mphasis Universal Design Award 2019 for developing a multisensory kit named Touch Vision. This Kit aims at digital inclusion for 253 million persons with visual impairment globally.
- Artificial intelligence (AI) company Cerebras Systems has unveiled the world's largest single silicon-based processor named Cerebras Wafer Scale Engine(WSE). This chip has 1.2 trillion transistors.
- Russia launched an unmanned rocket carrying a life-size humanoid robot named Fedor, to assist astronauts on the International Space Station.
- NASA announced that it has named a rock on Mars in honour of the iconic English band, The Rolling Stones.

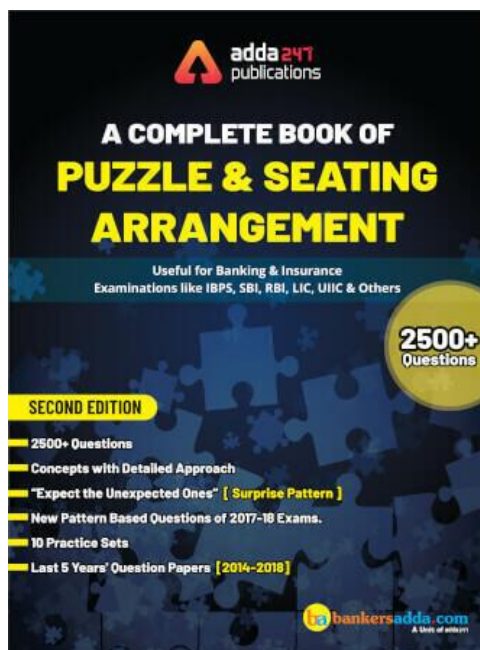
Sports News

- Indian sprinters Hima Das and Mohammad Anas have won a gold medal and Nirmal Tom clinched a bronze medal in 300m races at the Athleticky Mitink Reiter event.
- India have won the gold medal at the Under 12 Asian Tennis Team championship held in Kazakhstan. India defeated Chinese Taipei in the summit clash to win the title.
- Australian player Marnus Labuschagne has become the 1st Concussion Substitute player in the history of International cricket.
- Former Australian pace bowler Mitchell Johnson has been elected as an Honorary Life Member of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC).

- Former Chelsea, Arsenal and England football player Ashley Cole aged 38, announced his retirement from football.
- Former India paceman Shanthakumaran Sreesanth's life ban has been reduced to 7 years by BCCI. The Ban will end in 2020. This order was passed by BCCI Ombudsman, Justice (Retd.) DK Jain.
- Indian Para Swimmer Satendra Singh Lohia has become the first Asian swimmer to cross the Catalina Channel of America. Satendra holds the Asian record of crossing both the English and Catalina channels.
- B.N.S. Reddy beats Bruce Barrios of the U.S. in the men's singles final to win the gold medal at the World Police and Fire Games. The tournament was held in Chengdu, China.
- The Board of Control for Cricket in India has announced that mobile payments and e-commerce company "Paytm" has retained the title sponsorship rights.
- Former Indian opener Vikram Rathour appointed as team India's new batting coach. He will replace Sanjay Bangar.
- The Indian team of Sukhbeer Singh, Sangampreet Singh Bisla and Tushar Phadtare clinched a bronze medal in the junior compound men's team event in the World Archery Youth Championships in Madrid, Spain.

Important Days

- World Humanitarian Day is observed across the world on August 19 and this year World Humanitarian Day 2019 is set to celebrate Women Humanitarians and their undying contribution in making the world a better place.
- Sadbhavana Diwas is celebrated on 20 August every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. This year will be the 75th Birth Anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi.



- United Nations observes 21 August every year as International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism.
- United Nations observes 22 August every year as "International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief".
- World Photography Day is celebrated on 19 August every year.
- United Nations observes 23 August every year as "International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition".

Obituaries

- Former Bihar Chief Minister Jagannath Mishra passed away. He was 3-time Chief Minister of Bihar.
- Doordarshan Anchor and Nari Shakti Award Winner Neelum Sharma passed away.
- Veteran music composer Mohammed Zahur Hashmi, popularly known as Khayyam passed away. He was also a recipient of Sangeet Natak Akademi Award and Padma Bhushan.
- Punjabi writer and Sahitya Akademi winner Professor Niranjan Singh Tasneem passed away. He was awarded Sahitya Akademi award in 1999 for his novel 'Gawache Arth'.
- Former Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Babulal Gaur passed away.
- Former Union finance minister and senior BJP leader Arun Jaitley passed away.

Miscellaneous News

- IIT Kanpur has developed a kit in collaboration with the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights to spread awareness about sexual abuse among children. The kit can be used in classrooms for kids aged between 8-12 and in a group of 30-35 students in one session.
- President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated underground Bunker Museum at Raj Bhavan, Mumbai. The British-era bunker was discovered in 2016.
- India is the world's largest emitter of anthropogenic sulphur dioxide. According to an analysis of a National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) data released by environmental NGO Greenpeace.
- Indian Railway's 2nd double-decker Uday (Utkrisht Double-Decker Air Conditioned Yatri) Express will run between Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada.
- The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has declared Ocean Energy as renewable energy status.

Static Takeaways

- Union Minister of Human Resource Development: Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'.
- Prime Minister of Iceland: Katrin Jakobsdottir; Capital: Reykjavik.
- Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh: Pema Khandu.
- Governor of Arunachal Pradesh: B. D. Mishra.
- Chief Minister of Odisha: Naveen Patnaik; Governor of Odisha: Ganeshi Lal.
- Prime Minister of Iceland: Katrin Jakobsdottir; Capital: Reykjavik.
- Governor of Manipur: Padmanabha Balkrishna Acharya.
- Capital of the UAE: Abu Dhabi; Currency: Dirham.
- Nepal Prime Minister: K P Sharma Oli; Capital: Kathmandu.
- External Affairs Minister of India: S. Jaishankar.
- WHO Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland, Director-General: Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.
- ICC Chairman: Shashank Manohar; Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
- Pakistan Capital: Islamabad; PM: Imran Khan; President: Arif Alvi.
- Currency of Sri Lanka: Sri Lankan Rupee; Prime Minister: Ranil Wickremesinghe; President: Maithripala Sirisena.
- Capital of Karnataka: Bengaluru; CM: BS Yediyurappa; Governor: Vajubhai Vala.
- CM of Gujarat: Vijay Rupani; Governor: Acharya Devvrat; Capital: Gandhinagar.
- Paytm Founder: Vijay Shekhar Sharma; Parent Organization: One97 Communications.
- Administrator of NASA: Jim Bridenstine; Headquarter of NASA: Washington DC, US.
- Rajiv Ratna Gandhi was the 6th Prime Minister of India, serving from 1984 to 1989. He was assassinated on 21 May 1991.
- Chief Minister of Punjab : Amarinder Singh; Governor of Punjab: VP Singh Badnore.
- Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Wipro: Abidali Z. Neemuchwala.
- Headquarters of International Solar Alliance: Gurugram, Haryana.
- President of USA: Donald Trump; Capital of the USA: Washington, DC.
- Union Minister of Defence: Raj Nath Singh.
- Chairman of DRDO: Dr G Satheesh Reddy.
- Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports: Kiren Rijiju.
- Union Railway Minister: Piyush Goyal.
- President of Russia: Vladimir Putin; Capital city of Russia: Moscow.
- Secretary General of the United Nations: António Guterres.
- Headquarters of United Nations: New York; Secretary General of the United Nations: António Guterres.
- CEO & Co-Founder of Cerebras Systems: Andrew Feldman; Established: 2016; Headquarters: California, USA.
- Union HRD Minister: Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'.

- CM of Maharashtra : Devendra Fadnavis; Governor: CH Vidyasagar Rao.
- CEO of Amazon: Jeff Bezos; Headquarters: Seattle, United States.
- Governor of RBI: Shaktikant Das; Headquarters: Mumbai; Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata.
- President of Russia: Vladimir Putin; Capital of Russia: Moscow.
- Currency of Russia: Russian ruble; PM of Russia: Dmitry Medvedev.
- Senior National Cricket selection committee head: MSK Prasad.
- Chief of the Army Staff: General Bipin Rawat.
- CEO of Acko General Insurance: Varun Dua.
- CEO of Zest Money: Lizzie Chapman.
- Chief Minister of West Bengal: Mamta Banerjee.
- Governor of West Bengal: Jagdeep Dhankhar.
- Headquarters of United Nations: New York, USA; Founded: 24 October 1945.
- Union Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises: Nitin Gadkari.
- Iran Capital: Tehran; Currency: Rial; President of Iran: Hassan Rouhani.
- SEBI Headquarter: Mumbai; Chairman: Ajay Tyagi.
- Union Women and Child Development Minister: Smriti Irani.
- NASA Administrator : Jim Bridenstine.
- NASA established: 29 July 1958.
- Union Minister of New and Renewable Energy: Raj Kumar Singh.
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- Chief Minister of Goa: Pramod Sawant; Governor of Goa: Mridula Sinha.
- CEO of YES Bank: Ravneet Gill; Headquarter of YES Bank: Mumbai.

