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## CA ONELINERS JULY 15-21

### National Affairs

1. Minister of Railways Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu inducts First DEMU Train with Solar powered Coaches into service of the Nation. It is the first 1600 HP DEMU train with Solar Powered Coaches with a unique facility of Battery Bank.
2. Delhi police will now be the first state police who will be given the 'super cop belt'.
3. The Defence Minister Shri Arun Jaitley released a Coffee Table Book titled 'Ganga Avahan - The Epic Tale of a Historic Swim'.
4. Varanasi Nagar Nigam building will be redeveloped as an iconic tower to provide office and commercial space.
5. Raipur's Swami Vivekananda Airport was once again ranked first in Customer Satisfaction among 49 airports in the country. Raipur Airport achieved 4.84 score on a five point scale index in the latest CSI survey conducted by an independent agency for the period of January-June 2017.
6. The Centre has released in advance two installments of grant-in-aid to the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh towards Central share of State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF). Government of India has released Rupees 51 crore and 30 lakh as grant-in-aid to the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh.

7. The President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee inaugurated the 7th Edition of Kamada Kinkar Mukherjee Rural Football Tournament at Mackenzie Park Football Ground in Murshidabad district of West Bengal.

8. The app Rail SAARTHI was launched by Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu. The Rail SAARTHI (Synergised Advanced Application Rail Travel Help and Information) such as safety for women, complaint facility and suggestion for improvement.

9. The union Minister of Road Transport and Highway and Shipping Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the 212<sup>th</sup> Mid -Term Council meeting on road safety Scenario in India held at Hotel Radisson Blu of Udaipur.

10. The Transport Department has decided to resurrect a 24x7 helpline that allowed Delhiites to register complaints against vehicles. The helpline, 42-400-400, has been defunct since two years.

11. The Uttar Pradesh government has fixed a target to provide jobs to 70 lakh people in five years.

12. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, along with Union Minister Venkaiah Naidu, inaugurated SRM University in Amaravati. He said that he was committed to developing the State into a knowledge hub.

13. Operation Muskan, a month-long drive to rescue Odisha's missing children, was launched by the State police. This is the third edition

launched by the Crime Branch in association with the Women and Child Development Department.

14. Haryana government has decided to set up a hi-tech and ultra-modern ornamental fish hatchery in Jhajjar district at a cost of Rs 13.68 crore. It would be done over 400 hectares additional unutilised saline land under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna Scheme during the year 2017-18.

15. Regional air connectivity in Bihar to be promoted. The MoU was signed under Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) in presence of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and Union Civil Aviation Minister Ashok Gajapati Raju.

16. Govt to impart training to 5 lakh graduates under Kaushal Vikash Yojana to work in field of GST.

17. The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has expressed happiness as number of beneficiaries of Ujjwala Yojana crossed 2.5 Crore.

18. Institutions under the Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission will continue to remain outside the purview of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).

19. Matunga suburban railway station in Mumbai has become the first station in India to be run by an all-women staff.

20. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced exemption for soldiers from paying toll-tax on highways in the state.

21. Tata Motors has developed country's first Bio-CNG (bio-methane) bus which was unveiled at 'Urja Utsav'.

22. The first ever Kargil International Marathon 'Run for Sarhad' concluded with more than 800 runners.

23. The President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee received the first copy of the book 'Future of Indian Universities: Comparative and International Perspectives' from Nobel Laureate Professor Amartya Sen.

24. The IX Phase of the prestigious Science Express exhibition train reached Sindhudurg in Maharashtra.

25. Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh will be launching 100 Uber bike taxis aimed at generating jobs for the unemployed youth.

26. Karnataka wants to have its own 'state flag', appoints panel to look into legal sanctity.

Karnataka will only be the second state in the country to have a flag after Jammu & Kashmir.

27. Sohum, a new hearing screening device developed by School of International Biodesign (SIB) meant especially for newborns.

28. In Haryana, the first newly developed Apple Market at Panchkula has become functional.

29. Maharashtra government approved a revised policy of the 'Majhi Kanya Bhagyashree' scheme according to which families who have a yearly income of up to 7.5 lakh rupees will be benefited.

30. Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik dedicated to the nation the state's longest bridge and named it after Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The 2.88 km bridge over the river Kathajodi will connect Bhubaneswar with Cuttack.

31. The proposed Sabarimala greenfield international airport in Central Travancore is to come up on the Cheruvally estate.

32. The Education department of Madhya Pradesh launched the Hamari Shala Kaise Ho, Shala Siddhi Karyakram and Shala Siddhi Prohatsan Puraskar Yojana to provide qualitative education to the students of government school of the state.

33. Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) & a miniratna Defence Public Sector Undertaking (DPSU) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the financial year 2017-18

34. President to inaugurate Paika rebellion commemoration day. The Paika rebellion originated under the leadership of Bakshi Jagabandhu.

35. The Cabinet has given ex-post facto approval for insurance regulator IRDAI's admission as a signatory to IAIS Multilateral Memorandum of Understanding amid increasing integration of financial markets.

36. In Telangana Janahitha" was launched to receive complaints from public through a special portal.

37. Shri Naidu announces 2 new Shortwave Solid State digital transmitters of 100 KW to broadcast across the border for Afghanistan- Pakistan region.

38. A special webpage on the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on PIB Website was launched by Principal Director General, Press Information Bureau, Shri A P Frank Noronha.

39. The Ministry of Urban Development and the South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) on joined hands to launch sanitation campaign at Gyan Bharati Public School in Saket.

40. The Lok Sabha passed the IIIT Public Private Partnership Bill 2017. The Bill provides to establish 20 IIITs under Public Private Partnership mode across the country and authorise them to award degrees to the students.

41. Punjab Govt releases Rs 90 lakh for construction of ultra modern cattle pond at village Kanian Kalan in Jalandhar district.

42. Gujarat Government has announced to set up 60 new primary Health Centers in the rural areas of the state.

43. Telangana School Education Department issued strict guidelines to reduce the weight of school bags for children in the State.

44. Gujarat continues to have the highest potential to attract investment for the second year in a row, a survey by economic policy think tank National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) revealed. Delhi scored the highest on infrastructure.

45. Finance Minister Arun Jaitley will launch a new pension scheme for the senior citizens, Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana, PMVVY in New Delhi. It will be available till 3rd of May next year.

46. The Union Cabinet gave its nod to Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) for raising Rs. 660 crore in bonds for extra budgetary resources in 2017-18.

47. The National Green Tribunal rapped the Delhi government over "inordinate delay" in demarcation of forest land in the southern Ridge and slapped a fine of 2 lakh on it.

## International Affairs

1. China gets largest BMW R&D centre outside of Germany. The new R&D centre, covering an area of over 40,000 square metres, is by far the BMW group's largest auto R&D hub outside Germany.

2. The US House of Representatives has passed a bill that proposes to advance defence cooperation with India. An amendment in this regard, moved by Indian-American Congressman Ami Bera, was adopted by a voice vote by the House as part of the National Defence Authorisation Act, NDAA, 2018 October 1 this year.

3. The World's first centre for Breeding Saola for Endangered hoofed mammal will be opened at 2018 in Bach Ma National Park, Vietnam

4. A Russian Soyuz booster lifted off from Kazakhstan on a complex mission to deploy 73 satellites into three different orbits.

5. Turkey marks first anniversary of failed coup. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan will unveil a memorial on an Istanbul bridge.

6. Poland's Parliament has approved a bill to give MPs and the justice minister the power to appoint judges without consulting judicial circles.

7. San Miguel de Allende in Mexico has been named the World's Best City while Udaipur (Rajasthan) has been ranked 14th.

8. Indonesia has named waters in its exclusive economic zone that overlap with China's

expansive claim to the South China Sea as the North Natuna Sea.

9. Nobel peace laureate Malala calls for state of emergency for education in Nigeria.

10. The hypersonic glider is capable of travelling at Mach8 - eight times faster than the speed of sound. The test was part of a project called the Hypersonic International Flight Research Experimentation Program (HIFiRE) involving the US and Australian militaries.

11. The US administration states new economic sanctions against Iran over the Islamic Republic's ballistic missile program.

12. US Navy officers are currently testing the world's first drone-killing laser worth of US Navy officers are currently testing the world's first drone-killing laser capable of blasting targets with 30kW of power.

13. Australia became the 35<sup>th</sup> country to join the International Solar Alliance, an initiative launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in November 2015 in Paris. It is co-led by India and France.

14. Chonburi's annual buffalo race festival, in Chonburi province, Thailand. The race is the highlight of an annual rice planting festival in Chonburi

15. Israel to partner DRDO for developing missile defence system for India.

## BANKING & BUSINESS

1. Wholesale price inflation slowed to a 11-month low of 0.90% in June due to subdued food inflation and weak manufacturing prices.

2. Finance Minister Arun Jaitley informed that the Department of Economic Affairs had signed an agreement with the NIIF for a 20,000 crore contribution to the Fund.

3. Private sector YES Bank has received another round of \$150 million funding from US government and Wells Fargo to fund SME lending.

4. India is ranked 116 out of 157 nations on a global index that assesses the performance of countries towards achieving the ambitious sustainable development goals (SDGs).

5. Google has been ranked as the most influential brand in the country while Patanjali Ayurveda and Reliance Jio figure in the top ten.

6. Deposits in Jan Dhan accounts have touched a new high of 64,564 crore rupees, of which over 300 crore rupees came in the first seven months of demonetisation.

7. Indians among top asylum-seekers, according to the International Migration Outlook 2017.

8. RIL crosses Rs 5 lakh cr market-cap for first time in its trading history. It has become the second only firm to do so after Tata Consultancy Service (TCS).

9. India's largest commercial bank SBI said it has launched a dedicated portal 'SBI Realty' that will help home buyers to choose flats from its 3,000 approved projects across the country.

10. NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Arvind Panagariya has said, India's GDP could rise to about 8 trillion dollars over the next 15 years if the country

registers an economic growth of 8 per cent annually.

11. India foodgrain output up 8.7% at record 273.38 Millions in 2016-17. This was stated by Minister of State for Agriculture SS Ahluwalia.

12. The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has just launched the mAadhaar app for syncing Aadhaar data on the mobile phone.

13. Sheikh Lubna Al Qasimi Emirati Minister is the 'Most Powerful Arab Woman In Government'.

14. India is expected to achieve the projected growth rate of 7.4 per cent in 2017 and further up 7.6 per cent next year Asian Development Bank (ADB) Outlook 2017 said.

15. The Reserve Bank will shortly issue bank notes of denomination Rs 20 in Mahatma Gandhi series 2005 that will be bearing inset letter 'S' in the number panel and signature of Governor Urjit R Patel.

16. In an apparent move to compete with Microsoft-owned LinkedIn, Google has launched 'Hire', a recruiting app for small- and medium-sized businesses.

17. The rating agency ICRA in association with the India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (IIFCL).

18. The new system will focus on the overall recovery of dues by the investor/lender over the lifecycle of the project.

19. ICICI Bank will be selling personal loans of up to Rs 15 lakh through its ATMs that can be



availed of by select salaried customers even if they haven't previously applied for one.

20. RBI has set up an Enforcement Department (EFD) which would serve as a centralised department to speed up regulatory compliance.

## APPOINTMENTS

1. India's Pride: IIT Madras Distinguished Alumnus, Professor Subra Suresh, named President of NTU Singapore. He will begin his presidency on 1 January 2018, when the current President Prof. Anderson retires.

2. In a departure from the norm, Industries Minister Satyendar Jain will be the new chairperson-cum-managing director of the Delhi State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. (DSIIDC). Mr. Jain would be replacing K.R. Meena, an IAS officer of the 1993 batch.

3. Mukesh Kumar Jain was appointed as the managing director and chief executive officer of Oriental Bank of Commerce. . He is at present the executive director in Punjab and Sind Bank.

4. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved appointment of Sushant Kumar Panda, Ameeta Suri, Pranab Kumar Das and Joseph as the new members, an order issued by Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT).

5. Bilal Dar, an 18-year-old Ragpicker, has been appointed as Srinagar Municipal Corporation's brand ambassador.

6. The name of acting Chief Justice Gopal Prasad Parajuli was endorsed by the Parliamentary

Hearing Special Committee (PHSC) for the post of Nepal's Supreme Court Chief Justice.

7. National Conference leader and former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah and Indian Union Muslim League leader PK Kunhalikutty took oath as members of the Lok Sabha.

8. Smriti Irani, Minister for Textiles, will hold an additional charge of the important Information and Broadcasting Ministry. Mr Naidu also resigned as Urban Development Minister and that ministry will now be led by Narendra Singh Tomar.

9. UK's first woman Sikh MP Preet Kaur Gill elected to key Parliament panel.

10. Swami Smarananandaji Maharaj (87) was unanimously elected as the 16th president of Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission.

11. Infosys executive vice president Ritika Suri has resigned the company.

12. Dismissing the five-month-old government of Shurhozelie Liezietsu, Nagaland Governor P.B. Acharya on appointed T.R. Zeliang as the Chief Minister.

13. Board of Control for Cricket in India, BCCI has appointed Bharat Arun as the Indian Cricket team's bowling coach.

14. Roma legend Football Player Francesco Totti has confirmed his retirement as a player and announced to become the director of the Italian club.

15. The head of the French armed forces, General Pierre de Villiers, has quit his post after publicly

clashing with Emmanuel Macron over proposed budget cuts.

16. President Election Result 2017: Ram Nath Kovind Will Take Oath As 14th President Of India On July 25.

17. The US President Donald Trump has nominated John R Bass, currently serving as the US ambassador to Turkey, to be his envoy to Afghanistan.

18. Lord Davies is set to replace the Rt Hon Patricia Hewitt as Chair of the UK India Business Council (UKIBC).

19. Tata Sky signs actress Nayanthara as brand ambassador, South.

20. Mayawati's resignation from Rajya Sabha unlikely to be accepted as letter breaks parliamentary procedure.

21. Senior bureaucrats Arbind Modi and Bajrang Dass Vishnoi were appointed as members of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).

22. UNICEF appointed Indian-origin Lilly Singh as the Global Goodwill Ambassador.

23. Shri Bishwadip Dey, presently High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, has been concurrently accredited as the next High Commissioner of India to Montserrat.

24. Shri Sanjiv Kohli, presently High Commissioner of India to New Zealand, has been concurrently accredited as the next High Commissioner of India to Niue.

## AWARDS

1. Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) has awarded former Pakistan Test captain Misbah-ul-Haq with Honorary Life Membership. Haq is the 22<sup>nd</sup> Pakistani to receive the honour.

2. IIFA Awards 2017: Shahid-Alia win Best Actor and Actress, Neerja wins Best Film.

3. Singapore Airlines has been rated the world's best airline in a survey by the Travel and Leisure magazine. It has been followed by Emirates and Qatar Airways at second and third place respectively.

4. Chitraveena maestro N Ravikiran would be conferred with the "Sangita Kalanidhi Award" instituted by the Music Academy.

5. Actor Deepika Padukone, who has been inducted as one of the newest members of the Academy of Motion Picture of Arts & Sciences (AMPAS) is included in the Class of 2017.

6. LK Advani receives Lifetime Achievement award for contributions as Lok Sabha member. JD(U) leader Sharad Yadav got the Lifetime Achievement Award as a Rajya Sabha MP.

## SPORTS

1. Siddhanth Thingalaya broke his own meet record of men's 110m hurdles National Inter-State Championships to win the gold medal at the 57th edition of the meet in Guntur.

2. Neel Joshi and Ananya Dabke bagged the under-15 boys and girls titles, respectively, in the Dutch Open Junior Squash Championships, in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

3. India spinner Ravichandran Ashwin slipped a place to take the third position in the latest ICC



Player Rankings for Test bowlers. Sri Lanka spinner Rangana Herath has climbed to second position

4. The television's much-loved mother, Divyanka aka Ishima has been honoured with the Most Admired Leader in the field of entertainment by Herald Global and has also been listed in the 50 Most Inspirational Women list.

5. The J&K Tourism Department has received the award in the category of 'Best Adventure Tourism Destination and Eco-Tourism Destination'.

6. In the 22nd edition of the World Petroleum Congress in Istanbul, Turkey, Indian Oil bagged the WPC Excellence Award for its innovative and ground-breaking INDMAX technology.

7. A group of seven Indian students has bagged two awards at the first global robotics Olympiad in the US where 157 countries participated.

## HISTORIC EVENTS OF THE DAY

1. World Youth Skills Day will be celebrated on July 15 to raise awareness about growing need of employment for youth and issues of their learning.

2. The streets around the Champs Élysées Avenue in western Paris were brimming with French citizens and tourists watching the Bastille Day parade. The president attended the event as French President Emmanuel Macron's & Trump is Guest of Honour.

3. The 16th of July is celebrated as World Snake Day

4. International Justice Day is celebrated throughout the world on July 17, 2017 as part of an effort to recognize the emerging system of International Criminal Justice.

5. Every year on 18 July, the day Nelson Mandela was born - the UN celebrates Nelson Mandela International Day (18 July) by making a difference in their communities.

6. The United Forum of Bank Unions has decided to observe July 19, the 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary of nationalisation of major banks, as 'Save public sector banks' day.

## SPORTS

1. The visually challenged 26-year-old Kanchanmala Pandey went on to win a silver medal in Berlin earlier this month and became the only Indian woman to qualify for the World Para Swimming Championship to be held later this year in Mexico She won the medal in the 200-metre Individual Medley in the Para Swimming Championship.

2. India's Sundar Singh Gurjar has won gold on opening night of 2017 World Para Athletics Championships in London. He triumphed in the men's javelin throw with a personal best of 60.36 metre.

3. Wimbledon 2017 women's final, highlights: Garbine Muguruza beats Venus Williams for 2nd Grand Slam trophy.

4. The Indian women swept all the three medals in junior women's skeet in the International Junior Shotgun Cup in Finland.

5. Indian hammer thrower Damneet Singh hit a personal best 74.20m and won the silver at the IAAF World under-18 athletics championships in Nairobi, Kenya. India's Harinder Pal Sandhu wins Victorian Squash Open title beating top-seed Rex Hedrick of Australia.

6. Asian champion Govindan Lakshmanan grabbed a gold medal in men's 5000m race at Asian Athletics Championships in Bhubaneswar.

7. Martina Hingis clinched her 23th Grand Slam title and Scottish partner Jamie Murray beat Henri Kontinen and Heather Watson in the Wimbledon mixed doubles final.

8. Lewis Hamilton swept to his fourth consecutive victory at the British Grand Prix.

9. I H Manudev has won the first National Masters snooker tournament title in Chennai.

10. India bagged three medals, including a gold in the Asian Cadet Judo Championship in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

11. FIFA have lifted their ban on the Sudan Football Association.

12. Asian champion shot-putter Manpreet Kaur caught in the dope net after testing positive for a banned stimulant, lose the gold medal clinched by her in Asian Athletics Championships in Bhubaneswar.

13. India's Amit Kumar Saroha clinched a silver in men's club throw F51 competition in World Para Athletics Championships in London.

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

1. Paper or other materials coated with a hydrophobic (water hating) hybrid molecular

material synthesised at the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Kolkata can behave like a lotus leaf and keep the surface clean and water-proof.

2. Behind Green Eyes: New species of deep-water hermit crab found in the West Coast of South Africa.

3. Scientists from the University of Cambridge have developed super-stretchy and strong artificial silk, composed almost entirely of water, which may be used to make eco-friendly textiles and sensors.

4. Canadian scientists have identified a new bird-like species of dinosaur that lived nearly 71 million years ago and was about the size of a person.

## BOOK & AUTHOR

- The President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee received the first copy of the book "President's Lady" (Pranaber Preyosi) on his wife Late Smt. Suvra Mukherjee from Vice President of India, Mohd. Hamid Ansari. The book has been written by Sangeeta Ghosh.

## OBITUARY

1. Maryam Mirzakhani, an Iranian-born mathematician who was the first woman to win the coveted Fields Medal, has died.

2. Nar Bahadur Bhandari, one of the longest-serving chief ministers of Sikkim died.

3. George Romero, Father of the Zombie Movie, Dies at 77.

4. Oscar-winning performer Martin Landau is no more.

5. Actor and songwriter Robert Gene 'Red' West dies at 81.

6. Indira Bai, daughter of Sethu Lakshmi Bayi, who was Queen Regent of erstwhile Travancore, died at the age of 90.

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