

# Weekly One-Liners

15-21 October



## Weekly One-Liners Updates 15-21st October 2020

Dear readers,

**Weekly One Liner Updates** is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the third **week** (15-21st) of **October 2020**. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

### **Banking & Financial Awareness**

1. Which financial company in collaboration with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) launched 'Salary Card', a Zero-Touch Digital card \_\_\_\_\_ **EarlySalary**.  
**Note:**
  - The Salary Card credit solution is powered by Rupay. It provides instant access for salaried professionals, allowing them to make purchases instantly across merchants in India.
  - Vivifi India Finance Private Limited (Vivifi) has launched FlexPay, which offers credit on Unified Payments Interface (UPI).
2. Which bank has collaborated with Apollo Hospitals to launch the "HealthyLife Programme", a holistic healthcare solution \_\_\_\_\_ **HDFC Bank**.  
**Note:**
  - This programme will be launched for HDFC Bank customers, to make healthy living accessible and affordable while making the process convenient and easy for the customers.
  - Customers will get round the clock access to emergency Apollo Doctor at No Cost on Apollo's digital platform, Apollo 24|7.
  - It will also come with various other benefits such as choice of payment options and ease of finance for treatments at all Apollo Hospitals.
3. With which entity the NITI Aayog has set up a Frontier Technologies Cloud Innovation Center (CIC) that will work on addressing societal challenges around areas like agriculture and healthcare through digital innovation \_\_\_\_\_ **Amazon Web Services (AWS)**.  
**Note:**
  - The NITI Aayog Frontier Technologies Cloud Innovation Center is the first AWS CIC in India, and the first such centre that has been set up at a national level.
  - It has such centres across countries like Australia, Bahrain, Canada, France, Germany, South Korea, and the US, including one in partnership with the University of British Columbia.
4. Which bank will provide USD 346 million loan for power supply project in rural Maharashtra \_\_\_\_\_ **Asian Development Bank**.  
**Note:**
  - The program aims to provide efficient and reliable power to agricultural customers in Maharashtra's rural areas through adoption of HVDS that will help reduce distribution losses, and improve agricultural productivity and farmer incomes.
  - The program will be implemented until March 2022, by which time about 1.50,000 metered HVDS connections are expected.
5. Which commodity exchange has launched futures trading in real-time Base Metals Index 'METLDEX' \_\_\_\_\_ **Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX)**.  
**Note:**
  - The Base Metals Index will track real-time performance of a basket of MCX Base Metal (near month) futures that includes zinc, copper, nickel, lead, and aluminium.
  - Index trading will facilitate instant portfolio diversification and encourage passive, thematic elements in portfolios.
  - The Index will soon emerge as a new real time barometer for Indian metal industry.
6. Which company won \$14.1 million NASA contract to set up 4G network on Moon \_\_\_\_\_ **Nokia**.  
**Note:**
  - The grant is part of \$370 million worth of contracts signed under NASA's "Tipping Point" selections, meant to advance research and development for space exploration.

- The system could support lunar surface communications at greater distances, increased speeds and provide more reliability than current standards.
7. Tata Motors has partnered with which bank for financing of its passenger vehicles \_\_\_\_\_ **HDFC Bank**.
- Note:**
- Through the partnership, it has introduced two new schemes 'Gradual Step Up Scheme' and 'TML Flexi Drive Scheme' with an eye on making its products more accessible and driving up sales in the festive season.
  - Under the Gradual Step Up scheme, customers can avail EMI options as low as ₹799 per lakh per month, depending on the product and variant.
8. Which e wallet in partnership with various credit card issuers will introduce 2 million co-branded credit cards for consumers in India in the next 12-18 months \_\_\_\_\_ **Paytm**.
- Note:**
- The company had digitised the entire credit card experience on Paytm app, in order to include a digital application process and help customers track issuance of their new credit card.
  - The users can choose a convenient time to collect the documents on the app.
  - Paytm has also announced that it is building the new 'Next Generation Credit Cards' will have diverse one-touch services, including changing security pin number, updating address, blocking card in the event of fraud prevention, issuing duplicate card and viewing outstanding credit limit.
9. Which Fintech company is all set to launch a blockchain-platform in 2021 to facilitate investment in bonds by individuals \_\_\_\_\_ **BondEvalue**.
- Note:**
- Recently, BondEvalue got approval as a global Recognised Market Operator (RMO) from the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS).
  - The RMO allows BondbloX Bond Exchange (BBX), the world's first blockchain-based bond exchange, to trade globally a wide range of fixed-income securities.
10. BSE along with GlobalLinker signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Industries and Commerce Department of which state government to support MSMEs of the state to raise equity funds \_\_\_\_\_ **Telangana**.
- Note:**
- This partnership will address the MSMEs challenges due to limited alternate sources of finance which increases their dependence on the debt capital that results in distorted capital structures and restrained cash flow.
  - Under this MoU, BSE will support the MSMEs to address the challenges of access to finance and increase their credibility.
11. Which bank and Mastercard jointly announced the launch of "IKEA Family Credit Card" to make shopping at the Swedish furnishing company more affordable, convenient and rewarding \_\_\_\_\_ **Citi Bank India**.
- Note:**
- The card provides instant in-store card bookings, direct payments via Bharat QR, accelerated reward points and attractive EMIs and would also offer reward points on all purchases with instant reward redemption at IKEA.
  - The card is available to IKEA family members at "zero joining fee and zero annual fee" and can be used for purchases made on IKEAs online and offline stores, or anywhere in the world that accepts credit cards.
12. Which bank has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) \_\_\_\_\_ **Indian Bank**.
- Note:**
- Indian Bank has developed an integrated online system to make payments of interest subvention and cash incentives to all street vendor-beneficiaries across the country through the Direct Benefit Transfer.
13. Which Small Finance Bank has partnered with Ashoknagar Co-operative Bank Limited under the bank sponsorship programme \_\_\_\_\_ **Jana Small Finance Bank**.
- Note:**
- With this, Jana Bank has become the first SFB to go live under the sponsorship programme.
  - Ashoknagar Co-operative Bank Limited, in association with Jana Small Finance Bank, can extend ATM, POS and e-commerce services to its customers.
  - This association marks the fulfilment of Jana Bank's endeavour to promote a full suite of services to co-operative banks.
14. PhonePe launched car and bike insurance products on its platform in association with which insurance company \_\_\_\_\_ **Bajaj Allianz General Insurance**.

**Note:**

- With this launch, over 230 million registered PhonePe users can now insure their vehicles seamlessly in under 2 minutes, without the need for any documents to be uploaded before the purchase and also view their policy documents instantly on the app.
- PhonePe users can also customise their car insurance plan based on their needs with a range of value-added offerings such as zero depreciation, 24X7 roadside assistance and engine protection among others.

15. Which Bank has approved \$12 billion in financing to help developing countries buy and distribute coronavirus vaccines, tests, and treatments, aiming to support the vaccination of up to one billion people \_\_\_\_\_ **World Bank**.

**Note:**

- The \$12 billion envelop is part of a wider World Bank Group package of up to \$160 billion to help developing countries fight the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Obituaries**

1. Noted poet and 55th Jnanpith awardee Akkitham Achuthan Namboothiri passed away recently, he was a poet of which language \_\_\_\_\_ **Malayalam**.

**Note:**

- Akkitham also won the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1973.
- He became a household name in the 1950s when his work Irupatham Noottandinte Ithihasam, a khandakavya, which is one of the first modernist poems of Malayalam literature, gained popularity.
- It even won the Sanjayan Award in 1952.

2. Veteran Test cricketer John Reid passed away recently, for which country did he played \_\_\_\_\_ **New Zealand**.

**Note:**

- Reid, regarded as one of the world's best all-rounders during his heyday in the fifties and early sixties, captained New Zealand in 34 Tests including, most notably, the country's first three victories.
- A hard-hitting right batsman and a seam bowler, he played 58 Tests after making his debut as a 19-year-old in 1949, scoring 3428 runs at 33.28, while taking 85 wickets at 33.35.

3. Renowned personality Shobha Naidu passed away recently, she was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Classical Dancer**.

**Note:**

- Her major achievements include choreography and presentation of Ballets Vipranarayana, Kalyana Srinivasam and many others, in which she was the main protagonist and portrayed various roles like Satyabhama, Devadevaki, Padmavathi, Mohini, Sai Baba, and Goddess Parvati which won her great appreciation.
- Some of the famous awards won by her includes, Padma Shri in 2001, Sangeet Natak Akademi in 1991.

4. Renowned personality Bhanu Athaiya passed away recently, she was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Costume Designer**.

**Note:**

- She won the Best Costume Design Oscar for her work in the 1982 film Gandhi, directed by Richard Attenborough.
- In 2012, Athaiya returned her Oscar to the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences for safekeeping.
- Bhanu Athaiya had also designed costumes for over 100 Bollywood movies.

5. Renowned personality Kishore Bhimani passed away recently, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Journalist**.

**Note:**

- He was a leading cricket commentator in the Eighties and Nineties and is best remembered for being on the air during the tied Test of 1986 between India and Australia in Chepauk, Chennai.
- He had received a lifetime achievement award for his decades-long contribution in the fields of media and commentary in 2013.

6. Legendary singer Kaumudi Munshi, passed away due to COVID 19, she is also known as 'Nightingale' of which state \_\_\_\_\_ **Gujarat**.

**Note:**

- During the early stage of her career, Munshi sang mostly in Gujarati, gaining fame with songs like 'Sachi re maari satre bhavani maa'.
- The singer also sang Bhojpuri songs, for the 1963 movie Bidesiya she sang 'Neek Saiyan bin' with renowned singer Geeta Dutt.

## Important Days

1. World Students' Day is observed every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **15th October**.

**Note:**

- This year marks the 89th birth anniversary of the former president and 'Missile Man' Dr APJ Abdul Kalam.
- In 2010 the United Nations declared 15 October "World Students' Day", due to Kalam's love for students and who himself was a dedicated teacher and identified himself foremost in that role before anything else.

2. Global Handwashing Day is observed every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **15th October**.

**Note:**

- This year's theme, "Hand Hygiene for All," seeks to raise awareness of making soap and water available globally, especially in public places, schools, and health care facilities

3. The International Day of Rural Women is observed globally each year on \_\_\_\_\_ **15 October**.

**Note:**

- In India, the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare observes the day as the Rashtriya Mahila Kisan Diwas since 2016, to increase the active participation of women in agriculture.
- The theme for this International Day of Rural Women is "Building rural women's resilience in the wake of COVID-19," to create awareness of these women's struggles, their needs, and their critical and key role in our society.

4. National Women Farmers' Day is observed every year on \_\_\_\_\_ **15th October**.

**Note:**

- Mahila Kisan Diwas was celebrated at ICAR Institutes and Krishi Vigyan Kendras across the country to recognize the contribution of women in Agriculture.
- The day was celebrated by ICAR-CIFRI with the hope to empower and leverage farm women with fisheries sector to bring Second Blue Revolution in the country.

5. World Food Day is observed every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **16th October**.

**Note:**

- This day generates awareness globally for those who suffer from hunger and to ensure the need for food security and nutritious diets for all.
- Theme 2020: "Grow, Nourish, Sustain. Together".

6. The World Statistics Day is observed every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **20th October**.

**Note:**

- The celebration of World Statistics Day 2020 is a global collaborative endeavour, organized under the guidance of the United Nations Statistical Commission.
- The World Statistics Day 2020 theme "Connecting the world with data we can trust."
- This theme reflects the importance of trust, authoritative data, innovation and the public good in national statistical systems.

7. The World Osteoporosis Day is observed every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **20th October**.

**Note:**

- WOD is organized by the International Osteoporosis Foundation (IOF), by the launch of a year-long campaign with a specific theme.
- In 2020 the Global WOD Campaign theme is "THAT'S OSTEOPOROSIS", highlighting emotionally impactful visuals and stories of real people living with osteoporosis in all regions of the world.

8. International Chef's day is celebrated every year on \_\_\_\_\_ **20th October**.

**Note:**

- International Chef's day is celebrated on October 20 every year to honour the profession and educate people about healthy food.
- The theme of International Chefs Day 2020 is 'Healthy Food For the Future'.

## New Appointments

1. Former Reserve Bank of India Executive Director Uma Shankar has been appointed as the Additional Director (Non-Executive, Independent) to which bank \_\_\_\_\_ **Karnataka Bank**.  
**Note:**
  - She is a former Executive Director of Reserve Bank of India.
  - She was with RBI for over 37 years in different capacities.
  - Her core competence is in the financial sector supervision but she has also been responsible for currency management, foreign exchange and the internal accounting and administration.
2. Who has been elected as the President of the Delhi and District Cricket Association (DDCA) \_\_\_\_\_ **Rohan Jaitley**.  
**Note:**
  - He was the single candidate left for the post, as the lone candidate who had filed his nomination against him withdrew his candidature.
  - The 31-year-old lawyer is slated to remain in the post till June 30, 2021. Notably, late Arun Jaitley had also served as the president of DDCA between 1999 and 2013.
3. Jacinda Ardern has been elected as prime minister of which country for the second consecutive three-year term \_\_\_\_\_ **New Zealand**.  
**Note:**
  - In the battle against Covid, Ardern was alone among her western peers in pursuing an explicit elimination strategy and imposed one of the strictest nationwide lockdowns in the world.
  - Ardern's centre-left Labour Party won 49.2% of the total 83.7% votes counted in the 120-member parliament.
4. Who has been appointed as the chairman of the Indian Bank Association (IBA) for the term 2020-21 \_\_\_\_\_ **Rajkiran Rai G.**  
**Note:**
  - Dinesh Kumar Khara, Chairman, State Bank of India, was elected as Deputy Chairman of the Association.
  - IBA is an association of banks and other entities in the banking ecosystem in India catering to its members.
  - The decision was taken during a meeting of the managing committee of IBA.
5. Who has been appointed as chief operating officer (COO) of Merchant payment network BharatPe \_\_\_\_\_ **Dhruv Bahl**.  
**Note:**
  - Merchant payment network BharatPe has elevated Dhruv Bahl as its chief operating officer (COO) with immediate effect.
  - In his new role, Bahl will be leading operations across customer support, deployments – QR, Swipe & Cards, KYC, loan disbursements and lead generation.
6. Who has been named an ambassador for the World Athletics Half Marathon Championships to be held in Gdynia \_\_\_\_\_ **Constantina Dita**.  
**Note:**
  - Dita competed at eight editions of the World Half Marathon Championships and earned seven medals in the process, making her one of the most successful athletes in the history of the event.
  - Her double victory in Edmonton in 2005, taking individual and team gold medals, remains one of the highlights of her career.
7. Who has been elected as President of the Editors Guild of India \_\_\_\_\_ **Seema Mustafa**.  
**Note:**
  - Mustafa succeeds Shekhar Gupta, the Editor-in-Chief of ThePrint, while Kapoor and Nath will take over from A.K. Bhattacharya, the Editorial Director of Business Standard, and Sheela Bhatt, the Contributing Editor of Rediff.com, respectively.

## Important News – India

1. The Union Cabinet has approved the Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States (STARS) project which is partly funded by which organization \_\_\_\_\_ **World Bank**.  
**Note:**

- The project will have a total project cost of ₹5,718 crore, with the World Bank's support amounting to about ₹3,700 crore (\$500 million).
  - A major component of the project is the establishment of PARAKH (Performance Assessment, Review, and Analysis of Knowledge for Holistic Development) as a National Assessment Centre.
2. On the occasion of 75th Anniversary of which organization Prime Minister Narendra Modi released a commemorative coin of Rs 75 denomination to mark the long-standing relation of India with the organization \_\_\_\_\_ **FAO**.
- Note:**
- The Prime Minister also dedicated to the nation 17 recently developed biofortified varieties of eight crops.
  - The event marks the highest priority accorded by the government to agriculture and nutrition, and is a testament of the resolve to completely eliminate hunger, undernourishment and malnutrition.
3. India has signed an MoU with which country to promote cooperation in surface and groundwater training, education and research to achieve water security for agricultural, urban, industrial and environmental purposes \_\_\_\_\_ **Australia**.
- Note:**
- The MoU has been signed to promote cooperation in surface and groundwater training, education and research to achieve water security for agricultural, urban, industrial and environmental purposes.
4. Under whose chairmanship the Central Government has formulated a panel of secretaries to streamline telecom spectrum allocation process and examine the possibility of making the auction of spectrum an annual calendar event \_\_\_\_\_ **Rajiv Gauba**.
- Note:**
- The panel comprises the secretaries of home, defence, railways, telecom, Information and Broadcasting (I&B) and department of space.
  - The decision regarding formulation of the panel has been made on the lines of telecom sector demand for the requirement of a clear road map for auctioning spectrum enabling them to plan and allocate resources efficiently.
5. Who is the chairman of the constituted by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) to Prepare the Professional Engineers Bill \_\_\_\_\_ **MS Ananth**.
- Note:**
- The committee is chaired by M.S. Ananth, Former Director of Indian Institute of Technology Madras(IIT-M).
  - K. Somaprasad, MP demanded a professional regulatory mechanism in the field of Engineering to monitor and measure the professional ethics of engineers.
6. The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has signed an agreement with which IIT and the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) to create a pool of officials who will work to find technology solutions for its operational challenges \_\_\_\_\_ **IIT Delhi**.
- Note:**
- The about 3.25 lakh-strong force has about 500 officers and sub-officers who hold professional degrees in engineering and technology.
  - The Memorandum of Understanding will enable these officers to undertake short-term specialised courses at these institutions and also pursue research work.
7. What is India's rank in the "Global Hunger Index 2020" prepared jointly by Welthungerhilfe and Concern Worldwide \_\_\_\_\_ **94<sup>th</sup>**.
- Note:**
- As per the report, India ranked 94th among 107 countries.
  - According to the report India has the highest prevalence of wasted children under five years in the world, which reflects acute undernutrition.
8. What amount of loan will be provided by the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) to the cooperatives under the recently launched Ayushman Sahakar Scheme \_\_\_\_\_ **Rs 10,000 crores**.
- Note:**
- The scheme will assist the cooperatives to play a crucial role in creating health care infrastructure in the country.
  - The scheme was formulated by the National Cooperative Development Corporation. The NCDC will provide loans of Rs 10,000 crores to the cooperatives under the scheme.
  - This includes financial assistance and working capital to meet operational requirements in health sector.
9. Who launched the development of Indigenous Software solution for Vessel Traffic Services (VTS) and Vessels Traffic Monitoring Systems (VTMS) in New Delhi \_\_\_\_\_ **Mansukh Mandaviya**.
- Note:**
- The launch of indigenous software is in line with Prime Minister's Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Mission.

- The indigenous VTS and VTMS software will help in determining the position of shipping Vessels, position of other traffic and other meteorological hazard warnings, and traffic management within a port or waterway.
10. Under whose chairmanship the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has constituted a Market Data Advisory Committee (MDAC) to set up Data Culture through Data Democratization in the Indian securities market \_\_\_\_\_  
**Madhabi Puri Buch.**  
**Note:**
- The committee is headed by Madhabi Puri Buch, Whole Time Member, SEBI and has CEOs of stock exchanges and depositories, representatives of various stakeholders and senior officials of SEBI as members.
- The committee will recommend appropriate policy for accessing securities market data, identify segment wise data perimeters, data needs and gaps, recommend data privacy and data access regulations applicable to market data, etc.
11. According to the State of Global Air 2020 report released by the US-based Health Effects Institute and Global Burden of Disease which country recorded the highest annual average PM 2.5 concentration exposure in the world in 2019 \_\_\_\_\_  
**India.**  
**Note:**
- India was followed by Nepal, Niger, Qatar and Nigeria in high PM 2.5 exposures.
- This means people in India are exposed to the highest PM 2.5 concentrations globally.
- India has been recording an increase in PM 2.5 pollution since 2010 contrary to Centre's claims that annual air pollution levels in the country are coming down.
12. Which online portal has been launched by the Union Science and Technology Minister Harsh Vardhan that provides information about CSIR ushered repurposed drugs and their current stage of trials \_\_\_\_\_ **CuRED.**  
**Note:**
- The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has been exploring multiple combination clinical trials of antivirals with host-directed therapies for a potential treatment of COVID-19 since the beginning of the pandemic.
- Apart from information about CSIR repurposed drugs, the website -- CuRED -- also provides details about clinical trials of diagnostics and devices in which the scientific body is involved.
13. As per the Union Health Ministry the aim of the government is to make India Trans Fat free by \_\_\_\_\_ **2022.**  
**Note:**
- Chairing the event on World Food Day organized by FSSAI, Dr Harsh Vardhan said, due to the unprecedented challenges faced by the world on account of the Covid pandemic, there has been a renewed focus on food, nutrition, health, immunity and sustainability.
- He said, focus this year is on elimination of Trans Fats from the food supply chain.
14. Which campaign has been launched by the Union Education Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank on the 89th birth anniversary of former President and Scientist Late Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam \_\_\_\_\_ **KAPILA.**  
**Note:**
- Under this campaign, students pursuing education in higher educational institutions will get information about the correct system of application process for patenting their invention and they will be aware of their rights.
- It has also been decided to celebrate the week of October 15th to 23rd as 'Intellectual Property Literacy Week'.
15. India will hand over INS Sindhuvir, a Kilo class submarine to which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Myanmar.**  
**Note:**
- INS Sindhuvir will be the first submarine of the Southeast Asian country and the move is in line with the overall Indian vision that aspires to guarantee security for all maritime partners.
- It belongs to a class of diesel-electric attack submarines built by the Soviet Union during the Cold War years.
16. Which University bags first rank in India as stand-alone institution for filling highest number of patents in a year \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chandigarh University.**  
**Note:**
- The annual rankings for the year 2018-19 was recently released by Office of Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trademarks, Government of India which comprises of Academic Institutions and Multinational Companies.

### Important News – State

1. Which state government has announced to has signed a pact with Vedanta Group firm Hindustan Zinc Ltd (HZL) to set up a greenfield zinc smelter in the state \_\_\_\_\_ **Gujarat.**

**Note:**



- This facility will entail an investment of Rs 5000- 10,000 crore in phases, creating more than 5,000 direct and indirect jobs and will be operational by 2022.
- The proposed 300 (kilo tonnes per annum) production capacity project would provide big employment opportunities to the local youths in this tribal area.
2. Which state police has launched 'AAWAJ' — 'Action Against Women-related crime and Awareness for Justice' the campaign to spread awareness among woman about the crime against them \_\_\_\_\_ **Rajasthan**.
- Note:**
- Named 'AAWAJ' — Action Against Women-related crime and Awareness for Justice the campaign was launched by Civil Rights and Anti-Human Trafficking Unit of the police and will run across the state to generate gender equality and curb crimes against women.
- In the first month of the campaign from October 13 to November 12, special efforts will be made to curb rape incidents, besides spreading awareness about the laws related to women safety.
3. Which state government has launched "Sujal", 'Drink from Tap Mission' scheme, to provide round the clock supply of quality tap drinking water in all urban areas of the state \_\_\_\_\_ **Odisha**.
- Note:**
- The state has set the target to provide piped water connections to all urban areas in the state by March 2022.
- Odisha government has set Rs 1300 crore for this scheme which will benefit over 15 lakh people in 15 towns in a phased manner.
4. Which state government signed an agreement with Indian Rugby Football Union (IRFU) to sponsor the Indian national rugby teams till 2023 and facilitate high-performance training and conditioning of the players \_\_\_\_\_ **Odisha**.
- Note:**
- Odisha government signed an agreement with Indian Rugby Football Union (IRFU) to sponsor the Indian national rugby teams till 2023 and facilitate high-performance training and conditioning of the players. The agreement was signed at the Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- The Mou was signed by R Vineel Krishna, Director of Sports & Youth Services Department, Odisha and Maneek Unwala, President of IRFU.
5. In which state the 'Safe City Project', a 180-day-long campaign has been launched under which the police and other departments will work towards safety of women \_\_\_\_\_ **Uttar Pradesh**.
- Note:**
- The 'Safe City Project', a 180-day-long campaign under which the police and other departments will work towards safety of women.
- The central government has approved the project for Lucknow at a total cost of Rs 194 crore with an aim to strengthen security of women in public places.
6. Asan Conservation Reserve has become the India's 38th Ramsar site located in which state \_\_\_\_\_ **Uttarakhand**.
- Note:**
- The Reserve is located on the banks of Yamuna river near Dehradun district in Garhwal region of the Himalayan state.
- Ramsar declares Asan Conservation Reserve as a site of international importance.
- With this, the number of Ramsar sites in India goes up to 38, the highest in South Asia.
7. According to the Indian Tourist Statistics 2020 which state attracted the highest number of domestic tourists in the country in 2019 \_\_\_\_\_ **Uttar Pradesh**.
- Note:**
- According to the Indian Tourist Statistics 2020, 53,58,55,162 domestic tourists visited the state in 2019.
- The state bagged the third spot in terms of the arrival of foreign tourists. As many as 47,45,181 foreign tourists visited UP in the same year.
8. Union Minister for Road Transport, Highways and MSMEs, Nitin Gadkari laid the foundation stone for India's first Multi-modal Logistic Park (MMLP) in which state \_\_\_\_\_ **Assam**.
- Note:**
- The park will be developed under the Bharatmala Pariyojana of the Government of India.
- It is being created by National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation (NHIDCL), owned by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways(MoRTH).
9. Which state government has launched the electricity consumer service portal "Mo Bidyut" and mobile application, over a virtual platform \_\_\_\_\_ **Odisha**.
- Note:**

- The portal was developed by the Energy Department and dedicated to the public under the 5T (Team work, Transparency, Technology, Time leading to Transformation) mechanism, an initiative of the government of Odisha.
- The electricity services provided by the Mo Bidyut will be governed and monitored under the “Mo Sarkar” (My Government).

### Important News – World

1. Sooronbai Jeenbekov has resigned from the post of prime minister of which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Kyrgyzstan**.

**Note:**

- Kyrgyzstan President, Sooronbai Jeenbekov has resigned from his post, following 10 days of unrest caused by protesters who have demanded his removal from office.
- On 4th October 2020, he was re-elected as the President in Parliamentary election, causing political turmoil throughout the country.

2. Which two Asian countries have been re-elected to the UN Human Rights Council \_\_\_\_\_ **Pakistan and Nepal**.

**Note:**

- Pakistan and Nepal have been re-elected to the UN Human Rights Council, while China won a seat by the smallest margin showing a drastic drop in standing.
- Established by the UN General Assembly in 2006 as the principal United Nations entity dealing with human rights, the Human Rights Council consists of 47 elected Member.

3. Which two countries have been re-elected as the President and Co-President of the International Solar Alliance (ISA), for a term of two years \_\_\_\_\_ **India and France**.

**Note:**

- Four new Vice-Presidents were also chosen to represent the four regions of ISA.
- The representatives of Fiji & Nauru for Asia Pacific Region; Mauritius & Niger for Africa Region; UK & Netherlands for Europe and others Region, and Cuba and Guyana for Latin America and Caribbean Region assumed the vice presidency.

4. According to the Sydney-based Lowy Institute’s Asia Power Index for 2020, which is the most powerful nation influencing the Asia-Pacific \_\_\_\_\_ **USA**.

**Note:**

- China is closing in on the U.S. as the most powerful country influencing the Asia-Pacific, as America’s handling of the Covid-19 pandemic tarnishes its reputation
- While America retained its place as the region’s top superpower, its 10-point lead on China two years ago has been halved, according to the Sydney-based Lowy Institute’s Asia Power Index for 2020, which ranks 26 nations and territories.

5. Japan has signed an agreements with which country to ensure “free and open Indo-Pacific” \_\_\_\_\_ **Vietnam**.

**Note:**

- Recently, the QUAD grouping held in Tokyo, reaffirmed the significance of “free and open Indo-Pacific” and raised concerns over increasing Chinese influence in the region.
- The agreement between Japan and Vietnam will add to QUAD decisions in the region. The United States has invited the ASEAN countries to join QUAD grouping.

6. Which country will have a first separate ‘Water Attache’ in India from January 2021 which will share the its best practices and technologies for advancements in India’s water management and agriculture sectors \_\_\_\_\_ **Israel**.

**Note:**

- Notably, water is one of the biggest challenges in India post-COVID.
- Apart from this, Israel will also nominate an honorary Consul in the North-East with the aim to increase its presence and collaboration in that region.
- These announcements were made by Israeli Ambassador to India Ron Malka.

7. The North Atlantic Treaty organisation is to setup a new Space Centre in which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Germany**.

**Note:**

- The new Centre will gather information about possible threats to satellites.
- The centre is to be developed into a command centre of defensive measures in near future.
- The centre is being setup based on Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty organisation.

8. What amount India has contributed to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for Palestine Refugees in Near East \_\_\_\_\_ **one million dollars**.

**Note:**

- India has contributed one million dollars to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for Palestine Refugees in Near East.
- This aid will support the Agency's programmes and services, including education, health care, relief and social services.

**Honor & Awards**

1. Who bagged the award for the best actress in Kerala Film Awards 2020 \_\_\_\_\_ **Kani Kusurti**.

**Note:**

- Kusurti had won the best actress award at the recently concluded 42nd Moscow International Film Festival for her performance in 'Biriyani.'
- Lijo Jose Pellissery, who directed 'Jallikattu' bagged the best director award, while the best movie award was given to 'Vasanthi', directed by Rahman Brothers.
- 'Vasanthi' also bagged the award for the best female actor in a character role.

2. Which bank has won the 2020 Central bank of the year award \_\_\_\_\_ **Bank of Ghana**.

**Note:**

- Apart from this, Economist Mark Joseph Carney, Governor of the central bank of the United Kingdom Bank of England, has won the 2020 Governor of the year at the Central bank of the year award .
- Central Banking Awards is held annually to recognize excellence in the central banking community. This was the 7th edition of the award and the ceremony was held virtually.

3. Who becomes first Indian woman to win Wildlife Photographer of the Year award \_\_\_\_\_ **Aishwarya Sridhar**.

**Note:**

- Her photo won among 50,000 entries from over 80 countries across the world. Only 100 images were shortlisted and she won the award for her photograph in the Behaviour Invertebrates category.
- Sridhar's photograph titled 'Lights of Passion' bagged the coveted title at the award show organised by the National History Museum.

4. Which country has won the Visvesvaraya ISA Solar Award in the Asia Pacific Region, announced for the first time by International Solar Alliance \_\_\_\_\_ **Japan**.

**Note:**

- The awards went to Japan for the Asia Pacific region and the Netherlands for Europe and other regions.
- The awards named after Bharat Ratna M. Visvesvaraya to the representatives of the countries of Japan, and the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The winners received USD 12,330 prize money.

**Sports News**

1. Who won women's singles title in Denmark Open 2020 badminton championship \_\_\_\_\_ **Nozomi Okuhara**.

**Note:**

- In Badminton, former World Champion Nozomi Okuhara of Japan clinched the Denmark Open 2020 title beating three-time world champion Carolina Marin in women's singles.
- In the men's singles final, world number seven Anders Antonsen of Denmark defeated his compatriot Rasmus Gemke.

2. Pace bowler Umar Gul announced his retirement from of cricket after the end of the ongoing National T20 Cup, he is playing for which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Pakistan**.

**Note:**

- Gul is probably most noted for his success in T20 cricket with Pakistan and he was the leading wicket-taker at both the 2007 and 2009 World Twenty20 tournaments.
- From 47 Test matches, Gul took 163 wickets at an average of 34.06. He also claimed 179 wickets from 130 ODIs, besides 85 wickets from 60 T20Is

3. Who won the men's single title in St. Petersburg Open tennis tournament 2020 \_\_\_\_\_ **Andrey Rublev**.

**Note:**

- Andrey Rublev joined Novak Djokovic as the only men to win four tour singles titles in the pandemic-shortened 2020 season as he beat Borna Coric 7-6 (5), 6-4 in the final of the St. Petersburg Open tennis tournament.
- The 22-year-old Rublev added the title in Russia to trophies in Doha, Adelaide and Hamburg.

### Books and Authors

1. Who has authored the book titled “The Battle of Belonging” set to be released in November 2020 \_\_\_\_\_ **Shashi Tharoor**.  
**Note:**
  - The book is about nationalism, patriotism, citizenship, belonging and what they really mean.
  - Tharoor has written many books, mostly nonfiction like the upcoming book, and a novel.
  - His most recently published is 'Tharoorosaurus' a vocabulary book that released in September 2020.
2. Who has authored the book titled “On the Trail of Buddha: A Journey to the East” \_\_\_\_\_ **Deepankar Aron**.  
**Note:**
  - On the Trail of Buddha—A Journey to the East is a unique sojourn in search of the spiritual, philosophical, and cultural linkages that bind India to the East Asian civilisations.
  - From the wandering monks of Asia to the temples and monasteries they visited; from the statues and frescoes in grottoes to those in the museums; from the diverse ethnicities of the people to their common gods and goddesses—the book explores the ‘ancient India’, beautifully preserved in the traditions, art, and architecture of China, as also in Mongolia, Korea and Japan, to where it spread from China.
3. The book titled “Portraits of Power: Half a Century of Being at Ringside” is an autobiography of which Indian Economist \_\_\_\_\_ **Nand Kishore Singh**.  
**Note:**
  - The book portrays the life of NK Singh who played an active role in the development of the Indian economy.
  - He is currently serving as the Chairman of the 15th Finance Commission.
  - The book portrays NK Singh's stents from 1964 when he joined the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), serving in higher positions of the Indian Government before entering politics as a member of Rajya Sabha.
4. Who has authored the book titled “Mr Prime Minister, We Shrank the Dragon” \_\_\_\_\_ **Pradeep Goorha**.  
**Note:**
  - The book, though fiction is inspired by reality revolving around the currently developing story on India's northern borders along with the perennially neglected Pakistan's illegal occupation of PoK, Gilgit-Baltistan, and how these could be solved at this opportune time.

### Science and Defence

1. Anti-terror exercise “Suraksha Kavach” was organized by which state's police organization with the Indian Army \_\_\_\_\_ **Maharashtra**.  
**Note:**
  - The aim of the exercise was to harmonize the drills and procedures of both Army and Police for activating anti-terrorist Quick Reaction Teams (QRTs) to counter any terrorist actions in Pune.
  - The exercise involved the participation of Quick Reaction Teams, Dog Squads and Bomb Disposal Teams of Army as well as Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) and Quick Reaction Team of Maharashtra Police.
2. The eighth edition of the bilateral maritime exercise SLINEX-20 was conducted between India and which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Sri Lanka**.  
**Note:**
  - It was conducted in non-contact at-sea only format.
  - This strategy has been adopted due to COVID-19 pandemic.

- The drill included series of anti-air weapons firing, cross deck flying operations to fine tune high degree of inter-operability.
3. The Defence Research Development Organization (DRDO) test fired the naval version BRAHMOS missile from which naval base successfully \_\_\_\_\_ **INS Chennai**.
- Note:**
- The missile was test fired from an indigenously built stealth destroyer INS Chennai. The missile hit a target in Arabian Sea.
  - BRAHMOS is a supersonic missile. It was jointly developed by India and Russia.
  - The major classification of the missiles is Cruise Missiles and Ballistic Missiles.
4. India recently conducted the night version of which indigenously developed nuclear capable missile \_\_\_\_\_ **Prithvi II**.
- Note:**
- The test was successful. The test was conducted at the Integrated Test Range, Balasore, Odisha.
  - Prithvi II is a surface-to-surface missile. The first trial of Prithvi II was conducted in September 2020.
5. Which country will not be a participant in the Malabar exercise that is to be conducted in November 2020 \_\_\_\_\_ **Australia**.
- Note:**
- This means that all the four Quad countries are to participate in the exercise.
  - The countries to participate in the exercise are Japan, India and US.
  - In the process of seeking international cooperation in maritime security domain, India had sought Australia to participate in the exercise. The exercise is to be held in “non-contact at sea” format.
6. India successfully test fired which Anti-Tank Missile developed by the Defence Research and Development Organization \_\_\_\_\_ **SANT**.
- Note:**
- It was developed by the Defence Research and Development Organization for the Indian Air Force. The missile was test fired at the Chandipur test range.
  - The missile has both lock-on before launch and lock-on after launch capabilities.
  - SANT missile is a variant of Nag missile. The other variants of Nag missile are Helina (or Dhruvastra) and MP-ATGM. SANT is an upgraded version of HELINA.

-----0-----



# Gradeup Green Card

## Features:

- › 700 + Full-length Mocks
- › 35+ Bank & Insurance Exams Covered
- › Tests Available in English & Hindi
- › Performance Analysis & All India Rank
- › Previous Year Question Papers in Mock Format
- › Available on Mobile & Desktop



[www.gradeup.co](http://www.gradeup.co)