

Weekly One-Liners

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Dear readers,

Weekly One Liners Updates is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the **second week** (8-14th) of **October 2020**. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance exams.**

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. Which bank has launched a debit card facility for the customers availing the Loan Against Securities (LAS) from the Bank _____ **ICICI Bank.**

Note:

- The debit card is available on the Visa platform. With this launch, ICICI Bank has become the first bank in India to launch such a facility.
- The LAS debit can be used by customers across all domestic merchant establishments to make seamless POS and online transactions like payments on e-commerce portals among others, using their sanctioned LAS amount.

2. Which e-commerce company has partnered with 'Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation' (IRCTC), to provide with the facility to book reserved train tickets on its platform _____ **Amazon.**

Note:

- With this launch, the e-commerce company's digital payments arm Amazon Pay adds another travel category, thereby offering its customers a one-stop-shop for booking flights, bus and train tickets.
- With this new offering, users will be able to check seat and quota availability across all train classes on the Amazon app.

3. As per the 3rd bi-monthly monetary policy, the Reserve Bank of India will introduce on-tap targeted long-term repo operations (TLTRO) for banks to borrow up to _____ **Rs 1 trillion.**

Note:

- The reverse repo rate under the LAF has been kept unchanged at 3.35%.
- The marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate have been kept unchanged at 4.25%.

4. The World Bank projected India's GDP to contract by what percent in the fiscal year 2020-21 _____ **9.6%.**

Note:

- The World Bank earlier in June had estimated the Indian economy to shrink by 3.2% in the current fiscal.
- The World Bank recently released its report titled 'South Asia Economic Focus', noting that the country's economic situation is much worse than ever seen before.

5. Which bank has partnered with India's full-service carrier, Vistara to launch a Co-Branded Forex Card _____ **Axis Bank.**

Note:

- This is the 1st-ever collaboration by a bank and an Indian airline for a co-branded forex card.
- The multi-currency forex card enables customers to travel to international destinations in a cashless and hassle-free manner.

6. Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs launched the Application Programming Interface (API) integration between the PM SVANidhi Portal and eMudra portal of which bank _____ **State Bank of India.**

Note:

- As a part of Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme will facilitate seamless flow of data between the two portals. It will benefit the street vendors seeking working capital loan under the Scheme.

7. The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has inked three Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with which Bank to extend credit support for various projects in Gujarat _____ **State Bank of India.**

Note:

- The signing of MoUs took place between D. K. Mishra, Chief General Manager of NABARD in Gujarat and Dukhbandhu Rath, Chief General Manager, SBI Ahmedabad Circle in the presence of NABARD Chairman G. R. Chintala.

8. Which Neobank has launched India's First 'Financial Control Center' on Mobile to Empower 60 Million Small Business Owners _____ **Chqbook.**

Note:

- With this launch, Chqbook brings world-class financial services to a massive underserved segment.
- The mobile application of Chqbook will give small businesses the power to manage everyday financial needs and to access other financial products, which helps them to save time, effort and money.

9. The Reserve Bank has decided to move to the NGTA for managing the country's foreign exchange and gold reserves. What does 'G' stands for in NGTA _____ **Generation**.

Note:

- The full form of 'NGTA' is Next Generation Treasury Application.
- In a bid to improve its functioning, the Reserve Bank has decided to move to the Next Generation Treasury Application (NGTA) for managing the country's foreign exchange and gold reserves.

10. According to a study published in the medical journal Lancet which country is likely to become the third largest economy in the world by 2050 _____ **India**.

Note:

- The study constructed scenarios for GDP using the working age population of countries. It also assessed potential economic and geopolitical effects of future demographic shifts.
- The study based 2017 as the reference when India was the seventh largest economy in the world, and forecast that India will emerge as the fourth largest economy by 2030 behind USA, China, Japan and by 2050 it will go onto the third spot and retain it till 2100.

11. As per the 'colour coding' introduced by the Insurance Regulatory Authority of India (IRDAI) for individual health products, which colour will signify that the product offered is a complex and needs to be understood properly _____ **Red**.

Note:

- Every health insurance product offered by general and health insurance companies will use green, orange, & red colours to indicate the complexity of the products. Green will signify that the product offered is a simple one, easy to understand & comprehend. Red - Product is complex and needs to be understood properly.

12. Which technology company has partnered with All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) to empower students, educators in Next-Generation Technology such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT), Data Science and Cloud Computing _____ **Microsoft**.

Note:

- 1, 500 course modules from Microsoft will be accessible for the students & educators for free of cost. It will be accessible through AICTE's e-learning portal ELIS (Enhancement in Learning with Improvement in Skills).
- To ensure an interactive learning process, Microsoft will host live webinars for students of AICTE.

13. Mastercard has entered into partnership with which RegTech startup for Global Rollout of Video Know Your Customer (KYC) _____ **Signzy**.

Note:

- The customers of Mastercard, with this partnership will benefit from a 100% paperless, remote and secure onboarding solution for end-users.
- It is backed by Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) technologies.

14. As per the 'World Economic Outlook' report, published by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) by what percent Indian Economy will contract in the financial year 2020-21 _____ **10.3 per cent**.

Note:

- However, IMF estimates the GDP of India to grow at 8.8 per cent in 2021-22, as compared to 6 per cent predicted earlier, regaining the position of the fastest-growing emerging economy.
- On the other hand, the Fund expects the world economy to contract by 4.4 per cent in 2020. This projection was - 5.2 per cent earlier.

15. Which bank has launched a new entry-level credit card named ACE Credit Card, with a focus on increasing participation of users in the digital economy partnership with Google Pay _____ **Axis Bank**.

Note:

- It also aims to bring a seamless, digital experience to users from application to issuance.
- The card has been launched in collaboration with Google Pay and will run on Visa (Signature) platform.

16. Which digital wallet has partnered with Uber technology to integrate the digital payment platform as a payment option on the ride-hailing service app _____ **Amazon Pay**.

Note:

- This partnership with Uber will allow customers to complete their transaction in a contactless manner, especially during the pandemic.

- The strategic association will also focus on providing users one-click payment experience with cashback offers to drive adoption and further strengthen the digital payments ecosystem.

17. Which housing finance company has launched "Project RED" to improve efficiencies at every level of the organization _____ **LIC Housing Finance Limited.**

Note:

- LIC Housing Finance Ltd (LICHFL) launched "Project RED" (Reimagining Excellence through Digital transformation) to improve efficiencies at every level of the organisation.
- Project RED aims to create value across the entire spectrum of stakeholders that includes employees, shareholders, business associates, existing and potential customers of LICHFL, as per the housing finance company's statement.

18. Which of the Following bank provides USD 310 million lines of credit to Zimbabwe for thermal and river projects _____ **EXIM Bank.**

Note:

- An agreement had been signed between the governments of India and Zimbabwe in April 2019 for USD 23 million line of credit for financing renovation and upgradation of Bulawayo Thermal Power Plant at the revalidated/escalated project cost.

Obituaries

1. Former CBI Director Ashwani Kumar passed away recently, he also served as governor of _____ **Nagaland and Manipur.**

Note:

- He was born at Nahan in Sirmaur district and joined the Indian Police Force in 1973.
- He was allotted the Himachal Pradesh cadre and while working as the District Superintendent of Police at Shimla in 1985, he was inducted in the newly created Special Protection Group (SPG), where he worked till 1990.

2. Renowned personality Vishal Anand has passed away recently, he was a veteran _____ **Film Actor.**

Note:

- His real name was Bhishmam Kohli. He has appeared in 11 Hindi films during his acting careers like Hindustan Ki Kasam and Taxi Driver.
- Apart from acting, Anand had also directed and produced a few films, including Chalte Chalte.

3. Cricketer Najeeb Tarakai passed away recently he held from which country _____ **Afghanistan.**

Note:

- He played 12 Twenty20 Internationals (T20Is) for Afghanistan, after making his international debut in the 2014 T20 World Cup.
- He played his only one-day international against Ireland in 2017

4. Union minister Ram Vilas Paswan passed away recently, he was president of which political party _____ **Lok Janshakti Party.**

Note:

- He was also the president of the Lok Janshakti Party, eight-time Lok Sabha member and current Rajya Sabha MP.
- Ram Vilas Paswan started his political career as a member of Samyukta Socialist Party and was elected to the Bihar Legislative Assembly in 1969.

5. Renowned Personality CK Rajkumar passed away recently, he was veteran _____ **Businessman.**

Note:

- CK Rajkumar, the Founder of Sujatha Bio Tech and the owner of brands like Nivaran 90 and Velvette shampoo, passed away at a private hospital in Chennai.
- Rajkumar was recently in the news after one of their experiments to find a cure for Covid-19 went wrong in their lab in Chennai.

6. Renowned personality Rajan passed away recently, he was a veteran _____ **Music Composer.**

Note:

- Hailing from Mysuru, brothers Rajan and Nagendra debuted as music directors in 1952 with the Kannada film Soubhagya Lakshmi, and went on to have a very successful career for nearly four decades.
- They composed music for over 375 films, over 200 in Kannada and the rest in Telugu, Tamil, Tulu and Sinhala.

7. Justice KK Usha, passed away, she was first women chief justice of which High Court _____ **Kerala High Court.**

Note:

- And when she was appointed Chief Justice of the Kerala High Court from 2000 to 2001, Justice Usha became the first woman to join the High Court Judiciary from the Bar and became a Chief Justice.

- Justice Usha, who had a distinguished career as a judge and later as chief justice, began her career when she enrolled as an advocate in 1961.
8. Indian sportsman Carlton Chapman passed away recently he was associated with which sports _____ **Football**.
- Note:**
- Chapman was hospitalised at a hospital in Bengaluru,
 - A product of the Tata Football Academy in early 1990s, Chapman joined East Bengal in 1993 and scored a hat-trick in his team's 6-2 win against Iraq club Al Zawra in a first round match at the Asian Cup Winners Cup that year.
9. Renowned politician C M Chang passed away due to COVID-19, he was environment minister of which state _____ **Nagaland**.
- Note:**
- Nagaland's environment minister, C M Chang passed away due to COVID-19. He was a retired IAS officer and former Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha (2009-13).
 - He was elected to the Nagaland Legislative Assembly from 51 Noksen constituencies under Tuensang district in 2013 and later retained the same seat in 2018 on Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP) ticket.
10. Renowned Indian-origin human rights lawyer Priscilla Jana passed away, he was a national of which country _____ **South Africa**.
- Note:**
- Jana, who had played a significant role against apartheid, was the Deputy Chairperson of the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC).
 - Jana was also a member of the South African Law Commission and served as a member of the Advisory Committee to the President.
11. Renowned politician Vinod Kumar Singh passed away due to COVID-19, he was a minister in which state government _____ **Bihar**.
- Note:**
- He was a BJP MLA from Pranpur Assembly constituency of Katihar district in northeast Bihar and has been elected MLA thrice from the constituency.

Important Days

1. Indian Air Force Day is celebrated every year on which date _____ **8th October**.
- Note:**
- Indian Air Force was officially established on 8 October 1932 by the British Empire as the Royal Indian Air Force.
 - The name was changed to Indian Air Force in 1950.
2. The World Post Day is observed every year on which date _____ **9th October**.
- Note:**
- The purpose of World Post Day is to create awareness of the role of the postal sector in people's and businesses' everyday lives and its contribution to the social and economic development of countries.
 - World Post Day is celebrated each year on 9 October, the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union in 1874 in the Swiss Capital, Bern.
3. World Migratory Bird Day is observed globally on _____ **10th October**.
- Note:**
- The Day will celebrate the biannual migration. The aim of the day is to raise awareness of migratory birds and the importance of international cooperation to conserve them.
 - This time the theme of World Migratory Bird Day 2020 is "**Birds Connect Our World**".
4. World Mental Health Day is observed globally every year on _____ **10th October**.
- Note:**
- The day is celebrated with an objective of raising awareness of mental health issues around the world and mobilizing the efforts in support of mental health.
 - This year's theme set by the World Federation for Mental Health is 'mental health for all'.
5. In India, the National Postal Day is celebrated annually on _____ **10th October**.
- Note:**

- The Day aims to commemorate the role played by the Indian postal department for the past 150 years, which was founded in 1854 by Lord Dalhousie.
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 - 6. International Day of the Girl Child is observed globally every year on _____ **11th October**.
- Note:**
- The International Day of the Girl Child focuses attention on the need to address the challenges girls face and to promote girls' empowerment and the fulfilment of their human rights.
 - The theme for 2020 International Day of the Girl Child is "**My voice, our equal future**".
7. World Arthritis Day is observed globally every year on which date _____ **12th October**.
- Note:**
- The day is celebrated to raise awareness about arthritis, an inflammatory condition which causes pain and stiffness in joints which can worsen with age.
 - This day was started by Arthritis and Rheumatism International (ARI) in 1996 in order to spread awareness about arthritis and encourage policymakers to help reduce the burden of arthritis.
8. The United Nations marks the International Day for Disaster Reduction every year on which date _____ **13th October**.

- Note:**
- The day is celebrated to spread how people and communities all over the world are reducing their exposure to disasters.
 - The day is also called World Calamity Control Day. This year, in 2020, the day is marked under the theme "Disaster Risk Governance"
9. What is the theme of the World Standards Day 2020 _____ **Protecting the planet with standards**.
- Note:**
- The day aims to raise awareness about the importance of standardisation to the global economy among the consumers, regulators and industry.
 - World Standards Day 2020 theme is "Protecting the planet with standards".

New Appointments

1. Who has been appointed as the new deputy governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) _____ **M Rajeshwar Rao**.

Note:

 - Prior to this, M Rajeshwar Rao was an executive director at RBI.
 - He succeeds NS Vishwanathan as the central bank's fourth deputy governor.
 - NS Vishwanathan resigned from the post in March 2020 before the completion of his term in June, citing health reasons.
2. Who has been elected as the Chairman of Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) _____ **Nilesh Shah**.

Note:

 - He was earlier elected as the Chairman for 2019 – 2020. Nilesh Shah would also continue as the ex-officio Chairman of AMFI Financial Literacy Committee, being the Chairman of AMFI.
 - These decisions were taken by AMFI, the industry body of SEBI-registered mutual funds at its Board Meeting.
3. Who has been appointed the managing director and chief executive officer of India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) _____ **J Venkatramu**.

Note:

 - J Venkatramu has been appointed the managing director and chief executive officer of India Post Payments Bank (IPPB). He will succeed Suresh Sethi, who served the post till March 2020.
 - Venkatramu is presently working as the chief digital officer in Equitas Small Finance Bank. He has been appointed to the post of MD and CEO of IPPB for a period of three years.
4. Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer Motilal Oswal Home Finance Limited (MOHFL) _____ **Arvind Hali**.

Note:

 - Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd (MOFSL) has appointed Arvind Hali as the new Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of its housing finance company Motilal Oswal Home Finance Limited (MOHFL).
 - It has also appointed Amar Bahl as the Deputy Managing Director & COO of the company.

5. Who has been assigned the additional charge of Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution after the demise of Ram Vilas Paswan _____ **Piyush Goyal.**

Note:

- The Union Minister Piyush Goyal has been assigned the additional charge of Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution in addition to his existing portfolios, following the death of union minister Ram Vilas Paswan.
- Goyal is currently serving as the Union Minister of Railways and Minister of Commerce and Industry.

6. Who has been appointed as the dean of the Harvard University's business school _____ **Srikant M Datar.**

Note:

- Datar will succeed Nitin Nohria, another Indian-American, and will be the second dean of Indian origin at Harvard University, with Rakesh Khurana, who heads Harvard College.
- Datar will be the 11th dean of the prestigious school.

Important News – India

1. Which Indian Institute of Management (IIM) will soon be launching an e-learning hub and library as a pilot project for villagers _____ **IIM Kozhikode.**

Note:

- The programme aims to create a virtuous cycle between society and academic system by providing knowledge and practices for the emerging professions.
- Unnat Bharat Abhiyaan is a flagship programme by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD). Unnat Bharat Abhiyaan is aimed at linking the Higher Education Institutions with a set of at least five villages.

2. What is the name that has been given to the India's premium cotton _____ **Kasturi Cotton.**

Note:

- Now India's premium cotton would be known as 'Kasturi Cotton' in the world cotton trade. The Kasturi Cotton brand will represent Whiteness, Brightness, Softness, Purity, Luster, Uniqueness and Indianess.
- India is the second largest cotton producer and the largest consumer of cotton in the world. It produces about six million tonnes of cotton every year which is about 23 per cent of the world cotton. She said, India produces about 51 per cent of the total organic cotton production of the world.

3. Where is the headquarter of Dhruva Space located that has bagged National Startup Awards 2020 in the space category _____ **Chennai.**

Note:

- A total of 38 startups were awarded, one in each of the 35 categories and 3 special categories in the 12 sectors.
- The winning startup founders will get a cash prize of Rs. 5 lakh and an opportunity to present their solutions to relevant public authorities and corporates. Incubators and accelerators will get Rs. 15 lakh as the winning amount.

4. Where is the headquarters of Indian Sign Language Research and Training Center situated _____ **New Delhi.**

Note:

- The ISLRTC is under the patronage of the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- Initially the centre was located at the Institute for Physically Handicapped in New Delhi.

5. PM Narendra Modi launches physical distribution of property cards under which scheme _____ **SVAMITVA.**

Note:

- Under this scheme, beneficiaries of 'SVAMITVA Scheme' can use the property as a financial asset for taking loans and other financial benefits.
- SVAMITVA Scheme is a Central Sector Scheme on National Panchayat Day 24th April 2020. In the States, the Revenue Department /Land Records Department are the Nodal Department and shall carry out the scheme with the support of State Panchayati Raj Department.

6. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will release a commemorative coin of 100 rupees in honour of _____ **Vijaya Raje Scindia.**

Note:

- One of the founder members of BJP, Vijaya Raje Scindia is popularly known as the Rajmata of Gwalior.
- The coin is being released in celebration of birth centenary of Vijaya Raje Scindia.

- The special commemorative coin was minted by the Finance Ministry as a part of these celebrations. This coin will be released by the Prime Minister on her birth anniversary.
7. What is India's rank in the health spending index 2020 released by Oxfam _____ **155th**.

Note:

- Globally, the report found, only 26 of the 158 countries surveyed were spending the recommended 15% of their budgets on health. "Nigeria, Bahrain and India, (the last of) which is currently experiencing the world's fastest-growing outbreak of Covid-19, were among the world's worst performing countries in tackling inequality going into the pandemic

8. What is India's rank among 158 countries in the 2020 Commitment to Reducing Inequality (CRI) Index _____ **129th**.

Note:

- According to the report, India has spent only 4 percent of its budget on health during the Pandemic, which is the Fourth Lowest in the world.
- Nigeria, Bahrain and India are among the World's worst performing countries in tackling inequality during the pandemic.
- With 4% of Budget on Health, India has been ranked at 155 (4th from the Bottom) on the health spending index.

9. The National Maritime foundation of India joined hand with which country to foster cooperation in the Indo-pacific region _____ **Taiwan**.

Note:

- The think tanks will set up a joint task force to deepen the bilateral dialogue in the Indo-pacific region. They will also conduct joint Research and expand cooperation.
- The Asia exchange Foundation is waiting for the covid-19 travel restrictions to get over in order to send a delegation to India to hold direct talks. The foundation is the organiser of the Yushan Forum.

10. Which institutions and United States Agency for International Development (USAID) jointly launched the India Energy Modelling Forum (IEMF) under the US-India Strategic Energy Partnership (SEP) _____ **NITI Aayog**.

Note:

- IEMF aims to engage Indian researchers, knowledge partners, think tanks and national and international government agencies and departments for long-term energy planning.
- The Sustainable Growth is one of the four pillars of the US-India SEP entailing energy data management, energy modelling and collaboration on low carbon technologies as three key activities.

Important News - State

1. Which state government has announced a 'Digital Seva Setu' programme to ensure optimum utilisation of technology for public welfare in rural areas _____ **Gujarat**.

Note:

- Under the 'Digital Seva Setu' program, public welfare services will be made available in all the 14,000-gram panchayats in the state by connecting village panchayats through an optical fibre network.

2. Which state government has launched a mobile app "Kisan Rath" that connects more than 10,000 farmers, 50 farmer-producer organizations and 1,000 verified agricultural traders on its interface _____ **Assam**.

Note:

- The app has been customized by National Informatics Centre (NIC) Assam to suit the requirements of the state.
- It is available in 3 languages- Assamese, Hindi and English.
- PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, Krishi Sinchai Yojana, Fasal Bima Yojana, KCC etc., have strengthened agricultural ecosystem in the country and made agriculture a dignified calling.

3. Which state government has launched "Mukhya Mantri Saur Swarojgar Yojana" _____ **Uttarakhand**.

Note:

- The scheme is aimed at promoting self-employment of the youth and promoting the production of Green Energy.
- The targeted beneficiaries include youths and migrant workers, who returned home after leaving jobs in various parts of the country due to pandemic.

4. Which state government has exempted road tax on its battery-operated vehicles under its new Electric Vehicle Policy _____ **Delhi**.

Note:

- The Delhi government has exempted road tax on its battery-operated vehicles under its new Electric Vehicle Policy.

- The Transport department, in its notification issued stated that the Lieutenant Governor of the National Capital Territory of Delhi exempted the tax levied upon all battery electric vehicles with immediate effect.
5. Which state government has launched "Lab on Wheels" to test the water quality in the state under Jal Jeevan Mission **Haryana**.

Note:

- The water quality of Haryana is mainly affected by fluoride, iron, nitrate and alkalinity.
- Lab on wheels is a mobile laboratory. The mobile laboratory has been launched under Jal Jeevan Mission.
- The mobile laboratory will test for alkalinity, hardness, chlorine, nitrate, zinc, turbidity, PH and other microbiological tests.

6. Which state becomes the first state in the country to make public education completely digital **Kerala**.

Note:

- The project of making public education completely digital in Kerala was implemented by Kerala Infrastructure and Technology for Education.
- Around 3,74,274 digital services were distributed in 16,027 schools in Kerala.
- The project also set up high-tech labs in more than 11,275 schools at primary and secondary levels.

7. Which state government has become the first in the country to decide to form a Welfare Fund Board for the uplift of farmers in the state **Kerala**.

Note:

- The state cabinet decided to set up the board to be known as 'Kerala Karshaka Kshemanidhi Board'.
- For the farmers to become a member of the Board, they need to pay Rs 100 as registration fee and a monthly fee of Rs 100. The government will provide an equivalent share of upto Rs 250 to the members of the Welfare Fund.

8. A toll-free government helpline for mental health "Mann Samvad" was launched by which state **Rajasthan**.

Note:

- The helpline 1800-180-0018 launched by the state government to continuously strengthening mental health services during the coronavirus period.
- The facility of free tele-counselling is being provided to patients with mental health issues that through the helpline.

9. In the country's first and unique drive the agriculture department of which state has collaborated with the Postal Department to get farmers enrolled in the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana (PM-KISAN) scheme **Goa**.

Note:

- Three equal installments of Rs 2,000 each every four months are transferred into the farmers account. The scheme defines family as husband, wife and minor children.
- The local postman who we are used to seeing bringing mail to our doorstep so far will come to fill the form for the 11,000 farmers in the state who are eligible for this scheme as per the department records.

10. The multi-national food and beverage major PepsiCo is setting up a greenfield potato chips production unit in which state **Uttar Pradesh**.

Note:

- The unit is being set up in Kosi - Mathura on 35 acres of land provided by UP State Industrial Development Authority (UPSIDA).
- The unit, which is expected to commence commercial production by middle of the next year, will facilitate direct and indirect employment to about 1,500 patrons.

11. Hollongi airport which a greenfield airport is being built in which state **Arunachal Pradesh**.

Note:

- The new domestic airport, with an area of 4,100 square metres, the Hollongi Airport will be able to handle 200 passengers during peak hours.
- The terminal will be an energy efficient building provisioned with Rain Water Harvesting system and sustainable landscape. The tentative date for completion of the project is November, 2022.

Important News – World

1. Which global organization will jointly establish country's first of its kind Advanced Manufacturing hub (AMHUB) in association with Guidance **World Economic Forum**.

Note:

- AMHUB is Advanced Manufacturing hub and is first of its kind in the country. Guidance is the nodal investment promotion agency of the state of Tamil Nadu.
- AMHUB will help the state in the sectors of solar energy, electronics, electric mobility and textiles.
- It will help boost production sector of Tamil Nadu by identifying regional opportunities brought by Fourth Industrial Revolution.

2. Which country has successfully tested a new hypersonic anti-ship cruise missile Tsirkon _____ **Russia**.

Note:

- The Tsirkon missile was fired from the Admiral Gorshkov frigate in the White Sea in the Russian Arctic and successfully hit its target.
- Russia boasts of developing a number of "invincible" weapons that surpass existing systems and include Sarmat intercontinental missiles and Burevestnik cruise missiles.
- The first Avangard hypersonic missiles were put into service in December last year.

3. The Union Cabinet approved signing of an agreement with which country that is aimed at enhancing cooperation in emerging technologies, protection of critical infrastructure, cyberspace and to mitigate threats to communication networks _____ **Japan**.

Note:

- The approval to the pact by the cabinet comes in the midst of growing concerns over cyberattacks from China, particularly after India banned over 100 mobile apps with Chinese links.

4. As per the latest report of FIS which country has become the global leader in real-time financial transactions with 41 million transactions per day _____ **India**.

Note:

- The Covid-19 pandemic has seen India doubling its every day real-time transactions at 41 million, says the latest report from FIS,
- FIS is a leading provider of technology solutions for merchants, banks and capital markets firms globally.
- According to the report released, six other countries also saw more than doubling of their real-time payment transactions year-over-year, while four saw at least a twofold increase in transaction value.

5. Sabah Al Khalid Al Sabah resigned from the post of Prime Minister of which country _____ **Kuwait**.

Note:

- He took charge as the PM in 2019.
- He started his career in 1978, joining the ministry of foreign affairs, where he worked at various capacities, including being a member of Kuwait's permanent mission to the United Nations (1983-1989).

6. The Blue Flag programme is operated under the auspices of the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE), its headquarter is located in _____ **Copenhagen, Denmark**.

Note:

- The beaches which got International Blueflag Certification are Shivrajpur beach in Dwarka Gujarat, Ghoghla beach in Diu, Kasarkod and Padubidri in Karnataka, Kappad in Kerala, Rushikonda in Andhra Pradesh, Golden Beach in Odisha and Radhanagar beach in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- The iconic Blue Flag is one of the world's most recognised voluntary awards for beaches, marinas.

7. As per the announcement made by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) which country will continue to remain under "grey list" _____ **Pakistan**.

Note:

- The Asia-pacific group of FATF submitted a report titled "Follow up report on mutual evaluation of Pakistan".
- The report is first of its kind. The decision of putting Pakistan under grey list was taken based on this report.

8. Which country has introduced the death penalty for rape _____ **Bangladesh**.

Note:

- Demonstrations have broken out across the country after harrowing footage of a group of men stripping and attacking a woman went viral on social media.
- The clip sparked outrage in the South Asian country, where activists say only a tiny percentage of sexual assault victims see justice.
- Previously, the maximum punishment for rape was life imprisonment

9. The annual meeting of World Economic Forum (WEF) 2021 will be organized in which city _____ **Lucerne**.

Note:

- The World Economic Forum (WEF) said it will hold its Annual Meeting 2021 in Lucerne-Burgenstock, Switzerland, from May 18 to 21, as against the traditional venue of ski resort town Davos in January-end.

- The change in schedule and venue was necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

10. Which became the first country in the world to approve genetically modified wheat _____ **Argentina**.

Note:

- The drought-resistant HB4 wheat variety was developed by Argentine biotechnology company Bioceres, working with the National University and Conicet.
- Bioceres' HB4 wheat is resistant to drought and tolerates the herbicide glufosinate sodium, a combination the company says can help boost yields on dry years.

Honor & Awards

1. Which group of persons won the **Chemistry Nobel Prize 2020** _____ **Emmanuelle Charpentier and Jennifer A. Doudna**.

Note:

- The 2020 Nobel Prize in Chemistry is awarded to Emmanuelle Charpentier and Jennifer A. Doudna "for the development of a method for genome editing".
- The Nobel Prize in Chemistry is awarded by The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, Stockholm, Sweden.

2. Who will be conferred the prestigious Sarala Puraskar for his poetry work 'Setebelaku Nathiba' _____ **Nityanand Nayak**.

Note:

- The poet will be felicitated with a cash award of `5 lakh and a citation.
- Two other eminent personalities from the State – Ranjit Kumar Nag and Shyamsundar Pattanaik – will be felicitated for their contribution to fields of music and art respectively.
- While Nag will be awarded the Ila Panda Sangeet Samman, Pattanaik would be felicitated with Ila Panda Chitrakala Samman.

3. Who has been awarded with the Nobel Prize in Literature for 2020 _____ **Louise Glück**.

Note:

- The Nobel Prize in Literature is awarded by The Swedish Academy, Stockholm, Sweden.
- The American poet Louise Glück was born in 1943 in New York and lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts.
- She has received several prestigious awards, among them the Pulitzer Prize (1993) and the National Book Award (2014).

4. The Nobel Prize for Economics, 2020 was awarded to Paul R Milogrom and Robert B Wilson for improvement to which economic theory _____ **Auction theory**.

Note:

- They were awarded for improvements to Auction Theory and also for inventing new auction formats.
- The prize is also called Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel.
- The theory formulated by Milgrom allowed calculating common and private values that vary from bidder to bidder.

5. Who secured the second position in the Forbes India Rich list for 2020 _____ **Gautam Adani**.

Note:

- Amid the Covid-19 pandemic which hit India hard and led to a sharp economic contraction, half of the nation's 100 richest on the 2020 Forbes India Rich List saw gains.
- Reliance Group Chairman Mukesh Ambani, who topped the list for the 13th year "accounted for more than half of those gains".

6. The Nobel Peace Prize 2020 has been awarded to which of the following organization for efforts in order to Combat Hunger _____ **World Food Programme**.

Note:

- The award comes with a 10-million krona (\$1.1 million) cash prize and a gold medal to be handed out at a ceremony in Oslo, Norway, on December 10, the anniversary of prize founder Alfred Nobel's death. This year's ceremony will be scaled down due to the pandemic.

Sports News

1. Who has won the 2020 Eifel Grand Prix, held at the Nürburgring in Nürburg, Germany _____ **Lewis Hamilton**.

Note:

- This is Hamilton's 7th win of the season and 91st career race victory, which was till now achieved only by Michael Schumacher.
- Max Verstappen (Red Bull – Netherlands) came second followed by Daniel Ricciardo (Renault, Australia) at third position.

2. Who won the men's 2020 French Open Single Title _____ **Rafael Nadal**.

Note:

- This is his 13th French Open men's singles title and 20th Grand Slam title.
- The Spaniard defeated Novak Djokovic 6-0, 6-2, 7-5 in 2 hours and 41 minutes at Court Philippe-Chatrier in Paris.

3. Who won the women's 2020 French Open Single Title _____ **Iga Swiatek**.

Note:

- The 19-year-old Swiatek, at 54 the lowest-ranked woman to capture the Roland Garros title in the modern era, is the ninth first-time Major champion in the past 14 Grand Slams.
- Swiatek is the youngest women's French Open winner since Monica Seles 28 years ago.
- Swiatek was only the second Polish woman to reach a Grand Slam final in the Open era after Agnieszka Radwanska at Wimbledon in 2012.

4. Who won the 2020 Junior Speed Online Chess Championship _____ **Nihal Sarin**.

Note:

- The title win earned the 16-year old Sarin \$ 8,766 and enabled him to qualify for the 2020 Speed Chess Championship Final which will feature the world's best players.
- Sarin had beaten American Andrew Tang, Australia's Anton Smirnov and Armenian Haik Martirosyan en route the title.

5. Which team has won the National Basketball Association (NBA) Championship 2020 _____ **Los Angeles Lakers**.

Note:

- This is the 17th NBA title win for LA Lakers and also their first since 2010, after late Kobe Bryant's fifth and final title a decade ago.
- LeBron James of the Lakers' was named the NBA Finals Most Valuable Player (MVP) for the fourth time in his career.
- With this, he became the first player in league history to be named Finals MVP with three different franchises.

Books and Authors

1. The book titled 'Deh Vechwa Karani', is autobiography of which former Union Minister _____ **Balasaheb Vikhe Patil**.

Note:

- The autobiography of Dr Patil has been titled 'Deh Vechwa Karani,' means 'dedicating one's life for a noble cause.'
- Dr Patil served as Member of Lok Sabha for multiple terms. He died in 2016 at the age of 84.

2. Who has written the book titled " The Khalistan Conspiracy" _____ **GBS Sidhu**.

Note:

- The book published by HarperCollins will be released on October 24.
- The contents of this book revolve around a two-phased, top-secret operation, which he named "Operation Bhindranwale-Khalistan". It was initiated and managed by some senior and influential Congress leaders operating from the prime minister's residential office at 1 Akbar Road, New Delhi.

Science and Defence

1. Which Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) has signed an MoU with the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Pune to set up a Rs 17-crore supercomputing facility _____ **IIT Guwahati**.

Note:

- The agreement is for a period of five years
- The new supercomputer with "650 TFLOPS is more powerful and a technologically superior facility", which will play an important role in the field of scientific and engineering applications.

- IIT-G's Computer and Communication Centre is already equipped with 'Param Ishan', a '250 TF' supercomputer.
2. Intel India in association with International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT-H), has set up an artificial intelligence research centre in which city of India _____ **Hyderabad**.

Note:

- It will apply AI solutions to population-scale problems in the Indian context, with focus on challenges in the healthcare and smart mobility segments.
 - The center will solve India's population-scale challenges in sectors such as healthcare and smart mobility.
3. Which missile has been test fired by the Defence Research and Development Organisation that was failed due to technical snag _____ **Nirbhay**.

Note:

- The missile developed engine problems within 8 minutes of its launch.
- Nirbhay was the tenth missile to be fired by India in the last 35 days.

4. Name the indigenous combat drone which was successfully tested by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) _____ **Rustom-2**.

Note:

- Rustom-2 is capable of carrying different combinations of payloads, which includes electronic intelligence systems, situational awareness systems and also synthetic aperture radar.

5. In association with which Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) the "Tech for Tribals" initiative has been launched by Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) and Chhattisgarh Minor Forest Produce Federation _____ **IIT Kanpur**.

Note:

- The initiative aims for holistic development of Tribals with focus on Entrepreneurship development, soft skills, Information Technology (IT) and Business Development.
- As part of this initiative, TRIFED has partnered with National Institutions such as IIT Kanpur, Art of Living, Bangalore, TISS (Tata Institute of Social Sciences) Mumbai, KISS (Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences) Bhubaneswar, Vivekananda Kendra, Tamil Nadu and SRIJAN (Self-Reliant Initiatives through Joint Action), Rajasthan to impart training to the beneficiaries.

6. Name the India's first indigenous anti-radiation missile that was successfully test fired from a Sukhoi-30 fighter jet _____ **Rudram 1**.

Note:

- The supersonic-capable missile can be launched at speeds ranging from 0.6 mach to 2 mach, i.e., twice the speed of sound.
- It can be launched from a height of 500m to 15 km. Rudram-1 is India's first indigenous anti-radiation missile.

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