

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 **fourth week** (22-31st) of **October 2020**. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. 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 World 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.
 - 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.
2. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) pegs minimum Net Owned Fund (NOF) for housing finance companies at _____ **Rs 20 cr**.
Note:
 - The housing finance companies (HFCs) holding a Certificate of Registration (CoR) and having an NOF of less than Rs 25 crore will be required to achieve NOF of Rs 15 crore by March 31, 2022 and Rs 25 crore by March 31, 2023, the Reserve Bank said in a notification.
 - The RBI has issued the revised regulatory framework for HFCs.
3. What is the revised base year of the Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (CPI-IW) earlier which was 2001 _____ **2016**.
Note:
 - The new series would not have an impact on the dearness allowance (DA) given to government employees for now.
 - The linking factor of the new series to the old series was 2.88, something which employer federations had raised in consultations.
4. Which financing agency has sanctioned Rs crore for India's first sand dune parks and interpretation centres set to be developed in Goa _____ **World Bank**.
Note:
 - The Goa state biodiversity board has proposed the project, which will be implemented with financial assistance from the World Bank.
 - The Sand Dune park project will have interpretation centres to educate locals and tourists on the importance of the sand dune ecosystem.
5. Which fintech company has entered into a partnership with Atlantis to expand the Digital First Program in India _____ **Mastercard**.
Note:
 - The partnership aims to provide the users of Mastercard, a technology solution that enables them to enjoy a best-in-class digital banking experience.
 - After the launch in India, the partnership will expand to Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand.
 - The partnership allows the users of the Mastercard to have immediate account access and convenient payments.
6. Which bank has entered into a tie-up with Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM), whereby the bank will be one of the preferred financiers for the entire range of vehicles sold by the latter _____ **Bank of Baroda**.
Note:
 - India's third-largest public sector bank, in a statement, stated that under the tie-up, customers can avail customised solutions such as high on-road funding of 90 per cent, long repayment period of 84 months, no prepayment or foreclosure charges.
 - On the other hand, TKM dealers will benefit from 'digitised supply chain finance' with competitive interest rates.
7. Which Bank has shut down operations in Sri Lanka after getting approval from the Sri Lankan monetary authority _____ **ICIC Bank**.

Note:

- ICICI Bank has shut down operations in Sri Lanka after getting approval from the Sri Lankan monetary authority.
- The Monetary Board of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, having considered the request made by ICICI Bank, has granted approval to close down business operation of the bank in Sri Lanka and cancel the licence issued to it.

8. Which of the following bank has partnered with IIT Madras Incubation Cell (IITMIC) to launch 'IND Spring Board' initiative for funding start-ups _____ **Indian Bank.**

Note:

- Under this, IITMIC will refer start-ups with proven technology and established cash flows to the Indian bank.
- Indian bank will extend loans of up to Rs 50 crore to these selected start-ups for their working capital requirements or purchase of machinery and equipment, among others.

9. Which of the following Indian bank has closed its operation in Sri Lanka recently _____ **ICICI Bank.**

Note:

- ICICI Bank has announced the closure of its business operation in Sri Lanka
- Bank has cancelled the licence issued to it in terms of the provisions of the Banking Act, No. 30 of 1988, subject to certain terms and conditions.

10. India Post has signed an agreement with which countries postal service for electronic exchange of data related to postal shipments _____ **USA.**

Note:

- Based on the agreement, the respective bodies will transmit and receive electronic data of international postal items before their arrival.
- This will help the customs to clear the postal items well in advance, that even before the shipment reaches the port.

11. Which bank entered into partnership with IIFL finance Ltd to source and manage retail gold loan assets in untapped locations, including rural areas _____ **CSB Bank.**

Note:

- Under the partnership, IIFL will act as a Business Correspondent (BC) of the Bank.
- IIFL with its vast branch network will source new business from markets where CSB Bank does not have an adequate branch network.

12. Which entity organized 'India Australia Circular Economy Hackathon (I-ACE)' in association with Australia's Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) _____ **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM).**

Note:

- This hackathon on the circular economy will be held on 7th and 8th Dec 2020.
- In the linear economy, raw natural resources are taken, transformed into products and get disposed off.

13. Which bank partnered with NPCI to launch a rewards programme _____ **SVC Co-operative Bank.**

Note:

- They have entered into a partnership to launch a rewards programme.
- They launched loyalty management program with an aim to provide ease and rewardable banking experience to the customers.

14. Which bank has signed a loan agreement of up to \$1 billion with The Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) _____ **State Bank of India.**

Note:

- While \$600 million will be financed by JBIC, the rest will come from other participating lenders which include the Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation, MUFG Bank, Mizuho Bank, Shizuoka Bank and Bank of Yokohama.
- JBIC will provide a guarantee for the portion co-financed by the participating banks.

15. Which merchant payment network has announced the launch of digital gold on its platform _____ **BharatPe.**

Note:

- The launch of this new category of fintech product is in line with the company's commitment to offering the entire gamut of financial products to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).
- BharatPe's merchants will be able to buy and sell 99.5 per cent pure 24-carat gold. Merchants can choose to buy in rupees or grams, any time of the day and from anywhere, by using the BharatPe app.

16. Which bank in association with the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation launched a contactless multi-purpose card that can function as a credit card and as a metro smart card _____ **SBI Card.**

Note:

- The credit card Delhi Metro SBI Card is designed for regular commuters on Delhi Metro.
- It will enable its users to use it as a smart card with an auto-top up facility whenever the balance is below Rs 100.

- The credit card facility will automatically recharge a top-up value of Rs 200 from the user's linked card/bank account.

17. Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) partnered with which technology company to transform the customer's experience of IOCL. _____ **International Business Machines.**

Note:

- Under this partnership, IBM developed Indian Oil One mobile app & portal which will be used by about 130 million consumers covered by about 12,400 IOCL distributors.
- The IndianOil One mobile app & portal are part of IndianOil's Project ePIC(Electronic Platform for IndianOil customers), a digital transformation project.

18. Which bank named as the Safest Bank in Asia and 4th safest commercial bank in the world in the Global Finance's Safest Banks 2020 report _____ **DBS Bank.**

Note:

- DBS secured the 4th rank as the safest commercial bank in the world and 14th safest bank globally from 2019 and 2018.
- Due to COVID-19 pandemic situation the Global Finance conducted a virtual award ceremony of the 2020 World's Safest Banks on 19th October 2020.

19. The Reserve Bank of India has given approval to Maple to acquire over 5% but up to 9.99% of the paid-up share capital of the which bank _____ **RBL Bank.**

Note:

- Maple Group was one of the investors that participated in the bank's preferential issue. The group had acquired rights to buy the stake and was waiting for permission from the banking regulator.
- RBL reported a standalone net profit of Rs 144.2 crore in July-September quarter as against Rs 54.3 crore posted in Q2 the previous financial year. The number was better-than-expected, as a CNBC-TV18 poll had estimated the number to the tune of Rs 126.2 crore.

Obituaries

1. Renowned politician Dr Jayanta Madhab passed away recently, he was a veteran _____ **Economist.**

Note:

- The renowned economist from Assam, Dr Jayanta Madhab passed away. He worked as financial adviser to Calcutta Metropolitan Development Corp and has served as a director at the ADB.
- He was the founder chairman of North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd.

2. Renowned personality Mahesh Kanodia passed away recently, he was a veteran _____ **Singer.**

Note:

- Former BJP MP from Patan Loksabha constituency and legendary Gujarati singer-musician Mahesh Kanodia died following prolonged illness.
- Mahesh, 83, is the elder brother of legendary Gujarati film star and former MLA Naresh Kanodia and the two are known as the Mahesh-Naresh duo in Gujarati film industry.

3. Renowned personality Daniel Menaker passed away recently; he was a veteran _____ **Author.**

Note:

- Daniel Menaker was the author of several books, including the memoir My Mistake and the comic psychological novel The Treatment, adapted into a 2007 movie starring Chris Eigeman and Ian Holm.
- He was also known for the O Henry Award-winning title story of his collection The Old Left.

4. Renowned personality Dr Vijaylakshmi Ramanan passed away, she was _____ **Indian Air Force 1st woman officer.**

Note:

- She was born in February 1924, she did her MBBS and later was commissioned in the Army Medical Corps on **August 22, 1955.**
- Besides having served as a gynaecologist at various Air Force Hospitals, including here, she had also attended to the troops wounded during wars and performed administrative duties.

5. K J Mohammed Babu, popularly known as 'Zero' Babu passed away, he was a veteran _____ **Playback singer.**

Note:

- He was a recipient of the **Sangeetha Nataka Akademi Award.** He has sung in nearly 90 films and various plays.
- His first movie was the 1964 film 'Kudumbini'.

6. Renowned personality Lee Kun-hee has passed away, recently he was a veteran _____ **Business Tycoon**.

Note:

- Lee helped to transform Samsung from a small trading business to become the world's largest producer of smartphones and memory chips.
- The firm's overall turnover today is equivalent to a fifth of South Korea's GDP.

7. Renowned personality Naresh Kanodia passed away, he was a veteran _____ **film star-turned-politician**.

Note:

- He was the younger brother of Gujarati singer **Mahesh Kanodia** who died on 25 October 2020 in Gandhinagar after a prolonged illness.

8. Renowned personality Keshubhai Savdasbhai Patel passed away recently, he was a veteran _____ **Politician**.

Note:

- Former Chief Minister of Gujarat, Keshubhai Savdasbhai Patel passed away. He had served as the Chief Minister of the state for a few months in 1995 and then from March 1998 to October of 2001.

Important Days

1. World Snow Leopard Day is observed globally every year on which date _____ **23rd October**.

Note:

- The day also emphasizes the importance of taking measures to stop poaching, as well as consolidating efforts in terms of an environmental organization in the countries of the snow leopard range.
- The first Snow Leopard Day occurred on the 23rd of October in 2014.

2. What is the theme of World Day for Audiovisual Heritage 2020 _____ **Your Window to the World**.

Note:

- World Day for Audiovisual Heritage is held annually on 27 October across the globe.
- This day was chosen by UNESCO in 2005 to raise awareness of the significance and preservation risks of recorded sound and audiovisual documents.

3. What is the theme of Vigilance Awareness Week 2020 _____ **Vigilant India - Prosperous India**.

Note:

- Vigilance Awareness Week 2020 Theme: Satark Bharat, Samridh Bharat (Vigilant India, Prosperous India).
- It is commemorated to affirm our commitment towards promotion of integrity and probity in public life through citizen participation

4. International Animation Day is observed globally every year on which date _____ **28th October**.

Note:

- The day has celebrated the art of animation and also recognise the artists, scientists and technicians behind animation.
- This year marks the 19th International Animation Day. The day was created in 2002 by International Animated Film Association (ASIFA), an International Animated Film Association, a member of UNESCO.

5. The United Nations Day is observed every year on which date _____ **24th October**.

Note:

- The year 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the United Nations and its founding Charter.
- The Charter was signed on 26 June 1945 by the representatives of the 50 countries.

6. The United Nations' World Development Information Day is observed every year on _____ **24th October**.

Note:

- The day aims to draw the attention of world public opinion to development problems and the need to strengthen international cooperation to solve them for overall growth and development.

7. The World Polio Day is celebrated annually on _____ **24th October**.

Note:

- World Polio Day provides an opportunity to highlight global efforts toward a polio-free world and honour the tireless contributions of those on the frontlines in the fight to eradicate polio from every corner of the globe.

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- 9. The Rashtriya Ekta Diwas or National Unity Day is observed every year on _____ **31st October**.
Note:
 - This year marks the 145th anniversary of the great leader who played an instrumental role in India's struggle for independence, and later during the integration of the country.
- 10. The UN World Cities Day is observed every year on _____ **31st October**.
Note:
 - The Day is celebrated to promote the international community's interest in global urbanization, push forward cooperation among countries in meeting opportunities and addressing challenges of urbanization, and contributing to sustainable urban development around the world.
- 11. International Internet Day is observed every year on _____ **29th October**.
Note:
 - It aims to honour a momentous day in the history of telecommunications and technology.
 - This day also highlights the sending of the 1st electronic message which was conveyed from one computer to another computer in the year 1969.

New Appointments

1. Who has been appointed as head of the newly created Guwahati based Eastern command of Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) _____ **Amrit Mohan Prasad**.
Note:
 - The Indo Tibetan Border Police guards the line of actual control.
 - The Eastern command overlooks the Indo Tibetan Border Police battalion posted along the line of actual control in states such as Assam, Sikkim, arunachal pradesh.
2. Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Lebanon by the President Michel Aoun _____ **Saad al-Hariri**.
Note:
 - Hariri won the backing of a majority of parliamentarians in consultations with Aoun.
 - He faces major challenges to navigate Lebanon's power-sharing politics and agree a cabinet, which must then address a mounting list of woes: a banking crisis, currency crash, rising poverty and crippling state debts.
3. Who has been selected as the chairman of the Gupkar alliance to fight for the restoration of full statehood and special constitutional status of Jammu and Kashmir _____ **Farooq Abdullah**.
Note:
 - Veteran CPM leader M.Y. Tarigami was elected the convenor while Lok Sabha member from South Kashmir Hasnain Masoodi will be the coordinator of the conglomerate known as Peoples Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD).
4. Who has been elected as the President of Seychelles recently _____ **Wavel Ramkalawan**.
Note:
 - He secured 54.9% of the total vote
 - Seychelles has elected an opposition candidate as its President for the first time since 1977.
5. Luis Arce has been elected as the President which country _____ **Bolivia**.
Note:
 - He captured 55.1% of the total votes. Arce will take the charge of the office on 8 November 2020. He would succeed Jeanine Anez, who is serving as the interim President of Bolivia.
 - The 57-year-old, Luis is a member of the political party Movement Toward Socialism.
6. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Information Commissioner of India _____ **Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha**.
Note:
 - He was already the Information Commissioner and was also the most senior.
 - The post of CIC chairman had been vacant for several months after Bimal Zulka retired.
 - A Marathi journalist, Uday Mahurkar has been selected for the post of Information Commissioner. Uday Mahurkar worked as a deputy editor in India Today Group and is considered close to the Sangh Parivar.
7. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of healthcare company Dr Trust _____ **Rohit Sharma**.
Note:

- Senior India cricketer Rohit Sharma was named brand ambassador of healthcare company Dr Trust.
- Dr Trust manufactures monitoring devices, which help in tracking vitals like blood pressure, blood oxygen levels, respiration rate, pulse rate and others.

Important News – India

1. Who is heading the committee constituted by the Election Commission of India to examine the expenditure limit of candidates contesting in Lok Sabha and Assembly Elections _____ **Harish Kumar.**

Note:

- The two- member committee will examine the expenditure limit of candidates contesting in Lok Sabha and Assembly Elections.
- The need to increase expenditure has come up due to the increase in the size of electorate and increasing inflation. Previously the expenditure ceiling of a candidate was revised in 2014.

2. The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has launched the Anaemia Mukh Bharat index in association with which intergovernmental organization _____ **UNICEF.**

Note:

- The anaemia Mukh Bharat is an initiative to reduce the prevalence of anaemia in India.
- Haryana topped the anaemia free India index or the anaemia Mukh Bharat Index with a score of 46.7.
- The index was released during the eighth governing body meeting of National Health Mission in Chandigarh.

3. AYUSH Minister Shripad Yesso Naik inaugurated the Regional Raw Drug Repository in which institution _____ **All India Institute of Ayurveda in New Delhi.**

Note:

- This RRDR is the second in the series of repositories proposed by National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB).
- AYUSH Ministry has said that there is an increased demand for the natural healing and herbal products across the globe which has been further pushed by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

4. Who is the chairperson of the IFSCA Expert Committee that submitted its second interim report to the chairperson of International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) _____ **Injeti Srinivas.**

Note:

- It was an IFSCA Expert Committee that was constituted to study about the international retail business development in IFSC.
- The committee as constituted to make recommendations on promoting international retail business in IFSC (International Financial Service Centre).

5. Recently, the Mumbai police registered a TRP scam case against certain news channel after ratings agency BARC filed a complaint with the police. What is the fullform of BARC _____ **Broadcast Audience Research Council.**

Note:

- The alleged scam came to light when ratings agency Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC) filed a complaint with the police, alleging that certain channels were rigging TRP numbers to lure advertisers.
- It was alleged that some families at whose houses metres for collecting data of viewership were installed were being bribed to tune into a particular channel.

6. Which becomes city with the longest BRTS corridor in the country _____ **Surat.**

Note:

- With this, Surat became the city with the longest BRTS corridor in the country.
- After the unveiling of the seven km long BRTS corridor from Kumbharia to Kadodara, the BRTS corridor in the city has become 108 running km.

7. Which district has bagged top position among 30 districts of the country in the successful implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) _____ **Mandi.**

Note:

- Himachal Pradesh's, Mandi district has bagged top position among 30 districts of the country in the successful implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).
- Himachal Pradesh has also secured the second position at the national level for construction of roads under PMGSY.

8. Who will head 14-members panel constituted by the NITI Aayog to look into introducing reforms in the urban planning education system _____ **Rajiv Kumar.**

Note:

- The panel will be headed by NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman Rajiv Kumar.

- The members of the committee include Amitabh Kant, CEO of NITI Aayog and secretaries of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Ministry of Education (MoE) and Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
9. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched 'Kisan Suryodaya Yojana' an electricity scheme for farmers in which state of India _____ **Gujarat.**
- Note:**
- It is a scheme for providing 16 Hours of Power Supply to Farmers, providing day-time power supply needed by farmers for irrigation.
 - The Farmers will get 3 Phase Power Supply from 5 AM to 9 PM.
 - Gujarat Government has allocated a budget INR 3500 Crore for installing infrastructure under this scheme by 2023.
10. What is India's rank in Ookla Speedtest Global Index that ranks nation on the basis of Global Mobile Internet Speed _____ **131st.**
- Note:**
- India was ranked 121 in 2019 in this index
 - South Korea has topped the list with an average mobile internet speed of 121.00 Mbps.
 - Sri Lanka, Pakistan, and Nepal ranked higher on the list at 102, 116, and 117 respectively.
11. Which of the following organisation has partnered with IIT Kharagpur to develop novel Industry 4.0 technology _____ **TCS.**
- Note:**
- IIT Kharagpur has partnered with Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) to develop novel Industry 4.0 technology for remotely controlled factory operations
 - This will provide setting a new trend in India's advanced manufacturing sector
12. Which of the following ministries has launched 'e-Dharti Geo Portal' _____ **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.**
- Note:**
- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has launched 'e-Dharti Geo Portal' to integrate legacy drawings such as maps and lease plans in the management information system and make its geographic information system (GIS)-enabled.
13. The Union Education Minister, Shri Ramesh pokhriyal Nishank inaugurated the DST-IEST Solar PV Hub in which state of India _____ **West Bengal.**
- Note:**
- It aims to have world-class research facility. It will act as a central node for dissemination of knowledge in the field of solar energy, research and development, fabrication, solar photovoltaics, solar PV module, testing of solar cells and Solar PV systems. The hub provides great boost for the eastern and North Eastern regions of India.
14. Who among the following to head the committee formed to commemorate 400th birth anniversary of Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur _____ **PM Narendra Modi.**
- Note:**
- PM Narendra Modi will be heading a high level 70 member committee to commemorate 400th birth anniversary of Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur.
 - The committee will work to formulate and approve policies, plans, programmes and will look after supervision and guidance for commemoration, deciding broad dates for the programme.
15. Which entity has released the "Electricity access in India and benchmarking distribution utilities" report _____ **NITI Aayog.**
- Note:**
- The report says that 92% of customers received electricity infrastructure within 50 metres of their premises.
 - Around 87% of the customers had access to grid-based electricity. Reminding 13% were those who either used non grid sources or did not use electricity at all.
16. Under construction 8.1 Km long Feni Bridge will connect which Indian state with Bangladesh to be completed by December 2020 _____ **Tripura.**
- Note:**
- The bridge is to be built over Feni river. It will link Tripura with Bangladesh. The construction of the bridge began in December 2010.
 - After completion, the bridge will be the only land link between India's eastern states and its western states other than Assam.
17. The Shipping Ministry has launched 'Direct Port Entry Facility' at which port _____ **V.O. Chidambaranar port, Tuticorin.**
- Note:**

- The modern Direct Port Entry would allow direct movement of containers from mills to the container terminal round the clock, without in-between handling at CFSs.
 - The facility is launch in an area of 18,357 sq. meters inside the truck parking terminal that was created under 'Sagarmala' for issuing customs permission of export cargo such as mills stuffed and e-sealed containers.
18. Who launched the virtual festival of "Parampara Series 2020-National Festival of Music and Dance" organised by Natya Tarangini in partnership with the United Nations _____ **M Venkaiah Naidu.**
- Note:**
- Natya Tarangini has been organising this for the past 23 years.
 - This dance and music festival as the normal life has been disrupted by lockdowns, economic downturns and lack of social interaction caused by the pandemic.
19. Which tech giant has collaborated with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) to impart digital skills to more than one lakh underserved women in India over the next 10 months _____ **Microsoft.**
- Note:**
- As part of the collaboration, more than 70 hours of course content will be made available free of cost, covering topics such as digital literacy, enhancing employability, nano entrepreneurship, and communication skills.
 - This initiative is an extension of Microsoft's partnership with NSDC to provide digital skills to over 1 lakh youth in the country.
20. Which Indian IT firm has turned carbon neutral thirty years ahead of the 2050 timeline set by the Paris Agreement _____ **Infosys.**
- Note:**
- Over the past years, Infosys said it has reduced its per capita electricity consumption by over 55% with the ambition to transition to renewable energy.
 - Infosys was also India's first signatory to the RE100, a global initiative by companies committed to using 100% renewable energy

Important News – State

1. Which state government is to implement the smart blackboard scheme in more than 80,000 Government schools _____ **Tamil Nadu.**
- Note:**
- The smart blackboard scheme aims to use audio visual teaching material that can be integrated along with digital classrooms. It will create materials that can be fed into computer screens using pen drives.
 - The Tamil Nadu State government has also decided to reduce be syllabus of 2020-21 by 40 percentage.
2. Which state government has decided to establish women help desks in each and every police station of state _____ **Uttar Pradesh.**
- Note:**
- The women police personnel deputed on helpdesk will not only listen to the complaints of women but will always be ready to help them anytime.
 - The Chief Minister has also directed the state police force to personally visit the site of crime against women and children and ensure timely investigation.
3. Which State/UT has signed an historic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with online store Flipkart to provide a platform for local artisans, craftsmen, weavers to reach customers across the globe _____ **Jammu and Kashmir.**
- Note:**
- This partnership will provide an appropriate opportunity for the momentous growth and development of the respective sectors.
 - This e-marketing channel shall involve and benefit artisans and weavers both in organized and unorganized sector and for the first six months, Flipkart will not charge any fee from the artisans and weavers.
4. Which state government has launched a BIMA scheme to provide financial assistance through insurance cover to the beneficiary in case of death or accident of their families members _____ **Andhra Pradesh.**
- Note:**
- All families with white ration cards are eligible for YSR Bima scheme. Village/ward volunteers will visit the families and enrol the names of the primary householders.
 - The claim amount will be directly credited into the beneficiary bank account within 15 days of making the claim.

5. Which of the following state government has secured first rank in loan disbursement under PM SVANidhi Scheme _____ **Uttar Pradesh.**
Note:
 ➤ UP has been ranked first in all the categories like Applications, Sanctions and Disbursements of the loans under PM SVANidhi scheme.
6. Which of the following state has been recently included under ESI Scheme for the first time _____ **Arunachal Pradesh.**
Note:
 ➤ It will be applicable to all the factories located in Papum Pare district of Arunachal Pradesh employing 10 or more persons, along with other benefits
 ➤ ESI Scheme has been implemented in 568 districts in all the States and Union Territories, except Lakshdweep.
7. Which state has built a war memorial in Bum La _____ **Arunachal Pradesh.**
Note:
 ➤ A war memorial has come up in at Bum La in Arunachal Pradesh. Joginder Singh of 1st Battalion the Sikh Regt received the highest gallantry award, 'Param Vir Chakra' in the Eastern Theatre during the 1962 Sino- India War.
 ➤ Indian Army organised the Inauguration Ceremony of Joginder War Memorial at Bum La on October 23 coinciding with the day on which the Battle of Tongpen La (Bum La) took place in 1962.
8. Which became the first Indian state to fix Minimum Support Price for sixteen agriculture items _____ **Kerala.**
Note:
 ➤ The scheme is to support farmers and increase agriculture sector.
 ➤ Sixteen different varieties of vegetables will be covered in the first phase. There is also a condition to revise the MSP price on a regular basis.
9. The Young Advocates Welfare Fund has been launched in which state _____ **Tamil Nadu.**
Note:
 ➤ It provides monthly financial assistance of three thousand rupees each for two years to the lawyers who just come out of law colleges.
 ➤ Normally a fresher from law colleges takes three to four years to begin practice as an advocate in the court as the registration in the Bar Council, and the mandatory practicing under a senior advocate takes time.
10. Which state government has decided to establish anti-human trafficking Police Stations in each and every district in a major step towards the security of women and children _____ **Uttar Pradesh.**
Note:
 ➤ These Police Stations will be given enough powers to register the case and investigate the matter independently.
 ➤ The state government is going to establish 40 new anti-trafficking units which will work like police stations in districts and will conduct the investigation after registering the cases.
11. Which state government has launched 'State Scholarship Portal' to help eligible students of the state to avail scholarship benefits in a seamless and transparent manner _____ **Odisha.**
Note:
 ➤ According to a government release, 21 scholarships would be offered by eight state departments and more than 11 lakh beneficiary students from Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, and educationally backward classes would benefit from the scholarship portal.
12. Which state government has launched 'Sumangal Portal' to help people avail inter-caste marriage incentives _____ **Odisha.**
Note:
 ➤ The Chief Minister said while inaugurating the Sumangal portal that inter-ethnic marriages increased social unity and it reduced racial discrimination while promoting equality and peaceful coexistence in society.
 ➤ The CM added that Rs 2.5 lakh can be availed by beneficiaries within 60 days of applying at the portal.

Important News – World

1. Which intergovernmental organization has released the third edition of "The Future of Jobs Report 2020", according to which the covid-19 and its impacts will disrupt more than 85 million jobs by 2025 _____ **World Economic Forum.**
Note:

- According to the report the covid-19 and its impacts will disrupt more than 85 million jobs by 2025.
 - The report is based on the future of jobs. The report has been prepared by the forum based on the projections of Senior Business leaders from more than 300 Global firms.
2. World famous UNESCO Heritage sitecou, Nazca lines is located in which country _____ **Peru**.
- Note:**
- The Nazca lines consists of hundreds of gigantic geoglyph that date back more than 2000 years.
 - The newly discovered cat Geoglyph is older than the ones discovered earlier.
3. India-assisted which Hydroelectric project in Bhutan has been awarded the Brunel Medal-2020, UK's top engineering body award _____ **Mangdechhu**.
- Note:**
- The 720-MW Mangdechhu run-of-river power project is built on the Mangdechhu River in Trongsa Dzongkhag district of central Bhutan at a cost of Rs 4,500-crore.
 - The project was jointly inaugurated by the prime ministers of the two countries in August 2019, during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's state visit to Bhutan.
4. Which country has joined the International Monetary Fund (IMF), to become its 190th member _____ **Andorra**.
- Note:**
- Andorra is a microstate situated between France and Spain.
 - IMF's Membership allows the Andorran government to benefit from IMF policy advice, especially as the country tackles the crisis caused by COVID-19 and can now receive an annual review or "health check" of its economy by the IMF.
5. The United States approved the potential sale of three weapon systems, as well as missiles and artillery to which country _____ **Taiwan**.
- Note:**
- The United States also approved 11 truck-based rocket launchers created by Lockheed Martin Corp called a High Mobility Artillery Rocket System for an approximately cost of USD 436.1m.
 - It also approved 135 AGM-84H Standoff Land Attack Missile Expanded Response (SLAM-ER) Missiles & associated instruments created Boeing, for an estimated cost of USD 1.008bn.
6. Which country has announced 'no mask, no service' policy _____ **Bangladesh**.
- Note:**
- The Bangladesh government has decided that no service will be provided to people who don't wear masks.
 - The cabinet meeting Chaired by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina decided that no one will be allowed to enter offices without the mask.
7. Which of the following nation became 3rd Arab Nation to normalise relations with Israel _____ **Sudan**.
- Note:**
- The new agreement between Sudan and Israel will establish economic and trade links, with an initial focus on agriculture
 - United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Bahrain were the other Arab nations to establish formal ties with Israel.
8. Which country has hosted the 19th SCO foreign trade and economic ministers meet 2020 _____ **India**.
- Note:**
- During the meet, the Minister remarked that countries have to leverage their Economic Strength to enhance trade and investment in the region.
 - This according to the Minister will help in enhancing the speed of recovery from the covid-19 pandemic.

Honor & Awards

1. The European Union has awarded its top human rights prize to _____ **Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya**.
- Note:**
- It is an honour to announce that the women and men of the democratic opposition in Belarus are the 2020 Sakharov Prize laureates.
 - A 38-year old former English teacher with no previous political experience, Ms. Tsikhanouskaya joined the race after her husband who aspired to run for president was jailed. He has remained in prison.
2. Which of the following tech gaint has bagged the first position in the Forbes' list of World's Best Employer 2020 _____ **Samsung**.

Note:

- Samsung Electronics has topped the Forbes list of World's Best Employer 2020, which features 750 multinational and large corporations
- Amazon has bagged second position, followed by IBM, Microsoft and LG
- From India, HCL Technologies is top industry in the list. It is placed at 30th position globally.

3. Which organization has won the UN Global Climate Action Award for combating climate change amid COVID-19 pandemic _____ **Global Himalayan Expedition.**

Note:

- The UN Global Climate Action awards are guided by the power for change drive at UN Climate Change.
- The declaration of awards is also a major goal to mobilize wishes and action as government work with regards to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Climate Change Agreement.
- GHE is a corporation that manages 'Impacts Expeditions' to the Himalayan villages in native areas. These expeditions will have a valid cause. For instance, to set up solar energy in remote villages.

Sports News

1. Who has won the 2020 Portuguese Grand Prix, held at Algarve International Circuit, Portugal _____ **Lewis Hamilton.**

Note:

- This was the 12th round of the 2020 Formula One World Championship. This is Hamilton's 8th win of the season and 92nd career race victory.
- With this win, he has surpassed the record of 91 wins set by German great Michael Schumacher. Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes- Finland) came second followed by Max Verstappen (Red Bull – Netherlands) at the third spot.

2. The Sports Authority of India (SAI) has consented a national coaching camp for which sports _____ **Table Tennis.**

Note:

- The National Coaching camp has been allowed at an estimated cost of Rs 18 lakh (plus air travel and medical expenses).
- The Table Tennis Federation of India has organized the camp at the Delhi Public School Sonapat
- The camp consists of 11 players (5 male, 6 female) and four support staff.

Books and Authors

1. Who has authored the book titled "Night of the Restless Spirits: Stories from 1984" _____ **Sarbpreet Singh.**

Note:

- Sarbpreet Singh has authored a book titled "Night of the Restless Spirits: Stories from 1984". The book recounts the Sikh massacre or anti-Sikh riots of 1984.
- The book narrates many stories of ordinary people, that capture the horrors and uncertainties of 1984 through the eyes of Sikhs around the world. The book is published by Penguin.

2. Who has been honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award 2020 at the At the 3rd India International Film Festival of Boston (IIFFB) 2020 based in Boston, USA _____ **Om Puri.**

Note:

- Chef Vikas Khanna was honoured with "Pride of India" a special award at the 3rd IIFFB 2020.
- Om Puri was an acclaimed actor who worked with directors like Satyajit Ray, Shyam Benegal, Govind Nihalani and Mrinal Sen and he has also worked with various Hollywood directors like Roland Joffe, Mike Nichols, Lasse Halstrom etc.

Science and Defence

1. Name the indigenously built anti-submarine Warfare stealth corvettes under project 28 which is being commissioned into the Indian Navy _____ **INS Kavaratti.**

Note:

- The INS Kavaratti is one of the four indigenously built anti-submarine Warfare stealth corvettes under project 28. The project 28 is also called Kamorta class Corvettes.
 - The project 28 was approved in 2003. The construction of INS Kamorta under the project began in 2005.
2. Which institutions has developed the covid-19 test called COVIRAP that was recently approved by the Indian Council of Medical Research recently _____ **IIT Kharagpur**.
- Note:**
- It is a Diagnostic machine that was developed by the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur. This kit gives close test results as produced by RT-PCR.
 - COVIRAP is user friendly and is of low cost. It determines the results in less than an hour.
3. As per the announcement made by the Department of Science and Technology the third phase of National Supercomputing Mission will start by _____ **January 2021**.
- Note:**
- The third phase of the mission is to increase computing speed to around 45 petaflops.
 - The C-DAC and the National Supercomputing Mission signed agreement with the leading institutes of India.
 - According to the agreement, manufacturing units and assembly units of super computers are to be established in the Premier Institutes of the country.
4. The final user trial of Anti Tank Guided Missile, NAG was conducted by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully, which defence manufacturing units _____ **Bharat Dynamics Limited**.
- Note:**
- The Nag missile was fired from the Nag Missile Carrier.
 - The range of Nag missile is between 4 and 7 kilometres. In 2018, the Ministry of Defence cleared acquisition of 300 Nag missiles and 25 Nag Missile Carriers. A Nag carrier is a modified BMP infantry combat vehicle.
5. Which IIT has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to share expertise for the betterment of highway infrastructure _____ **IIT Jodhpur**.
- Note:**
- The two institutions will work in domains which include transportation engineering, structural engineering, geotechnical engineering.
 - The joint activities will bridge the industry-institution gap and develop technologies that would be adopted in practice by NHAI.
6. The researchers from IIT developed a low-cost method to produce anti-ageing compounds _____ **IIT Guwahati**.
- Note:**
- The compound has been developed from a wide range of agricultural resources such as pulses, tea, berries, orange peels, parsley, onion and sea buckthorn.
 - The product does not use organic solvents as done by the other commercial industry.
7. The Indian Space Research Organization will launch Synthetic Aperture Radar satellite jointly with which space agency _____ **NASA**.
- Note:**
- A joint statement issued after the dialogue read that the NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar called the NISAR is to be launched by 2022.
 - The space agencies of the countries signed an agreement to conduct a joint NISAR mission.
 - The mission will develop and launch a synthetic aperture radar.
8. Which Indian organization has launched Secure Application for Internet (SAI), that will provide secure voice, video and text calling services to the security personnel _____ **Indian Army**.
- Note:**
- The SAI model is much similar to other commercial applications such as Telegram, WhatsApp, SAMVAD.
 - The mobile application developed by the Indian Army is called the Secure Application for Internet (SAI).
 - It facilitates secure communication among the Indian Army personnel.

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