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Dear readers,

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

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. Which financial institutions has organised its first 'Digital Choupal' to mark its 39th foundation day _____ **NABARD**.
Note:
 - "Digital Choupal" was conducted in the form of a video conference which was attended by participants of different projects initiated by NABARD, to share their experiences about the projects they are involved in.
2. What will be the maximum entry age for the short-term standard health policies for Covid-19 viz. Corona Kavach and Corona Rakshak that were made mandatory to launch by IRDAI _____ **65 Years**.
Note:
 - Notably, the premium under both the products shall be the pan-India basis and no geographic location or zone-based pricing will be allowed.
 - Minimum entry age for both the policies will be 18 years and the maximum 65
3. NABARD has disbursed Rs 2.51 crore of grant assistance to Self Help Groups (SHGs) for promotion, skill development and digitisation of records in which state _____ **Karnataka**.
Note:
 - This funding is a part of EShakti or Digitisation of SHGs an initiative of Micro Credit and Innovations Department (mCID) of NABARD.
 - The project is being implemented in 250 districts across the country.
4. Alphabet Inc's Google to buy what per cent stake in Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)'s Jio Platforms for Rs 33,737 crores _____ **7.73 per cent**.
Note:
 - With this, Jio Platforms has raised a total of Rs 1,52,055.45 crore.
 - This investment values Jio Platforms at an equity value of Rs 4.36 lakh crore.
 - With this deal, RIL holds 67.03% stake in Jio Platforms, while other investors hold 32.97% stake.
5. Which bank has adopted an Agile Technology Platform 'CRMNEXT' for deeper customer engagement _____ **IndusInd Bank**.
Note:
 - The CRMNEXT platform will empower IndusInd Bank with an intelligence-driven customer action centre which will provide complete information on customers acquired from multiple sources, and make it available on a single intuitive screen.
 - The platform will be implemented across IndusInd Bank's wide network of nearly 2,000 branches, call centres and processing units for sales and service operations.
6. In which state/UT the NABARD has launched development projects of Rs 44 lakhs to strengthen the Atmanirbhar Bharat through rural entrepreneurship _____ **Andaman and Nicobar Islands**.
Note:
 - The development projects include formation and development of Self-Help Groups (SHGs).
 - The development project will help in skill development of SHGs members to promote rural entrepreneurship at the micro level.
 - NABARD will conduct 385 village-level programmes. It will also provide training to leaders of newly formed SHGs with an amount of more than RS 10 lakh.
7. Domestic rating agency ICRA has revised its forecast for contraction in the country's GDP in the current fiscal to what percent from 5 per cent earlier _____ **9.5 per cent**.
Note:
 - Most of the analysts have projected the country's GDP to contract in the range of 5-6.5 per cent in this fiscal.

- It said the country's economy may have contracted by a sharp 25 per cent in the first quarter of FY21, and expects a shallow recovery in the subsequent quarters, with a contraction of 12.4 per cent in the second quarter of FY21 and a milder 2.3 per cent in the third quarter, followed by a growth of 1.3 per cent in the fourth quarter of FY21.
8. Which of the following banks has offered a follow-on public offer _____ **Yes Bank**.
- Note:**
- The follow-on offer received 847.82 crore bids by the end of the final day of issue, against its total size of 909.98 crore shares, marking a subscription of 93.17 per cent, data from the National Stock Exchange (NSE) showed.
 - Yes Bank plans to utilise the proceeds from issue to meet its capital requirements for the next two years.
9. Who has been appointed as the managing Director and Chief Executive officer of Federal Bank Limited _____ **Shyam Srinivasan**.
- Note:**
- The Reserve Bank of India(RBI) approved the reappointment of Shyam Srinivasan as the managing Director and Chief Executive officer of Federal bank Limited with effect from September 23, 2020.
 - In June 2020, RBI proposed to limit the tenure of the CEO's and Whole Time Directors (WTDs) from the promoter and non-promoter groups to 10 years and 15 years respectively.
 - The RBI also proposed to limit the upper age limit of the CEOs and WTDs of the Banks to 70 years.
10. In the new World Bank country classifications by income level 2020-2021, India remains in the classification of _____ **Lower Middle-income economy**.
- Note:**
- According to the New World Bank country classifications by income level 2020-2021, India remains in the classification, Lower-Middle-Income Economy.
 - In total 218 countries have been included in this classification.
 - The World Bank classifies countries into four income groups namely: low income , lower-middle income, upper-middle income, and high-income economies.
11. Airports Authority of India signed an MoU with which company to collaborate and support the emerging global opportunities in the airport business _____ **Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL)**.
- Note:**
- The MoU is likely to boost the civil aviation industry.
 - This MoU will provide for the synergy of capabilities of both the organisations in their particular field.
12. NABARD has sanctioned what amount to West Bengal to reconstruct infrastructure which was damaged by Cyclone Amphan(May) under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) _____ **Rs 795 crore**.
- Note:**
- The state government appealed for Rs 1,028 crore from NABARD to repair the damage under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF).
 - After the appeal Rs 795 crore was sanctioned.
 - NABARD has already provided Rs 145 crore under RIDF to the state as special liquidity support to enhance rural infrastructure considering the COVID-19 pandemic.
13. As per the research report of India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra), Centre's fiscal deficit is estimated to increase to _____ **7.6%**.
- Note:**
- The aggregate of the central and state fiscal deficit in FY21 is 12.1%, with the states contributing 4.5%.
 - States like Assam, Goa, Gujarat and Sikkim are likely to experience double digit contraction in GDP.

Obituaries

1. Name the first woman election commissioner of Maharashtra who passed away recently _____ **Neela Satyanarayan**.
- Note:**
- The 1972 batch officer was admitted at the Seven Hills Hospital, Mumbai after she was diagnosed with COVID-19.
 - Neela Satyanarayan retired in 2014. She has penned more than 150 songs. Also, she has composed music for several Marathi movies.
2. Renowned personality John Lewis passed away recently, he was a veteran _____ **Civil Rights Activist of US**.
- Note:**

- He was also the youngest and last survivor of the Big Six civil rights activists, a group led by the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr that had the greatest impact on the movement.
 - He was best known for leading around 600 protesters in the Bloody Sunday march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama.
3. Renowned personality Professor C. S. Seshadri passed away recently, he was a veteran ____ **Mathematician**.
- Note:**
- A leader in the field of algebraic geometry, he made breakthroughs that lie at the base of many branches of this profound discipline.
 - Seshadri began his career at the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research as one of the first batches of graduate students.
 - He moved to Chennai in 1984, to the Institute of Mathematical Sciences. In 1989, he got an opportunity to start the School of Mathematics as part of the SPIC Science Foundation, which has evolved into the Chennai Mathematical Institute (CMI).
4. Renowned personality Lalji Tandon passed away recently, he was governor of which state of India ____ **Madhya Pradesh**.
- Note:**
- Lal Ji Tandon was the governor of Bihar between August 2018 and July 2019 when he took over as Madhya Pradesh's Governor. In 2009, the senior BJP leader and a protege of former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, succeeded him as the Lucknow MP.
 - He began his career from his hometown Lucknow in the 1970s and had also served as a state minister in Uttar Pradesh several times between 1991 and 2003.
5. Renowned personality Bijay Mohanty passed away, recently he was a veteran ____ **Actor**.
- Note:**
- His performance in his debut film, Chilika Tire, earned him several accolades including the National Film Award.
 - He is most famous for negative roles in films including Samay Bada Balaban, Naga Phasa, Sahari Bagha, Danda Balunga and Chaka Bhaunri.
6. Rajat Mukherjee who passed away recently was a famous ____ **Film Maker**.
- Note:**
- Rajat Mukherjee directed Urmila Matondkar, Fardeen Khan, Sonali Kulkarni and Rajpal Yadav in 2001's Pyaar Tune Kya Kiya.
 - He also directed the 2004 film Love In Nepal, which starred singer Sonu Nigam, Rajpal Yadav and Flora Saini.

Important Days

1. World Youth Skills Day is observed every year on which date ____ **15th July**.
- Note:**
- It was designated by the General Assembly in 2014.
 - Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed a digital conclave on the occasion of World Youth Skills Day (WYSD).
2. World Day for International Justice is observed every year on which date ____ **17th July**.
- Note:**
- 17 July every year to mark the importance of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and for the people to pay attention to serious crimes happening around the world.
 - 17 July is the Day of International Criminal Justice.
 - It marks the anniversary of the adoption of the Rome Statute on 17 July 1998, the founding treaty of the ICC, which seeks to protect people from genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and the crime of aggression.
3. United Nations celebrates World Chess Day globally every year on which date ____ **20th July**.
- Note:**
- The day marks the date of the establishment of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) in Paris in 1924.
 - To celebrate the International Chess Day 2020 top chess personalities will participate in a high-level virtual event "Chess for Recovering Better".

4. To mark the anniversary of man's first historic landing on the moon the Space Exploration Day is celebrated every year on _____ **20th July**.

Note:

- On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong and Edwin Buzz became the first humans to land on moon's surface.
- The Armstrong-Aldrin duo spent 21.5 hours on the surface of the moon.
- Also, they spent 2.5 hours outside of their capsules.
- The day is mainly celebrated in the United States.

5. Nelson Mandela International Day is celebrated every year on which date by the United Nations _____ **18th July**.

Note:

- The day acknowledges Nelson Mandela's contribution to the struggle for democracy internationally and the promotion of a culture of peace throughout the world.
- Nelson Mandela Day is an occasion for all to take action and inspire change.

New Appointments

1. Who has been appointed as the vice president of Asian Development Bank (ADB) _____ **Ashok Lavasa**.

Note:

- Election Commissioner Ashok Lavasa has been appointed as vice president of the Philippines-based Asian Development Bank (ADB).
- Lavasa still has over two years left in his term at the Election Commission of India. He would have retired as the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) in October 2022.

2. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of SportsAdda, the news and information website for Cricket, Football and Kabaddi _____ **Brett Lee**.

Note:

- As the brand ambassador of SportsAdda, Lee conducts activities like quizzes, bowling masterclasses, Q&A's and giveaways featured exclusively on the SportsAdda's app, social media and website.

3. Who among the following has been elected as the President of Suriname _____ **Chandrikapersad "Chan" Santokhi**.

Note:

- Santokhi won Desi Bouterse, former military strongman of National Party of Suriname (NPS) in the general elections held in May.
- He was born in Suriname, a former dutch colony, and studies in Police academy, Netherlands.
- He was a police inspector in Suriname from 1991 and was named chief of Police.

4. Rose Christiane Ossouka Raponda has been appointed as the first woman prime minister of which country _____ **Gabon**.

Note:

- Prior to holding this position, Ossouka Raponda served as Defence Minister since February 2019.
- Her appointment is the fourth cabinet reshuffle by the President of Gabon, Ali Bongo Ondimba since January 2019.

5. Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of SBI Card _____ **Ashwini Kumar Tewari**.

Note:

- The new appointment will be valid for two years and his appointment will come into effect from August 1, 2020. He was nominated by parent State Bank of India for the position.
- Tewari's appointment is followed by the resignation of present MD & CEO, Hardayal Prasad who decided to quit from the directorship of the company owing to his voluntary retirement from the State Bank of India.

6. Who has become the highest-paid banker for FY20 with Rs.18.92 cr in remuneration _____ **Aditya Puri**.

Note:

- HDFC Bank Managing Director Aditya Puri has emerged as the highest paid banker among the top lenders for FY 2019-20, with a 38 per cent jump in salary and prerequisites to Rs.18.92 crore.

7. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of IT company, HCL Technologies _____ **Roshni Nadar Malhotra**.

Note:

- The appointment of non-executive director Roshni Nadar Malhotra to the new role takes effect immediately. She will replace her father, Shiv Nadar.
- Shiv Nadar will continue to be HCL Tech's managing director, with the designation as the chief strategy officer.

Important News – India

1. The Ministry of Railways is on a mission mode with the goal of transforming Indian Railways into Green Railways by _____ **2030**.
Note:
 - All routes on Broad Gauge (BG) network have been planned to be electrified by December Indian Railways has also taken a number of initiatives to promote solar energy.
 - Indian Railways is working to harness the potential of 500 Mega Watt (MW) energy through rooftop Solar panels (Developer model).
 - Already awarded for 245 MW and target for completion of these plants is December 2022.
2. India's first cable-stayed Indian Railways bridge namely "Anji Khad Bridge" is being built by which company which will connect Katra and Reasi in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) _____ **Konkan Railway Corporation Limited**.
Note:
 - India's first cable-stayed Indian Railways bridge namely "Anji Khad Bridge" being developed by Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL) is all set to connect Katra and Reasi in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K).
 - The cable-stayed railway bridge is a part of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project, which passes through the Young Himalayas.
3. India along with which country and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) has co-hosted the official launch of 2021 International Year of Fruits and Vegetables _____ **Chile**.
Note:
 - It was called side event of 2020 High-level Political forum – "On the road to the International Year of Fruits and Vegetables 2021: Highlighting health and nutritional benefits through sustainable production and consumption of fruits and vegetables".
4. The Airports Authority of India (AAI) signed an MoU) with which public sector undertaking to collaborate and support the emerging global opportunities in the airport business _____ **Bharat Electronics Ltd**.
Note:
 - As AAI will act as the development partner, it will assist BEL in its domain of expertise to enable execution of the MEA projects outside India by BEL.
 - The MoU is likely to boost the civil aviation industry.
 - The Organisations will work in cooperation with each other in the civil aviation sector, in present and future projects handled by BEL.
5. Which Indian International Airport introduced India's first ever fully contactless airport car parking _____ **GMR International Airport, Hyderabad**.
Note:
 - The NETC FASTag Car Park is a part of the "One Nation One Tag" – NETC FASTag programme of Indian Government.
 - The GMR airport introduced the first ever National Electronic Toll Collection (NETC) FASTag Car Park in India in November 2019.
6. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved acquisition of HealthCare Global Enterprises Limited (HCG) by which company _____ **Aceso Company Pte. Ltd. (Aceso)**.
Note:
 - CCI has approved acquisition under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002.
 - Aceso Company Pte. Ltd. (Aceso) is an entity which forms part of the CVC Network.
 - The CVC Network consists of three entities which are privately owned and offers investment advice to and / or managing investments on behalf of certain investment funds as well as platforms.
7. Who has inaugurated the 5th edition of the conference on "Aerospace and Defence Manufacturing Technologies" _____ **Shripad Yesso Naik**.
Note:
 - Tamil Nadu Technology Development & Promotion Centre (TNTDPC) jointly organised the conference with Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM), and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).
8. What will be the length of the Anji Khad Bridge' being built by Konkan Railway Corporation which will connect Katra and Reasi in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) _____ **473.25 metres**.
Note:

- India's first cable-stayed Indian Railways bridge namely "Anji Khad Bridge" being developed by Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL) is all set to connect Katra and Reasi in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K).
 - The cable-stayed railway bridge is a part of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project, which passes through the Young Himalayas.
9. According to the special bulletin on Maternal Mortality in India 2016-18, released by the Office of the Registrar General's Sample Registration System (SRS) the Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) in India has declined to ____ **113**.
- Note:**
- One of the key indicators of maternal mortality is the MMR, defined as the number of maternal deaths per 1,00,000 live births.
 - The target 3.1 of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) set by the United Nations aims to reduce the global maternal mortality ratio to less than 70 per 1,00,000 live births.
10. India's largest commercial shipbuilder Cochin Shipyard Ltd (CSL) has signed a contract to build the world's first fully automatic electric vessel for which country ____ **Norway**.
- Note:**
- The value of two ships is Rs 125 crore, the cost does not include the value for two optional ships.
 - The vessels are designed by Naval Dynamics Norway, using Kongsberg Maritime systems, with detailed engineering to be carried out by CSL. They will be built under DNV GL Classification and flagged in Norway.
11. India is developing country's first and Asia's leading trans-shipment port Vallarpadam Terminal as part of which port of India ____ **Kochi**.
- Note:**
- It is a part of the Cochin Port in Kochi, Kerala
 - It is located on Vallarpadam Island.
 - The Kochi International Container Trans-shipment Terminal (ICTT), is known as the Vallarpadam
12. Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering and Technology (CIPET) has been accredited by NABL for Testing and Certification of PPE Kit. CIPET works under which ministry ____ **Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers**.
- Note:**
- The PPE kit includes Gloves, Coverall, Face Shield, Goggles and Triple Layer Medical masks in line with International Standards.
 - It is another achievement of CIPET in the fight against COVID- 19 Pandemic and a step forward towards Atmanirbhar Bharat.
13. As per the Railway Ministry private trains are slated to run from ____ **2023**.
- Note:**
- According to the railway ministry's projections, the transporter will select the companies that will run the private trains by April 2021.
 - The first 12 are expected to start plying by 2023-24, followed by 45 more in FY 2024-25, the next 50 in FY 2025-26 and the last 44 by 2026-27.
14. Union Environment and Information & Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar hailed the KURMA mobile application related with which of the following ____ **Indian Turtles**.
- Note:**
- The Mobile Application, KURMA, was launched on 23rd May this year on the occasion of World Turtle Day. The citizen science initiative aims at conservation of turtles and tortoises.
 - The mobile application has been developed by the Indian Turtle Conservation Action Network (ITCAN) in collaboration with the Turtle Survival Alliance-India and Wildlife Conservation Society-India.
15. An e-Portal named "Automobile Solutions Portal for Industry, Research & Education (ASPIRE)" has been launched by which of the following entities ____ **International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT)**.
- Note:**
- The portal has been launched to improve the technological capability of Indian automotive sector with the help of exchange of knowledge & expertise, to make them self reliant and to enable the growth of automobile sector including overall socio-economic progress of the country.

16. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has integrated a new Artificial Intelligence (AI) course for class XI and XII was developed in collaboration with which tech giant _____ **IBM**.

Note:

- The curriculum was developed in collaboration with IBM (International Business Machines Corporation).
- The IBM AI curriculum is a part of CBSE's Social Empowerment through Work Education and Action (SEWA) program.

17. What is India's rank in the Global Manufacturing Risk Index 2020 _____ **Third**.

Note:

- The annual Global Manufacturing Risk Index (MRI) report was released by the US-based property consultant Cushman & Wakefield, to rank the most suitable locations for global manufacturing among 48 countries in Europe, Americas, and the Asia-Pacific.

18. Name the biopharmaceutical company that announced a global collaboration agreement with Voluntas to develop and distribute digital therapeutics supporting people with diabetes on biologics therapy _____ **Biocon Biologics**.

Note:

- Voluntas, based out of Boston and Paris, creates digital therapeutics that allow people suffering from chronic conditions to manage their treatment on their own every day.
- Insulia provides automated insulin dose recommendations enabling people with diabetes to self-manage their condition and healthcare teams to remotely monitor progress.

19. Who inaugurated India's first public Electric Vehicle charging plaza in New Delhi _____ **RK Singh**.

Note:

- The EV charging plaza is a new avenue for making e-mobility ubiquitous and convenient in India.
- EESL is spearheading the EV ecosystem development in India by undertaking demand aggregation for procuring EVs and identifying innovative business models for implementation of Public Charging Station.

20. Which initiative has been launched by the Union Human Resource Development Minister, Ramesh Pokhriyal to provide psychosocial support to students for their mental health and well-being _____ **Manodarpan**.

Note:

- The initiative under Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, aims to provide psychosocial support to students for their mental health and well-being.
- Named as 'MANODARPAN' the initiative is covering a wide range of activities to provide Psychosocial Support to students for their Mental Health & Well-being during the COVID outbreak and beyond.

21. The acquisition wing of Ministry of Defence has signed a contract with which of the following PSUs for procurement of 1,512 Mine Plough for Tank T-90 S/SK _____ **Bharat Earth Movers Limited, BEML**.

Note:

- The contract has Buy and Make (Indian) categorisation with a minimum of 50 per cent indigenous content in make portion of the contract.
- These mine ploughs will be fitted on T-90 Tanks of Indian Armoured Corps which will facilitate individual mobility to Tanks while negotiating mine field.

22. The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports have partnered with which organization to strengthen the youth volunteers in the country to achieve Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan _____ **UNICEF**.

Note:

- The GoI has signed a statement with YuWaah of UNICEF. It is a multi-stake holder platform formed by UNICEF.
- The YuWaah initiative was launched by UNICEF in India in November 2019.
- The initiative promotes access to foundational and 21st century skills for youth inside and outside formal education system. This includes life skills, foundational skills, flexible learning and scaling impactful delivery models.

Important News – State

1. Which state has topped among the other states in the implementation of PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) _____ **Madhya Pradesh**.

Note:

- The scheme is presently benefiting the beneficiaries of 378 urban bodies of the state. Till now 8,70,330 street vendors have registered under the scheme, out of which 1,76,000 street vendors have been issued the identity cards and vending certificates.

2. Which state has launched 'CybHER', a month-long virtual awareness campaign to make cyberspace safe for women and children _____ **Telangana**.

Note:

- The campaign is organised by WSW in collaboration with Legal Aid Centre, Symbiosis Law School, Hyderabad.
- To tackle cyberattacks in the midst of social isolation due to the coronavirus pandemic by offering proactive measures to stay safe in the digital world.
- To create an interactive and informative platform for a healthy discussion on cyber safety

3. Poba Reserve Forest would be upgraded to a wildlife sanctuary is located in which state of India _____ **Assam**.

Note:

- Assam Chief Minister, Sarbananda Sonowal has announced, Poba Reserve Forest in Dhemaji district would be upgraded to a wildlife sanctuary.
- The announcement was made during a meeting with senior officials of Lakhimpur, Dhemaji and Majuli districts at Jonai. Poba Reserve Forest declared in 1924 with an area of 10,522 hectares is home to a large number of flora and fauna.

4. Which state government has announced Renewable Energy Export Policy 2020, which permits the sale of power to the other states of India _____ **Andhra Pradesh**.

Note:

- Aim of the policy is to utilize the unused potential and to attract private investments to boost the economy and to generate additional revenue to the government.
- To implement the projects the New and Renewable Energy Development Corporation of AP Limited (NREDCAP), will be the nodal agency under the new export policy 2020.

5. Which state government has launched "Navin Rojgar Chhatri Yojana" for all-round development of the Scheduled Castes _____ **Uttar Pradesh**.

Note:

- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has launched "Navin Rojgar Chhatri Yojana" for all-round development of the Scheduled Castes.
- The state government is extending financial help to make people self-dependent.

Important News – World

1. UNICEF India joined hands with which organization to jointly develop UNICEF's "#Reimagine Campaign" _____ **FICCI**.

Note:

- The campaign aims to support the most vulnerable populations and children during the COVID-19 response and its after-math in India.
- It will also help in avoiding the potential long-term damage to business operations as well as employment pipeline.

2. Which country has successfully launched "APSTAR-6D" telecommunication satellite via a Long March 3B carrier rocket _____ **China**.

Note:

- China Academy of Space Technology has developed the commercial satellite 'APSTAR-6D'. APSTAR-6D marked the 18th Rocket Launched by China in the year 2020.
- The APSTAR-6D satellite was developed by the China Academy of Space Technology Corp. (CASC), a subsidiary of China Aerospace Science and Technology Corp.

3. Elyes Fakhfakh resigned from the post of prime minister of which country _____ **Tunisia**.

Note:

- His resignation has come after a campaign to oust him in a vote of no confidence gathered momentum and to avoid more conflicts between state institutions in the country.
- Elyes Fakhfakh was appointed prime minister of Tunisia in January 2020.

4. Which organization has partnered with SAP India to improve the employability skills of young people in a COVID-19 as well as post COVID-19 era _____ **UNICEF**.

Note:

- Under this initiative, UNICEF has collaborated with YuWaah (Generation Unlimited) to offer digital education as well as occupational skillset to the underserved young people of India.
 - The UNICEF – YuWaah – SAP India partnership has a prime objective to empower young people, to utilize their creativity, problem-solving and leadership assets, to improve their own lives as well of their communities.
5. Pakistan and China signed an agreement for the 700 MW Azad Pattan hydel power project being built on which river of Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK) _____ **Jhelum**.
- Note:**
- The first agreement, for the 1,100 MW Kohala project, was signed on June 23. That project, worth \$ 2.3 billion, too will come up on the Jhelum near Muzaffarabad.
 - Gezhouba set up a special purpose joint venture with the Laraib Group, a Pakistani renewable energy developer.
6. Which country's apex court dissolved the country's branch of the Muslim Brotherhood, a transnational Islamist movement _____ **Jordan**.
- Note:**
- The Muslim Brotherhood, founded in Egypt in 1928, is a pan-Islamic movement with both charitable and political arms.
 - It has faced years of pressure, especially in the wake of the 2011 Arab Spring uprisings, and has been outlawed as a "terrorist" group in Egypt and banned in several other countries.
7. The first Arab space mission dubbed as 'HOPE Probe' was launched by United Arab Amirate (UAE) from which of the following countries _____ **Japan**.
- Note:**
- H2A, the rocket carrying the Hope Probe to space, was launched from the Tanegashima Space Centre in Japan. It is the Arab world's first interplanetary landmark mission, putting UAE firmly ahead of all the countries in the Middle East in the area of space and technology.
 - Hope Probe Spacecraft is expected to reach the Red Planet by February 2021, to coincide with UAE's 50th anniversary of its formation.
8. The United Nations has declared Noor Wali Mehsud associated with which terrorist organization as a global terrorist _____ **Tehrik-e-Taliban**.
- Note:**
- The UN has blacklisted Mehsud for participating in the financing, planning and perpetrating acts on behalf of and in support of entities associated with al-Qaeda.

Honor & Awards

1. Who has been honoured with the Lifetime achievement award by the football club – Mohun Bagan Athletic Club _____ **Ashok Kumar**.
- Note:**
- The Club decided not to celebrate any physical programme for 2020 Mohun Bagan Day on 29th July 2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic.
 - The awards will be personally presented to the awardees available in Kolkata and for the other awardees the award will be handed after the pandemic.
2. What is the rank of Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) Chairman Mukesh Ambani in the Bloomberg Billionaires Index as the world's richest man _____ **6th**?
- Note:**
- Larry Page is ranked in 7th position with a net worth of USD 71.6 billion, Sergey Brin in 9th position(USD 69.4B) and Elon Musk in 10th position(USD 68.6 billion).
 - Warren Buffett is ranked in 8th position with a networth of USD 69.7B, after he gave away USD 2.9 billion to charity.
3. Who has been awarded with coveted 'Infra Business Leader of the Year' award for 2020 _____ **Parkash Dudeja**.
- Note:**
- He is the vice chairman of Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA).

- He has been awarded for his contribution towards the infrastructure development.
4. Who has been awarded the 2020 USIBC Global Leadership Award along with Lockheed Martin CEO Jim Taiclet _____ **N Chandrasekaran**.
Note:
- Every year, the USIBC Global Leadership Awards are conferred upon executives in recognition of outstanding leadership and for promoting Indo-US trade and business.
 - The earlier receivers of this award include Google CEO Sundar Pichai, Google CEO Adena Friedman, Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos, and Sun Pharmaceuticals Founder and Managing Director Dilip Shanghvi.
5. Who among the following has been awarded with the Gwen Ifill Press Freedom Award 2020 _____ **Amal Clooney**.
Note:
- In recognition of her tremendous efforts towards the freedom of press, CPJ is awarding Clooney the highly prestigious award.
 - She has been a strong supporter of CPJ's advocacy in recent years and has taken up the call for governments to provide emergency visas to journalists in distress. She is currently representing Maria Ressa, CPJ's 2018 Gwen Ifill award winner, who has been convicted of cyber libel, a criminal offense, in the Philippines.

Sports News

1. Australian sports person Mile Jedinak is associated with which sports who has announced his retirement from the sport _____ **Soccer**.
Note:
- He has played in 2010, 2014, 2018 FIFA World Cups.
 - Mile captained the Socceroos' to win the 2015 Asian cup in his own country.
 - He has represented many clubs in his career.
2. The International Olympic Committee has postponed the Dakar 2022 Youth Olympic Games to which year due to COVID 19 Pandemic _____ **2026**.
Note:
- The postponement of Dakar 2022 allows the IOC, the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) and the International Federations (IFs) to better plan their activities, which have been strongly affected by the postponement of the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020
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3. Sports person Marcus Rashford becomes the youngest ever recipient of an honorary degree from The University of Manchester is associated with which sports _____ **Football**.
Note:
- He will receive the degree in recognition of his achievements as a footballer and as a passionate campaigner against child poverty.
 - He will follow in the footsteps of Manchester United legends Sir Alex Ferguson and Sir Bobby Charlton by receiving an honorary doctorate.
4. Who has won the Formula-1 Hungarian Grand Prix 2020 at Hungaroring, Mogyoród, Hungary _____ **Lewis Hamilton**.
Note:
- Lewis Hamilton won the Formula-1 Hungarian Grand Prix 2020 at Hungaroring, Mogyoród, Hungary. Max Verstappen (Dutch-Red Bull) was second, followed by Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes- Finland) at the third spot.
 - Hungarian Grand Prix 2020 was the third race of the 2020 Formula One World Championship.
5. World cup winner famous footballer Andre Schurrle has announced retirement from the sport held from which country _____ **Germany**.
Note:
- He helped his country to win the 2014 FIFA World Cup. He represented Germany in 57 matches, scoring 22 goals.
 - He also played for Chelsea from 2013-15 and also won a Premier League winners medal in 2015.

6. Who has won the Moto Grand Prix 2020 _____ **Fabio Quartararo**.

Note:

- Quartararo, 21, who rides for the Yamaha satellite outfit, had started on pole position and his main threat was removed when reigning world champion Marquez crashed out on lap 20.

7. Which Football Club has been crowned with the La Liga Champions for the 34th time after defeating Villarreal 2-1 at Estadio Alfredo Di Stefano _____ **Real Madrid**.

Note:

- Karim Benzema was the leading scorer for a 2-1 victory against Villarreal.
- Real Madrid, who are standing at the top spot with 26 wins from 37 matches, will lock horns with Leganes in their last game of the 2019-2020 La Liga season on July 20. Last time the team won the title in 2017.

8. Due to COVID-19 the ICC Men's T20 World Cup has formally been postponed to _____ **2022**.

Note:

- Besides rescheduling the T20 World Cup to October-November, 2022 the ICC Board also decided to push the 2023 ODI World Cup in India to October-November 2023 from its designated window in February-March, 2023

Books and Authors

1. Who has authored the book titled "If It Bleeds" _____ **Stephen King**.

Note:

- The book published by Hachette India. The book has the story centres around a bomb at Albert Macready Middle School.
- It is a sequel to his bestselling work, "The Outsider".

2. Who has authored the book titled 'The Endgame' _____ **S Hussain Zaidi**.

Note:

- The book has been published by HarperCollins India.
- "The Endgame" gives the readers a close-up of complex political machinery at work, including state security, defence services, and intelligence agencies like – all building up to an explosive climax.

Science and Defence

1. Which IIT has developed an Ultraviolet (UV) sanitizing product, 'SHUDH' to make Surroundings COVID free _____ **IIT Kanpur**.

Note:

- SHUDH is a smartphone operated Handy UV Disinfection Helper.
- It helps to make the surroundings COVID free especially the highly prone places such as hospitals, hotels, malls, offices and schools.
- SHUDH has 6 UV lights each of 15 Watts, which can be monitored individually from a distance.

2. The scientists from which institutions have developed low cost, environment friendly super capacitor from industrial waste cotton _____ **International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials**.

Note:

- The capacitor can be used as energy harvester storage device.
- The scientists have used natural seawater as the aqueous electrolyte.
- This has reduced the cost of super capacitors greatly.

3. Which IIT has developed world's most affordable Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) based COVID-19 diagnostic kit "Corosure" _____ **IIT Delhi**.

Note:

- The kit was e-Launched by Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank', the Union Minister of Human Resource Development (MoHRD).
- It was approved by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI).

4. India's first fully indigenously developed vaccine against pneumonia, 'Pneumococcal Polysaccharide Conjugate Vaccine' got approval from the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) has been developed by which institutions _____ **Serum Institute of India Pvt. Ltd.**

Note:

- The vaccine is administered in an intramuscular manner.
- The Serum Institute of India first obtained the approval of the DCGI to conduct Phase I, II and III clinical trials of the vaccine in India.
- These trials have since been concluded within the country. The company also conducted the clinical trials in Gambia.

5. Indian Navy undertook a passing exercise 'PASSEX' with the navy of which country in the Indian Ocean Region _____ **USA.**

Note:

- US Navy carrier strike group, led by USS Nimitz and Indian Navy conducted the maritime drills, PASSEX, which aims at further enhancing interoperability between Navies of both the countries.
- The Nimitz Carrier Strike Group is on its way to be deployed in the Gulf region from the South China Sea.
- Indian Navy had also recently conducted similar joint exercises with Japanese and French Navy.

6. The three-days long Air Force Commanders' Conference to be held in which of the following cities of India _____ **New Delhi.**

Note:

- The Air Force Commanders' Conference will be chaired by the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria.
- During the three day conference the discussions would take stock of the current operational scenario and deployments.

7. The researchers of which University have come up with a new app that can detect mental conditions like anxiety and depression based on how you use your phone _____ **Dalhousie University.**

Note:

- The app is called PROSIT and includes tracking features like exercise, sleep, call frequency, message histories and music tastes.

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