

# Weekly One-Liners

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## Weekly One Liners Updates 22-31st July 2020

Dear readers,

**Weekly One Liners Updates** is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the **fourth week** (22-31st) of **July 2020**. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

### Banking & Financial Awareness

1. Which of the following payment company has launched India's first numberless card for teenagers \_\_\_\_ **FamPay**.

**Note:**

- Teenagers can now use FamCard like a debit card to make payments independently, without asking parents for physical cash or their debit/credit card.
- FamCard is a numberless card, all the card details are saved on the FamPay app and there is no need to refer to the physical card to fill in details during online transactions

2. Which bank announced a corporate agency agreement with LIC India to distribute policies \_\_\_\_ **Union Bank of India**.

**Note:**

- As per the pact, UBI can act as a financial supermarket by offering LIC products of term insurance, pension, plan, children plan, ULIPs, and endowment schemes to its account holders, whereby they can select products according to their choice.

3. The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) would lend \$250 million to which country to help the country deal with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic \_\_\_\_ **Pakistan**.

**Note:**

- The project will be co-financed by the World Bank and will bolster a Pakistan government programme to strengthen health infrastructure, social safety nets, investment in human capital and economic growth.
- The AIIB has previously approved a loan of \$500 million for Pakistan's response to COVID-19. Both loans are part of the AIIB's \$10 billion funding facility to help public and private sectors fight the outbreak.

4. What amount of rescue package has been announced by the European Union (EU) to rebuild the bloc's economies ravaged by COVID-19 \_\_\_\_ **€750 billion**.

**Note:**

- The European Commission plans to raise the money in the financial markets, rather than injecting new money into the system.
- Approximately half the funds required (€390 billion euros) will be granted to the hardest hit EU states, while the rest will be provided as loans, to be repaid by 2058.

5. Which bank has launched a nation-wide campaign to distribute face masks and sanitizers to prevent the spread of COVID-19 \_\_\_\_ **Punjab National Bank**.

**Note:**

- The PNB's campaign was launched by the Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan.
- This campaign has been launched by PNB under the Corporate social responsibility (CSR).

6. Which Payments Bank partnered with the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) to train and skill young people in rural areas on financial services \_\_\_\_ **Airtel Payments Bank**.

**Note:**

- The collaboration has an objective to design & conduct focused skill development programs for rural youth and enabling them to adopt the tools to boost online banking and digital financial services.
- After the completion of skill development programmes, both the organizations will leverage their industry connections to help the trainees find jobs.

7. Which public sector bank has launched 'Insta Click Savings Account', a 100 per cent paperless digital self-assisted online savings account \_\_\_\_ **Bank of Baroda**.

**Note:**

- Insta Click Savings Account uses a new form of digital KYC (know-your-customer) and Aadhaar-based OTP (one-time personal identification number) authentication of the customer, which can be operated from the bank's website, through mobile phone, iPad, laptop, and PC.
8. As per the Financial Stability Report, July 2020 released the Reserve Bank of India what will be the Gross Nonperforming Assets (GNPA) ratio of all scheduled commercial banks (SCBs) by March 2021 \_\_\_\_ **12.5 per cent**.
- Note:**
- The central bank warned that the Gross Nonperforming Assets (GNPA) ratio of all scheduled commercial banks (SCBs) may increase from 8.5 per cent in March 2020 to 12.5 per cent by March 2021.
  - The report further said that if the macroeconomic environment worsens further, the GNPA ratio may escalate to 14.7 per cent under very severe stress.
9. Digital payments platform PhonePe partnered with which general insurance company to launch 'Hospital Daily Cash benefit' under Group Safeguard Insurance \_\_\_\_ **ICICI Lombard**.
- Note:**
- It is a customised hospitalisation policy that allows PhonePe users to get an assured amount on hospitalisation due to injury or illnesses including Covid-19.
  - PhonePe users aged 18-65 can get this policy without prior medical tests.
  - PhonePe users can buy the insurance through the app, from the "My Money" section.
10. In association with which entity the Fintech Convergence Council (FCC) and Payments Council of India hosted a virtual fintech event called Global Fintech Fest 2020 \_\_\_\_ **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**.
- Note:**
- FCC is the fintech committee of Internet and Mobile Association of India.
  - The event brought together fintech and BFSI ecosystems from across the globe on a single platform.
  - The theme of the two-day event was 'Fintech: With and Beyond COVID'.
11. Which institution has agreed to partner with Green Climate Fund (GCF) toward a 'green recovery' for members confronting the harsh economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic \_\_\_\_ **Asian Development Bank**.
- Note:**
- This collaboration focuses on enhancing the steps to reduce the carbon emission and for climate-resilient development in Asia-Pacific.
  - ABD has offered a support package of USD 20 billion for COVID-19
  - Under Strategy 2030, ADB will ensure that 75% of its committed projects will support climate change mitigation and adaptation by 2030.
12. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India announced a special resolution framework for \_\_\_\_ **MSMEs**.
- Note:**
- The Government of India has already suspended several provisions of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) to tackle COVID-19 crisis.
  - It includes exemption of COVID-19 related debts. The GoI also passed the IBC (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020 to prevent companies from being pushed into insolvency. The Sections 7, 9, and 10 of the IBC were suspended.
13. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has signed an agreement for extending a \$400-million currency swap facility to which country till November 2020 \_\_\_\_ **Sri Lanka**.
- Note:**
- This currency swap is used to boost the foreign reserves and ensure the financial stability of the country, which is badly hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - The currency swap arrangement will remain available till November 2022.
14. Which public sector bank has joined hands with 'Uniken' to secure its Internet banking channels using REL-ID technology for Omni-channel security \_\_\_\_ **Bank of Maharashtra**.
- Note:**
- The REL-ID technology by Uniken has been modelled for defence-in-depth functions that will help secure the bank's mobile apps by protecting them against phishing, pharming and malware attacks.
  - MahaSecure, secured by REL-ID, is a next generation secure digital banking app for all online banking needs.
15. What per cent of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) has been decided by the union government in defence sector \_\_\_\_ **74 per cent**.

**Note:**

- The second draft of the Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP) 2020, now renamed as the Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) 2020, was put out in public domain for comments from stakeholders and public.

16. The Central Government in collaboration with which bank has decided to convert the area of ravines in the region of Gwalior-Chambal belt of Madhya Pradesh into cultivable land \_\_\_\_ **World Bank**.

**Note:**

- Around 3 lakh hectares land of this region are non-cultivable, this conversion will improve and support the integrated development of the Bihad area in the region of Gwalior-Chambal.
- In addition to the agricultural and environmental development this project will also create employment opportunities and will support the substantive development of this region.

17. Which bank has approved USD 3 million (Rs 22 crore) grant to India from the Asia Pacific Disaster Response Fund to support India's battle against COVID-19 \_\_\_\_ **Asian Development Bank**.

**Note:**

- The grant is financed by the Japanese government. It will be used to seek thermal scanners, enhancement of disease surveillance and early detection, contact tracing, and treatment.
- COVID-19 pandemic response option (CPRO) was established to provide assistance to the member countries' pandemic response.

18. Which insurance company has launched the "Bohot Jaruri Hai" crop insurance campaign for farmers to encourage them about their yield protection and financial security \_\_\_\_ **Bharti AXA General Insurance**.

**Note:**

- The campaign 'Bohot Zaroori Hai' is aimed at making the farming communities aware about the relevance and significance of crop insurance that mitigates the rural distress caused by crop failure or damage due to factors like unseasonal rains, monsoon failure, storms, floods, pests and diseases.

### Obituaries

1. Renowned personality Juan Marse passed away, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_ **Novelist**.

**Note:**

- Spanish novelist, Juan Marse passed away. He was one of Spain's most-respected novelists over the past few decades and the winner of the 2008 Cervantes Prize, the Spanish-speaking world's top literary award.
- His most important novel was "Últimas tardes con Teresa" ("Last Afternoons with Teresa") published in 1965.

2. Renowned personality John Saxon passed away recently, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_ **Actor**.

**Note:**

- He was born on 5th August 1936 as Carmine Orrico in Brooklyn, New York, United States of America.
- He was debuted in 1954 and starred in detective and horror shows like "A Nightmare on Elm Street".

3. Renowned personality P Achyuta Rao passed away due to COVID-19, he was a \_\_\_\_ **Child Rights Activist**.

**Note:**

- He is known to have helped prevent child marriages, incidents of child sexual abuse, and child labour.
- Rao recently filed a petition in Telangana High Court demanding that mid-day meal be served to students in government schools since they have not been able to access it due to the pandemic-imposed lockdown.

4. Renowned personality Sonam Tshering Lepcha passed away recently, he was veteran \_\_\_\_ **Folk Musician**.

**Note:**

- Lepcha was born in Kalimpong in 1928 and started his career as a soldier.
- He travelled to various parts of Sikkim and compiled a wide range of Indian folk and traditional Lepcha songs and played folk music on All India Radio in 1960.

5. Renowned personality Somendranath Mitra passed away recently he was a veteran \_\_\_\_ **Politician**.

**Note:**

- A veteran Congress leader, Somen Mitra as he was often referred to, took charge of West Bengal Congress in 2018.
- He played a crucial role in forging an electoral understanding of Left parties and Congress in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

6. Renowned personality Kumkum passed away recently, she was a veteran \_\_\_\_ **Actor**.

**Note:**



- Her real name was Zaibunnissa. She has featured in over 100 Hindi films like Mother India, Kohinoor, Ek Sapera Ek Lootera, Naya Daur, Ujala, Raja Aur Runk, Lalkar, Aankhen, Geet, among others.
7. Renowned personality Parvej Khan passed away recently, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Action Director**.  
**Note:**  
 ➤ He had been working in the film industry since 1986. Some of his well-known films include Andhadhun, Badlapur, Bullett Raja, Fukrey, Ra-One, Johnny Gaddaar, Vishwaroopam, Vishwaroopam 2, Dev. D, Gangster, Sehar, Ab Tak Chhappan, The Legend Of Bhagat Singh, Soldier, and Mr. And Mrs Khiladi.
8. Renowned personality Olivia de Havilland passed away, she was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Hollywood Actor**.  
**Note:**  
 ➤ She was born on 1st July 1916, in Tokyo, Japan. The actress, who starred in blockbusters like Captain Blood (1935), The adventures of Robin Hood (1938), Gone with the Wind (1939), The Snakepit, The Heiress. She unchained the Hollywoods contract system which was later called as "De Havilland Law".
9. Renowned personality Amala Shankar passed away, she was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Choreographer and danseuse**.  
**Note:**  
 ➤ She was honored with the West Bengal government's Banga Bibhusan award in 2011 for her contributions to art.  
 ➤ First performance of Amala Shankar was in Kaliya Daman which was staged in Belgium in 1931. She also acted in the film "Kalpana" which was released in 1948.
10. Renowned personality Annie Ross passed away, she was a famous \_\_\_\_\_ **Jazz Singer**.  
**Note:**  
 ➤ She was born Annabelle McCauley Allan Short in Surrey, England, on July 25, 1930. She was a popular jazz singer in the 1950s before crossing over into a successful film career.

### Important Days

1. National Broadcasting Day is observed every year all over India on \_\_\_\_\_ **23rd July**.  
**Note:**  
 ➤ On this day in 1927, the first-ever radio broadcast in the country went on the air from the Bombay Station under the Indian Broadcasting Company.  
 ➤ The first radio broadcast was made on July 23, 1927, from Bombay Station. The station was then owned by a private company called the Indian Broadcasting Company.
2. Kargil Vijay Diwas is observed every year on \_\_\_\_\_ **26th July**.  
**Note:**  
 ➤ On this day, the country remembers the extreme valour, sacrifice and exemplary courage of Indian soldiers during the 1999 Kargil war.  
 ➤ This year nation is celebrating the 21 years of victory in Kargil war.
3. What is the theme of the 2020 World Hepatitis Day (WHD) celebrated every year on 28th July \_\_\_\_\_ **Hepatitis-Free Future**.  
**Note:**  
 ➤ Every year, World Hepatitis Day is marked by the World Health Organization and various other organizations all over the world.  
 ➤ The day is marked to encourage actions, partners and public for greater response towards controlling Hepatitis.
4. In a bid to promote conservation, raise awareness and encourage sustainability, every year World Nature Conservation Day is observed on \_\_\_\_\_ **28th July**.  
**Note:**  
 ➤ The day is marked globally to spread awareness about the best practices to protect the natural resources as our Earth has limited resources which we need to use efficiently to maintain the balance.  
 ➤ People share ideas and some also take-up activities to contribute their bit in preserving nature and its resources. However, this year a global theme has not been decided due to the pandemic.
5. International Tiger Day is observed every year on which date across the globe to create awareness about tiger conservation \_\_\_\_\_ **29th July**.  
**Note:**

- Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar released All India Tiger Estimation Report-2018 yesterday. He also released a poster on small wild cats of India.
  - India is home to nearly 70 per cent of the global tiger population and it leads the world in showing effective conservation of the wild species.
6. United Nations observes 30th July every year as which days \_\_\_\_\_ **World Day Against Trafficking in Persons.**
- Note:**
- The 2020 theme for the World Day Against Trafficking: "Committed to the Cause – Working on the Frontline to End Human Trafficking".
  - The theme will focus on the first responders to human trafficking. These are the people who work in different sectors – identifying, supporting, counselling and seeking justice for victims of trafficking, and challenging the impunity of the traffickers.
7. The International Day of Friendship is observed every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **30th July.**
- Note:**
- To mark the International Day of Friendship, the UN encourages governments, organizations, and community groups to hold events, activities and initiatives that promote solidarity, mutual understanding and reconciliation.
8. The International Day for the conservation of Mangrove Ecosystem is observed every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **26th July.**
- Note:**
- It is celebrated each year on July 26 and aims to raise awareness of the importance of mangroves as "a unique, special and vulnerable ecosystem".
  - It also aims to promote solutions for their sustainable management, conservation and uses.

### New Appointments

1. Who has been appointed as the honorary adviser of steering committee for BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) \_\_\_\_\_ **Sahil Seth.**
- Note:**
- The BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry is a parent organization that promotes commerce and industry in BRICS. It was founded in 2012. The main objective of the BRICS CCI is to create support system to MSME segment.
  - The BRICS CCI mainly aims to reach out young entrepreneurs. It proposes to champion their business and act as voice of young entrepreneurs.
2. Who has been nominated as the Vice-Chairman of the International Union of Railways (UIC) \_\_\_\_\_ **Arun Kumar.**
- Note:**
- The decision was taken at the UIC General Assembly. The International Union of Railways is also called Union Internationale Des Chemins (UIC).
  - The headquarters of UIC is in Paris.
3. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Non-life insurer SBI General Insurance \_\_\_\_\_ **Prakash Chandra Kandpal.**
- Note:**
- He is serving as the deputy CEO of SBI General Insurance since June 2019.
  - He will replace Pushan Mahapatra who has been appointed as director.
4. Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) \_\_\_\_\_ **Sumit Deb.**
- Note:**
- Deb is presently serving as Director (Personnel) in the NMDC. His tenure as the CMD of NMDC would be applicable till 28 February, 2023.
  - He will succeed N Bajendra Kumar as the CMD of NMDC who will retire as CMD on 31st July 2020.
5. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA) \_\_\_\_\_ **R Narayanaswamy.**
- Note:**
- The committee consists of 7 members including the chairman.
  - The members of the committee will support and provide insights to the Executive body of the NFRA on the issues related to the drafts of the accounting and auditing standards.

6. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of Karur Vysya Bank (KVB) \_\_\_\_ **Ramesh Babu Boddu**.  
**Note:**
- His three-year appointment is effective from the date of taking charge, on the terms and conditions approved by the Reserve Bank of India.
  - He retired as Deputy Managing Director in State Bank of India in April 2020.
7. Who has been appointed as the President and Managing Director of Systems, Applications & Products in Data Processing (SAP) for Indian Subcontinent \_\_\_\_ **Kulmeet Bawa**.  
**Note:**
- Kulmeet will be responsible for driving and delivering an exceptional SAP experience for employees and customers across our ecosystem, as well as guide businesses in India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka to adopt a digital-first mindset.
  - Kulmeet will report directly to Scott Russell, President of SAP Asia Pacific Japan.
8. Who has been appointed as the Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Microfinance Institutions Network (MFIN) \_\_\_\_ **Alok Misra**.  
**Note:**
- The appointment will be effective from 1st August 2020. Dr Misra takes over from the present CEO, Harsh Shrivastava, who has put down his papers after spending over 2 years at MFIN.
  - Dr. Alok Misra has around 28 years of professional experience in international development, rural finance, microfinance, inclusive finance and research at both policy and implementation level.
9. Who has been appointed as the secretary of Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), GoI \_\_\_\_ **Riva Ganguly**.  
**Note:**
- Ms. Das who is an Indian Foreign Service officer of 1986 batch will succeed Ms. Vijay Thakur Singh after her retirement on 30th September this year.
10. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Indian Overseas Bank \_\_\_\_ **Partha Pratim Sengupta**.  
**Note:**
- His appointment will be up to date of attaining the age of superannuation which is December 31, 2022, or until further orders whichever is earlier.
  - Currently, he is serving as Deputy Managing Director and Chief Credit Officer at State Bank of India.
11. Who has been appointed as the new chief executive officer of Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) \_\_\_\_ **Thierry Bollere**.  
**Note:**
- He will succeed Ralph Speth, who will continue as non-executive chairman of JLR. Bollere has worked in automotive and auto component companies like Renault, Faurecia and Michelin.
  - He most recently was the CEO of Groupe Renault.
12. Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of ICRA Limited \_\_\_\_ **N. Sivaraman**.  
**Note:**
- Sivaraman held the position at L&T finance (Larson and Turbo) as President and Wholetime Director.
  - In December 2018, he held the position of Chief Operating Officer at IL&FS which ends by July 31, 2020.
13. Who has been named by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres to his new advisory group comprising young leaders \_\_\_\_ **Archana Soreng**.  
**Note:**
- Archana Soreng joins six other young climate leaders from around the world who have been named by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres to his new Youth Advisory Group on Climate Change.
14. Who among the following has been appointed as the Private Secretary (PS) to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on co-terminus basis \_\_\_\_ **Hardik Satishchandra Shah**.  
**Note:**
- He is currently serving as a Deputy Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).
  - Before moving to the PMO last year, he worked as the PS to Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Prakash Javadekar.

### Important News – India

1. India began its trial trans-shipment of goods from India to the North East through which port \_\_\_\_\_ **Chittagong, Bangladesh.**  
**Note:**
  - India and Bangladesh signed an agreement to transit goods to north east via ports of Bangladesh.
  - Indian transshipment goods will enjoy a stay of 28-day free-stay at the ports of Bangladesh according to international transshipment agreement.
2. US based Zoom Video Communications announced to open a new technology center in which Indian city \_\_\_\_\_ **Bengaluru.**  
**Note:**
  - U.S.-headquartered Zoom Video Communications announced opening of a new technology center in Bengaluru, India.
  - It selected Bangalore as the location for the centre because of the exceptional engineering and I.T. talent.
3. Kakrapar Atomic Power Plant-3 has reached its criticality; the plant is located in which state \_\_\_\_\_ **Gujarat.**  
**Note:**
  - This indigenously designed 700 MWe KAPP-3 reactor is a shining example of Make in India.
  - The Kakrapar Nuclear Power Plant began its commercial nuclear power production in 1993. In 2015, two of its units were shut down due to coolant leaks. Later, in 2018 the power plant reached partial criticality. The leaks were due to corrosion and cracks.
4. Name the actor who has launched an application “Pravasi Rojgar” for migrant worker to find right job opportunities \_\_\_\_\_ **Sonu Sood.**  
**Note:**
  - The application provides all necessary information to find jobs and offer specific job training programmes.
  - The application “Pravasi Rojgar” will act as a platform for the workers to find right job opportunities.
5. Which of the following organizations published the Global Rights Index 2020 according to which India became the new entrant in the 10 worst countries for working people in the world \_\_\_\_\_ **International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC).**  
**Note:**
  - The others include Bangladesh, Brazil, Colombia, Egypt, Honduras, Kazakhstan, the Philippines, Turkey and Zimbabwe.
  - The Middle East and North Africa is the worst region in the world for working people for seven years running due to the ongoing insecurity and conflict in Palestine, Syria, Yemen and Libya coupled with the most regressive region for workers' representation and union rights.
6. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India has notified new sets of specified health warnings for all tobacco product to effective from \_\_\_\_\_ **1st December, 2020.**  
**Note:**
  - The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India has notified new sets of specified health warnings for all tobacco product packs by making an amendment in the Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Packaging and Labelling) Rules, 2008 vide GSR 458 (E) dated 21st July, 2020 “The Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Packaging and Labelling) Third Amendment Rules, 2020”.
  - The amended Rules will be applicable w.e.f. 1st December, 2020.
7. Acquisition of Krishnapatnam Port Company Limited (KPCL) by which company has been the Competition Commission of India (CCI) \_\_\_\_\_ **Adani Group.**  
**Note:**
  - According to the proposed combination, Adani Ports will acquire equity shareholding along with management control of KPCL.
  - Adani Ports is a customer-facing integrated port infrastructure services provider and manages the logistics chain.



8. Which AIIMS has designed and developed a 'smart wristband' for effective tracking and monitoring of Covid-19 positive and suspect patients \_\_\_\_\_ **Nagpur**.  
**Note:**  
➤ The new device, a wristband is designed in collaboration with IIT Jodhpur and IIT Nagpur looks to overcome the limitations of existing online mobile apps used for tracking and monitoring coronavirus patients.
9. The Indian Navy's largest solar power plant has been commissioned at \_\_\_\_\_ **Ezhimala, Kerala**.  
**Note:**  
➤ It is a 3 MW Solar Power Plant which has been set-up in line with the Indian Government's initiative of 'National Solar Mission' which aims to achieve 100GW of solar power by 2022.
10. Which IT major will acquire Salesforce implementation partner 4C for 68 million euros \_\_\_\_\_ **Wipro**.  
**Note:**  
➤ This is the company's second acquisition since Thierry Delaporte took over as chief executive officer earlier this month.  
➤ Founded in 1997, 4C is an independent Salesforce Platinum Partner and it has deep capabilities across multiple Salesforce clouds including sales, marketing and field services.
11. Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) has entered into a partnership with which IIT for the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) \_\_\_\_\_ **IIT, Delhi**.  
**Note:**  
➤ Tribal entrepreneurs under TRIFED's Van Dhan Programme will now be able to get access to the expertise of the entire network of over 2,600 academic and research institutions under UBA.
12. Which Indian Institute of Management (IIM) has developed a wearable hand band Known as the "Veli Band" that helps in maintaining social distancing \_\_\_\_\_ **IIM Kozhikode**.  
**Note:**  
➤ The device has been developed by Qual5 India Pvt. Ltd, a startup co-founded by a woman entrepreneur, mentored and funded by IIMKs business incubator and entrepreneurship development centre.  
➤ Veli Band helps implement social distancing and location/contact tracing which can help organisations comply with social distancing norms during the current pandemic situation.
13. Which Indian city ranked 16th among the list of top 20 cities with maximum number of CCTV surveillance cameras installed in a survey done on most surveilled cities in the world by the UK-based Comparitech \_\_\_\_\_ **Hyderabad**.  
**Note:**  
➤ The UK-based Comparitech released the list of top 20 cities in the world which use CCTV cameras for surveillance of open places with an intent to detect and prevent crimes.  
➤ According to the report, three lakh cameras were installed in Hyderabad to keep a watch on one crore people at the rate of 29.99 cameras per 1,000 people in the city.
14. The Cotton Corporation of India decided to setup set up its own warehouse in which country to boost cotton exports \_\_\_\_\_ **Vietnam**.  
**Note:**  
➤ A memorandum of understanding is being worked out to export 1.5-2 million bales of cotton to Bangladesh while the state-run CCI will also set up its own warehouse in Vietnam to boost cotton exports.
15. Defence Ministers' Dialogue between India and Indonesia was held in \_\_\_\_\_ **New Delhi**.  
**Note:**  
➤ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh led the Indian delegation while the Indonesian delegation was led by their Defence Minister General Prabowo Subianto.  
➤ The dignitary is in India for strengthening the ties between the two maritime neighbours.  
➤ This is in consonance with the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between the two sides.
16. Bureau of Indian Standard's Mobile App "BIS-Care" has been launched using which the authenticity of ISI-marked and hallmarked products can be checked, BIS is working under which ministry \_\_\_\_\_ **Ministry of Consumer Affairs**.  
**Note:**  
➤ The mobile app 'BIS-Care', operational in Hindi and English languages, can be operated on any Android phone.

- Consumer Affairs Minister Ram Vilas Paswan also launched three portals of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on standardisation, conformity assessment and training, which consumers and stakeholders can login through [www.manakonline.in](http://www.manakonline.in).
- 17. On the occasion of “World Hepatitis Day” the Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS) has organised “2nd Empathy e-Conclave” in collaboration with which entity \_\_\_\_\_ **Airport Authority of India (AAI)**.  
**Note:**
  - The conclave was held on the occasion of “World Hepatitis Day”.
  - The theme of 2nd Empathy e-Conclave is “Keep your Liver Safe in COVID times”.
- 18. As per the update report on India’s Tiger Survey from 2018, released by the Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar which state has the highest number of tigers \_\_\_\_\_ **Madhya Pradesh**.  
**Note:**
  - India has 2,967 tigers, a third more than in 2014, according to results of a census made public on July 29 last year.
  - The present survey is a more granular estimate of these numbers.
- 19. The Power Finance Corporation (PFC) has signed an agreement with the which IIT to provide training, research and Entrepreneurship Development (ED) in Smart grid technology \_\_\_\_\_ **IIT Kanpur**.  
**Note:**
  - PFC will provide support to the IIT-Kanpur to develop the infrastructure of the research and development on smart grid technology.
  - The PFC will provide financial assistance of Rs. 2.38 crore to the IIT-K under its CSR initiative.
  - The IIT-K provides training in smart grid technology to 90 participants
- 20. Which ministry has launched a Knowledge Resource Centre Network (KRCNet)” under the Digital India initiative of Government of India \_\_\_\_\_ **Ministry of Earth Sciences**.  
**Note:**
  - These KRCs will be linked with each other and integrated into the KRCNet portal. This portal would be a single point entry to the intellectual world of Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES).
  - With the launch of KRCNet, MoES aims to set up a Total Quality Management (TQM) system by securing ISO certification for documenting MoES knowledge resources, its maintenance, easy retrieval and dissemination.

### Important News – State

1. Which state government has approved ‘Mukhya Mantri Ghar Ghar Ration Yojana’, which will be launched in six to seven months and will be linked to Centre’s ‘one nation, one ration card’ scheme \_\_\_\_\_ **Delhi**.  
**Note:**
  - The scheme will help the beneficiaries get ration delivered at home. They will not have to come to the ration shops.
  - The scheme is expected to benefit lakhs of people in the national capital through 2016 PDS shops.
2. Which state government has approved a US \$285.71 million project for canal-based water supply for its two major cities under World Bank financing \_\_\_\_\_ **Punjab**.  
**Note:**
  - The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) would finance \$200 million (70%) and Punjab government \$85.71 million (30%) as per the proposal mooted by the local government department.
3. Which state government has an agreement with the Indian Institute of Technology, Ropar, in the area of skill development \_\_\_\_\_ **Punjab**.  
**Note:**
  - The institute will help the state in developing a model ITI and a model polytechnic. The IIT to help the state in the manufacture of small devices for controlling water wastage in irrigation.
4. Which state government has launched “Godhan Nyay Yojna” for cattle ranchers \_\_\_\_\_ **Chhattisgarh**.  
**Note:**
  - Under the ‘Godhan Nyay Yojana’ Chhattisgarh government will purchase cow dung at the rate of Rs 2 per kg. This scheme will turn cow dung into a profitable commodity.
5. Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the ₹3,054-crore “Water Supply Project” in which North Eastern state \_\_\_\_\_ **Manipur**.

**Note:**

- The project outlay is Rs 3054.58 crore, with a loan component funded by the New Development Bank.

6. Which becomes the first state in the country to implement the Green-Agriculture (Green-Ag) project funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) \_\_\_\_\_ **Mizoram**.

**Note:**

- It was launched by Agriculture minister of Mizoram C Lalrinsanga.
- Mizoram is first among the 5 states where the project is to be implemented.
- The other states are Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand.

7. The UK India Business Council (UKIBC) signed a memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which state government to speed up the business and industrial development in the state \_\_\_\_\_ **Gujarat**.

**Note:**

- Neelam Rani, Managing Director of iNDEXTb and Kevin McCole, Managing Director of UKIBC signed the MoU.
- The objective of the MoU is to enhance the business environment of Gujarat and to strengthen the collaboration of British business in Gujarat.

8. Which state government has employed the aerial seeding technique to improve green cover in the Aravalli area of the state \_\_\_\_\_ **Haryana**.

**Note:**

- The project is being carried on a pilot basis to rejuvenate the low vegetation density of Aravalli and Shivalik hills.
- Using this method plantation on 100 acres is planned to be attempted during the pilot project.

9. Which state government has announced a new Entrepreneurship Development Programme to address the issues of shortage of working capital \_\_\_\_\_ **Kerala**.

**Note:**

- The programme will be implemented through the Kerala Financial Corporation (KFC), which will provide loans up to 90 percent of the project cost subject to a maximum of Rs 50 lakh at 10 percent interest.
- The government will give 3% interest as subsidy thereby; the net interest rate will be 7%.

### Important News - World

1. With which country Maldives signed an agreement to establish "Emergency Medical Services" in Male \_\_\_\_\_ **India**.

**Note:**

- The Emergency Medical Service is financed by India under grant assistance of 20 million USD for neighbouring countries.
- This will help to increase the collaboration between the countries, especially in the areas of health care facilities, disaster responses during critical times, etc.

2. What amount of rescue package has been announced by the European Union (EU) to rebuild the bloc's economies ravaged by COVID-19 \_\_\_\_\_ **€750 billion**.

**Note:**

- The European Commission plans to raise the money in the financial markets, rather than injecting new money into the system.

3. Which country hosted the G20 Digital Ministers' Meet 2020 \_\_\_\_\_ **Saudi Arabia**.

**Note:**

- Union Minister of Information Technology Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad attended G20 Digital Ministers' Meet.
- The Saudi Arabian Presidency has selected the theme, "Realizing Opportunities of the 21st Century For All"

4. What number of the session of United Nations General Assembly is to be conducted virtually in 2020 for the first time in its history \_\_\_\_\_ **75<sup>th</sup>**.

**Note:**

- Every year, world leaders meet at UN headquarters in New York to debate important issues of the planet.
- The UNGA is the main policy making body of the United Nations. It was created under Chapter IV of the UN charter. The charter was signed in San Francisco in 1945.

5. Which has become the 87th country to join the International Solar Alliance Framework Agreement, an initiative led by India to promote sustainable energy \_\_\_\_\_ **Nicaragua**.

**Note:**

- The ISA is an alliance of 121 countries, most of them being sunshine countries which lie either completely or partly between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn.
6. World Trade Organization (WTO) General Council has granted the "Observer" status to which of the following Asian countries \_\_\_\_\_ **Turkmenistan**.
- Note:**
- After receiving the observer status from WTO, Turkmenistan has become the last former Soviet republic to establish formal ties with the trade body.
  - Turkmenistan has become the 25th observer of the organization.
7. Which country has successfully launched "Tianwen-1" its first independent mission to Mars \_\_\_\_\_ **China**.
- Note:**
- China had launched an orbiter destined for Mars on a Russian rocket in 2011, but the mission failed because the rocket malfunctioned.
  - Tianwen-1, whose name means "Questions to Heaven," is a combined orbiter, lander and rover that aims to explore the Martian environment and search for hints of life.
8. India handed over 10 Railway Locomotives to which neighbouring country to bolster its Neighbourhood First Policy \_\_\_\_\_ **Bangladesh**.
- Note:**
- India had committed to Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina during her visit to India to provide broad gauge diesel locomotives to the country.
  - The handing over event was conducted virtually and was attended by Indian External Affairs Minister S Jai Shankar, Railways Minister Piyush Goyal and their Bangladeshi counter parts.
9. The World Wildlife Crime Report 2020 is published by which organization that says that India and Thailand are the main source of (82%) of illegal shipment of tiger body parts \_\_\_\_\_ **United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime**.
- Note:**
- According to the report Thailand and India are the main source countries for shipments seized in international trade of tiger parts.
  - The report says that India and Thailand source 82% of illegal shipment of tiger body parts.
  - The tiger body parts have great medicinal values. The medicines made of bones of the tiger are used to heal ligament injuries, joint and bone fractures.
10. Three hundred year-old Kali temple is being reconstructed in which country with the support of India \_\_\_\_\_ **Bangladesh**.
- Note:**
- The reconstruction is happening with Indian grant assistance of Bangladeshi Taka 97 lakhs and a total cost of Bangladeshi Taka of 1.33 Crores under the High Impact Community Development Project (HICDP) scheme of India.
11. Which state government has launched a free website 'Rozgaar Bazaar 2020', that will connect the job seekers and the recruiters on one platform \_\_\_\_\_ **Delhi**.
- Note:**
- The portal connects the job seekers and the recruiters on one platform.
  - The aim of the portal is to boost the economy and employment in Delhi.
  - In this website, the employers and companies can post their jobs and vacancies.
12. Under the aegis of International Solar Alliance (ISA) NTPC Ltd planned to establish solar power plants in which neighbouring country \_\_\_\_\_ **Sri Lanka**.
- Note:**
- The Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) has an installed power generation capacity of around 35.8 GigaWatts (GW).
  - The NTPC's Sri Lanka Solar park with installed capacity of 62.91 GW is one of the contracts to help the ISA member countries to build a 10 GW solar capacity.
13. With which country India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Cooperation in the field of Traditional Systems of Medicine and Homeopathy \_\_\_\_\_ **Zimbabwe**.
- Note:**
- The objective of the MoU is to promote traditional systems of medicine and homeopathy between two nations on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.
14. The polycarbonate facility of SABIC in which country is set to become the world's first large scale chemical production plant which will run entirely on renewable energy \_\_\_\_\_ **Spain**.

**Note:**

- Once the solar plant is operational, SABIC's customers including the ones from automotive and constructive sectors will have access to polycarbonate solutions produced with 100 per cent renewable power.

**Honor & Awards**

1. Who has been awarded with the 'Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity 2020' \_\_\_\_\_ **Greta Thunberg.**

**Note:**

- The Climate Activist is to donate the prize money to organizations focused on environment and climate change.
- Miss Thunberg is the first person to receive the prize. She was selected among 136 nominees from 43 countries.

2. Who has been conferred with 'Legend of Animation' award instituted by the Toonz Media Group (TMG) as part of the Animation Masters Summit (AMS) 2020 \_\_\_\_\_ **Arnab Chaudhuri.**

**Note:**

- The award is being presented for his invaluable contribution to the animation and entertainment industry of India.

**Sports News**

1. India's 2018 Asian Games mixed relay medal upgraded to gold after disqualification of which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Bahrain.**

**Note:**

- The medal was upgraded to gold following the disqualification of Bahrain squad that finished first in the 4×400 mixed relay final.
- The Bahrain squad was disqualified as Kemi Adekoya of Bahrain has been handed a 4-year ban by the Athletics Integrity Unit for failing a dope test.

2. Which state will host 4th edition of the Khelo India Youth Games after the 2021 Tokyo Olympics \_\_\_\_\_ **Haryana.**

**Note:**

- The announcement was made by the state's chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar and Union sports minister Kiren Rijiju via video conference. The Games will be held in Panchkula.
- Haryana has done well in all three editions of KIYG. While they came second in both 2019 and 2020 editions (200 medals in 2020 and 159 medals in 2019) Haryana won it in 2018 with 102 podium finishes (38 gold, 26 silver, 38 bronze).

3. Who has won the Premier Leagues Golden Boot award after netting 23 goals across the 2019/20 season \_\_\_\_\_ **Jamie Vardy.**

**Note:**

- He beat Arsenal striker Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang (22 goals), Southampton Danny Ings (22 goals), and Manchester City forward Raheem Sterling (20 goals) to scoop the prestigious individual award.

4. Name the Bangladesh bowler who has been banned for two years by the national cricket board for failing a dope test in 2018 \_\_\_\_\_ **Kazi Anik Islam.**

**Note:**

- Bangladeshi pacer, Kazi Anik Islam has been handed a 2-year ban by the national cricket board for failing a dope test in 2018. Kazi, who was Bangladesh's leading wicket-taker in the 2018 U-19 World Cup, tested positive for Methamphetamine, a prohibited substance, during a National Cricket League game in the same year.
- The 21-year-old admitted to the offence. His two-year ban began on February 8, 2019.

5. Which became the country's first-ever football club to feature on NASDAQ billboards in New York's Times Square \_\_\_\_\_ **Mohun Bagan.**

**Note:**

- The billboard announcing "131 years of unmatched legacy" of the club also reminded fans about the, "time to start believing, again," in an obvious reference to Mohun Bagan's recent amalgamation with the ISL champion ATK.



6. Rajat Bhatia associated with which sports who announced his retirement from the sports \_\_\_\_\_ **Cricket**.

**Note:**

- He started his career with Tamil Nadu in 1999-2000 but played most of his cricket for Delhi.
- Bhatia played 112 first-class games, scoring 6482 runs at an average of 49.10 and taking 137 wickets at a shade under 28. He also played 119 List A games and 146 T20s.

### Books and Authors

1. The book titled “Suraj Kade Marda Nahi” is authored by \_\_\_\_\_ **Baldev Singh Sadaknama**.

**Note:**

- The book portrays many aspects of freedom fighter Udham Singh.
- The book is published by Unistarbooks. The book has been released and will be formally launched on July 31, 2020.

2. Who has authored the book titled “The India Way: Strategies for an Uncertain World” \_\_\_\_\_ **Dr. S Jaishankar**.

**Note:**

- The book was published under the HarperCollins India publications. The book centers about the three burdens that India’s foreign policy carries.
- He insisted that India should not only visualise its interest but also try to communicate effectively.
- The e-version of the book is available on Amazon.

3. Who has authored the book titled “Quest for Restoring Financial Stability in India” \_\_\_\_\_ **Viral V. Acharya**.

**Note:**

- The book portrays his quest to restore financial stability in India and offers a concrete plan for sustained improvement. The book is published by SAGE Publications India Pvt Ltd.
- The book is a compilation of his speeches, research and comments as a member of the Monetary Policy Committee, mostly concerned with central banking.

4. Vice President, M Venkaiah Naidu virtually unveiled the “Padi Bhavajalalu” the Telugu version if the book titled ‘Ten Ideologies’ was written by \_\_\_\_\_ **S Jaipal Reddy**.

**Note:**

- The translation was done by Kalluri Bhaskaram.
- The original English version of the book was launched by former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in August 2018.

5. Who has authored the book titled ‘Burnt Sugar’ one among the 13 authors longlisted for the prestigious 2020 Booker Prize \_\_\_\_\_ **Avni Doshi**.

**Note:**

- A version of the same novel has been published in India under the title Girl in White Cotton.
- The Book narrates the story about a woman, Tara who abandoned her loveless marriage to join ashram and ended as a beggar.

### Science and Defence

1. SpaceX has successfully launched first military satellite “ANASIS-II” of which country \_\_\_\_\_ **South Korea**.

**Note:**

- The satellite was deployed into a geostationary transfer orbit (GTO) by a Falcon 9 rocket.
- It was launched from the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in the US of Florida.

2. Name the indigenously developed anti-tank guided missile that was successfully launched by India from Integrated Test Range at Chandip \_\_\_\_\_ **Dhruvastra**.

**Note:**

- ‘Dhruvastra’ is an anti-tank guided missile (ATGM) which has been developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- It is a helicopter version of ‘Nag Helina’.

3. Indian gets 'Bharat' drone for carrying out accurate surveillance in high altitude areas and mountainous terrain, the was developed by which organization \_\_\_\_\_ **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**.

**Note:**

- Bharat Drones a series of drones that comes under one of the world's lightest and agile drone surveillance systems and is made in India.
- Bharat drones are equipped with artificial intelligence which helps the drone to detect friends from foes and helps take any action accordingly.

4. NASA is working on a new mission called Astrophysics Stratospheric Telescope for High Spectral Resolution Observations at Submillimeter-wavelengths (ASTHROS), to study \_\_\_\_\_ **COSMOS**.

**Note:**

- The mission called Astrophysics Stratospheric Telescope for High Spectral Resolution Observations at Submillimeter-wavelengths (ASTHROS) will be launched by 2023 from Antarctica.

5. As per the Global Forest Resources Assessment report released by the FAO what is India's rank among top 10 countries where forest cover has increased in the last decade \_\_\_\_\_ **3<sup>rd</sup>**.

**Note:**

- The Food and Agriculture Organization bring out the report once in every five years.
- The report assesses state of forests in the member countries, their conditions and management.

6. Which of the following institutions has launched "Dare to Dream" an innovative contest and open challenge that promotes innovators and startups in the country \_\_\_\_\_ **DRDO**.

**Note:**

- The Dare to Dream is an open challenge that promotes innovators and start-ups in the country. It is launched to boost emerging technologies. The challenge promotes individuals and start-ups for innovation in aerospace technologies.
- The award money for the winners is up to Rs 10 lakhs. The contest was launched by Defence Minister Raj Nath Singh.

7. Which institutions has developed a device named "AJO-Neo" for "No-touch" and "Painless" non-invasive bilirubin level screening in new-born \_\_\_\_\_ **Satyendra Nath Bose National Centre For Basic Sciences (SNBNCBS)**.

**Note:**

- As per the study the device is capable of measuring bilirubin levels in premature as well as natural birth babies irrespective of menstrual or Chronological age, sex, risk factors, feeding behavior or skin color. It can deliver reports within 10 seconds to the doctor remotely.

8. What is the name of the microorganism decontamination box developed by the Central Scientific Instruments Organisation (CSIO) along with AMESYS INDIA \_\_\_\_\_ **Suraksha**.

**Note:**

- The box sanitizes an object in the span of 10 – 15 minutes using heat and UVC light.
- UVC light refers to ultraviolet light with wavelengths between 200 – 280 nanometers (nm).

9. Which of the following institutions has developed 'Aashray', a medical bed isolation system to combat COVID-19 by preventing or minimising the spread of the virus \_\_\_\_\_ **Defence Institute of Advanced Technology (DIAT)**.

**Note:**

- This medical bed isolation system is a low cost, reusable solution to maintain proper isolation of COVID-19 patients by creating a suction or negative pressure near exhale, further filtering and disinfecting the aerosol.
- The bed isolation system envelopes are made up of specialised material.

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