





### Weekly One Liners Updates 1-7th September 2020

Dear readers,

**Weekly One Liners Updates** is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the **first week** (1-7th) of **September** 2020. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway** & Insurance exams.

	Banking & Financial Awareness
1.	Vedanta has tied up with which bank for a long term syndicated loan facility for Rs.10000 crore State Bank of India.  Note:
	<ul> <li>Syndicated loan is a loan offered by a group of lenders to provide credit to a large borrower.</li> <li>As a lender State Bank of India(SBI) has committed Rs.5000 crore.</li> </ul>
2.	Which bank has launched 'Home Utsav', a virtual property exhibition that digitally showcases real estate projects by renowned developers from key cities across the country ICICI Bank.
	Note:  The exhibition is available for everyone, including ICICI Bank's customers and those who are not customers of the Bank.
	➤ It offers them enhanced convenience, as they can simply browse through these projects online, from the comfort of their home and office
3.	Which Life Insurance company has introduced an Artificial intelligence (AI)-powered voice chatbot, "LiGo", on Google Assistant ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company.  Note:
	<ul> <li>This will enable the company's policyholders to address their queries by simple voice commands. It provides an easy to use and convenient service touch-point for customers.</li> <li>Expanding the functionalities of LiGo to Google Assistant is part of the company's strategy to be on platforms that</li> </ul>
4.	customers prefer and to offer them an immersive experience.  Which bank has partnered with Innoviti Payment Solutions Pvt Limited to provide convenient and affordable options of
	bank's debit card through Innoviti Point of Sale (POS) terminals Federal Bank.  Note:
	<ul> <li>The partnership will offer Equated Monthly Installments (EMIs) options to over 7.5 million Federal Bank Debit Card holders at over 70,000 Innoviti POS terminals across 1000 cities.</li> <li>The partnership is in view of COVID-19 crisis as people are cautious about their spending and still will need</li> </ul>
5.	affordable options in essential categories such as healthcare, education and IT (computers and laptops).  Which state government has received the nod from Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA) to form its  Crop Insurance Firm Andhra Pradesh General Insurance Company (APGIC) Andhra Pradesh.
	Note:
	Andhra Pradesh is among the few states like Bihar, West Bengal that has chosen to have their own crop insurance schemes.
6.	Andhra Pradesh General Insurance Company (APGIC) will run the state's own YSR Free Crop Insurance Scheme. Which public sector company has decided to invest over 1.22 lakh crore rupees on development of nearly 500 projects Coal India Ltd (CIL).
	Note:
	It includes coal evacuation, infrastructure, project development, exploration and clean coal technologies in the country.
	➤ The investment aims at making India self-reliant in terms of coal and achieve the production target of 1 billion tonnes by 2023-2024.
7.	Which Life Insurance company has launched "Chhavni COVID: Yodha Sanrakshan Yojana" a group life insurance scheme for employees working in the military cantonment areas across India Life Insurance Corporation (LIC).



- Launched during the two-day webinar organised by the Ministry of Defence and Directorate General of Defence Estates(DGDE) to improve the implementation of Central Sponsored Schemes(CSS) in the 62 cantonments around India.
- 8. Which Investment Bank will invest € 650 million for the first metro line of Kanpur \_\_\_\_\_ European Investment Bank. Note:

- Uttar Pradesh Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (UPMRC) is the promoter-Financial intermediary for this project.
- ➤ €650 million(Rs 5,551.99 crore) investment is the 5th investment of EIB in green infrastructure and connectivity in India i:e Bhopal, Pune, Bangalore and Lucknow.
- This investment will boost GOI and its Urban Development "Smart Cities Mission", as Kanpur is one of the first 100 targeted Smart Cities in the country
- 9. With which entity the Data Security Council of India (DSCI) has released a report titled 'Fraud & Risk Management in Digital Payments' \_\_\_\_\_ PayPal India.

- Apex body on data protection in India, set up by NASSCOM, the Data Security Council of India (DSCI), along with PayPal India released a report titled 'Fraud & Risk Management in Digital Payments'.
- ➤ The report suggests to safeguard payments for consumers, MSMEs, businesses, as the e-commerce market in India and UPI transactions are growing manifold during the recent times. It also discussed about the threats in the payment ecosystem and its prevention.
- **10.** As per the data released by the National Statistical Office what is the contraction in India's GDP growth in first quarter of FY 20-21 \_\_\_\_\_23.9%.

#### Note:

- This was mainly on account of limited economic activity in the country during the quarter amid lockdowns to control the spread of the coronavirus pandemic.
- > This is the first instance of an economic contraction for the country in at least four decades, and also the first GDP decline since India began publishing quarterly numbers in 1996.
- **11.** Which equipment finance company has bagged a euro 10 million loan from KfW IPEX-Bank to facilitate German exports to India \_\_\_\_\_ SREI Equipment Finance Private Limited.

#### Note:

- Through this arrangement, KfW IPEX-Bank will provide modern and energy-efficient construction machinery for use in Indian infrastructure projects.
- > The financed machinery from a German construction machine manufacturer includes asphalt machines, road pavers and rollers, said a press statement issued by Srei.
- **12.** LazyPay has launched the buy-now-pay-later concept called LazyUPI that will offer a credit limit of \_\_\_\_\_\_ **One lakh.**

#### Note:

- The offering allows the users to access the real-time credit using UPI across omnichannel networks, which includes offline merchants and e-commerce platforms.
- It is to be noted that this solution is a strategic response to the market demand for easy access to credit across the (online and offline) platforms and higher ticket-size pay-later options.
- 13. The RBL Bank has launched a cardless cash withdrawal facility from ATMs, through the Instant Money Transfer (IMT) system in partnership with which entity \_\_\_\_\_ Empays Payment Systems India Pvt Ltd.

#### Note:

This service enables the customers of the RBL Bank to withdraw cash without their debit cards from 389 IMT-enabled bank's ATMs or more than 40,000 other bank ATMs across the country.

#### **Obituaries**

1. Veteran politician and former President of India, Pranab Mukherjee passed away recently, which post he did not serve **Home Minister.** 

- ➤ He was never served as Home minster of India.
- ➤ He hold post finance minister and External Affairs Minister Twice
- Finance minister from 1982-84 and 2004-2012

- > External Affair Minister from 1995-96 and 2006-2009
- ➤ He also hold the post of Defence Minister from 2004-2006.
- 2. Renowned personality Joe Ruby passed away recently, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ Animation Creator.

- ➤ He was the founder of television animation production company Ruby-Spears Productions, together with Ken Spears.
- ➤ They were noted for co-creating the animated series Scooby-Doo
- 3. Noted personality Dr S Padmavati passed away at the age of 103 years due to COVID-19, she was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_\_Cardiologist.

#### Note:

- > She was the first female cardiologist of India and was popularly known as "God Mother of Cardiology".
- > She was the founder of the National Heart Institute. She was born in Burma (now Myanmar) in 1917, a year before the world was hit by the Spanish Flu pandemic.
- 4. Famous cricketer David Capel held from which country who passed away recently \_\_\_\_\_ England.

#### Note:

- ➤ He made his Test debut against Pakistan in 1987.
- Capel made 270 first-class appearances for Northamptonshire from 1981-1998
- ➤ He became the first cricketer born in the county to play a Test for England in 77 years when he made his debut against Pakistan in July 1987.
- **5.** The petitioner of a historic case, Kesavananda Bharati v. State of Kerala, Kesavananda Bharati passed away recently, he was chief pontiff of which Mutt/temple \_\_\_\_\_\_ Edneer Mutt, Kasaragod.

#### Note:

- Shri Kesavananda Bharati was the chief pontiffof Edneer Mutt in Kasaragod district, Kerala, India.
- ▶ He was a follower of Smartha Bhagawatha traditionand the Advaita Vedanta school of Hindu philosophy.
- ➤ He took Sanyasa at the age of 19 and headed the Edneer Mutt as the Peetadhipathi until his death.
- Renowned sportsperson Tom Seaver who passed away recently, he was associated with which sports \_\_\_\_\_\_ Baseball.
   Note:
  - ➤ He became a constant on magazine covers and a media presence, calling postseason games on NBC and ABC even while still an active player.
  - Seaver was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1992 when he appeared on 425 of 430 ballots for a then-record 98.84%.

#### **Important Days**

1. United Nations celebrates the International Day of Charity globally every year on \_\_\_\_\_05<sup>th</sup> September.

#### Note:

- > The day is being celebrated to sensitize and mobilize people, NGOs, and stakeholders all around the world to help others via volunteer and philanthropic activities.
- > The day also recognizes the role played by charity in reducing humanitarian crises and human suffering within and among nations.
- 2. The International Day of Clean Air for blue skies is observed globally on which date \_\_\_\_\_7<sup>th</sup> September.

#### Note:

- > The day aims to raise public awareness at all levels individual, community, corporate and government that clean air is important for health, productivity, the economy and the environment.
- > The very first International Day of Clean Air for blue skies will be held on September 7th, 2020.

#### **New Appointments**

1. Mustapha Adib has been appointed as the Prime Minister of which country \_\_\_\_\_ Lebanon.

- He was Lebanon's ambassador to Germany.
- Mustapha Adib was named by four former prime ministers on the eve of binding consultations between the president and parliamentary blocs on their choice for the post.



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2.	Who has been appointed as the trade envoy to India by Australian government along with Indian-origin politician Lisa Singh for advancing business ties with India Matthew Hayden.  Note:
	<ul> <li>Three new appointments to the board of the Australia-India Council were announced</li> <li>Lisa Singh, former Labor Party Senator from Tasmania, would be the Deputy Chair.</li> </ul>
_	Former Victoria Premier Ted Baillieu and former cricketer Hayden are the other new members.
3.	Who has assumed charge as the Chairman and Managing Director of state-owned defence shipbuilder, Hindustan Shipyard Ltd (HSL) Hemant Khatri.  Note:
	He will replace Rear Admiral L V Sarat Babu (Retd). Previously, Hemant Khatri was serving as the Director of Strategic Projects HSL.
	➢ Hemant Khatri was appointed as the CMD of HSL was approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet(ACC) on 27th May 2020 with effective from 1st September 2020 till 31st July 2025 the date of his superannuation or until further orders.
4.	Who has been appointed as the chairman of Press Trust of India (PTI) Aveek Sarkar.  Note:
	<ul> <li>He succeeds Vijay Kumar Chopra, Chief Editor of the Punjab Kesari Group of newspapers.</li> <li>Aveek Sarkar was the founding Managing Director of Penguin India, the Indian counterpart of Penguin Books, the founding Editor of Business Standard and also the pivotal figure behind the acquisition of STAR News by the ABP Group in 2003.</li> </ul>
5.	Who becomes the first women Director-General of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) <b>Usha Padhee. Note:</b>
	<ul> <li>She is the first woman and third IAS officer to have been appointed to the post.</li> <li>The central deputation tenure of Usha is scheduled to end on 16th July 2022.</li> <li>She succeeds Rakesh Asthana (IPS) who was appointed as the Director-General of Border Security Force (BSF) on 17th August 2020.</li> </ul>
6.	Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Punjab and Sindh Bank S Krishnan.
	Note:
	<ul> <li>Prior to this appointment, he was an Executive Director at Canara Bank.</li> <li>He will replace S Harishankar, the current MD and CEO of Punjab &amp; Sind Bank.</li> </ul>
7.	Who has been appointed as the Managing Director and CEO of the South Indian Bank Murali Ramakrishnan.  Note:
	<ul> <li>Ramakrishnan had retired from ICICI Bank as Senior General Manager at Strategic Project Group on May 30, 2020, and joined the South Indian Bank as an advisor on July 1, 2020.</li> <li>He represented the bank in the board of CIBIL and the risk advisory board of VISA for the Asia Pacific.</li> </ul>
8.	Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Railway Board VK Yadav.  Note:
	> The chairman and CEO will be the cadre controlling officer responsible for human resources (HR) with assistance from a DG (HR).
	The Cabinet had earlier approved the restructuring of the Railway Board, whose strength has been cut from eight to five, as part of large scale reforms initiated by the national transporter.
9.	
	<ul> <li>The actor will promote its products and digital services across offline and online mediums.</li> <li>Khurrana will feature in the brand's next campaign 'Smart Living' that encompasses its term plan – Smart Protect Goal and the new digital service – Smart Assist.</li> </ul>
10	. Name the cricketer who has been appointed as the first cricket ambassador of SBOTOP sportsbook brand <b>Dwayne</b>
	Bravo. Note:
	<ul> <li>Bravo is recognised as one of Caribbean cricket's best ever 'all-rounders', representing the West Indies in all formats of the sport.</li> </ul>



- www.gradeup.co > He has represented the country in 256 test matches and 120 one-day-internationals and is also considered as one of the best ever 'all-rounders' of the sport. 11. Who has been elected as the President of Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) \_\_\_\_\_ Kenichi Ayukawa. Note: He will replace Rajan Wadhera. Ashok Leyland MD and CEO, Vipin Sondhi has been elected as the new vice president of SIAM. **12.** Which state tops Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP) or Ease of Doing Business ranking 2019 \_\_\_\_\_ **Odisha.** Note: Ranking of various States of India on the basis of implementation of Business Reform Action Plan had started in 2015. The Business Reform Action Plan 2018-19 was a comprehensive plan including 180 reform points covering 12 business regulatory areas such as Access to Information, Single Window System, Labour, Environment, etc **Important News - India** 1. According to the annual National Crime Records Bureau report the maximum cases of mass/family suicides were reported from which state \_\_\_\_\_ Tamil Nadu. Note: > The cases of suicide and the number of accidental deaths registered an increase across the country last year compared to 2018, according to the annual National Crime Records Bureau report. > The maximum cases of mass/family suicides were reported from Tamil Nadu (16), followed by Andhra Pradesh (14), Kerala (11) and Punjab (9) and Rajasthan (7). The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has signed a contract of what amount for supply of six Pinaka Regiments \_\_\_\_\_ Rs 2580 Cr. Note: > The contract has been signed for supply of six Pinaka Regiments to the Regiment of Artillery of the Indian Army and hence will enhance the operation preparedness of our Armed Forces. Induction of Six Pinaka Regiments which comprise 114 Launchers with Automated Gun Aiming & Positioning System (AGAPS); 45 Command Posts to be procured from M/s TPCL and M/s L&T and 330 Vehicles to be procured from M/s BEML, is planned to be completed by 2024. 3. Who will head the six-membered committee constituted by IRDAI on index-linked products following requests for permission from life insurers to introduce such products \_\_\_\_\_ **Dinesh Pant.** Note: It will also examine the products earlier available in the market in terms of product structure, ease of customer understanding and administrative processes and any other matter of relevance. Current IRDAI product regulations do not specifically permit insurers to sell index-linked products. 4. As per the data released by the National Crime Records Bureau which city recorded the highest number of deaths due to dangerous driving and overall road accidents in 2019 among all cities \_\_\_\_\_ Delhi. Note: According to the data, a total of 1,400 persons died in road accidents and 529 persons died because of driving dangerously or carelessly in Delhi followed by Jaipur in Rajasthan where 320 persons died and Asansol in West Bengal where 301 persons died due to reckless driving. Delhi recorded the highest number of deaths due to dangerous driving and overall road accidents in 2019 among all cities, the data shared by National Crime Records Bureau showed. 5. Union Power Minister R K Singh launched the GTAM initiative that will lead to an increase in the number of participants in the Renewable Energy Sector. What is full form of GTAM \_\_\_\_\_ Green Term Ahead Market. Note:
  - The move, that will lead to an increase in the participants in the renewable energy sector.
  - The initiative will also help in achieving 175 GW renewable energy (RE) target of the country.
  - > It will lessen the burden on RE-rich states and incentivize them to develop RE capacity beyond their own RPO (Renewable Purchase Obligation).
- What is India's rank in the 13th edition of the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2020 jointly released by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Cornell University and INSEAD Business School \_\_\_\_\_48th. Note:



- India ranks in the top 15 in indicators such as ICT (Information and Communication Technology) services exports, government online services, graduates in science and engineering, and R&D-intensive global companies.
- Switzerland, Sweden, the US, the UK and the Netherlands lead the innovation ranking, and the top 5 positions are dominated by high-income countries.
- 7. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India has decided to block how many mobile apps in view of the emergent nature of threats \_\_\_\_\_\_118.

- The step is expected to safeguard the interests of crores of Indian mobile and internet users and will also ensure safety, security and sovereignty of Indian cyberspace.
- ➤ 118 mobile apps have been blocked by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology by invoking it's power under section 69A of the Information Technology Act read with the relevant provisions of the Information Technology (Procedure and Safeguards for Blocking of Access of Information by Public) Rules 2009.
- 8. Which renewable power company of India has been ranked as World's Largest Solar Power Generation Asset Owner in terms of operating, under-construction and awarded projects by the Mercom Capital \_\_\_\_\_ Adani Green Energy Ltd. Note:
  - ▶ Mercom Capital Group is a clean energy communication consulting firm.
  - AGEL's under-construction and awarded capacity stands at 10.1 GigaWatts (GW) and its operational capacity is nearly 3 GW.
  - AGEL's renewable energy portfolio stands at 12.32 GW, which exceeds the total capacity installed by the entire US solar industry in 2019.
- 9. Which became the first Indian Dairy Company to enter Rabobank's Annual listing of Global Dairy Top 20 Companies of 2020 \_\_\_\_\_ Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation.

#### Note:

- Amul was ranked 16th with an annual turnover of USD 5.5 billion (approximately Rs 40,240 Crores). Switzerland's Nestle topped the list.
- Rabobank is a Dutch multinational banking and financial services company.

#### Note:

- > The objective behind this webinar was to discuss the road map for achieving the 100 million tonnes (MT) coal gasification target by 2030 with investments worth over Rs4 lakh crores.
- Notably, a Steering Committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of Dr. VK Saraswat for green initiatives in the coal sector.
- **11.** With which organization the Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Tribal Affairs, Ministry of Tribal Affairs organised a two-days long "National Tribal Research Conclave \_\_\_\_\_\_ **Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA).**

#### Note:

- > The inaugural session of conclave was addressed by the Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Shri Arjun Munda.
- The National Tribal Research Conclave was organised to review the progress on the results of projects launched by Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- ► 10 research partners shared their projects in the 2-days long conclave.
- **12.** The Geological Survey of India (GSI) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding for cooperation in the field of geology and mineral resources with its counter part of which country \_\_\_\_\_ Finland.

#### Note:

- > The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has approved the MoU.
- The MoU facilitates cooperation in the field of geology, training, mineral prognostication and suitability analysis, Seismic and other Geophysical surveys
- **13.** Which University has developed the 'EnglishPro' mobile app that was launched by the Union Minister of Education Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank \_\_\_\_\_ **Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad.**

- The app is developed by the English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad.
- The app will help learners develop Indian English Pronunciation in the unique "Indian" way.
- This app will be "a useful digital tool" and will act as an educational resource for the teachers, students and for people from varied backgrounds.



14.	Name the mission approved by the Union Cabinet which is aimed at bringing post-recruitment reforms in the Civil Services Mission Karmayogi.  Note:
	➤ The objective of this mission is to prepare the Indian Civil Servant for the future with right attitude, skills & knowledge, aligned to the vision of New India by focusing on competency led capacity building.
	Important News - State
1.	Which state government has launched 'Gandagi Bharat Chhodo' campaign Madhya Pradesh. Note:
	<ul> <li>During the campaign over 7 lakh, people took the oath to maintain cleanliness and eight lakh 70 thousand people were approached to make compost from wet waste.</li> <li>Four lakh 65 thousand masks were distributed with the help of citizens under the mask awareness campaign.</li> </ul>
2.	According to the J&K official languages Bill 2020, which one is not an official of Jammu and Kashmir union territories <b>Bhoti.</b>
	<ul> <li>Note:</li> <li>➤ The J&amp;K official languages Bill 2020 will be introduced in Parliament in the upcoming Monsoon Session. This bill will include Dogri, Hindi and Kashmiri as officials languages of the Union Territory.</li> <li>➤ Bhoti is spoken in ladakh region</li> </ul>
3.	Which state government has launched AMA SAHAR and SWACHHA SAHAR web app Odisha.  Note:
	With the launching of web app, the urban local bodies (ULBs) will be able to submit utilisation certificate online which will bring better fiscal management.
4.	Under Ek Bharat Shresht Bharat Programme, Goa is paired with which state Jharkhand. Note:
	<ul> <li>Stalls of Jharkhand displayed delicacies from that state and Goans enjoyed savouring the same.</li> <li>Folk dances presented by Jharkhand artistes also were appreciated by Goan artistes.</li> <li>Later Goan artistes also visited Jharkhand and presented Goan folk dances.</li> </ul>
	Which state government has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with CSIR- Indian Institute of Chemica Technology (CSIR-IICT) to set up a Bulk Drug Park (BDP) Andhra Pradesh.  Note:
	➤ The objective of the MoU is to develop a collaborative partnership between the State government and CSIR-IICT to establish Bulk Drug Pharma park in the State
6.	➤ It seeks financial support from the Centre.  Which state government has launched 'I Rakhwali' app for Environment Protection Punjab.  Note:
	With this new initiative, the state govt aims to safeguard the state forest area by making people a stakeholder in this process.
	➤ The state govt came up with the concept of the app to encourage people to come forward and contribute to the protection of the environment.
	Which is all set to create the Udyog Bandhu-like body for farmers to assist Farmer Producer organisations Uttar Pradesh.  Note:
	Uttar Pradesh (UP) is all set to create a dedicated body, on the lines of Udyog Bandhu, to assist enterprising farmer producer organisations (FPOs) in investing in projects for post-harvest infrastructure management and community farming assets with the help of the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) that the Centre had announced in August.
	Important News - World
	The publication of "Ease of Doing Business" report has stopped by which organization to probe data collection irregularities in the annual ranking of countries' business and investment climates World Bank.  Note:
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- According to World Bank "A number of irregularities have been reported regarding changes to the data in the Doing Business 2018 and Doing Business 2020 reports, published in October 2017 and 2019".
- World Bank would conduct a systematic review of data changes in the last five Doing Business reports, and independent auditors will probe data collection and review processes.
- **2.** Which country is providing an Official Development Assistance (ODA) loan of an amount of approx. Rs. 3,500 crores to India to fight COVID-19 \_\_\_\_\_\_ Japan.

- ➤ Japan has committed the loan for the COVID-19 Crisis Emergency Response Support in order to fight the COVID-19 crisis.
- The ODA loan will support India's efforts in its fight against COVID-19. It will also assist the country to prepare the health system to handle future epidemics. It will also increase the resilience of India's health systems against infectious diseases.
- 3. Which country has launched Agriota, a new technology-driven agri-commodity trading and sourcing e-market platform that will bridge the gap between millions of rural farmers in India and the food industry of that country\_\_\_\_\_\_ UAE.

  Note:
  - ➤ It has been launched by Dubai's free-zone Dubai Multi Commodities Centre (DMCC) and the government of Dubai's authority on commodities trade and enterprise.
  - > This initiative will enable Indian farmers to connect directly, bypassing intermediaries, with the entire food industry in the UAE, including food processing companies, traders and wholesalers.
- **4.** Which becomes the first African country to eliminate sleeping sickness \_\_\_\_\_ **Togo.**

#### Note:

- > Togo has not reported any cases in the past 10 years.
- > There are two forms of sleeping sickness. The first, due to Trypanosoma brucei gambiense, is found in 24 countries in west and central Africa and accounts for more than 98% of cases.
- > The second form, due to Trypanosoma brucei rhodesiense, is found in 13 countries in eastern and southern Africa and represents the rest of cases.
- 5. Which three countries have to launch a trilateral Supply Chain Resilience Initiative (SCRI) in the Indo-Pacific region \_\_\_\_\_ India-Australia-Japan.

#### Note:

- > The initiative will help in building a resilient supply chain with focus on free, transparent trade & investment environment in the region.
- Proposed by Japan and to reduce the dependency on China.
- **6.** Google has partnered with which country to bring the flood warning services to the country \_\_\_\_\_ Bangladesh.

#### Note:

- Announcing this on its official blog Google said that it currently covers more than 40 million people in Bangladesh and it is working to expand its coverage to the whole of the country.
- More than 65 per cent of people who receive advance flood warnings take action to protect themselves and their assets.
- The company is also partnering with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to build to deliver a l e r t s to people who don't have smart phones to receive the alerts directly.
- 7. Which country chaired the 35th Session of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (APRC 35) held virtually \_\_\_\_\_ **Bhutan.**

#### Note:

- > The Conference was held under the Chair of the Host Country, Bhutan. The Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Parshottam Rupala represented India in the conference.
- > The conference focused on regional priorities and issues such as COVID 19, the state of agriculture, natural resources management, food security and nutrition.
- 3. Social Media platform Whatsapp has partnered with which of the following foundation to create awareness on cyber safety among students \_\_\_\_\_ CyberPeace Foundation.

#### Note:

The facebook-owned messaging platform noted in a press release that "this is an effort to build on their earlier partnership with WhatsApp under the "e-Raksha" program that reached thousands of students.



- With the collaboration, the platforms aim to reach nearly 15,000 students across five states including Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, and Maharashtra by the end of 2020.
- 9. Which International organization has launched a new publication, "The Little Book of Green Nudges" for university students \_\_\_\_\_\_ UNEP.

- > The books aimed to inspire up to 200 million students around the globe to adopt environmentally friendly habits and greener lifestyles.
- The book is UNEP's first on behavioural science and nudge theory, which focuses on human actions and how to change them, and was drafted with The Behavioural Insights Team and GRID-Arendal.

#### **Honor & Awards**

1. Who becomes the first Divyanga sportsperson of the country to get the prestigious Tenzing Norgay Adventure Award 2020 \_\_\_\_\_ Satyendra Singh Lohia.

#### Note:

- ➤ He is also the first Asian Divyanga swimmer to cross the 42-kilometer Catalina Channel in the US in just 11 hours 34 minutes.
- Para-swimmer Satyendra Singh was also conferred with the Best Sportsperson National Award by Vice President Venkaiah Naidu on World Divyanga Day.
- Which Indian International Airport has won the 'National Energy Leader' and 'Excellent Energy Efficient Unit' awards at the 21st National Awards for 'Excellence in Energy Management' \_\_\_\_\_\_ Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hvderabad.

#### Note:

- It was organized by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Godrej Green Business Centre (GBC).
- The award was given during the 19th edition of 'Energy Efficiency Summit', Virtual Conference and Exposition on Energy Efficiency held from August 6-28, 2020.
- 3. Which Maharatna Public Sector Undertakings has won the All India Management Association (AIMA) Chanakya (Business Simulation Game) National Management Games (NMG) 2020 \_\_\_\_\_ NTPC Limited.

#### Note:

- AIMA Chanakya National Management Games is an online Business Simulation Game which is conducted every year.
- The championship aims to ensure that executives participating in the event get the onboard experience about the complexities of running an organisation and gain expertise and skills from this event.
- > It also enables the Corporate Managers to face the thrill of Managing Business in a competitive mode.

#### **Sports News**

1. Jayanti Behera who has been awarded with the Biju Patnaik sports award in Odisha is associated with which sports \_\_\_\_\_\_ Para-Athletic.

#### Note:

- Indian women's hockey team defender Deep Grace Ekka and para-athlete Jayanti Behera received the Biju Patnaik sports award for outstanding performance.
- ➤ Both of them received a citation along with cash award of Rs 2 lakh each.
- 2. The Cycling Federation of India (CFI) is all set to host the first-ever Cycling Summit in \_\_\_\_\_ 2021.

- The Cycling Summit 2021 will consist of cyclists, athletes, fitness and sports enthusiasts, cycling coaches, health and nutrition experts, and influencers.
- There will also be indigenous and global brands that cater to the needs of health, fitness and cycling enthusiasts. The summit is estimated to attract around 25,000 people in each city.



- www.gradeup.co 3. Who becomes the first Indian to win a singles main draw match at a Grand Slam in the last 7 years \_\_\_\_\_ Sumit Nagal. Note: ▶ He went into second round of the ongoing US Open Tennis by defeating Bradley Klahn of USA 6-1, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 in the first round of the US Open > Prior to him, Somdev Devvarman is the last player to reach the second round of the Australian Open, French Open and US Open in 2013 ➤ He will now face Austria's Dominic Thiem in the 2nd round. 4. Who has won the prestigious Annual World Open online chess tournament \_\_\_\_\_\_ P Iniyan. Note: ➤ He scored 7.5 points out of a possible 9 with six victories and three draws to finish on top. The 48th edition of the annual event was held online from August 7-9. 5. Famous cricketer, Ian Bell announced his retirement from all forms of cricket, he held from which country \_\_\_\_\_ England. Note: > He made his debut in 2004. He played 118 Tests, 161 ODIs, and 8 T20Is for England. He retired from ODIs in 2015 to focus on Test cricket. > He won five Ashes series out of seven. He was the Player of the Series in the 2013 series, where he scored 562 runs at an average of 62.44. 6. Who has won the Formula One Italian Grand Prix 2020 held at Autodromo Nazionale Monza, Italy \_\_\_\_\_ Pierre Gasly. Note: This is his first Grand Prix win. Carlos Sainz Jr. (McLaren, Spain) came second followed by Lance Stroll (Racing Point, Canada) in third place. Lewis Hamilton ended at 7th place after he earned a 10-second stop and go penalty. **Books and Authors** 1. First newspaper for kids 'The Young Minds' has been launched in which state \_\_\_\_\_ Assam. Note: Specifically designed for kids the newspaper is the brainchild of Neelam Sethia and Neha Bajai. The Young Minds, reportedly, will cater to kids of 4-14 years of age. 2. Who has authored the children's picture book titled "The Big Thoughts of Little Luv" \_\_\_\_\_Karan Johar. Note: > The book will be published by Juggernaut Books. The book narrates the story of the twins Luv and Kusha and features the challenges faced by the parents and the difference imposed between the boys and girls by the parents while raising them 3. Who has authored the book titled 'The Commonwealth of Cricket: A Lifelong Love Affair with the Most Subtle and Sophisticated Game Known to Humankind' Ramachandra Guha. Note: > The book portrays the entire arc of the game(cricket) in India, across all levels at which it is played and gives a glimpse of local heroes, provincial emblems and international stars. The book will be co-published by HarperCollins India and William Collins. **4.** Who has authored the book titled "Let Us Dream" set to release in December 2020 \_\_\_\_\_ **Pope Francis.** Note: > The book will be an outcome of numerous exchanges between Pope Francis and his Biographer Austen Ivereigh in the weeks following the Coronavirus outbreak around the world.
  - Austen Ivereigh is a Roman Catholic Journalist, Commentator, the author based out of Britain.
- 5. The book titled "Invertonomics: 8 ideas to transform India" has been authored by which of the following \_\_\_\_\_ Goonmeet Singh Chauhan.

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- > The book presents practical ideas and models to solve the 8 specific fundamental problems of India like, Social inequality, Air pollution, Cleanliness, Safer Cities, Women empowerment and rural economy deteriorating etc.
- It was published by published by HarperCollins India.
- 6. Who has authored the book titled 'Breaking The Cocoon @ 40' \_\_\_\_\_ Radha Nair.

- It is a delightful collection of select events from her life, which also holds a mirror to the time the incidents are set in.
- Acting on her brother's suggestion, Radha decided to write about her experience of working as a dream merchant in the ad agency.

#### **Science and Defence**

**1.** What is the name of the remote-controlled medical trolley developed by the Indian Railway to help deliver food and medicines to COVID-19 patients \_\_\_\_\_ **MEDBOT.** 

#### Note:

- > During Corona crisis, apart from providing transport facilities and essential items like foodgrains to people, Indian Railways has also provided facilities for COVID-19 patients.
- ➤ It is providing service in the Central Hospital of the Diesel Rail Engine Factory of Indian Railways
- 2. Which organization has developed World's Largest Solar Tree \_\_\_\_\_ Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute, Durgapur.

#### Note:

- ➤ The solar tree has the annual capacity to generate 12,000-14,000 units of Clean and Green Power while its installed capacity is above 11.5 kWp.
- ➤ The Solar Tree has been designed in such a way that it ensures maximum exposure of each Solar PV Panel to Sunlight.
- A single solar tree comprises of 35 Solar PV Panels each having a capacity of 330 wp each.
- 3. India along with which country scheduled to hold the bilateral naval exercise, Indra 2020, in the Andaman Sea, close to the strategic Strait of Malacca \_\_\_\_\_Russia.

#### Note:

- > Three Russian navy ships will take part in the exercise along with an equal number from the Indian Navy, along with some aircraft.
- > This is also the first bilateral naval exercise since all such engagements were suspended due to COVID-19.
- **4.** The students from which Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) have launched a free-of-cost mobile scanner application "AIR Scanner" \_\_\_\_\_ IIT Bombay.

#### Note:

- The app saves the scanned document in PDF format and stores directly in the device.
- > The AI (Artificial Intelligence) based Reading Assistant and Document Scanner app is developed by Rohit Kumar Chaudhary and Kavin Agrawal.
- **5.** Which institutions has launched a special decontamination device called 'Chakr DeCoV', to decontaminate N95 masks \_\_\_\_\_\_ **IIT Delhi.**

#### Note:

- The Chakr DeCoV device is designed in the shape of a cabinet.
- > Chakr DeCoV is built with an innovative decontamination mechanism, which utilises the high penetrability of Ozone gas for cleaning the pores of the N95 mask, ensuring complete decontamination of its intricate layers.

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