

Weekly One-Liners

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Dear readers,

Weekly One Liners Update is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the **third week** (15-21st) of **October** 2021. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. Which cooperative bank has partnered with which Axis Securities to offer its customers investing services through a 3-in-1 account _____ **Saraswat Cooperative Bank Ltd.**

Note:

- The facility will integrate savings bank account maintained by the co-operative bank with the demat and trading account offered by Axis Securities, which is a subsidiary of Axis Bank.
- This facility will make it easier for customers to transfer funds quickly, reduce paperwork and most importantly, provide a comprehensive platform to invest in various investment instruments like equities, derivatives, currency, commodities, MF, IPO, etc.

2. Which becomes the 12th Small Finance Bank (SFB) of India _____ **Unity Small Finance Bank.**

Note:

- RBI has issued a new bank license after a gap of nearly 6 years.
- It is the first time ever that two partners are uniting equally to build a Bank.
- Centrum's MSME and Micro Finance businesses shall be merged into Unity Small Finance Bank.

3. Which small finance bank has partnered with Go Digit General Insurance to offer instant, easy-to-understand insurance products through the bank's network of branches across India digitally _____ **Shivalik Small Finance Bank Limited.**

Note:

- The insurance products include health insurance plans, motor insurance, home and shop insurance.
- The Shivalik bank's current customers are generally classified into different segments such as retail, manufacturing and services, housing and real estate, and microfinance.
- Go Digit General Insurance will support the bank in making the process of buying cover, submitting and receiving claims easier for its customers.

4. Which IT major has announced the launch of 'Begin Again' program for the women professionals under which women can relaunch their career post a break – be it for a sabbatical, motherhood, elderly care, travel, passion, or any other personal reasons _____ **Wipro.**

Note:

- The program is for those who had a break in their career for a duration of six months to one year or more for jobs based in India.
- The initiative enables talented women to explore career opportunities that will harness their potential and allow them to get back on track with the present demands of the industry.

5. Which life insurance company has introduced the "Saral Bachat Bima Plan", a savings and protection cover for the entire family _____ **IndiaFirst Life.**

Note:

- It is a savings and protection cover for the entire family.
- This non-linked, non-participating, individual, limited premium policy provides a shorter pay commitment of five or 7 years while keeping the entire family protected for 12-15 yrs.
- IndiaFirst Life is promoted by Bank of Baroda and Union Bank of India.

6. Under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) premium to be paid by farmers is what percent of sum insured for cash crops _____ **5%.**

Note:

- The union govt has constituted a working group to roll out an overhauled Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) from kharif 2022.
 - The group will have members from Centre, key crop-producing states and top executives of public sector insurance companies.
7. In collaboration with which blockchain development company the National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) has launched a blockchain platform for gold bullion named 'NSE-Shine' _____ **Chainflux**.
- Note:**
- The platform will provide a data framework for bullion bar integrity for settlement of Gold derivatives contracts.
 - The India Gold Policy Centre (IGPC) at the Indian Institute of Management - Ahmedabad (IIM-A) and the Indian Bullion and Jewellers' Association (IBJA) have worked closely with the NSE and Chainflux to develop this blockchain-based platform.
8. Which general insurance company has launched a 'Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS)' Insurance for drone owners & operators _____ **Tata AIG General Insurance Co. Ltd.**
- Note:**
- It also announced TropoGo, a deep tech startup on the drone ecosystem, as its distribution partner for the RPAS insurance scheme.
 - Tata AIG has launched the RPAS Insurance after satisfying the recommendations made by IRDAI's Working Group on RPAS Insurance, and other valuable inputs from the Drone Federation of India (DFI).
 - RPAS Insurance Products cover both Hull and Third-Party Liability risks on Drones, optional coverage for Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) operations, night flying, data loss liability, etc.
9. Telecom operator, Vodafone Idea (VIL) has joined hands with which Indian Multinational conglomerate company for a pilot project to test 5G-based smart city solutions _____ **L & T Group**.
- Note:**
- The two companies would make partnership to address the challenges of urbanisation, safety & security and offering smart solutions to the citizens, leveraging the smart city platform by L&T.
 - The pilot project will be commenced in Pune, Maharashtra.
10. Agri-fintech firm Dvara E-Dairy Solutions Private Limited has entered into a collaboration with which small finance bank to service small dairy farmers by empowering small and medium dairy farmers with financial and cattle management solutions using digital technologies _____ **Jana Small Finance Bank**.
- Note:**
- Through Jana SFB's extensive branch network in rural and agricultural regions across India, Dvara E-Dairy intends to expand the credit and underwriting process for cattle loans.
 - The Dvara E-Dairy's digital identity (ID) tag Surabhi e-Tag will provide accurate cattle identification based on the muzzle identity. [Click here to know more](#)
11. What does 'F' stand for in TROF _____ **File**.
- Note:**
- NPCI launched the NPCI Tokenization system (NTS) to support tokenisation of cards as an alternate to storing card details with merchants.
 - The NTS will support the tokenisation of RuPay cards to further enhance the safety of customers and provide a seamless shopping experience to consumers.
 - With NTS, acquiring banks, aggregators, merchants and others can get themselves certified with NPCI and can play the role of Token Requestor to help save the token reference number (Token Reference On File or TROF) against all card numbers saved.
12. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a penalty of ₹ one crore on which payments bank _____ **Paytm Payments Bank**.
- Note:**
- The central bank noted that Paytm payments bank's application seeking issue of final certificate of authorization, did not reflect its factual position.
 - This is related to an offence committed of the nature referred to in Section 26 (2) of Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 (PSS Act).
13. SME lender and fintech Rupifi has partnered with which NBFCs to power 15 million small and medium-sized enterprises with access to instant credit _____ **Muthoot Finance**.
- Note:**

- The companies started this partnership earlier this year and are now looking to scale this across different industry verticals in the country.
 - Launched in January 2020, Rupifi allows SMEs to flexibly repay their dues as and when required with a per-day interest pricing but without any monthly EMIs.
 - Through this tie-up, the startup is looking to build its SME portfolio over the coming years.
14. Which bank has launched Micro ATMs across the country for key banking services such as cash withdrawals and checking account balances _____ **Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd (KMBL)**.
- Note:**
- Customers of all banks who possess a debit card can use a Kotak Micro ATM for key banking services such as cash withdrawals and checking account balances. A mini version of an ATM, micro ATMs are small handheld devices.
15. Which digital payment platform has, in association with NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd (NBBL), launched ClickPay for its customers _____ **PhonePe**.
- Note:**
- ClickPay is a unique payment link that enables customers to make recurring online bill payments (electricity, water, gas, loan, etc) and removes the need to remember tedious account details associated with each biller or service.
 - This link sent by the biller will lead the customer directly to the payment page, fetching the bill amount instantly.
16. Which petroleum company has launched an automated fuelling technology -UFill- to ensure better customer experience at outlets _____ **BPCL**.
- Note:**
- The new U-Fill outlets have been launched in 65 cities and are likely to be launched soon across the country.
 - The customers need not download any app to use the U-Fill technology.
17. According to World's Best Employers rankings 2021 published by Forbes which Indian company becomes the best employer in the country _____ **Reliance Industries Ltd**.
- Note:**
- Mukesh Ambani-owned RIL was placed at the 52nd position in the overall ranking of 750 global corporates.
 - Other Indian companies that made it to the top 100 rankings include ICICI Bank at 65, HDFC Bank at 77 and HCL Technologies at 90.
 - The top place in the Forbes rankings was occupied by Samsung Electronics followed by IBM, Microsoft and Amazon

Obituaries

1. Renowned personality Colin Powell passed away recently, he was former foreign minister of which country _____ **US**.
- Note:**
- Over four decades of life in US government, Powell would be remembered most distinctly for his speech, as secretary of state, at the UN Security Council that paved the way for the US invasion of Iraq in March 2003, wrongly alleging that Saddam Hussein, then Iraqi leader, had built a stockpile of weapons of mass destruction (WMD).
2. Name the Sri Lanka's first-ever Test captain who passed away recently _____ **Bandula Warnapura**.
- Note:**
- A right-handed batsman, he led his country when it faced **England** in its first-ever Test match in 1982 and played three more Tests, scoring 96 runs overall at an average of 12. He also played 12 ODI matches, scoring 180 runs at an average of 15.
3. Renowned personality Balvinder Singh Nakai passed away recently he was chairman of _____ **IFFCO**.
- Note:**
- Nakai was an eminent farmer - cooperator, and was deeply involved in providing strength to Indian cooperative movement for the last three decades.

Important Days

1. The World Student's Day is celebrated every year on which date _____ **15th October**.
- Note:**

- The day is celebrated in honour of the birth anniversary of former president of India, Late Dr APJ Abdul Kalam.
 - Born on October 15, 1931 in Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu.
 - He worked as a scientist and administrator at the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
2. International Day for Rural Women is celebrated every year on ____ **15th October**.
- Note:**
- The day recognises the critical role and contribution of rural women in agricultural and rural development.
 - This year, the theme of the day is 'Rural women cultivating good food for all.
 - The theme aims to eradicate discrimination faced by women in rural areas.
3. The Global Handwashing Day (GHD) is observed on which date every year ____ **15th October**.
- Note:**
- It is an international handwashing promotion campaign to motivate and mobilize people around the world to improve their handwashing habits.
 - The day was established by the Global Handwashing Partnership (GHP) (formerly called "Public-Private Partnership for Handwashing" (PPPHW)) in 2008.
 - The theme of GHD 2021 is 'Our Future Is at Hand - Let's Move Forward Together'.
4. World Food Day is celebrated all over the world on ____ **16th October**.
- Note:**
- It is an initiative by the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations. This global event marks a day calling for worldwide awareness and collective action to combat the issue of hunger and ensure healthy diets for all.
 - The theme this year is "Our actions are our future. Better production, better nutrition, better environment and a better life".
5. International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is celebrated every year on which date ____ **17th October**.
- Note:**
- This day is a means to recognize and acknowledge the efforts and struggles that people, who are pushed to live in poverty, face.
 - This year's theme is "Building forward together: Ending Persistent Poverty, Respecting all People and our Planet."
6. World Statistics Day is celebrated around the globe every year on which date to highlight the achievements of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics ____ **20th October**.
- Note:**
- The celebration of World Statistics Day 2021 is a global collaborative endeavour, organized under the guidance of the United Nations Statistical Commission.
 - The United Nations Statistical Commission proposed celebrating 20 October 2010 as World Statistics Day.
7. World Osteoporosis Day (WOD) is observed every year on which date to raise global awareness of the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis and metabolic bone disease ____ **20th October**.
- Note:**
- The day is organized by International Osteoporosis Foundation (IOF).
 - Global WOD Campaign theme for 2021: Serve Up Bone Strength.
 - Osteoporosis means 'porous bone' and is a disease that weakens bones, and if you have it, you are at a greater risk for sudden and unexpected bone fractures.
8. What is the theme of the International Chefs Day 2021 ____ **Healthy Food for the Future**.
- Note:**
- Theme of International Chefs Day 2021 campaign: Healthy Food for the Future.
 - It is also the day for experienced chefs to pass on their knowledge and culinary skills to the next generation with a sense of pride and commitment.
 - It was created by Dr. Bill Gallagher, a renowned chef and the former president of the World Association of Chefs Societies (World Chefs), in 2004.
9. Police Commemoration Day is celebrated every year on which date, to pay tributes to all police personnel who died in the line of duty ____ **21st October**.
- Note:**
- Since 2012, the Police Commemoration Day Parade is being held at the National Level at the Police Memorial in Chanakyapuri, Delhi.

- In 2018, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated India's first national police museum in Delhi on October 15.

New Appointments

1. Who has been appointed as the chairman of the Karnataka Bank _____ **Pradeep Kumar Panja**.

Note:

- His appointment has been approved by Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- He will begin his role as the part-time non-executive Chairman.
- He will succeed P Jayarama Bhat, who will retire on November 13, 2021.

2. Amitabh Chaudhry has been re-appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of which bank _____ **Axis Bank**.

Note:

- His appointment was approved by Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- His second three-year term will begin from January 1, 2022.
- Prior to joining Axis Bank, he was the MD and CEO of HDFC Standard Life Insurance

3. Who has been unanimously elected as the President of the Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWLFF) _____ **Sahdev Yadav**.

Note:

- Anand Gowde was elected as secretary general of the federation and Naresh Sharma the treasurer during the electoral congress Annual General Council Meeting at a city Hotel.
- A total of 10 vice presidents, four joint secretaries and seven executive committee members were also elected.
- The elections were conducted by Returning Officer Narinder Paul Kaushik, Judicial Officer (Retd.), Delhi District Courts.

4. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman & Managing Director of National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) _____ **Amit Rastogi**.

Note:

- Prior to this, he was the Director of Electrical Engineering at Integrated Headquarters, Ministry of Defence for five years and Additional General Manager Tech Services at Naval Dockyard for two years.
- NRDC was established in India in 1953 to help develop and promote technologies developed at various national R&D institutions.

5. A K Goel is Managing Director and CEO of which bank who has been elected as new chairman of Indian Bank's Association for 2021-22 _____ **Union Bank of India**.

Note:

- He succeeds Rajkiran Rai G, MD & CEO, Union Bank of India.
- In September 2021, Banks Board Bureau (BBB) had recommended the name of Goel for the forthcoming position of managing director and chief executive at Punjab National Bank (PNB).
- Goel has been heading UCO Bank, Kolkata-based public sector lender, since Nov 2018.

6. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of Association of Mutual Funds in India _____ **A. Balasubramanian**.

Note:

- He has earlier served as the AMFI Chairman for the period 2017 - 2019 and now would continue to hold the office till the conclusion of the next AGM.
- A. Balasubramanian is also appointed as the ex-officio Chairman of AMFI Financial Literacy Committee, being the Chairman of AMFI.
- Radhika Gupta, Chief Executive Officer, Edelweiss AMC, has been elected as the Vice-Chairperson of AMFI.

7. Who has been appointed as the ambassador of the Russian Film Festival in India _____ **Imtiaz Ali**.

Note:

- As part of the festival, ten notable Russian films of various genres will be premiered for Indian audiences on Disney+ Hotstar.
- The first-ever online Russian Film Festival in India is organized by ROSKINO with the support of the Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation, the Cinema Fund, the Moscow City Tourism Committee, Discover Moscow, Rossotrudnichestvo, and with the assistance of Kartina Entertainment.
- The festival was launched in 2020 and has already been successfully held in 14 countries, with more than 200 thousand viewers.

Important News – India

1. Under whose chairmanship the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has constituted a four-member high powered advisory committee on settlement orders and compounding of offences _____ **Vijay C Daga**.

Note:

- The committee will be chaired by Vijay C Daga, retired judge of High Court of Bombay.
- The panel will work as per the Settlement Proceedings Regulations, 2018 specified by the regulator.
- Under the settlement mechanism, an alleged wrongdoer can settle a pending case with the regulator without admission or denial of guilt by paying a settlement fee.

2. Civil Aviation Minister, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia has virtually flagged off how many routes expanding the aerial connectivity of North-East India _____ **Six**.

Note:

- Flight connectivity on these routes has been a long-pending demand of the natives of the regions.
- It will open a seamless gateway and smooth aerial access option for nature lovers, travellers, tourists etc.
- With these new flights, travellers from Guwahati, Aizawl and Shillong will get multiple options for onward connectivity to the rest of the country.

3. What is India's rank in the Global Food Security (GFS) Index 2021 _____ **71st**.

Note:

- GFS Index is published by London-based Economist Impact and is sponsored by Corteva Agriscience.
- Top performers: Ireland, Australia, the UK, Finland, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Canada, Japan, France and US.

4. Which institution has organized an International Conference and Exhibition on Digital technologies, 'Future Tech 2021- a Journey of digital transformation to technology adoption and acceleration' _____ **CII**.

Note:

- It is being held from October 19 to 27, 2021.
- Theme of Future Tech 2021: Driving technologies for building the future, we all can trust
- Theme will have 5 pillars: Strategy, Growth, Resilience, Inclusiveness, Trust.

5. What is India's rank in the 2021 Mercer CFS Global Pension Index survey, that ranked 43 pension systems across the world _____ **40th**.

Note:

- Top Performer: Iceland with an index value of 84.2.
- Thailand had the lowest overall index value at 40.6.
- India was ranked at 34th spot out of 39 pension systems in 2020

6. Recently inaugurated Kushinagar International Airport is _____ airport in Uttar Pradesh to scheduled passenger flights _____ **ninth**.

Note:

- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Kushinagar International Airport.
- A charter from Colombo was the first flight to land in Kushinagar with over 100 Buddhist monks and dignitaries.
- Kushinagar International Airport will facilitate pilgrimage to Lord Buddha's mahaparinirvana sthal of Lord Buddha, thereby boosting the economy of the region.

7. How much amount covered under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package (PMGKP) insurance scheme for healthcare workers fighting covid-19 that has been extended for another six months _____ **Rs 50 Lakh**.

Note:

- The current period of the policy is ending on 20 October 2021.
- So far, 1351 claims have been paid under the scheme.

8. Which country has received the first consignment of 3.1 million litres high quality non-harmful Nano Nitrogen liquid fertiliser from India _____ **Sri Lanka**.

Note:

- It will help the island nation's Eastern province in the cultivation of maize and paddy.
- Nano Nitrogen Liquid Fertilizer was developed by IFFCO, with the objective of addressing imbalanced and excessive use of conventional Urea.
- It has been developed indigenously, for the first time in the world.

9. Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Prerana Sthal' was inaugurated at Naval Science & Technological Laboratory (NSTL) in _____ **Visakhapatnam**.

Note:

- The NSTL is the premier naval research laboratory of Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO).
- Dr Kalam's Prerana Sthal will motivate the people particularly young minds from Dr Kalam's life and his impeccable achievements.

10. What is India's rank in the Global Hunger Index 2021 _____ **101st**.

Note:

- 18 countries, including China, Brazil and Kuwait, shared the top rank with GHI score of less than five.
- India is behind its neighbours Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal.
- GHI was prepared jointly by Irish aid agency Concern Worldwide and German organisation Welt Hunger Hilfe.

Important News – State

1. Which state police has launched a patrolling operation called 'Operation Satark' _____ **Delhi**.

Note:

- Delhi Police officials conducted foot patrolling in the Sarojini Market on October 12 under the operation.
- The patrolling is part of 'Operation Satark' which aims at facilitating a comprehensive check on routine nuisance mongers and instill confidence among the public.

2. Which state government has launched 'Mera Ghar Mere Naam' scheme to confer proprietary rights on the people living in the houses within the 'Lal Lakir' of villages and the cities _____ **Punjab**.

Note:

- The scheme would give much needed succour to people, especially the needy and underprivileged.
- Earlier this scheme was launched only for the residents of villages, but now it is being extended to the eligible residents of the cities within the 'Lal Lakir'.

3. 'Mount Harriet' that has been renamed as 'Mount Manipur' is located in which state/UTs _____ **Andaman and Nicobar Islands**.

Note:

- This was done in honour of Manipur's Maharaja Kulchandra Dhvaj Singh and 22 other freedom fighters were imprisoned here.
- 'Mount Harriet National Park' renamed as 'Mount Manipur National Park'.

4. Which state govt has launched the "Chief Minister's Health for All" scheme _____ **Manipur**.

Note:

- Door-to-door health screening will be conducted across the State and Jan Aushadhi medicines will be provided to patients free of cost for primary health care under the scheme.
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5. Which state has financed the highest number of units in the country under the Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) _____ **Uttar Pradesh**.

Note:

- The Uttar Pradesh government has financed the highest number of units in the country under the Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP).
 - The UP government has facilitated a total of over Rs 123 crore as margin money through various banks to about 3,588 units under PMEGP with a total cost of the projects worth over Rs 450 crore in the current financial year.
6. Which state government will soon launch 'Mukta' scheme to release women prisoners who have been in jail for years and have not been able to pay their bail amounts and fulfill other legal requirements _____ **Maharashtra**.
- Note:**
- The 'Mukta' scheme would bring relief to the women prisoners who have been languishing in jails for minor crimes, and would also reduce the burden on prisons.
 - The 'Mukta' scheme will be implemented in various jails of the state to find out women who have been unnecessarily harassed and those who can be released by fulfilling the legal requirements.

Important News – World

1. With which country India has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for collaboration in the mining and steel sectors, with special focus on coking coal _____ **Russia**.
- Note:**
- The move is part of India's National Steel Policy 2017 under which the country is aiming to reach 300 million tonne steel production by 2030.
 - The MoU has come at a time when India's non-power industries (aluminium, cement and secondary producers of steel) are facing severe thermal coal shortage issues.
 - Coking coal and thermal coal, however, have different applications and do not overlap.
2. Which has become the first movie that was shoot in International Space Station (ISS) _____ **The challenge**.
- Note:**
- Russian cosmonaut Oleg Novitskiy of Roscosmos along with actress Yulia Peresild and producer-director Klim Shipenko departed the ISS in their Soyuz MS-18 spacecraft.
 - The filmmakers had blasted off from the Russia-leased Baikonur Cosmodrome in ex-Soviet Kazakhstan earlier this month, travelling to the ISS with veteran cosmonaut Anton Shkaplerov to film scenes for "The Challenge".
3. Which neighbouring country has sought USD 500 million credit line from India to pay for its crude oil purchases amid a severe foreign exchange crisis _____ **Sri Lanka**.
- Note:**
- It is a part of the India-Sri Lanka economic partnership arrangement.
 - The facility would be used for purchasing petrol and diesel requirements.
 - State-run Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) owes USD 3.3 billion to the two main government banks Bank of Ceylon and People's Bank.
4. Where is the headquarter of Collective Security Treaty Organisation (CSTO) located _____ **Moscow, Russia**.
- Note:**
- Currently, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia and Tajikistan are its members.
 - Afghanistan and Serbia are its observer states.
 - This Russia-led security bloc have started military drills near the Afghan border in Tajikistan.
5. Which country ranked top in the Global Food Security (GFS) Index 2021 _____ **Ireland**.
- Note:**
- India is ranked at 71st position in the Global Food Security (GFS) Index 2021 of 113 countries.
 - China has been ranked 34th, Pakistan ranked 75th, Sri Lanka (77th Position), Nepal (79th position) and Bangladesh (84th position).

- The GFS Index was designed and constructed by London-based Economist Impact and is sponsored by Corteva Agriscience.
6. Which country ranked first in the 2021 Mercer CFS Global Pension Index survey, that ranked 43 pension systems across the world _____ **Iceland**.
- Note:**
- India had stood at 34th position out of 39 pension systems rated in 2020.
 - Globally, Iceland was ranked highest with an overall index value of 84.2 while Thailand had the lowest overall index value at 40.6.
7. India, Israel, United States and which Arabian country have decided to launch new quadrilateral economic forum _____ **United Arab Emirate**.
- Note:**
- Quadrilateral builds on ongoing cooperation between U.S., Israel and UAE after the Abraham Accords last year
 - This QUAD grouping had decided to establish an international forum for economic cooperation, and discussed possibilities for joint infrastructure projects expanding economic and political cooperation in the Middle East and Asia.
8. Name the former president of United States who announced to launch his own social networking platform called "TRUTH Social," _____ **Donald Trump**.
- Note:**
- The long-awaited platform will be owned by Trump Media & Technology Group (TMTG), which also intends to launch a subscription video on-demand service that will feature "non-woke" entertainment programming.
 - The Trump Media & Technology Group will merge with blank check company Digital Acquisition Corp to make TMTG a publicly-listed company.

Honor & Awards

1. Who received the prestigious C K Prahalad award for Global Business Sustainability Leadership for the year 2021 _____ **Satya Nadella**.
- Note:**
- The award recognises exceptional, globally significant private-sector action, innovation and long-term business success in a globalizing world.
 - Four Microsoft leaders received the award. They are president and vice chair Brad Smith, chief financial officer Amy Hood, chief environment officer Lucas Joppa along with Nadella- for their collaborative leadership aimed at transforming Microsoft into a carbon negative company by 2030 and to remove all its historical emissions by 2050.
2. Name the Indian American scientist who was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award at Ritossa Family Summits in Dubai _____ **Dr. Vivek Lall**.
- Note:**
- General Atomics CE Dr Vivek Lall received a Lifetime Achievement Award in Dubai for his "outstanding vision, dedication and success.
 - A Jakarta-born Indian origin scientist, Dr Lall is known for this extraordinary role in strengthening India-US Defence trade and brokered some "top deals" between the two countries.
3. Which country's army has organized '2021 Cambrian Patrol Exercise' in that Indian Army's Team of 4/5 Gorkha Rifles has won a gold medal _____ **United Kingdom**.
- Note:**
- Exercise Cambrian Patrol is an annual international military exercise conducted to test the ultimate human endurance, thus it is sometimes referred to as the 'Olympics of Military Patrolling'.
 - The Gold Medal was presented to the Indian team by General Sir Mark Carleton-Smith, the Chief of General Staff of the British Army.
4. Name the Indian company that has won the prize in the "Clean Our Air" category in first-ever Earthshot Prize, also called "Eco Oscar", instituted by Prince William for its technology to create fuel, fertiliser and other speciality chemicals from agricultural waste _____ **Takachar**.
- Note:**

- The Indian company won the prize in the “Clean Our Air” category for its technology to create fuel, fertiliser and other speciality chemicals from agricultural waste.
 - Takachar’s innovation aims to put an end to stubble burning, an annual scourge in north India that causes severe air pollution, including in the National Capital Region.
5. Which Buddhist order has won the prestigious Martial Arts Education Prize 2021 from the UNESCO International Centre for Martial Arts for their brave acts of service _____ **Kung Fu Nuns**.

Note:

- The prize recognises the Kung Fu Nuns’ heroic acts of service and championing of gender equality across the Himalayas.
 - Through martial arts, the Drukpa nuns empower young girls to defend themselves, build confidence, and take on leadership roles in their communities.
6. Renowned Alexei Navalny is a political leader of which country who has been awarded the 2021 Sakharov Prize, the European Union's top human rights prize _____ **Russia**.

Note:

- It European Union's top human rights prize.
- In awarding the Sakharov Prize to Mr. Navalny, the European Parliament praised his “immense personal bravery.”
- The 45-year-old activist was poisoned with a nerve agent last year and promptly arrested upon his return to Moscow from treatment in Germany and later imprisoned.

7. Who has been awarded the prestigious 2021 C K Prahlad award for Global Business Sustainability Leadership _____ **Satya Nadella**.

Note:

- Three other Microsoft leaders are Brad Smith (President), Amy Hood (CFO) and Lucas Joppa.
 - They were awarded for their collaborative leadership aimed at transforming Microsoft into a carbon negative company by 2030.
 - The award was created in 2010 by the Corporate Eco Forum (CEF).
8. Seven-year-old Aadhyaa Aravind Shankar held from which state, who has scripted history by becoming the first-ever Indian to win the Children’s Peace Image of the Year-Global Peace Photo Award _____ **Karnataka**.

Note:

- Global Peace Photo Award is awarded annually by Lammerhuber Editions in partnership with UNESCO and the Austrian Parliament.
- The award honours photographers from around the world whose pictures reflect human efforts towards a peaceful world.

Sports News

1. Which country has won the 2021 Thomas Cup trophy in Aarhus, Denmark _____ **Indonesia**.

Note:

- Indonesia is the most successful nation in the history of the team championship of men's badminton with 14 titles.
- China settled for silver while Japan and hosts Denmark shared the bronze.

2. Which country has won the Uber Cup title by defeating Japan in the final in Aarhus, Denmark _____ **China**.

Note:

- This is China's 15th Uber Cup title win in 19 finals.
- Japan began the final in a stunning fashion when world number five Akane Yamaguchi beat reigning Olympic Champion in women’s singles Chen Yu Fei 21-18, 21-10 to give Japan 1-0 lead.
- Yamaguchi had also beaten Chen Yu Fei at the recent Sudirman Cup.

3. South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship was held in which country _____ **Maldives**.

Note:

- India clinched the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship for eighth time defeating Nepal 3-0 in Male.
- Sunil Chhetri scored in the 49th minute of the match, which put him level with Lionel Messi on 80 international goals.
- This is the Indian football team's first title triumph under head coach Igor Stimac.

4. Chennai Super Kings (CSK) has defeated which team in the final to win the 2021 Indian Premier League (IPL) title _____ **Kolkata Knight Riders.**

Note:

- This was the 14th edition of IPL which is an India-based Cricket league in 20-20 format.
- This was the 4th victory of Chennai Super Kings (CSK) in IPL, having previously won the tournament in 2010, 2011, and 2018.
- Captain of CSK: M.S. Dhoni

5. Who became India's 21st Woman Grand Master after achieving her 2nd International Master in Budapest, Hungary _____ **Divya Deshmukh.**

Note:

- She scored 5 points in the 9 rounds and ended up with a performance rating of 2452 to secure her final WGM norm.
- She also secured her 2nd IM-norm and is now a norm away from becoming an International Master.
- The Nagpur teenager had earned the first two WGM norms at the Velammal International women's round-robin tournament and the Aeroflot Open 2019.

6. Which state will host the 'South Asian Federation Cross Country Championship 2022 and 56th National Cross Country Championships _____ **Nagaland.**

Note:

- While the 56th National Cross Country Championships which is also being hosted by Nagaland will be clubbed with the South Asian Federation Cross Country Championships.
- Top athletes from the eight south Asian countries – Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Maldives will participate in the event.

7. Name the Indian Grandmaster who clinched the title in the La Nucia Open chess tournament _____ **P Inian.**

Note:

- The 19-year-old Inian, with an Elo rating of 2529, finished equal on seven points with GMs Andrey Sumets (Ukraine) and Rodrigo Vasquez Schroeder (Chile) but the Indian won the event on the basis of a better tie-break score.
- Inian, who was seeded fifth, remained unbeaten in the nine-round tournament.
- He won six games and drew two, apart from getting a bye in the eighth round.

8. Which sport governing body has partnered with UNICEF to raise awareness about the mental health issues and wellbeing amongst children and adolescents _____ **International Cricket Council (ICC).**

Note:

- Under this partnership, ICC will promote the #OnYourMind campaign of UNICEF at the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021, beginning on October 17, 2021.
- The ICC will use its global platforms, including its broadcast and digital channels to support UNICEF's work and urge for greater commitment, connection and conversation around mental health and physical wellbeing.

9. Name the Indian cricketers who have been awarded the life membership of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) _____ **Harbhjan Singh and Javagal Srinath.**

Note:

- Harbhajan is India's third-highest wicket-taker in Tests, with 417 wickets in 103 Tests, while Srinath is one of the country's greatest ODI players, having taken 315 wickets and ended his career as India's second-highest wicket-taker in 50-over internationals.
- Eight of the 12 Test-playing nations are represented in this year's list, which includes some of the most recognisable names in the modern game.

10. Name the Indian fencer who has won 2022 Charlellville National Competition in France in the individual women's sabre event _____ **Bhavani Devi.**

Note:

- She also made history at Tokyo Olympics by becoming the first Indian to compete in the sport at the Games by winning her round of 64 match 15-3 against Tunisia's Nadia Ben Azizi before going down to eventual bronze-medallist, Manon Brunet of France in the round of 32.
- She is currently ranked 50th in the world and is the top-ranked fencer from India.

Books and Authors

1. Who has authored the book titled 'The Custodian of Trust – A Banker's Memoir' _____ **Rajnish Kumar.**

Note:

- Book has been published by Penguin Random House India.
- It gave a rare insight of how the financial system in our country works.
- Custodian of Trust depicts Kumar's journey from a modest house in the old city of Meerut to being a probationary officer in SBI in 1980 and growing to the post of Chairman in 2017.

2. Who has authored the book titled "Veer Savarkar: The Man Who Could Have Prevented Partition" _____ **Uday Mahurkar and Chirayu Pandit.**

Note:

- The book was launched by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.
- The book reveals the work of great leader Savarkar.
- The book uncovers Savarkar's best possible pathway towards one nation that rises above religion and caste discrimination and regional feelings.

3. Who has authored the book titled "Sir Syed Ahmad Khan: Reason, Religion And Nation" _____ **Shafey Kidwai.**

Note:

- The book is an objective analysis of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan the founder of Mohammedan Anglo-Oriental College that grew into Aligarh Muslim University.
- The book is published by Routledge India.

4. Who has authored the book titled "Actually... I Met Them: A Memoir" _____ **Gulzar.**

Note:

- It is being published by Penguin Random House India publishing group.
- In this memoir book, Gulzar has shared many interesting unknown facts about legends like Kishore Kumar, Bimal Roy, Ritwik Ghatak, Hrishikesh Mukherjee and Mahasweta Devi, among others.

Science and Defence

1. NASA's Perseverance rover sent pictures of 'Jezero crater' revealing it was a quiet lake, the crater is in which planet _____ **Mars.**

Note:

- Perseverance rover was launched on July 30 last year and arrived at the red planet.
- Perseverance explored the floor of Jezero Crater, which was once a lake and a dried-out river delta at the crater's edge.
- Based on the detailed images sent by the six-wheeler rover on Mars, the team has now published first scientific results about the Jezero Crater delta in the journal Science.

2. The 17th edition of the 'Ex Yudh Abhyas 21' was held between India and which country _____ **USA.**

Note:

- The 14-day exercise includes activities on joint training in a counter-insurgency/counter-terrorism environment.
- The Ex Yudh Abhyas is the largest running joint military training and defense cooperation endeavour b/w India and US.

3. Which institution in collaboration with Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has developed a comprehensive Geographic Information System (GIS) Energy Map of India _____ **NITI Aayog.**

Note:

- It will identify and locate all primary and secondary sources of energy and their transportation/transmission networks to provide a comprehensive view of energy production and distribution in a country.
- The GIS map provides a holistic picture of all energy resources of the country which enables visualisation of energy installations such as conventional power plants, oil and gas wells, petroleum refineries, coal fields and coal blocks, district-wise data on renewable energy power plants and renewable energy resource potential through 27 thematic layers.

4. In collaboration with which Indian Company European commercial drone and software developer FIXAR announced its entry in the fast-emerging domestic unmanned aerial vehicle market in India _____ **Paras Aerospace.**

Note:

- As a first step towards this partnership, the company will launch its flagship fixed wing drone FIXAR007 in the country.
- The initial agreement targets delivery of 150 drones to the operators in India in the next 6-8 months with the first expected to arrive next month.

5. Which space agency has launched Lucy spacecraft, the first space mission to study the Trojans Asteroids _____ **NASA**.

Note:

- Lucy will journey for 12 years, observing one main belt asteroid and seven Trojan asteroids.
- The swarms of Trojan asteroids associated with Jupiter are thought to be remnants of the primordial material that formed the outer planets.
- These primitive bodies hold vital clues to deciphering the history of the solar system.

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