

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 **first week** (1-7th) of **October 2021**. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has approved a credit plan for yak husbandry in which state/union territories that will help herders secure loans for the purpose and strengthen their livelihoods _____ **Arunachal Pradesh**.

Note:

- The scheme was developed by the National Research Centre on Yak (NRCY) at Dirang in West Kameng district.
- The credit plan vetted by NABARD for yak husbandry was found to be feasible for extending advances by commercial banks and has been included in the potential linked credit plans (PLCP) of Tawang.
- The NRCY comes under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

2. Which Small Finance Bank (SFB) signed a pact with the National Bank for Rural and Development (NABARD) to boost ongoing rural development initiatives in Rajasthan _____ **AU Small Finance Bank**.

Note:

- The memorandum envisages a joint initiative to benefit farmers, Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), Self Help Groups (SHGs), rural artisans, agri-entrepreneurs, and agri-startups in the State.
- "This MoU between NABARD and AU Bank will provide institutional credit support to the ongoing development schemes in the State, which will lead to further prosperity in the rural areas.

3. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has removed Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) from the Prompt Corrective Action Framework. IOB was placed under the PCA framework in _____ **2015**.

Note:

- IOB was placed under the PCA framework in 2015.
- The Board for Financial Supervision, after review of IOB's performance, on the basis of the published financial results for 2020-21 found that the bank was not in breach of the PCA parameter.

4. Piramal Enterprises has acquired Dewan Housing Finance Limited (DHFL) by paying an amount of _____ **Rs 34,250 crore**.

Note:

- This is the first successful resolution of a financial services company under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC).
- DHFL is the first financial services firm to go for bankruptcy proceedings. It is a non-deposit-taking housing finance company.

5. Which bank will give \$150 million loan to support the Tamil Nadu's Chennai City Partnership: Sustainable Urban Services Program _____ **World Bank**.

Note:

- The program seeks to help strengthen institutions, improve the financial health of service agencies, and drive significant improvements in the quality of urban services — water supply and sewerage, mobility, health, and solid waste management.
- This program will support the TN in its efforts to transform the city and its services.

6. Which bank and Indian Navy have launched the lender's NAV-eCash card onboard the country's largest Naval Aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya _____ **State Bank of India**.

Note:

- the unique infrastructure at naval ships inhibits traditional payment solutions particularly when the ship is in high seas where there is no connectivity.
- With dual-chip technology, the country's largest lender said that the card will facilitate both online as well as offline transactions.

7. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted the National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL) the licence to register as an asset reconstruction company (ARC), which is seeking to turn around bad loans worth _____ **Rs 2 trillion.**

Note:

- The licence to NARCL, dubbed as bad bank, was granted by the central bank on Monday, said an official.
- The approval to the entity has been accorded under Section 3 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act 2002.
- Section 3 of SARFAESI Act states that an entity cannot start the business of securitisation or asset reconstruction without obtaining a certificate of registration, and should have funds of at least Rs 2 crore or an amount not exceeding 15 per cent of the total financial assets acquired or to be acquired by the ARC.

8. Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited has recently reverse merged with which debt-ridden company _____ **Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited.**

Note:

- PCHFL has merged into DHFL with effect from September 30, 2021 pursuant to the reverse merger as contemplated under scheme of arrangement provided under the resolution plan, Piramal Enterprises said in a regulatory filing.
- Upon allotment of equity shares to PEL, DHFL will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of PEL.

9. Under which Act, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted the National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL), which is seeking to turn around bad loans worth Rs 2 trillion, the licence to register as an asset reconstruction company (ARC) _____ **SARFAESI Act 2002.**

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10. Which life insurance company has tied up with integrated healthcare company Practo for online medical consultation for its customers _____ **Tata AIA Life Insurance.**

Note:

- As part of the alliance, Tata AIA consumers can avail themselves of online medical consultations from verified doctors anywhere, anytime.
- This includes assistance for common ailments like cold, fever and injury, thereby enabling them to seek immediate medical guidance from the safe and comfortable environment of their home.

11. Which Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) Companies has collaborated with the global IT and professional services company Accenture to accelerate its digital transformation across multiple retail channels _____ **Britannia.**

Note:

- Accenture, through a digital transformation program, has helped Britannia Industries to accelerate innovation, capture value and improve the customer and supplier experience.
- For Britannia's large network of suppliers, this project will help streamline procurement and supply chain management, using SAP Ariba solutions to expedite digital onboarding, contract management and procurement processes.

12. Which Indian IT company has been selected by NORD/LB, a leading German commercial bank, as its strategic partner for its IT transformation _____ **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS).**

Note:

- NORD/LB has embarked on a transformation journey that targets a new business model by 2024, and a leaner, more agile operating model. It has partnered with TCS in this journey
- As part of the five-year partnership, TCS will work with the bank to simplify and transform its application estate across businesses—financial markets, wholesale and retail banking, through application consolidation and automation.

13. Which becomes the official partner bank for the collection of offline and online treasury for the Integrated Financial and Human Resources Management System _____ **Indian Bank.**

Note:

- The Integrated Financial and Human Resources Management System is a portal developed by the government of Tamil Nadu to integrate human resources and finance related services providing a comprehensive management systemThe public, through the portastatement.

- All government services related to Tamil Nadu treasuries and accounts, chief auditor of statutory boards departments, small savings, pension, co-operative audit and government data centre, among many others, at a click of a button.
14. Which bank has shut-down its automated teller machines (ATMs) from 1st October, 2021 _____ **Suryoday Small Finance Bank.**
Note:
- The bank will give users the option to use their debit card at ATMs of other banks.
 - The lender will shut down its ATMs from October 1.
15. Stellapps, a dairy-tech start-up, has joined hands with which bank to enable cashless payment transfers to small dairy farmers _____ **Airtel Payments Bank.**
Note:
- Airtel Payments Bank will onboard Stellapps' new partner milk collection centers as banking points.
 - These banking points will enable farmers to open a bank account, withdraw and deposit cash, earn interest on savings, access Aadhaar enabled payments, get government pension schemes, and make bill payments.
16. Indel Money has tied up with which bank for a gold loan co-lending partnership to offer gold loans at competitive rates _____ **IndusInd Bank.**
Note:
- Under the co-lending partnership agreement, Indel Money will originate and process gold loans based on mutually formulated credit parameters and eligibility criteria.
 - The company will service customers through the entire lifecycle of the loans, including sourcing, documentation, collection and loan servicing.
 - IndusInd Bank will take into its book 80 per cent of the gold loans generated by the co-lending arrangement, while the remaining 20 per cent will be funded by Indel Money.
17. With which bank the U GRO Capital has signed a co-lending agreement _____ **IDBI Bank.**
Note:
- The co-lending arrangement will work towards providing formal credit to underserved MSMEs, at affordable rates.
 - For the same, it will leverage U GRO Capital's digital technology platform driven by a Data Tripod, which comprises of GST, Banking & Bureau, in addition to the company's deep sectoral understanding, and multi-channel distribution reach.
18. The NTPC Renewable Energy Ltd (NTPC REL) has signed the first green term loan agreement of Rs 500 crore with _____ **Bank of India.**
Note:
- NTPC REL has signed its first Green Term Loan agreement of Rs 500 crores at a very competitive rate with a tenor of 15 years with Bank of India for its 470 MW solar project in Rajasthan and 200 MW solar project in Gujarat.
19. Which digital payments major has acquired a 100% stake in Urja Money Pvt. Ltd., which provides a loan management system through its proprietary solution, CreditMate _____ **Paytm.**
Note:
- The Paytm Group will now become 100% beneficial owners of the business.
 - Back in 2017, Paytm had acquired an undisclosed stake in CreditMate parent, Urja Money Pvt. Ltd, to create a loan management system in collaboration with lending partners.

Obituaries

1. Renowned personality Shakti Sinha passed away recently he was a veteran _____ **Bureaucrat.**
Note:
- Mr. Sinha, a 1979-batch IAS officer, was also former Director of the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML).
 - Mr. Sinha worked closely with Vajpayee between 1996 and 1999, and had written a memoir titled Vajpayee: The Years That Changed India.
2. Renowned personality Arvind Trivedi passed away recently, he was a veteran _____ **Actor.**
Note:
- He is famously known for his iconic role of demon-king Raavan in Ramanand Sagar's TV serial Ramayan as passed away suffering from age-related issues. He was 82.
 - He has also served as the MP from Sabarkatha constituency in Gujarat from 1991 to 1996.

3. Noted personality Professor Bala V Balachandran passed away recently he was a veteran _____ **Management Guru**.
Note:
- Balachandran had played an instrumental role in establishing many management institutes in the country. He was honoured with the 'Padma Shri' award by the Centre for his contribution to education.
 - In 2004, he set up the Great Lakes Institute of Management at Manamai, about 45 km from here, which is one of the popular business schools in the country now.
4. Renowned personality Ghanshyam Nayak passed away recently he was a veteran _____ **Actor**.
Note:
- He played role of Nattu Kaka in Sony SAB's 'Taarak Mehta Ka Ooltah Chashmah'.
 - Apart from TMKOC, Ghanshyam had worked in several Gujarati films, Hindi movies and TV shows.

Important Days

1. What is the theme of the International Day of Older Persons 2021 _____ **Digital Equity for All Ages**.
Note:
- International Day of Older Persons is observed every year on 1st October to raise awareness about issues affecting the elderly, such as senescence and elder abuse, and appreciate the contributions that older people make to society.
 - The day was adopted by UN General Assembly on December 14, 1990 and was first introduced in 1991.
2. World Vegetarian Day is observed every year on which date _____ **1st October**.
Note:
- The day was initiated by North American Vegetarian Society in Scotland in 1977 during World Vegetarian Congress.
 - International Vegetarian Week (IVW) is observed from 1st October to 7th October.
3. The International Day of Non-Violence is observed on _____ **2nd October**.
Note:
- The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), in a resolution adopted on June 15, 2007, established the commemoration as an occasion to spread the message of non-violence through education and public awareness.
 - It was in January 2004 that Iranian Noble Laureate Shirin Ebadi proposed the idea for the day.
4. World Animal Day is observed every year on which date _____ **4th October**.
Note:
- The main goal of World Animal Day is to "raise the status of animals in order to improve welfare standards around the globe."
 - World Animal Day originated in the year 1925, when cynologist Heinrich Zimmermann organised the first event on 24 March at the Sport Palace in Berlin.
5. What is the theme of the World Teachers' Day 2021 being observed every year on October 5 to focus on appreciating, assessing, and improving the educators of the world and to provide an opportunity to consider issues related to teachers and teaching _____ **Teachers at the heart of education recovery**.
Note:
- World Teachers' Day (International Teachers Day) is being observed every year on October 5 to focus on appreciating, assessing, and improving the educators of the world and to provide an opportunity to consider issues related to teachers and teaching.
 - This day was established in 1994, to commemorate the signing of 1966 UNESCO/ILO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers.
6. Ganga River Dolphin Day is observed every year on which date _____ **5th October**.
Note:
- The day was chosen as on this day in 2009, Ganga Dolphin was declared as national aquatic animals.
 - Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF) and Uttar Pradesh govt jointly began the dolphin conservation campaign in 2012
 - Gangetic Dolphins are blind, catch their prey with the help of ultrasonic sound waves and can only live in freshwater.
7. The World Cotton Day is observed every year on which date _____ **7th October**.
Note:

- It was first introduced in 2019 by World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva, following an initiative of the Cotton-4 countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad and Mali to reflect the importance of cotton as a global commodity.
- Cotton is a global commodity grown in over 75 countries across five continents and traded worldwide.

New Appointments

1. Who has been appointed as the has been appointed as the Managing Director and Chief executive officer (MD & CEO) of National Securities Depositories (NSDL) _____ **Padmaja Chunduru**.
Note:
 - She succeeded GV Nageswara Rao.
 - Prior to this, she served as MD & CEO of Indian Bank between September 2018 and August 2021.
 - NSDL is an Indian central securities depository under SEBI.
2. Under whose chairmanship the International Financial Services Centers Authority (IFSCA) has constituted an Expert Committee to recommend approach towards development of Sustainable Finance Hub at IFSC _____ **C.K. Mishra**.
Note:
 - It will be chaired by C.K. Mishra (Former Secretary for Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change)
 - It consists of total 10 members including chairperson and member secretary.
3. Najla Bouden Romdhane has become the first female prime minister of which country _____ **Tunisia**.
Note:
 - She has been named as Prime Minister, two months after President Kais Saied assumed his charge, dismissed the former prime minister and suspended parliament.
 - Romdhane was assigned to form a new government in the midst of growing domestic and international discontent regarding president's power seizure.
4. Who has been elected as the new Prime Minister of Japan by the Japanese Parliament Diet _____ **Fumio Kishida**.
Note:
 - He will be tasked with quickly tackling the pandemic and security challenges before an imminent national election.
 - Mr. Kishida replaces Yoshihide Suga, who resigned with his Cabinet.
5. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Uttar Pradesh govt's ambitious 'one district-one product' programme _____ **Kangana Ranaut**.
Note:
 - The U.P. government has launched the ODOP programme with the aim to create product-specific traditional industrial hubs across 75 districts of the State.
 - CM Yogi also presented Kangana with a silver coin which was used for 'Ram Janm Bhumi Pujan'.
6. Who has been appointed as first ever brand ambassador of CoinDCX, India's largest and safest cryptocurrency exchange _____ **Amitabh Bachchan**.
Note:
 - Through this collaboration, CoinDCX will look to increase awareness around crypto and popularize it as an emerging asset class.
 - Bachchan will be the face of a new campaign, which will focus on popularizing crypto as an asset class.
 - CoinDCX is India's largest and safest cryptocurrency exchange
7. Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of credit rating agency CRISIL _____ **Amish Mehta**.
Note:
 - He succeeded Ashu Suyash.
 - He joined CRISIL in October 2014 as President and Chief Financial Officer and became Chief Operating Officer (COO) in July 2017
 - CRISIL is an Indian analytical company and is a subsidiary of American company S&P Global.
8. Abiy Ahmed has been sworn in as the Prime Minister of which country for a second five-year term _____ **Ethiopia**.
Note:
 - His oath of office has been administered by Supreme Court Chief Justice Meaza Ashenafi.
 - His party won 410 seats out of 436 contested in the elections
 - Mr Abiy is the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize winner and is serving as prime minister of Ethiopia since 2018.
9. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of insurance giant Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) _____ **B C Patnaik**.

Note:

- He succeeded Mukesh Kumar Gupta, who completed his tenure on 30th September 2021.
- Prior to this, he served as secretary General at Council for Insurance Ombudsmen(CIO), Mumbai.
- LIC comprises of chairman and 4 MD. Other MDs: Raj Kumar, Siddhartha Mohanty and Ipe Mini.

10. Who has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador of National Basketball Association (NBA) _____ **Ranveer Singh.**

Note:

- Singh will work with the NBA to help grow the league's profile in India throughout its 75th anniversary season in 2021-22.

Important News - India

1. National Research Centre on Yak (NRCY) is located in which state/union territories _____ **Arunachal Pradesh.**

Note:

- National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has approved a credit plan for yak husbandry in Arunachal Pradesh, which will help herders secure loans for the purpose and strengthen their livelihoods.
- The scheme was developed by the National Research Centre on Yak (NRCY) at Dirang in West Kameng district.

2. FSSAI has signed a memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which ministry to support micro food entrepreneurs, farmer producer organisations (FPOs), self help groups (SHGs) and producers cooperatives to improve the standard of food businesses _____ **Ministry of Food Processing Industries.**

Note:

- As part of Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan, the step will help micro enterprises improve the quality of their food products and become competitive.
- There will be two areas of collaboration between FSSAI and MoFPI.

3. Who launched "SACRED portal" for senior citizens in India to provide a platform for senior citizens seeking employment opportunities _____ **M Venkaiah Naidu.**

Note:

- Portal has been developed by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in order to provide a platform for senior citizens seeking employment opportunities.
- Full form of SACRED is "Senior Able Citizens for Re-Employment in Dignity.
- Citizens aged 60 and more can register on this portal and find jobs & work opportunities.

4. Which institution and the Society for Innovation and Development (SID) have signed an MoU with Kerala Rail aimed at enhancing rail safety, especially in vulnerable terrains _____ **Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru.**

Note:

- The L2M Rail team and IISc have pioneered Fibre Bragg Grating sensing technology, to develop a Structural Health Monitoring System (SHMS) which will monitor civil engineering structures of Kerala Rail's Silverline project.
- The team uses FBG-sensor technology to ensure the stability and integrity of structures even in vulnerable areas, which comprise a large part of the terrain covered by the ambitious Silverline project.

5. World's largest national flag, made up of Khadi cloth, has been installed in _____ **Leh, Ladakh.**

Note:

- Ladakh Lt Governor RK Mathur inaugurated the flag
- This Indian tricolor is 225-feet long and 150-feet wide with weight of around 1,000 kg.
- The flag is made by Khadi Dyers and Printers based in Mumbai, affiliated to KVIC by 57 Engineer Regiment of the Indian Army.

6. Which ministry has launched a website for Republic Day Celebrations - 2022 Ministry of Defense _____ **Ministry of Defense.**

Note:

- New website is www.indianrdc.mod.gov.in.
- It will be a single-point official source for all the content related to Republic Day Celebrations.
- It includes features like special RDC Radio, Gallery, Interactive Filters, E-book, Blogs on Indian Freedom Movement, Wars and War Memorials.

7. According to "State of the Education Report (SOER)-2021 for India: No Teachers, No Class" released by UNESCO, what is gross enrolment ratio (GER) for elementary schools in India in 2019-2020 _____ **102.1.**

Note:

- As per report, there are around 1.2 lakh single-teacher schools in India. It accounts for 7.15 percent of 11.51 lakh schools. Out of this, 89 per cent are in rural areas.
 - 51 percent of total schools are employing 95 lakh teachers.
8. The Ministry of road, transport & highways launched a scheme for “Good Samaritans” according to which a cash award of what amount will be provided per accident, to those saving the life of a road accident victim by rushing the person to hospital within the ‘golden hour’ of the accident _____ **Rs 5,000.**

Note:

- Scheme will be effective from October 15, 2021 and will run till March 31, 2026.
 - Under the scheme, a cash award of Rs 5,000 will be provided per accident, to those saving the life of a road accident victim by rushing the person to hospital within the ‘golden hour’ of the accident.
 - Cash award will be provided to motivate the general public in order to help the road accident victims in emergency situation.
9. The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has released the Multilingual Dementia Research and Assessment (MUDRA) Toolbox in how many Indian languages _____ **five.**

Note:

- MUDRA Toolbox: Comprehensive tool specifically to diagnose dementia in Indian population.
 - It includes various cognitive tests to assess different domains of cognition.
 - It is an initiative undertaken by ICMR Neuro-Cognitive Toolbox (ICMR -NCTB) consortium.
10. Vice-President, M. Venkaiah Naidu has inaugurated Mahabahu Brahmaputra River Heritage Centre in which city _____ **Guwahati, Assam.**

Note:

- This new heritage site has been made by renovating and converting British-era bungalow atop the Barphukanar Tila (Barphukan’s Hillock) in Panbazar, which served as the residence of Deputy Commissioner till 2011.
 - Heritage centre will depict the life along the Brahmaputra River and has on display the heritage of boats, an Amphitheatre, an exhibition space, a cafeteria, so on and so forth.
11. The Union Cabinet has approved for setting up for 7 Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel Parks (PM MITRA) with a total outlay of _____ **₹4,445 crore.**

Note:

- This was first announced in the Budget this year.
 - Union Minister Piyush Goyal said that ten States — Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Assam, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Telangana — have already expressed interest.
12. The Ministry of Textiles has approved the continuation of the Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS) till _____ **2026.**

Note:

- Total outlay of CHCDS will be Rs 160 crores.
 - Aim: Upliftment and development of handicrafts artisans.
 - Under the scheme, Infrastructural support, market access, design and technology up-gradation support will be provided to handicrafts artisans.
13. The iconic Indian superhero - Chacha Chaudhary has been declared as the mascot of the which flagship programme _____ **Namami Gange Programme.**

Note:

- The decision was taken during the 37th Executive Committee meeting of the National Mission for Clean Ganga, NMCG.
 - As a step towards this NMCG has tied-up with Diamond Toons to develop and distribute comics, e-comics and animated videos
14. The Industrial Security Agreement summit between India and the US was held in _____ **New Delhi.**

Note:

- This group will meet periodically to align the policies and procedures expeditiously that will allow the defence industries to collaborate on cutting edge defence technologies.
 - The Industrial Security Agreement summit between India and the US was held New Delhi.
15. What is the goal of the Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U) 2.0 that was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently _____ **‘Garbage Free’ cities.**

Note:

- The two missions have been designed to realize the aspiration to make all cities Garbage Free and Water Secure.

- It will also help in achieving the targets set under the Sustainable Development Goals-2030.
- SBM-U 2.0 envisions to make all cities 'Garbage Free' and ensure grey and black water management in all cities.

16. What is the goal of the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) 2.0. that was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently _____ **'Water Secure' cities.**

Note:

- The two missions have been designed to realize the aspiration to make all cities Garbage Free and Water Secure.
- It will also help in achieving the targets set under the Sustainable Development Goals-2030.

17. According to a global study by the British Virgin Islands-based cybersecurity company Surfshark, what is India's rank in the Digital Quality of Life Index _____ **59th.**

Note:

- While India has witnessed a drop compared to last year — falling from 57th spot to 59th — it now ranks 17th in Asia and first in the South Asia region. Its e-security has also improved and it now ranks 36th (was 57th in 2020), higher than China which ranks 72nd. According to the index, India ranks 67th on internet quality indicator.
- Denmark topped the index for the second year in a row, followed by South Korea and Finland, while the bottom five countries include Ethiopia, Cambodia, Cameroon, Guatemala, and Angola.

Important News – State

1. Festival of Dance and Music "Nata Sankirtana" celebrated in which state _____ **Manipur.**

Note:

- Nata Sankirtana, which has been recognised as one of the intangible cultural heritages by the UNESCO, is among the dying art forms of the state.
- This art form, which is a combination of dance, music and Pung (drum), gets its place in the list of UNESCO's intangible cultural heritage.

2. Biennial Lokapriya Gopinath Bordoloi Award for National Integration and National Contribution being conferred by which state _____ **Assam.**

Note:

- The awards were conferred to the Assam Branch of Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust, Assamese litterateur Dr. Nirod Kumar Baruah and Shillong Chamber Choir at Srimanta Sankardeva Kalakshetra.
- The award carries five lakh rupees, a citation and an Angabastam.
- This award is one of the biggest civilian awards in Assam.

3. Which state government has launched 'Mukhyamantri Paryatan Udyog Sambal Yojana-2021' to provide relief to the entrepreneurs of the tourism and hospitality sector affected by COVID-19 pandemic _____ **Rajasthan.**

Note:

- Along with that the Chief Minister also launched a mobile app 'Rajasthan Tourism Official' designed to help tourists visiting Rajasthan in making their tour programmes.
- Beside this, the CM released a collection of various policies, schemes and guidelines issued by the tourism department for tourism development in the state.

4. Which state government has launched a face recognition software to aid police personnel during their investigations _____ **Andhra Pradesh.**

Note:

- The software would help compare photos of suspects with a data resource of over 5.30 lakh photos uploaded in the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS).
- The software is expected to track down accused persons, suspects, missing persons and unidentified corpses with data from the CCTNS.

5. Kuttiattoor Mango and Edayur Chilli belongs to which state that have received Geographical Indication tag (GI Tag) recently _____ **Kerala.**

Note:

- Edayur chilli is a local cultivar of Edayur, Athavanad, Marakkara, Irimbiliyam, Kalpakanchery and Valanchery panchayats in Valanchery block and Moorkanad and Kuruva panchayats in Angadippuram block of Malappuram district.
- Kuttiaattoor mango is a popular and tasty traditional mango cultivar of Kuttiaattoor and the nearby gram panchayats of Kannur district.

6. Famous Alibaug white onion belongs to which state that has been accorded Geographical Indication (GI) tag recently _____ **Maharashtra**.

Note:

- Now, Alibaug will get worldwide recognition for its unique sweet taste, no-tears factor, as well as medicinal properties white onions.
- Soil of Alibaug taluka has low sulphur content and so the onion has low pungency, low pyruvic acid, high protein, fat and fibre content, besides high antioxidant

7. According to a global study by the British Virgin Islands-based cybersecurity company Surfshark, which country topped in the Digital Quality of Life Index _____ **Denmark**.

Note:

- Denmark topped the index for the second year in a row, followed by South Korea and Finland, while the bottom five countries include Ethiopia, Cambodia, Cameroon, Guatemala, and Angola.
- The countries where the internet is least affordable are Nigeria, Côte D'Ivoire and Mali, where people are required to do approximately a week's worth of work to afford the internet.

8. Which state has decided to ban packaged mineral water from January 1, 2022 _____ **Sikkim**.

Note:

- Travellers must take note, and not enter the state with any packaged mineral water bottles.
- The Sikkim government has been working towards helping the environment heal, and save its natural resources.

9. Which state has launched 'Mission Basundhara' at a programme organised by the Revenue and Disaster Management department _____ **Assam**.

Note:

- The mission is a decisive step towards streamlining land revenue services and facilitating easy access to the public for their land-related work.
- A total of Rs 225 crore will be spent on the implementation of the programme and the mission will enable the rebuilding of all lost land records of the state.

Important News – World

1. Which country named the cyclone 'Shaheen' that battered Oman lashing the sultanate with high winds and rain and caused 5 people to die _____ **Qatar**.

Note:

- Cyclone Shaheen made landfall just off from Muscat, Oman's capital, with winds reaching up to 150 kph (93 mph).
- The name 'Shaheen' is given by Qatar which is a part of the member countries for the naming of a tropical cyclone in the Indian Ocean.

2. The 7th G-20 Parliamentary Speakers Summit is scheduled to be held in which city _____ **Rome, Italy**.

Note:

- An 8-member parliamentary delegation from India including Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh and Secretary Generals of both Houses of Parliament are set to participate in the summit.

- Duarte Pacheco President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) will address the Summit in the opening session and Prime Minister of Italy, Mario Draghi will be the keynote speaker.
3. Which country has successfully test-fired Hypersonic missile from a nuclear submarine for the first time _____
Russia.
Note:
- It previously has been repeatedly test-fired from a navy frigate, most recently in July.
 - Zircon is intended to arm Russian cruisers, frigates and submarines. It is one of several hypersonic missiles under development in Russia.
 - Missile would be commissioned in to Russian Navy in 2022.
4. What is the theme of the Dubai's Expo 2020 _____ **Connecting Minds, Creating the Future.**
Note:
- Main theme of Dubai Expo 2020: Connecting Minds, Creating the Future
 - Expo 2020 is the first to be held in Middle East and North Africa & South Asia region.
5. With which bank has the Bangladesh govt signed a USD 400 million agreement for constructing Dhaka-Sylhet highway to improve mobility, road safety and regional trade in northeast economic corridor in Bangladesh _____
Asian Development Bank.
Note:
- It is the first tranche of \$1.78 billion financing facility approved by ADB for South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) Dhaka-Sylhet Road investment project.
 - It will be utilized for widening of about 210 kms of Dhaka-Sylhet road from 2-lane to 4 lane highway among other activities.
6. 'The State of the World's Children 2021' is a flagship publication of which organization that was by Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Mansukh Mandaviya _____ **UNICEF.**
Note:
- Mansukh Mandaviya has released UNICEF's global flagship publication 'The State of the World's Children 2021; On My Mind: promoting, protecting and caring for children's mental health'
 - It says only 41% of young people in India were willing to seek support for mental health problems, compared to an average of 83% among 21 countries surveyed
 - The report has found that around 14% of 15 to 24-year-olds in India, or 1 in 7, reported often feeling depressed or having little interest in doing things.
7. First consignment of Geographical Indication (GI) tagged sweet dish Mihidana from Bardhaman, West Bengal has been exported to which country _____ **Kingdom of Bahrain.**
Note:
- It is part of the effort to promote indigenous and GI tagged products of India globally.
 - It was exported by APEDA registered M/S DM Enterprises, Kolkata.
 - Mihidana sweet dish got GI tag in 2017.
8. India has been chosen as the Partner Administration for Tax Inspectors Without Borders (TIWB) programme. The TIWB is a joint initiative of _____ **UNDP and OECD.**
Note:
- TIWB has launched its programme in Seychelles on 4th October 2021.
 - India will be providing its Tax Expert in support of the initiative.
 - TIWB: Joint initiative of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), since its launch in 2015.

Honor & Awards

1. According to the IIFL Wealth Hurun India Rich List 2021, Mukesh Ambani continues to be the richest man of India for consecutive year _____ **5th year.**

Note:

- Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani is at second spot with net worth of Rs. 5,05,900 crores, followed by Shiv Nadar & family of HCL technologies with net worth of Rs 2,36,600 crore
- Hurun India Rich List 2021, features as many as 1,007 individuals across 119 cities with net worth of Rs 1,000 crore

2. Along with whom Mallika Srinivasan has been chosen for the 2021 Global Leadership Award by US India Business Council (USIBC) _____ **Shiv Nadar.**

Note:

- Global Leadership Awards was given annually since 2007 to honor top corporate executives from US and India who have demonstrated exemplary leadership
- Shiv Nadar: Founder and chairman emeritus of HCL Technologies Limited.
- Mallika Srinivasan: Chair and managing director, Tractors and Farm Equipment Limited (TAFE).

3. Who won the Nobel Prize 2021 in Medicine or Physiology _____ **David Julius and Ardem Patapoutian.**

Note:

- According to Nobel Assembly at Sweden's Karolinska Institute, their findings "have allowed us to understand how heat, cold and mechanical force can initiate the nerve impulses that allow us to perceive and adapt to the world around us.
- The more than century-old prize is worth 10 million Swedish crowns (\$1.15 million).
- The Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine, shared in equal parts this year by the two laureates.

4. Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh felicitated the winners of 'Dare to Dream 2.0', young scientist award 2021. The Contest was organized by _____ **DRDO.**

Note:

- The Raksha Mantri gave away awards to 40 winners - 22 in Individual category and 18 in Startup category. He also launched 'Dare to Dream 3.0' to promote innovators & startups and provide a platform for the young ignited minds in the country.
- Dare to Dream is DRDO's pan-India contest to promote Indian academicians, individuals and startups to develop emerging defence and aerospace technologies/systems. DRDO provides technical and financial support to the winners for realisation of their ideas under the Technology Development Fund (TDF) scheme.

5. Scientist Giorgio Parisi held from which country who won half share of the 2021 Nobel Physics Prize _____ **Italy.**

Note:

- Manabe and Hasselmann were cited for their work in "the physical modeling of Earth's climate, quantifying variability and reliably predicting global warming".
- The second half of the prize was awarded to Parisi for "the discovery of the interplay of disorder and fluctuations in physical systems from atomic to planetary scales."
- The prestigious prize is worth 10 million Swedish crowns (\$1.15 million) and is given by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.

6. Which group of persons won the 2021 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for their development of asymmetric organocatalysis, a "new and ingenious tool for molecule building _____ **Benjamin List and David MacMillan.**

Note:

- "Organic catalysts can be used to drive multitudes of chemical reactions," the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said in a statement.
- "Using these reactions, researchers can now more efficiently construct anything from new pharmaceuticals to molecules that can capture light in solar cells."
- The more than century-old prize is awarded by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences and is worth 10 million Swedish crowns (\$1.14 million).

Sports News

1. Which countries men's table tennis team created history by winning a medal at the Asian Table Tennis Championship 2021 _____ **India.**

Note:

- The team consisting of Sathiyar Gnanasekaran, Sharath Kamal, Harmeet Desai, Sanil Shetty, and Manav Thakkar won the bronze medal after losing to South Korea 0-3 in the semi-finals.
 - This is India's second medal at Asian Championships since 1976.
 - The Indian team was assured of a medal after beating Iran 3-1 in the quarterfinals.
2. Who became first Indian woman to score a Test hundred on Australian soil _____ **Smriti Mandhana**.
- Note:**
- She completed her century to shape up India's first innings on the second day of the first pink-ball day and night One-off Test match being played between India and Australia women at the Carrara Oval in Queensland, Australia.
 - She scored 127 runs with 22 fours and a six.
 - Put into bat, India women were off to a solid start with both openers Mandhana and Shafali Verma scored together a 93-run partnership.
3. Which team has won the 2021 Durand Cup football title held in Kolkata _____ **FC Goa**.
- Note:**
- Captain Eduardo Bedia scored the all important goal in the 105th minute after the final match went into the extra time.
 - The Durand Cup crown also marks FC Goa coach Juan Ferrando Fenoll's first-ever trophy on Indian soil.
 - FC Goa got 40 lakh rupees for winning the title, while Mohammedan Sporting received 20 lakh rupees.
4. Who has won inaugural Meltwater Champions Chess Tour (MCCT) to claim the non-fungible token (NFT) trophy, and \$1,00,000 in the finals _____ **Magnus Carlsen**.
- Note:**
- It is a 10-month long online chess tournaments, which was held on chess24.com from November 22, 2020 till October 4, 2021.
 - Tournaments are not rated by FIDE
 - MCCT tour comprised of 10 total tournaments.
 - It was the most viewed online chess event in history of the game.
5. Who won a gold medal in the women's 10m air pistol event at the ISSF junior world championship _____ **Manu Bhaker**.
- Note:**
- Esha Singh, 16, grabbed the silver medal in a one-two finish for India while Rhythm ended in fourth place in the finals after missing out on a podium by just .2 points.
 - India's Rudranksh Patil claimed the silver medal in the men's 10m air rifle competition. Ramita won bronze in the women's 10m air rifle junior event with a total score of 229.1, even as the well-known Mehuli Ghosh finished fifth in the final and Nisha Kanwar eighth

Books and Authors

1. Who authored the book titled 'Chronicles from the Land of the Happiest People on Earth' _____ **Wole Soyinka**.
- Note:**
- It has been authored by Wole Soyinka (Africa's first Nobel laureate in Literature).
 - The book has been published by Bloomsbury India
 - He wrote his last novel Season of Anomy in 1973.
 - The book is related to political and social corruption.

Science and Defence

1. NASA is poised to send its first spacecraft to study the Trojan asteroids of which planet _____ **Jupiter**.
- Note:**
- The probe, called Lucy after an ancient fossil that provided insights into the evolution of human species, will launch on October 16 from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida.
 - Its mission is to investigate the group of rocky bodies circling the Sun in two swarms, one preceding Jupiter in its orbital path and the other trailing behind it.
2. Which IIT has developed a hydrogel from discarded corneas that can be used as an alternative to Corneal transplantation _____ **IIT Hyderabad**.
- Note:**

- Research team was led by Dr Falguni Pati, an Associate Professor at Department of Bio-medical Engineering at IIT-H.
 - Hydrogel was developed from discarded corneas of human and bovine sources using novel and simple method.
 - The team discovered the most significant feature of this tissue-specific hydrogel in order to prevent cells from scar tissue formation.
3. With which country has India conducted the 8th edition of joint military exercise 'Mitra Shakti 21' _____ **Sri Lanka.**
- Note:**
- The 12 days exercise is being conducted at Combat Training School in Sri Lanka's Ampara from October 4-15.
 - The aim of the exercise is to promote close relations between armies of both countries and enhance interoperability and sharing best practices in counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism operations.
 - The joint exercise is designed for incorporating the current dynamics of United Nations' peacekeeping operations through tactical exercises and practical discussions.
4. With which country India has conducted the 5th edition of bilateral maritime exercise 'JIMEX-21' in Arabian Sea _____ **Japan.**
- Note:**
- JIMEX series of exercises were introduced in January 2012 with special focus on maritime security cooperation.
 - It involves weapon firings, cross-deck helicopter operations and complex surface, anti-submarine and air warfare drills will consolidate coordination developed by the two navies.

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