

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** (22-30) of **September 2021**. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has cut India's growth projection for financial year 2021-22 to _____ **10 per cent.**
Note:
 - The downward revision in growth forecast has been a result of India's economic recovery getting impacted due to spike in Covid-19 cases in May.
 - Because consumption will recover only gradually, government spending and exports will contribute more to FY2021's growth than they did in the previous fiscal year.
2. Who has launched 'National Single Window System (NSWS)' for the investors and businesses _____ **Piyush Goyal.**
Note:
 - NSWS: single window portal that will act as a one-stop-shop for investors or entrepreneur, to get approvals and clearances needed from Government.
 - It shall give freedom from legacy of running to government offices for approvals and registrations needed by investors, entrepreneurs, and businesses in India.
 - Currently, portal hosts approvals across 18 Central Departments and 9 States.
3. As per the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), what will be the growth rate of Indian Economy the current financial year (2021-22) _____ **9.7 per cent.**
Note:
 - For financial year 2022-23 (FY23), OECD has projected Indian economy to grow by 7.9%, as compared to 8.2% pegged earlier.
 - Global economy: OECD has projected strong growth rate of 5.7% in 2021 and 4.5% in 2022, as compared to 5.8% and 4.4%, respectively, estimated earlier.
4. Which bank has partnered with Visa to offer credit cards to its customers on the payment platform _____ **Yes Bank.**
Note:
 - Visa co-branded cards come with 9 credit card variants covering all segments, consumer cards, business cards, and corporate cards across YES First, YES Premia and YES Prosperity.
 - Yes Bank has achieved transition to Visa as payment network within a record time of less than 60 days, post the bank imposed on Mastercard.
5. For which bank the BLS International Services Ltd has been selected as National Business Correspondent to deliver banking services in urban, semi-urban and rural areas across the country _____ **State Bank of India.**
Note:
 - It would deliver last mile banking services to support the financial inclusion mission of Indian government.
 - BLS will soon initiate banking services like savings bank deposits, fixed deposit, recurring deposit, remittances, micro pension, micro insurance, account open with e-KYC, AEPS mini statement, passbook printing for SBI account holders spread across India.
6. In a major push towards financial inclusion, PayPoint India has entered into a partnership with which bank to provide banking services across the country through the Business Correspondent (BC) model _____ **Bank of Baroda.**
Note:
 - Commercial banks have been finding it unviable to set up owned branches at remote locations and smaller centres, but with PayPoint India's proven expertise in taking financial and payment products to the remotest locations through its vast and ever-expanding distribution network. Almost all essential banking services can be delivered through BC customer service points.

- Besides commercial banks, many renowned service providers, including insurance companies, Telcos, Electricity boards, and even IRCTC, use the PayPoint India network to reach out to their customers across India.
7. Which of the following banks and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) have launched an international co-branded RuPay NCMC Platinum contactless debit card _____ **Bank of Baroda.**
- Note:**
- This personalised RuPay platinum international debit card comes with various benefits including 5 per cent cashback up to ₹50 on the first 2 transactions at BPCL outlets.
 - The BoB BPCL RuPay co-branded debit card is powered with the “National Common Mobility Card (NCMC)” feature that enables contactless transactions across all the public transport systems in the country such as metros, buses, cabs suburban railways, toll, parking, and topping-up FASTags and also for retail purchases.
8. TRIFED has entered into an MoU with which e-grocery platform for the promotion and sale of natural Van Dhan products _____ **BigBasket.**
- Note:**
- With this, Big Basket will be able to enrich its portfolio through the of hand-made authentic forest products sourced by the tribal population.
 - These strategic collaborations of TRIFED – TRIBES INDIA will help Van Dhan tribal beneficiaries in remote areas to overcome challenges restricting their access to domestic and international markets.
9. The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has imposed a cap of what amount on the total entitlement under the Services Exports from India Scheme (SEIS) per exporter for shipments done in 2019-20 (FY20) _____ **Rs 5 crore.**
- Note:**
- The move is expected to benefit small businesses in the services sector.
 - SEIS was rolled out six years ago, as part of the foreign trade policy 2015-2020, to promote export of services from India.
 - Under the scheme, the government gives 3-5 per cent incentive on net foreign exchange earned in the form of duty-credit scrips. Scrips can be used for payment of basic and additional Customs duties on goods imported.
10. What is the authorized capital of the India Debt Resolution Company Ltd (IDRCL), set up the government of India to clean up bad loans _____ **Rs 50 crore.**
- Note:**
- IDRCL will work in collaboration with National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL) to clean up bad loans.
 - Shareholders of IDRCL: Bank of Baroda, Punjab National Bank, Bank of India, Bank of Maharashtra, SBI, Union Bank of India, Canara Bank, Indian Bank and IDBI Bank.
11. As per the new guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) regarding Securitization of Standard Assets and loan transfer, what will be the minimum ticket size for issuance of securitization notes _____ **Rs 1 crore.**
- Note:**
- As per the guidelines of RBI, minimum ticket size for issuance of securitization notes will be Rs.1 crore
 - Minimum holding period for different categories of loans after which they shall become eligible for transfer has been prescribed in it.
12. According to ICRA what will be India’s real GDP growth for India in financial year 2021-22 _____ **9.0 percent.**
- Note:**
- It can be noted that after the 7.3 per cent contraction in 2020-21, there were expectations of a higher growth number in 2021-22.
 - However, the second wave of COVID-19 infections early into the fiscal year, which spread even in the hinterland, made analysts more circumspect.
 - The RBI expects the economy to grow at 9.5 per cent.
13. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has set the limit for Ways and Means Advances (WMA) for the second half of financial year 2021-22 at _____ **Rs 50,000 crores.**
- Note:**
- RBI may trigger fresh floatation of market loans when the Government of India utilizes 75% of the WMA limit.
 - interest rate on WMA/overdraft will be:
 - For WMA: Repo Rate
 - For Overdraft: Two percent above the Repo Rate
 - WMAs are short-term advances given by central bank to help states tide over temporary mismatches in their cash flow.

14. Which bank has partnered with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to launch the 'RuPay Signet Contactless Credit Card' _____ **Federal Bank.**

Note:

- It comes with the lowest Annual Percentage Rate (APR) starting from just 5.88 per cent per annum.
- The Federal Bank RuPay Signet credit cardholders will gain access to a wide variety of offers and deals across categories including travel, food and dining, shopping, sports, entertainment, lifestyle and much more.

15. Which E-commerce company has launched a future engineer program in India, its global computer science education programme _____ **Amazon.**

Note:

- According to the company, the programme will enable access to quality computer science education and career opportunities for students from underrepresented and underserved communities.
- In the first year of its launch, Amazon aims to enable and deliver learning opportunities to more than 1 lakh students from 900 government and aided schools across seven states in India.

16. What amount of investment has been approved by the union cabinet in ECGC Ltd. (formerly known as Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India Ltd.) in five years to provide support to exporters as well as banks _____ **Rs. 4,400 crore.**

Note:

- Capital Infusion and planned IPO are to increase ECGC's underwriting capacity up to 88,000 crore and propel additional exports of 5.28 lakh crore over a five-year period.
- It will help create 59 lakh new jobs including 2.6 lakh in formal sector.
- This decision is part of a series export related schemes and initiatives taken by the Government over the last few years.
- These measures will provide a boost to the exports sector.

17. Which bank has tied-up with OneCard for a mobile-first credit card that targets the country's young, tech-savvy population _____ **Federal Bank.**

Note:

- It will target young working professionals aged 23-35, primarily representing the millennials and Gen Z.
- The mobile-first credit card offers in-app on-boarding, whereby the virtual card can be activated and used instantly, while the metal card is delivered to the customer in three to five days. The cards will be powered by Visa.

18. Which bank and Mastercard announced the launch of a new festive campaign, #UseBefikar, which rewards existing cardholders with exciting shopping offers and rewards _____ **RBL Bank.**

Note:

- Backed by renowned personalities including Riteish Deshmukh, Mirabai Chanu and Vikrant Massey, the campaign is running through a video series that aims to strike a chord with cardholders at the start of the festive season.
- These videos will highlight the card's versatile offerings for every family member, focusing on categories such as health and fitness, e-commerce, online bill payments and food delivery.

19. Which state has entered into an agreement with Wingsure, an insurtech venture spin-out of SRI International _____ **Telangana.**

Note:

- As a part of the agreement, Wingsure will provide deep-tech-based personalised crop insurance products and advisory services to small, underserved farmers in the State.
- The alliance is among the first in the global farming ecosystem and will help Telangana to promote social inclusion and digital transformation in Indian agriculture.

20. According to the data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), bank deposits grew by what on a year-on-year basis during the financial year 2020-21 _____ **11.9 per cent.**

Note:

- The share of CASA deposits increased to 43.7 per cent in March 2021 from 41.7 per cent a year ago
- Individuals were the major constituent of the household sector and contributed 55.8 per cent in aggregate deposits. Bank deposits of non-financial corporations surged by 18.8 percent during 2020-21 and their share in total deposits increased to 16.2 percent in March-2021.

Obituaries

1. Hussein Tantawi was military general of which country who passed away recently _____ **Egypt.**

Note:

- Field Marshal Tantawi was Mubarak's loyal defense minister for some 20 years.
- But it was Tantawi who led the country after the then-chief spy Omar Suliman announced on state television on February 11, 2011, that Mubarak was stepping down after the 18 days of protest against his government.
- Tantawi went on to chair the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces, which took power.

2. Renowned personality Ramanuj Prasad Singh passed away recently, he was a veteran _____ **News Reader.**

Note:

- Former Hindi Newsreader of All India Radio Ramanuj Prasad Singh (86 years) passed away in Gurugram
- He served AIR for 3 decades and became a well-known name among the common people for his news reading for years

3. Former Commissioner of Delhi Police, Yudhvir Singh Dadwal passed away recently, he also served as governor of which state _____ **Arunachal Pradesh.**

Note:

- He is a 1974-batch IPS officer and served as the 16th police commissioner of Delhi from July 2007 to November 2010.
- After retirement, he was appointed as the Director-General of Central Paramilitary Force, Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) in November 2010.
- He was appointed as the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh in 2016.

4. Renowned personality Kamla Bhasin passed away he was a veteran _____ **Author.**

Note:

- She has authored several books, especially on gender theory and feminism, many of which have been translated into more than 30 languages.
- She started working on developmental issues in 1970s
- She was best known for her work with Sangat - A Feminist Network and for her poem Kyunki main ladki hoon, mujhe padhna hai.

Important Days

1. World Rhino Day is observed every year on which date _____ **22nd September.**

Note:

- The day aims to raise awareness about the African and Asian species of rhinos.
- World Rhino Day was announced by World Wildlife Fund -South Africa in 2010.
- Both African species and the Sumatran rhinoceros have two horns, while the Indian and Javan rhinoceros have a single horn.
- The theme of World Rhino Day 2021 is 'Keep the Five Alive'.

2. International Day of Sign Languages (IDSL) is being observed annually on _____ **23rd September.**

Note:

- The day raise awareness on sign languages and strengthen the status about sign languages.
- The date of 23 September has been chosen to mark IDSL as it commemorates establishment of the World Federation of the Deaf on 23 September 1951.
- It was first celebrated in 2018 as the International Week of the Deaf.

3. 99th Military Engineer Services Raising Day was observed on which date _____ **26th September.**

Note:

- On this occasion Lt Gen Harpal Singh Engineer-in-Chief, urged all the Military Engineer Services personnel to continue dedicating themselves to the Military Engineering Services.
- MES is a premier construction agency and an important pillar of Corps of Engineers of the Indian Army.
- It provides rear line engineering support to the Armed Forces and other associated organisations of the Ministry of Defence (MoD).

4. What is the theme of the World Tourism Day 2021 _____ **Tourism for Inclusive Growth.**

Note:

- It was first observed in 1980
- Theme for WTD 2021: Tourism for Inclusive Growth

- This date was chosen by United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) to commemorate the adoption of Statutes of UNWTO in 1970
5. International Day for the Universal Access to Information (Access to Information Day) is observed every year on which date _____ **28th September**.
- Note:**
- Universal access to information: everyone has the right to seek, receive and impart information for healthy and inclusive knowledge societies.
 - Initially, it was designated by UNESCO in November 2015 and was first held on 28 September 2016.
6. What is the theme of the World Rabies Day 2021 _____ **Rabies: Facts, not Fear**.
- Note:**
- 2021 is the 15th edition of World Rabies Day.
 - Theme of WRD 2021: Rabies: Facts, not Fear.
 - The day marks the death anniversary of the French chemist and microbiologist, Louis Pasteur', who developed the first rabies vaccine.
7. What is the theme of the World Heart Day (WHD) 2021 _____ **USE HEART to connect**.
- Note:**
- World Heart Day (WHD) is observed every year on 29 September to draw people's attention to heart illness and the range of associated health issues.
 - WHD was created by World Heart Federation in 1999 to raise awareness about cardiovascular disease, including heart disease and stroke.
 - It was originally celebrated on the last Sunday in September till 2011.
8. International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste is observed every year on which date to promote and implement global efforts to resolve the issue of food wastage _____ **29th September**.
- Note:**
- Theme for 2021: Stop food loss and waste. For the people. For the planet.
 - 29 September is being designated as International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste in 2019 by UN General Assembly
 - It was first observed in 2020
9. What is the theme of International Translation Day 2021 _____ **United in translation**.
- Note:**
- The day is organized by International Federation of Translators (FIT)
 - Theme 2021: United in translation
10. The World Pharmacist Day is observed every year on which date _____ **25th September**.
- Note:**
- The Day is celebrated to encourage activities that promote and advocate for the role of the pharmacist in improving health in every corner of the world.
 - 2021 theme: "Pharmacy: Always trusted for your health".
 - The day was designated in 2009 by the FIP Council (International Pharmaceutical Federation or Federation Internationale Pharmaceutique) at the World Congress of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences in Istanbul.
11. International Car-Free Day is celebrated every year on _____ **22nd September**.
- Note:**
- World Car-Free Day is the perfect time to take the heat off the planet and put it on the city planners and politicians to give priority to cycling, walking and public transport instead of an automobile.

New Appointments

1. Who has been appointed as the next Chief of the Air Staff (CoAS), with effect from 1st October 2021 _____ **Vivek Ram Chaudhari**.
- Note:**
- Presently, he is serving as the Vice Chief of Air Staff.
 - He will succeed incumbent Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria, whose tenure will come to end on September 30, 2021
 - He was the chief of Western Air Command from August 1, 2020.
2. Which Indian has been appointed as the new Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Advocates by United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres _____ **Kailash Satyarthi**.

Note:

- Four newly appointed advocates are: Nobel Peace Laureate Kailash Satyarthi, STEM activist Valentina Muñoz Rabanal, Microsoft President Brad Smith and K-pop superstars BLACKPINK (South Korean girl group).
- With this, UN now has total 16 SDG Advocates.
- SDG Advocates are prominent leaders in the world who work to mobilize action to deliver the 17 SDGs by 2030, using their considerable spheres of influence.

3. Who took over as the 34th Director General of National Cadet Corps (NCC) _____ **Gurbirpal Singh**.

Note:

- He succeeded Tarun Kumar Aich.
- He was commissioned into the Parachute Regiment in 1987.
- He has commanded a Special Forces Battalion in the intense counter-terrorism environment of the Valley Sector in Kashmir and also in the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

4. Who has been appointed as the global brand ambassador of Mastercard Inc _____ **Magnus Carlsen**.

Note:

- This step is part of move by Mastercard for adding chess in its coveted list of sports sponsorship.
- It has joined Meltwater Champions Chess Tour as an official partner, in its first sponsorship move into chess.

5. Who has been appointed as the external auditor of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) _____ **G C Murmu**.

Note:

- His tenure will be valid for six years from 2022 to 2027.
- He was selected as the next external auditor of the IAEA at General Conference of the IAEA in Vienna.

6. Who has been appointed as the President of All India Management Association (AIMA) _____ **C K Ranganathan**.

Note:

- C K Ranganathan has been appointed as the new President of All India Management Association (AIMA) for one year till September 2022.
- He is the Chairman & Managing Director of CavinKare.
- He succeeded Harsh Pati Singhania (JK Paper Vice Chairman & Managing Director).

Important News – India

1. Which state topped among the larger states in the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)'s 3rd State Food Safety Index (SFSI) to measure the performance of States across five parameters of food safety _____ **Gujarat**.

Note:

- Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Shri Mansukh Mandaviya released Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)'s 3rd State Food Safety Index (SFSI) to measure the performance of States across five parameters of food safety.
- Among the smaller states, Goa stood first followed by Meghalaya and Manipur.
- Among UTs, Jammu & Kashmir, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and New Delhi secured top ranks.

2. Who will head the task force constituted by the central government to firm up recommendations to further strengthen the resilience of the country's financial sector against risks emanating from various climate and environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues _____ **Ajay Seth**.

Note:

- It will be headed by Economic Affairs Secretary, Ajay Seth.
- The panel will look out at ways to further strengthen the resilience of the country's financial sector against risks emanating from various climate and environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues.
- It will also look after sustainable finance in India.

3. Two more beaches in India have been accorded the coveted 'Blue Flag' certification by Foundation for Environment Education (FEE), taking the total number of such beaches in the country to _____ **10**.

Note:

- Foundation for Environment Education (FEE) in Denmark awarded the certification to Kovalam in Tamil Nadu and Eden in Puducherry beaches.
- The foundation also given re-certification for 8 beaches that were awarded the Blue Flag certificate last year, namely Shivrajpur in Gujarat, Ghoghla in Diu, Kasarkod and Padubidri in Karnataka, Kappad in Kerala, Rushikonda in Andhra Pradesh, Golden in Odisha, and Radhanagar in Andaman and Nicobar.

4. Under whose chairmanship the union education ministry constituted a 12-member committee to develop new curriculums for school, early childhood, teacher and adult education _____ **K Kasturirangan**.

Note:

- The panel tasked with developing four national curriculum frameworks (NCFs) will be headed by National Education Policy-2020 (NEP-2020) drafting committee chairperson K Kasturirangan.
 - Kasturirangan is also a former chief of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
5. Union Minister, Sarbananda Sonowal has virtually flagged off dwarf container train service from which port _____ **Jawaharlal Nehru Port (JNPT)**.

Note:

- This is the first consignment of laden dwarf containers from Mumbai-based JNPT port, biggest container port in India.
 - Consignment was moved by train to Inland Container Depot (ICD) Kanpur.
 - Main benefit of dwarf containers are that they are shorter in size due to which they can be double-stacked, as well as easily run on electrified tracks.
6. The 45th Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council meeting was held in which city _____ **Lucknow**.

Note:

- A GoM led by Karnataka chief minister Basavaraj S. Bommai has been tasked to propose rationalisation of tax rates and considering the merger of different tax slabs within two months.
 - This marks the first steps taken by the government towards a complete overhaul of the indirect tax regime to augment revenue.
 - The GoM's terms of reference on rate rationalization said that it would be reviewing inverted duty structure in all items except where the Council has already announced its decision to fix the inverted structure.
7. Who launched Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission through video conferencing _____ **Narendra Modi**.

Note:

- "This Mission has potential to bring revolutionary changes in our health facilities.
 - Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission will play a big role in eliminating problems in medical treatment of poor and middle class.
8. Which organization has launched a country-wide training and capacity building programme for women in dairy farming _____ **National Commission for Women**.

Note:

- NCW is collaborating with agricultural universities all across India to identify and train women associated with dairy farming and allied activities in different aspects such as value addition, quality enhancement, packaging and marketing of dairy products among others.
9. Under what theme the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has launched the seventh consecutive edition of Swachh Survekshan (SS) 2022 _____ **People First**.

Note:

- Designed with 'People First' as its driving philosophy, Swachh Survekshan 2022 is curated towards capturing the initiatives of cities for the overall welfare and well-being of frontline sanitation workers.
 - With this launch, MoHUA also kicks off the week-long celebrations of 'Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.
10. Along with which ministry the Ministry of Food Processing Industries has virtually launched Seed Capital Module under Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme _____ **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs**.

Note:

- It was launched on Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) MIS Portal to members of urban Self-Help Groups working in the food processing sector
- The portal can be accessed at <https://nulm.gov.in/Auth/Login.aspx> to avail seed capital assistance of Rs 40,000 per SHG member under PMFME Scheme.
- PMFME Scheme is a centrally sponsored scheme to enhance the competitiveness and promote formalization of the unorganized micro-food processing enterprises in India.

11. Which ministry has launched the Planetarium Innovation Challenge for Indian start-ups and tech entrepreneurs _____ **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology**.

Note:

- The challenge aims to bring together the tech firms and Start-ups (based out of India) with the potential to build an indigenous planetariums system software using latest technologies including Augmented Reality (A.R.), Virtual Reality (V.R.) and Merged Reality (M.R.).

12. Who has launched 'Amul Honey', product of Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd. under active cooperation with National Bee Board _____ **Narendra Singh Tomar**.

Note:

- It launch saw the importance of National Beekeeping and Honey Mission for doubling income of farmers and beekeepers through beekeeping with the budgetary allocation of Rs 500 crores
- Quality of honey is a major concern in the country for which 5 large scale Regional Honey Testing Labs and 100 Mini Honey Testing Labs are being set up all over the country.

13. Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju inaugurated country's first "Sports Arbitration Centre of India" that will serve as an independent body to fast-track disputes in the sports sector in which state _____ **Gujarat**.

Note:

- This centre will have "a far-reaching impact" and play an important role in expanding the country's sports sector.
- The SACI is promoted by Ahmedabad-based SE TransStadia Pvt Ltd as an independent body to fast track disputes in the sports sector.

14. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the continuation of the national scheme of "PM POSHAN in schools", earlier known as 'National Programme for Mid-Day Meal in Schools till _____ **2025-26**.

Note:

- The Union Cabinet approved the roll-out of the 'PM POSHAN in Schools' scheme that will provide hot cooked meal to students of elementary classes in government and government-aided schools across the country.
- This is a centrally-sponsored scheme which covers all school children studying in classes 1 to 8 in government, government-aided schools.

Important News – State

1. Uttar Pradesh govt has cleared proposal to develop 'Electronic Park' in which place to promote electronics industry _____ **Noida**.

Note:

- Park is proposed to be developed in an area of 250 acres near Jewar Airport.
- It will be built at an investment of around Rs 50,000 crore as well as generate employment for thousands of local youths
- National and international companies manufacturing mobile phones, TVs and other electronic devices and accessories will establish their units in the park.

2. Which state government has launched a mobile music classroom and recording studio which aims to assist children of government schools in pursuing their passion for music _____ **Delhi**.

Note:

- The Delhi government claimed that it is India's first 'Mobile Music Bus', and aims to train children through a media-based curriculum, including audio production and film production, to help them build sustainable careers in these fields.
- The project is likely to benefit 5,000 children.
- Under this project, a bus has been transformed into a moving music class, a high-quality music recording studio and a performing stage.

3. Which state government roped in UNICEF and Centre for Policy Research (CPR) for urban-rural convergence on Faecal Sludge and Septage Management (FSSM) and Plastic Waste Management (PWM) _____ **Odisha**.

Note:

- A Letter of Understanding (LoU) was signed between the departments of Housing and Urban Development (H&UD) and the Panchayati Raj and Drinking Water (PR&DW) and Unicef and CPR.
- The initiative aimed at strengthening the efforts of both departments to ensure district-wide FSSM and PWM through urban-rural convergence will be piloted in seven districts in the first phase.
- The Gram Panchayats will now be tagged to urban facilities like faecal sludge treatment plants (FSTPs) and material recovery facilities for effective faecal sludge and plastic waste management.

4. Sweet Cucumber from which state has officially been certified by India's Registrar of Geographical Indications (GI) as an agricultural good unique to the state _____ **Nagaland**.

Note:

- It is the third agricultural products and fourth overall to be granted GI tag from Nagaland.
 - GI tag has been granted under Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999.
 - Naga cucumber are mostly cultivated in Mon, Mokokchung, Peren and Wokha districts of the state.
5. Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has recently set up a 'Tussar Silk Yarn Production Centre' in which state _____ **Odisha**.

Note:

- This silk yarn production centre will ensure local availability of Tussar Silk yarn, create local employment and reduce the silk production cost.
 - Tussar silk is one of the finest varieties of Silk that is distinguished by its coarseness and porous weave that give it a rugged and rustic appearance.
6. Judima rice wine from which state has been awarded geographical indication (GI) tag _____ **Assam**.

Note:

- Judima: Local fermented drink made with rice, brewed by Dimasa community in Assam.
 - It derives its name from words ju which means wine and Dima means 'belonging to the Dimasa'.
 - It is the first traditional brew of northeast to bag GI tag.
7. Sojat Mehndi (Henna) from which state has been awarded geographical indication (GI) tag _____ **Rajasthan**.

Note:

- Sojat tehsil of Pali district, Rajasthan has suitable geological structure, topography and drainage system, climate, and soil for naturally cultivating the mehndi leave crop.

Important News – World

1. Which country became the 9th member of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) _____ **Iran**.

Note:

- Iran was holding the observer status for the past 15 years.
 - The technical and legal process could take up to two years to conclude.
 - Full member of SCO: China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, India and Pakistan
2. Justin Trudeau is the prime minister of which country who won third term of the 2021 parliamentary elections of that country recently _____ **Canada**.

Note:

- His Liberal Party only manage to win minority seats in the election, leading in 155 of 338 seats in the House of Commons, compared with 123 seats for Conservatives under Erin O'Toole
 - A party needs 170 seats to form a majority in the House of Commons.
 - Justin Trudeau is in power since 2015.
3. Which country has decided to set up an e-commerce regulatory body to monitor the sector properly _____ **Bangladesh**.

Note:

- The step has been taken after major e-commerce company of Bangladesh allegedly cheated consumers worth hundreds of crores
 - Other proposals include formation of a central complaint management cell, mandatory registration, action against schemers and amending the Digital Security Act and Money Laundering Prevention Act.
4. With which country, India holds the first Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting on Coal and Mines through Video conferencing _____ **Australia**.

Note:

- It is a precursor to the upcoming India-Australia Energy Dialogue scheduled to be held next month.
 - The meeting was co-chaired by Additional Secretary in Ministry of Coal Vinod Kumar Tiwari from the Indian side and Head of Resources Division Paul Trotman from the Australian side.
 - The discussions focused on Indian coal resources in the present and future scenario, critical and strategic minerals-demand and supply scenario and engagements with Australian counterpart.
5. United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has signed an MoU with which institution to improve food, nutrition security and livelihoods in India against the impacts of climate change _____ **ICRISAT**.

Note:

- WFP and ICRISAT will work jointly to promote research, advocacy and raising awareness on traditional nutritious crops, undertaking food and nutritional security analysis and adaptation strategies, among other engagements.

6. In September 2021, which country becomes the world's 30th country to adopt same-sex marriages, and one of the last remaining western European nations to do so _____ **Switzerland**.

Note:

- According to results provided by the Swiss federal chancellery, 64.1 percent of voters voted in favour of same-sex marriage in Sunday's nationwide referendum.
- Switzerland is the world's 30th country to adopt same-sex marriages, and one of the last remaining western European nations to do so.
- The Netherlands was the first in 2001.

7. In September 2021, which India has signed a White Shipping Agreement with which country _____ **Oman**.

Note:

- The MoU was signed at the Maritime Security Center (MSC) in Muscat during the Indian Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Karambir Singh's ongoing three-day visit to Oman.
- The MoU on exchange of white shipping information is expected to contribute to enhanced maritime safety and security, mutual collaboration, exchange of information and understanding the concerns and threats which are prevalent in the entire region.

8. Which country is planning to launch manned spacecraft as well as cargo spacecraft to the International Space Station (ISS) in the year 2022 _____ **Russia**.

Note:

- The information was obtained from the flight program.
- The program hints that Russia is planning to launch the Soyuz MS-21 spacecraft with astronauts Oleg Artemyev, Denis Matveyev and Sergey Korsakov on March 18, 2022.
- The Soyuz MS-22 spacecraft is scheduled to launch in September 21 with astronauts Sergey Prokopyev, Anna Kikina and Dmitry Petelin.

Honor & Awards

1. Which organisation has won the Chartered Institute of Procurement & Supply (CIPS) Excellence in Procurement Awards 2021 in the 'Best Use of Digital Technology' _____ **Government e Marketplace (GeM)**.

Note:

- The GeM portal—a public procurement platform—has served about 7.61 million orders worth ₹1,39,884 crore from over 2.7 million registered sellers and service providers for more than 54,600 government buyers since its inception in August 2017.
- More than 56.9% of the total order value catered to over 723,000 small enterprises.

2. Which ministry has conferred Hunarbaaz Awards to 75 diyangjan candidates from 15 states _____ **Ministry of Rural Development**.

Note:

- The virtual award ceremony was organised by NIRDPR with MoRD, in association with State Rural Livelihood Missions (SRLMs) and Rural Self-employment Training Institutes.
- CEOs of SRLMs and Directors of RSETIs handed over the awards at the respective states to the specially-abled achievers.

3. Which city has been named as UNESCO World Book Capital for 2023, following the evaluation of the World Book Capital Advisory Committee _____ **Accra, Ghana**.

Note:

- After Guadalajara (Mexico) in 2022, the city of Accra was selected for its strong focus on young people and their potential to contribute to the culture and wealth of Ghana.
- Accra's proposed programme seeks to use the power of books to engage these young people, as an effective way of skilling up the next generation.

Sports News

1. 2022 Winter Olympics and Paralympics games scheduled to be held in which country _____ **China**.

Note:

- Three sets of official posters and 11 promotional pieces featuring elements of winter sports and Chinese culture highlighting Beijing 2022 motto Together for a Shared Future.

- The slogan reflects power of Games to overcome global challenges as a community, with a shared future for humankind and work together towards a better tomorrow, especially given the difficulties faced throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. What is the motto of the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics _____ **Together for a Shared Future.**
Note:
- This motto embodies the Olympic spirit, the Chinese way of revealing the Olympic spirit. That's because 'together' embodies a type of unity, cohesion and way of overcoming difficulties.
 - The Games will be held from Feb. 4-20, with Beijing set to become the first city to host both the Summer and Winter Olympics.
3. Which state will host junior men's World Cup Hockey tournament to be held in November 2021 _____ **Odisha.**
Note:
- Chief minister Naveen Patnaik announced this in capital Bhubaneswar.
 - He also unveiled the logo and trophy for the tournament.
 - As many as 16 countries will take part in the event that will be held in the Kalinga stadium in Bhubaneswar from the 24th November to 5th December 2021.
 - Odisha had hosted the 2018 men's hockey world cup.
4. Who has won Formula 1 Russian Grand Prix 2021 _____ **Lewis Hamilton.**
Note:
- Max Verstappen (Red Bull – Netherlands) came second, followed by Carlos Sainz (Ferrari-Spain) in the Russian Grand Prix 2021
 - Carlos Sainz got his first podium in Russia.
 - Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes-Finland) stood at 5th position
 - This was the 15th round of the 2021 Formula One World Championship.
5. Jyothi Surekha Vennam is associated with which sports _____ **Archery.**
Note:
- Sara Lopez of Colombia bagged the gold medal by defeating Jyothi by 146-144 in the Finals.
 - Indian mixed pair duo of Abhishek Verma and Jyothi Surekha Vennam lost to the Colombian pair in the summit clash as well
 - Jyothi Surekha won two bronze medals at 2011 Asian Archery Championships.
6. Partnering with whom Indian tennis star Sania Mirza won women's doubles final of the Ostrava Open 2021 _____ **Shuai Zhang.**
Note:
- They won the title by 6-3, 6-2 against third seeds Kaitlyn Christian (US) and Erin Routliffe (New Zealand).
 - This is the 43rd WTA doubles title victory for former World No.1 Sania Mirza
 - 2021 Ostrava Open Women's single title: Anett Kontaveit won her maiden WTA 500 title, after defeating Maria Sakkari in the final by 6-2, 7-5.
7. Who won the 2021 Ryder Cup, which is a biennial men's golf competition _____ **United States.**
Note:
- This is the largest margin of victory in the history of Ryder Cup.
 - Ryder Cup is a biennial men's golf competition held between teams from Europe and United States.

Books and Authors

1. Who is the author of the book titled 'Dancing with Dreams, _____ **Adityanath Das.**
Note:
- The poems reflect the inner journey of the poet.
 - They assert that whatever may be the tensions and turbulence, inside or outside, one can still remain humane.
2. Who is the author of the book titled '400 Days' _____ **Chetan Bhagat.**
Note:
- It is the third novel in Keshav-Saurabh series, after 'The Girl in Room 105' and 'One Arranged Murder'.
 - 400 Days is a tale of suspense, human relationships, love, friendship, the crazy world we live in and, above all, a mother's determination to never give up.
 - It will be published by Westland.
3. Who has authored the book titled "The Battle of Rezang La" _____ **Kulpreet Yadav.**

Note:

- The book was published under Penguin Random House's "Veer" imprint,
 - A new book tells the story of 120 Indian soldiers who put up a valiant fight against the 5,000-strong Chinese military troops in the 1962 Indo-China war, preventing a possible occupation of the entire Ladakh region.
4. The book titled 'My Life in Full: Work, Family and our Future' is a memoir of which business women _____ **Indira Nooyi**.

Note:

- In her book Indra Nooyi focusses on the importance that organisational support plays in working women's lives.
 - She tells that how did a middle-class girl from Chennai who went to business school "with men, was taught by men and studied the work of men to enter industries dominated by men" become the global chief executive of PepsiCo in 2006 and only the 11th woman to lead a Fortune 500 company.
5. Who has authored the audiobook 'Jungle Nama' _____ **Amitav Ghosh**.

Note:

- This is an exclusive collaboration among three of the most influential figures from the world of arts
- It is the story of the avaricious rich merchant. Dhona, the poor lad Dukhey, and his mother
- "Jungle Nama" is a free adaptation of the legend, told entirely in a poyar-like meter of 24 syllable couplets that replicate the cadence of the original.

Science and Defence

1. Third edition of bilateral maritime exercise 'Samudra Shakti 2021' was conducted between India and which country _____ **Indonesia**.

Note:

- Recently, India and Indonesia have carried out the bilateral maritime exercise "Samudra Shakti" in Sunda Strait, in reflection of their growing maritime cooperation.
- Indian Navy deployed its two frontline warships Shivalik and Kadmat for the third edition of the exercise 'Samudra Shakti'.
- The exercise aims to strengthen the bilateral relationship, enhance mutual understanding and interoperability in maritime operations between the two navies.

2. Which IITs has established a 'Centre of Excellence (CoE) on Quantum Technologies' to conduct research activities in the related field _____ **IIT Delhi**.

Note:

- It will bring synergy and coherence in the activities being carried out at IIT Delhi and support the principal investigators to pitch in for more significant projects from the DST and other funding agencies, claims the institute.
- The centre will focus on select thrust areas, such as quantum computing, quantum communication, quantum sensing, and metrology, and quantum materials and devices.

3. Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) has successfully conducted maiden test flight of which missile equipped with an indigenous active Radio Frequency (RF) _____ **Akash Prime**.

Note:

- Akash Prime is equipped with an indigenous active Radio Frequency (RF) seeker for improved accuracy, as compared to the existing Akash System.
- Improved version of the missile will also ensure more reliable performance under low temperature environments at higher altitudes.

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