

# 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 **Second week** (8-14th) of **October** 2021. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

### **Banking & Financial Awareness**

1. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has increased the daily limit of Immediate Payment Service (IMPS) transactions to what amount from earlier ₹2 lakh \_\_\_\_\_ **₹5 lakh**.

**Note:**

- “Immediate Payment Service (IMPS) offers instant domestic funds transfer facility 24x7 through various channels.
- With RTGS now operational round the clock, there has been a corresponding increase in settlement cycles of IMPS, thereby reducing the credit and settlement risks.

2. Which fintech company has announced its foray into the ‘Buy Now Pay Later’ (BNPL) segment, with the launch of ‘postpe’ \_\_\_\_\_ **BharatPe**.

**Note:**

- Using Postpe platform, customers can avail interest-free credit limit of up to Rs 10 lakh.
- It is not only limited to big-ticket purchases but can also be used for micro-purchases.
- With this, BharatPe aims to facilitate a loan book of \$300 million in the first 12 months for its lending partners.

3. Which becomes the first scheduled private sector bank to received approval from the government for collection of direct and indirect taxes, such as income tax, Goods and Services Tax (GST) etc, through its banking network \_\_\_\_\_ **Kotak Mahindra Bank**.

**Note:**

- With this, the bank becomes the first scheduled private sector bank to receive approval after the announcement by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman allowing all banks to participate in government-related business.
- Ministry of Finance had announced to allow all private sector banks to participate in govt-related business-like collection of taxes, pension payments and small savings schemes in February 2021.

4. In association with which organization the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) and GIFT City launched I-Sprint’21, the global FinTech Hackathon Series “Sprint01: BankTech”, focussed on fintech for the banking sector \_\_\_\_\_ **NITI Aayog**.

**Note:**

- First Sprint of the series is ‘Sprint01: BankTech’, which focuses on FinTechs for the Banking sector.
- It has been launches in collaboration with GIFT city and NITI Aayog.
- Partners for the Hackathon: ICICI Bank, HSBC Bank, iCreate, Zone Startups and Invest-India.

5. What is the theme of the Fourth Cohort under Regulatory Sandbox as announced by the Reserve Bank of India recently \_\_\_\_\_ **‘Prevention and Mitigation of Financial Frauds’**.

**Note:**

- Before this, RBI has already launched three cohorts under Regulatory Sandbox.
- Focus of 4th cohort will be to use technology to reduce the lag between occurrence and detection of frauds, strengthening the fraud governance structure, and minimising response time to frauds
- RBI has also decided to facilitate on-tap applications for themes of all cohorts

6. According to the Reserve Bank of India’s Monetary Policy Report released in October 2021, what will India’s GDP growth rate for 2022-23 (FY23) \_\_\_\_\_ **7.8%**.

**Note:**

- RBI releases Monetary Policy Report on a half-yearly basis.
- RBI has projected India’s GDP growth at 9.5% for 2021-22 in the MPC meet of October 2021

7. Which company has taken over the responsibilities of Jaipur International Airport from Airports Authority of India (AAI) \_\_\_\_\_ **Adani Group**.

**Note:**

- Gautam Adani-led Adani Group took over the responsibilities of Jaipur International Airport from Airports Authority of India (AAI) for a period of 50 years.
- Adani Airports will work on the operations, management and development of the Jaipur airport through PPP mode.

8. Power Finance Corporation Ltd (PFC) was incorporated in which year that was accorded 'Maharatna' status recently \_\_\_\_\_ **1986.**

**Note:**

- It will enable PFC to offer competitive financing for the power sector, which will go a long way in making available affordable & reliable 'Power For All 24x7'.
- PFC was incorporated in 1986 and is the largest Infrastructure Finance Company exclusively dedicated to Power Sector under the administrative control of Ministry of Power.

9. 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.

10. 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.
- The new SFB, has been incorporated as 'Unity Small Finance Bank'.
- 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.

11. 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.

12. The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has sanctioned an assistance of Rs 303 crore to which state government for the construction of 24 bridges in the state \_\_\_\_\_ **Odisha.**

**Note:**

- The rural infrastructure projects will improve connectivity for 24.13 lakh people in 823 villages across 13 districts.

13. Which bank has tied up with CredAvenue for portfolio management of its securitisation book and implemented CredPool, an institutional debt platform of CredAvenue \_\_\_\_\_ **Federal Bank.**

**Note:**

- This arrangement, will help the bank digitally monitor its asset-backed securities (ABS) and mortgage-backed securities (MBS) pool assets more efficiently through the technology platform.
- The partnership entails CredAvenue providing post-transaction fulfilment services and portfolio management for their direct assignment portfolio.

14. Which bank has bagged two national awards ('APY Big Believers' and 'Leadership capital') for significant enrolment under the Atal Pension Yojana (APY) from the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) \_\_\_\_\_ **Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB).**

**Note:**

- So far, the bank has enrolled (cumulative) 2,30,432 accounts under APY. During 2020-2021, the bank has enrolled 68,961 accounts against the target of 38,160.
- The bank with jurisdiction over nine district has a business turnover of ₹28,410 crore with a clientele base of nearly 90 lakh.

15. Which bank has launched a "6S Campaign" encapsulating different schemes such as - Swabhiman, Samruddhi, Sampark and Shikhar, Sankalp and Swagat \_\_\_\_\_ **Punjab National Bank.**

**Note:**

- This was launched in line with GoI's "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" for various outreach activities on financial services.
- Aim: to drive special awareness campaign for development of financial services and to accelerate credit growth, improve penetration of social security schemes and drive digital banking push.

### Obituaries

1. Renowned personality Vallilath Madhathil Madhavan Nair passed away recently, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Diplomat.**

**Note:**

- Mr. Nair joined the Indian Civil Service or the ICS in 1942 and was allotted to the Bihar Cadre. He was permanently seconded to the Indian Foreign Service on November 1, 1944.
- His early recruitment into the IFS during World War II meant he was present into the foreign affairs team of Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru from the very beginning of the new India in 1947.

2. Renowned personality Martin J Sherwin passed away recently he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Research Scholar.**

**Note:**

- In his book titled 'A World Destroyed', challenged support for the U.S. bombing of Japan.
- He won Pulitzer Prize for his book 'American Prometheus'.

3. Noted personality Sathyajith passed away recently he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Actor.**

**Note:**

- A few years ago, one of Sathyajith's legs was amputated due to gangrene, and he was relegated to a wheelchair.
- Born as Syed Nizamuddin, Sathyajith carved a name for himself in the Kannada film industry by playing negative roles.

4. Noted personality Nedumudi Venu passed away recently, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Actor.**

**Note:**

- Nedumudi Venu began his career as a theatre artist with the plays of Kavalam Narayana Panicker.
- He made his debut in films with Thambu, directed by G Aravindan in 1978.

5. Renowned personality Srikanth passed away recently, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Actor.**

**Note:**

- In his 40-year career, Srikanth had acted as hero and villain, besides featuring in many character roles as well.
- 'Vennira Adai' (The white cloth) was directed by late veteran C V Sridhar.
- The actor is known for his many supporting roles in films starring top stars of Tamil cinema, including the late Sivaji Ganesan, Rajinikanth and Kamal Haasan.

### Important Days

1. Which day is celebrated every year on 8th October in India \_\_\_\_\_ **Indian Airforce Day.**

**Note:**

- The Indian Air Force is the fourth largest air force in the world.
- Its Hindon Air Force Station located in UP's Ghaziabad is the largest in Asia.
- The motto of the IAF is 'Nabha Sparsham Deeptham', which means 'touch the sky with glory'.

2. World Egg Day 2021 was celebrated on \_\_\_\_\_ **8th October 2021 (2nd Friday of October)**

**Note:**

- This year's World Egg Day will take place on Friday 8 October and will mark the 25th anniversary of the event.
- The 2021 celebration will centre around the brilliant versatility of the egg and its multitude of benefits to people at every stage of life.
- The theme for 2021 World Egg Day is "Eggs for all: Nature's perfect package".

3. World Post Day is celebrated on October every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **9th October.**

**Note:**

- This day is celebrated to mark the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) which was started in 1874 in Switzerland.
  - The theme of World Post Day 2021 is “Innovate to recover.”
4. The World Day Against the Death Penalty is observed every year on \_\_\_\_\_ **10<sup>th</sup> October**.
- Note:**
- It is a day to advocate for the abolition of the death penalty and to raise awareness of the conditions and the circumstances which affect prisoners with death sentences.
  - The theme for 2021 is “**Women Sentenced to Death: An Invisible Reality.**”
5. World Mental Health Day is observed every year on \_\_\_\_\_ **10<sup>th</sup> October**.
- Note:**
- The overall objective of World Mental Health Day is to raise awareness of mental health issues around the world and to mobilize efforts in support of mental health.
  - The theme for World Mental Health Day 2021 is ‘**Mental health in an unequal world**’.
6. In India, the National Postal Day is celebrated annually on \_\_\_\_\_ **10<sup>th</sup> October**.
- Note:**
- The Day aims to commemorate the role played by the Indian postal department for the past **150 years**, which was founded in **1854** by **Lord Dalhousie**.
  - Indian postal service is an integral part of India.
7. The International Day of the Girl Child is observed annually on \_\_\_\_\_ **11<sup>th</sup> October**.
- Note:**
- The date was set by the **United Nations** to urge the global community to embolden gender equality impacts.
  - This year, the theme has been set as “**Digital generation. Our generation.**”.
8. The World Arthritis Day (WAD) is celebrated every year on which date to spread awareness about the existence and impact of rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases \_\_\_\_\_ **12<sup>th</sup> October**.
- Note:**
- Arthritis is not a single disease but a broad term for more than a hundred diseases related to joints.
  - World Arthritis Day was first observed in 1996 and this year the theme of the day is Don't Delay, Connect Today: Time2Work.
9. The United Nations International Day for Disaster Reduction is held annually on \_\_\_\_\_ **13<sup>th</sup> October**.
- Note:**
- The day is celebrated to promote a global culture of risk-awareness and disaster reduction and also celebrates how people and communities around the world are reducing their exposure to disasters and raising awareness about the importance of reining in the risks that they face.
10. International E-Waste Day (IEWD) is observed every year on which date to promote the correct disposal of e-waste throughout the world, increasing re-use, recovery and recycling rates \_\_\_\_\_ **14<sup>th</sup> October**.
- Note:**
- Theme for 2021 IEWD: Consumer is the key to Circular Economy!
  - 2021 is the 4th edition of the International E-Waste Day.
11. What is the theme of the World Standards Day 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Standards for sustainable development goals – shared vision for a better world.**
- Note:**
- WSD 2021 theme: Standards for sustainable development goals – shared vision for a better world
  - It is also known as International Standards Day.
  - The day was established on October 14, 1946.

### **New Appointments**

1. Who has been appointed as the Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences \_\_\_\_\_ **M. Ravichandran**.
- Note:**
- He is currently Director, National Centre for Ocean and Polar Research, Goa and has been in charge of coordinating several of India's scientific missions to Antarctica and the Arctic.
  - A key thrust of the government is its ‘Deep Ocean Mission.’
2. Who has joined has joined the board of Fintech firm BharatPe as its Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ **Rajnish Kumar**.



**Note:**

- Kumar will mentor the BharatPe team during transition into small finance bank.
- Kumar was previously appointed as a non-executive director for banking giant HSBC's Hong Kong-headquartered Asia unit.

3. Alexander Schallenberg has been appointed as new Chancellor of which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Austria**.

**Note:**

- Austrian President Alexander Van der Bellen swore in Alexander Schallenberg.
- Earlier he was the foreign minister of Austria.
- Career diplomat Michael Linhart became the country's new foreign minister.

4. Who has been appointed as the chief executive officer (CEO) of Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL) \_\_\_\_\_ **Arun Kumar Mishra**.

**Note:**

- He is a veteran in the energy sector, with more than three decades of experience in NTPC and Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.
- EESL is a joint venture between NTPC Ltd, Power Finance Corporation, REC and PowerGrid, was set up under the power ministry to facilitate the implementation of energy efficiency projects.

5. Who has been appointed as the Advisor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for two years on contractual basis \_\_\_\_\_ **Amit Khare**.

**Note:**

- He is a 1985-batch IAS officer from Bihar-Jharkhand cadre.
- He is known for his instrumental role in shaping the National Education Policy 2020 and bringing key changes in the I&B ministry, particularly in digital media regulations.

6. Who has been elected as the chairman of the World Steel Association (WSA) for 2021-22 \_\_\_\_\_ **Sajjan Jindal**.

**Note:**

- With this, Jindal becomes the first representative from India to serve as Chairman of the WSA.
- WSA acts as the focal point for the steel industry, providing global leadership on all major strategic issues impacting the industry, particularly focusing on economic, environmental, and social sustainability.

7. Who has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) \_\_\_\_\_ **Ritesh Chauhan**.

**Note:**

- Ritesh Chauhan will be the CEO of PMFBY and JS of Agriculture under the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare for a combined tenure of seven years up to September 22, 2023.
- In 2021, the flagship crop insurance scheme of the Government of India – the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) – has completed five years of its launch.

**Important News - India**

1. 'SVAMITVA' scheme is a central sector scheme that is implemented by which ministry \_\_\_\_\_ **Ministry of Panchayati Raj**.

**Note:**

- It aims to provide property rights to residents in rural areas.
- The scheme will pave the way for using property as a financial asset by villagers for taking loans and other financial benefits, like in urban areas.
- It aims to demarcate inhabited lands in rural areas through the latest surveying drone-technology.

2. Where was the "National Mission on Edible Oil- Oil Palm Business Summit" was held recently \_\_\_\_\_ **Guwahati**.

**Note:**

- Keeping in view the vision of the Prime minister for holistic and balanced progress of North East.
- The conference began under the chairmanship of the Union Agriculture Minister Shri Narendra Singh Tomar.
- The National Mission on Edible Oil – Oil Palm is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme worth Rs.11000 crores which aims to add 6.5 lakh hectares for palm oil by 2025-26.

3. Who has launched the Indian Space Association (ISpA), a private industry body to help boost space technology in India \_\_\_\_\_ **Narendra Modi**.

**Note:**

- ISpA is a private industry body to help boost space technology in India.
- ISpA's founding members include OneWeb, Bharti Airtel, Mapmyindia, Walchandnagar Industries, and Ananth Technology Limited among others.

- ISpA will participate and work with ISRO and others on the issue of policy around space technology and domain.
4. The Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Shri Parshottam Rupala, launched the River Ranching Programme from which state \_\_\_\_\_ **Uttar Pradesh**.
- Note:**
- At the same time, other 4 states namely, Uttarakhand, Orissa, Tripura and Chhattisgarh also participated nationwide River Ranching program launching.
  - River ranching programme" is introduced as special activity under PMMSY scheme for augmenting and enhancing the fish production and productivity through expansion, intensification, diversification and productive utilization of land and water.
5. Telecom secretary and Chairman of Digital Communications Commission inaugurated its Quantum Communication Lab and unveiled the indigenously developed Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) solution at \_\_\_\_\_ **Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DoT)**.
- Note:**
- QKD is essential to address the threat that rapid advancement in Quantum Computing poses to the security of the data being transported by various critical sectors through the current communication networks
  - The government has allocated USD 1 billion for the National Mission on Quantum Technologies and Applications spanning over a period of 8 years.
6. From railway zone, the Indian Railways has launched two long haul freight trains "Trishul" and "Garuda" -- which are twice or multiple times longer than the normal composition of freight trains \_\_\_\_\_ **South Central Railway**.
- Note:**
- The SCR launched Trishul from Kondapalli station of Vijayawada division to Khurda division of East Coast Railway.
  - SCR followed it up with running of yet another similar train 'Garuda' from Raichur of Guntakal division to Manuguru of Secunderabad division.
7. National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has declared combined areas of Guru Ghasidas National Park and Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary as 4th Tiger Reserve of which state \_\_\_\_\_ **Chhattisgarh**.
- Note:**
- This is the 4th Tiger Reserve in Chhattisgarh, after Udanti-Sitanadi, Achanakmar, and Indravati Reserves.
  - Proposal to declare these two as Tiger Reserve was approved by NTCA's 11th Technical Committee under Section 38V(1) of The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
8. For boosting exports of citrus and its value-added products, which institution has signed an MoU with ICAR-Central Citrus Research Institute, Nagpur \_\_\_\_\_ **APEDA**.
- Note:**
- The MoU envisages promoting export by focussing on creation of product specific clusters along with development of technologies by APEDA and ICAR-CCRI with a focus on efficient and precision farming.
  - The collaboration with two institutes of repute would focus on diversifying the export basket, destinations and boosting high value agricultural products exports through establishing Brand India globally.
9. Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT 2.0) has been approved till \_\_\_\_\_ **2025-26**.
- Note:**
- Union Cabinet has approved Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT 2.0) till 2025-26 to provide reliable and affordable water supply and sanitation services to urban households is a national priority
  - Total indicative outlay for AMRUT 2.0: ₹ 2,77,000 crore
10. Vision Plan 2021-31 for Indian Zoo is related to \_\_\_\_\_ **Central Zoo Authority**.
- Note:**
- Union Environment Minister has released Vision Plan (2021-2031) for Indian zoos by Central Zoo Authority (CZA) to upgrade them to global standards, strengthening Central Zoo Authority.
  - It is committed to making CZA and Indian zoos a greater force for conservation by providing unparalleled animal care, cutting edge research, and immersive visitor experiences that strike meaningful chords with people of all ages.
11. NITI Aayog – United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Handbook on Sustainable Urban Plastic Waste Management is especially launched for \_\_\_\_\_ **Urban local bodies**.
- Note:**
- NITI Aayog Vice Chairman, Rajiv Kumar has launched 'NITI Aayog – United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Handbook on Sustainable Urban Plastic Waste Management' in New Delhi for urban local bodies.

- It provides a comprehensive overview of managing plastic waste by representing and discussing components of the entire plastic waste value chain.

12. India's first indigenous pilot plant to convert high ash Indian coal to methanol has been inducted in which city \_\_\_\_\_  
**Hyderabad.**

**Note:**

- India has developed indigenous technology to convert high ash Indian coal to methanol and established its first pilot plant in Hyderabad.
- This technology will help the country move towards the adoption of clean technology and promote the use of methanol as a transportation fuel (blending with petrol), thus reducing crude oil imports.

13. Which among the following is not a pillar of the PM Gati Shakti-National Master Plan for multi-modal connectivity that was inaugurated by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in October 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Digitization.**

**Note:**

- PM Modi has inaugurated Rs 100 lakh crore PM Gati Shakti-National Master Plan for multi-modal connectivity from Pragati Maidan in New Delhi
- Under this, centralized portal will be set up to bring together infrastructure schemes of around 16 Ministries & State Governments on a common platform.
- It is based on six pillars:
  1. Comprehensiveness
  2. Prioritization
  3. Optimization
  4. Synchronization
  5. Analytical
  6. Dynamic

14. What is India's rank in the 58th edition of EY's 'Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index' (RECAI), 2021 which ranks the world's top 40 markets (nations) on the attractiveness of their renewable energy investment and deployment opportunities \_\_\_\_\_ **third.**

**Note:**

- 2021 RECAI 2021 ranked top 40 global markets (nations) of the world on the attractiveness of their renewable energy investment and deployment opportunities.
- Top performer: United States, followed by China

15. Which state's transport department planning to equipped driving licences and vehicle registration certificates with QR codes \_\_\_\_\_ **Delhi.**

**Note:**

- New driving license will have an advanced microchip with features like Quick Response (QR) code and Near Field Communication (NFC).
- It will have the owner's name printed on the front while the microchip and QR code will be embedded at the back of the card.
- It will also enable unification in linking and validating one's information to smart cards with Sarathi and Vahan, the two web-based databases of all driving licenses and vehicle registrations.

16. What is India's rank in the Henley Passport Index 2021, which lists the world's most travel-friendly passports \_\_\_\_\_ **90<sup>th</sup>.**

**Note:**

- The index ranks the passports of countries according to the number of destinations their holders can visit without a prior visa. The rankings are based on the analysis of data provided by the International Air Transport Association (IATA).
- India, which held the 84th rank last year, fell down to the 90th position, with its passport holders allowed to travel visa-free to 58 countries.
- India shares the rank with Tajikistan and Burkina Faso.

17. Government has set a target to increase the number of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras to ten thousand by \_\_\_\_\_ **March 2024.**

**Note:**

- Chemicals and Fertilizers Ministry said, the number of Janaushadhi stores has increased to eight thousand 366 and all the 736 districts have been covered.
- Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana, PMBJP was launched in November, 2008, with an objective of making quality generic medicines available at affordable prices to all.



## Important News – State

1. Which state /UT has approved its ambitious Health Information Management System (HIMS) project under which each citizen will have a health card, which will be a repository of their medical information \_\_\_\_\_ **Delhi**.

**Note:**

- The government said doctors will be able to see a patient's medical history using the card and the patients will be able to make appointments from home.
- The health card will act as a unique health identifier for each individual through which everything from their medical history to appointment dates can be accessed.
- All citizens between 1 and 18 years would be issued a health card linked to their parent's health card.

2. Wada Kolam Rice (Zini Rice) belongs to which state that has been accorded 'Geographical Indication' (GI) tag recently \_\_\_\_\_ **Maharashtra**.

**Note:**

- Wada Kolam rice is also known as Zini or Jhini rice
- Grain is off white in colour, with small granules and a peculiar aroma after cooking. It can completely absorb daal and is in demand for these qualities
- Its price is between Rs 60-70 per kg in domestic markets
- They are short, soft and easily digestible.

3. In which state the Union Minister of Civil Aviation, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia has virtually inaugurated Greenfield Sindhudurg airport under RCS-UDAN (Regional Connectivity Scheme – Ude Desh Ka Aam Naagrik) scheme \_\_\_\_\_ **Maharashtra**.

**Note:**

- First flight from Sindhudurg airport takes off to Mumbai.
- With Sindhudurg Airport (Chipi Airport), 381 routes and 61 airports including 5 heliports and 2 Water Aerodromes have become operationalized under the UDAN scheme.

4. Karuppur kalamkari paintings and Kallakurichi Wood carvings belongs to which state/UT those have been awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tags \_\_\_\_\_ **Tamil Nadu**.

**Note:**

- Karuppur Kalamkari painting is done on pure cotton cloth.
- The 'Kallakurichi Wood Carving' is a unique form of wood carving where the craftsmen are specialized in carving temple related products and furniture.
- Kanyakumari Cloves is known for its rich aromatic oil content, with volatile oil content of 21% (normal 18%) resulting in 86% of eugenol.

5. Which state government has launched mentorship programme 'Desh Ke Mentor' for children studying in Classes IX to XII of government schools \_\_\_\_\_ **Delhi**.

**Note:**

- Delhi govt has launched mentorship programme 'Desh Ke Mentor' for children studying in Classes IX to XII of government schools.
- Under this, students will be mentored by professionals and academicians from across the country for 10-15 minutes daily on issues ranging from career choices to teenage-related concerns.

6. 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.

7. Which state Government launched a special seven-day COVID-19 inoculation drive called Mission Kavach-Kundal with a target to vaccinate 15 lakh people every day \_\_\_\_\_ **Maharashtra**.

**Note:**

- Maharashtra Health Minister Rajesh Tope said, 65 per cent of the State's eligible vaccine population received the first dose while 30 per cent have taken both doses.
- The state has sufficient stock to vaccinate 15 lakh persons every day in this drive.

8. The World Bank Board of Executive Directors has approved a USD 40 million project that is aimed at improving the quality of health services in \_\_\_\_\_ **Meghalaya**.

**Note:**

- The MoU is to strengthen the state's capacity to handle future health emergencies, including the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The loan to be sanctioned by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) has a maturity of 14.5 years, including a grace period of 5 years.

9. Bangalore-based solar module manufacturer Emmvee has signed an MoU with which state to to set up an Rs 825 crore solar modules and cells manufacturing plant in the state \_\_\_\_\_ **Karnataka**.

**Note:**

- Coming up at Dobaspet, Karnataka, the plant is an addition to the manufacturer's existing solar modules manufacturing plant of 0.5 GW capacity in Bengaluru district of the state. The plant is expected to provide jobs to 736 local youths.

10. Which State Higher Education Council has entered into an MoU with the National Association of Software and Service Companies, NASSCOM to provide industry-suited skill training to the youth \_\_\_\_\_ **Karnataka**.

**Note:**

- The MoU will benefit over five lakh students studying in the institutions of higher learning in Karnataka every year.
- The skill training courses are designed as per the national occupational standards of the National Skills Qualification Framework.
- Both faculty and students can have free access to the course materials in the online mode.

### **Important News – World**

1. Which Arabian country planned to send a probe to land on an asteroid between Mars and Jupiter to collect data on the origins of the universe \_\_\_\_\_ **United Arab Amirate**.

**Note:**

- It is the latest project in the oil-rich federation's ambitious space programme.
- The project targets a 2028 launch with a landing in 2033, a five-year journey in which the spacecraft will travel some 3.6 billion kilometres (2.2 billion miles).
- The project comes after the Emirates successfully put its Amal, or "Hope", probe in orbit around Mars in February.
- The Emirates plans to send an unmanned spacecraft to the moon in 2024.

2. With which country has India signed MoUs on research in climate change, and setting up a "green hydrogen" electrolyser plant \_\_\_\_\_ **Denmark**.

**Note:**

- The MoUs were between Reliance Industries and Danish company Stiesdal Fuel Technologies during PM level summit between two countries.
- This was the first summit-level visit to India since the COVID pandemic, and the first State visit by a Danish leader since a bilateral freeze on ties a decade ago.

3. Which becomes the first BRICS country to officially join the High Ambition Coalition (HAC) for Nature and People \_\_\_\_\_ **India**.

**Note:**

- HAC for Nature and People is co-chaired by Costa Rica, France and by United Kingdom as Ocean co-chair
- HAC: It was launched in 2019 as intergovernmental group of more than 70 countries encouraging goal to protect at least 30% of the world's land and ocean by 2030 (30×30 target).

4. Which country has unveiled the world's first automated, driverless train, billed as more punctual and energy efficient than traditional trains \_\_\_\_\_ **Germany**.

**Note:**

- It is billed as more punctual and energy efficient than traditional trains.
- The train is controlled by digital technology and is fully automated.
- The driver remains on the train to supervise the journey with passengers on board.

5. In association with the Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative (OPHI), which organization has released the Global Multidimensional Poverty Index 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **UNDP**.

**Note:**

- The Index considers data from 109 countries and 5.9 billion people.
- These include 26 low-income countries, 80 middle-income countries and 3 high-income countries.
- The index measures each person's deprivations across 10 indicators divided into three equally weighted dimensions.

6. Which international organization has recognized access to a clean and healthy environment as a fundamental right \_\_\_\_\_ **UN Human Rights Council**.

**Note:**

- The vote passed with overwhelming support, despite criticism in the lead-up from some countries, notably the United States and Britain.
- The resolution, first discussed in the 1990s, is not legally binding but has the potential to shape global standards.
- Lawyers involved in climate litigation say it could help them build arguments in cases involving the environment and human rights.

7. Which country has convened G20 Extraordinary Summit on Afghanistan \_\_\_\_\_ **Italy**.

**Note:**

- G20 Extraordinary Summit on Afghanistan was convened by Italy, which currently holds G20 Presidency, and chaired by Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi.
- Focus: issues related to humanitarian situation, concerns relating to terrorism, and human rights issue in Afghanistan following the Taliban's return to power.

8. United Nations Biodiversity Summit is being held in which country \_\_\_\_\_ **China**.

**Note:**

- In the summit the countries met to protect ecosystems and prevent mass extinction weeks before the COP26 climate conference.
- The online summit — setting the stage for a face-to-face meeting in April — will see parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) discuss new targets for protecting ecosystems by 2030.
- During the summit, countries discussed for "30 by 30" plan in order to give 30% of lands and oceans protected status.

9. In 2021 Henley Passport Index, Japan and which country stood at the top position this year \_\_\_\_\_ **Singapore**.

**Note:**

- The index ranks the passports of countries according to the number of destinations their holders can visit without a prior visa.
- The rankings are based on the analysis of data provided by the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

## Honor & Awards

1. Who has been awarded 2021 Nobel Prize in Literature \_\_\_\_\_ **Abdulrazak Gurnah**.

**Note:**

- He writes in English.
- Nobel Prize in literature is awarded by Swedish Academy, Stockholm, Sweden.
- Prize money for Nobel Prize in Literature is worth 10 million Swedish crowns (\$1.14 million).

2. Who occupied second position in the Forbes India Rich list for 2021, that was topped Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) Chairman Mukesh Ambani \_\_\_\_\_ **Gautam Adani**.

**Note:**

- Gautam Adani, with a wealth of \$74.8 billion, is second richest in India with only \$17.9 billion shy of Ambani.
- Shiv Nadar was number three in the list with a wealth of \$31 billion.
- Radhakrishnan Damani, founder of Avenues Supermarts, and Cyrus Poonawalla, chairman of Serum Institute, were placed fourth and fifth with a wealth of \$29.4 billion and \$19 billion respectively.

3. Who has been conferred with the prestigious Aryabhata Award 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **G Satheesh Reddy**.

**Note:**

- The award has been given by Astronautical Society of India (ASI) for his outstanding life-time contribution to the promotion of astronautics in India.
- Dr G Satheesh Reddy is a pioneer in the area of R&D of advanced avionics, navigation and missile technologies.
- He has contributed immensely to strategic and tactical missile systems and helped the country become self-reliant in critical defence technologies.

4. Which group of persons have won the 2021 Nobel prize for Economics \_\_\_\_\_ **David Card, Joshua D Angrist and Guido W Imbens**.

**Note:**

- Canadian-born David Card of the University of California was awarded half of the prize for his research on how minimum wage, immigration and education affect the labor market.
- The other half was shared by Joshua Angrist from MIT and Dutch-born Guido Imbens from Stanford University for their framework for studying issues that can't rely on traditional scientific methods.

5. Who has been chosen for the fourth Satyajit Ray Award for his overall contribution to the Indian cinema \_\_\_\_\_ **B Gopal**.

**Note:**

- Instituted by the Satyajit Ray Film Society Kerala, a state-based organisation, the award comprises Rs 10,000 cash prize, a memento and plaque.
- Gopal has directed 30 Telugu films and two Hindi moves in his decades-long tinsel town career.
- The award would be presented to him in a function to be held in Hyderabad.

6. Who has been conferred with Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence \_\_\_\_\_ **Randeep Guleria**.

**Note:**

- Randeep Guleria (Director of All India Institute of Medical Sciences) has been conferred with Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence.
- Award was instituted by Lal Bahadur Shastri Institute of Management (LBSIM), Delhi, promoted by Lal Bahadur Shastri Educational Society.

7. Who received the prestigious C K Prahlad 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.

8. Renowned writer Benyamin is a writer of which language who bagged the 45th Vayalar Ramavarma Memorial Literary Award for his book 'Manthalirile 20 Communist Varshangal' \_\_\_\_\_ **Malayalam**.

**Note:**

- The award, instituted by the Vayalar Ramavarma Memorial Trust, comprises a cash prize of **Rs 1 lakh**, a sculpture designed by sculptor **Kanayi Kunhiraman** and a **citation**.
- A political satire, the novel revolves around a nondescript village called **Manthalir** and the influence of religion and politics in its culture in two decades.

9. For which film Director Chatainya Tamhane has won the best screenplay award \_\_\_\_\_ **The Disciple**.

**Note:**

- The winners in 18 categories were announced at a ceremony hosted by the Asian Film Awards Academy (AFAA) in conjunction with Busan International Film Festival (BIFF) and Asian Contents & Film Market (ACFM) at the Paradise Hotel Busan.
- 'The Disciple' follows Sharad Nerulkar (Aditya Modak), an Indian classical vocalist.

### Sports News

1. Name the Indian women wrestler who won a silver medal in the World Wrestling Championships in Oslo, Norway \_\_\_\_\_ **Anshu Malik**.

**Note:**

- 19-year old Anshu becomes India's first-ever woman finalist at the World Championship.
- Sushil Kumar (2010) remains India's lone world champion wrestler till date.

2. Sarita Mor is associated with which sports who won a bronze medal in a World championship recently \_\_\_\_\_ **Wrestling**.

**Note:**

- Sarita Mor is an Indian Wrestler who won bronze medal in in women's 59kg
- Sarita ended defeated Sweden's Sara Johanna Lindborg 8-2 in bronze medal play-off

3. Who won Formula 1 Turkish Grand Prix 2021, held at Istanbul Park in Tuzla, Istanbul \_\_\_\_\_ **Valtteri Bottas**.

**Note:**

- This is V. Bottas first victory of F1 season.
- Max Verstappen (Red Bull - Netherlands) came second, followed by Sergio Perez (Mexico- Red Bull).
- Lewis Hamilton finished fifth in the race.

4. Which country has the highest medal tally at 2021 International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Championship \_\_\_\_\_ **India**.

**Note:**

- Indian shooters claimed a historic victory with 43 medals included 17 Gold, 16 Silver and 10 Bronze medal to stand atop in the medal table at 2021 International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Championship.
- USA finished second on the medal table.

5. Which country pulled out of the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games' hockey competition stating the risk of contracting COVID-19 and the discriminatory quarantine rules by the United Kingdom (UK) for travellers \_\_\_\_\_ **India**.

**Note:**

- The UK has refused to consider India's COVID-19 vaccination certificates and imposed a 10-day quarantine on travellers coming from India even if fully vaccinated.
- India has also imposed reciprocal rules on all UK nationals arriving in the country following UK's discriminatory quarantine rules.

6. What is the official mascot of the U-17 Women's World Cup India 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Ibha**.

**Note:**

- Ibha aims to inspire women and girls across India and around the world to realise their potential.
- The tournament will be held in India from October 11-30 next year.

### Books and Authors



1. Who has authored the book titled 'Economist Gandhi' \_\_\_\_\_ **Jaithirth Rao**.

**Note:**

- Jaithirth Rao is popularly known as Jerry Rao and is the founder and former CEO of the software company Mphasis
- Book examines Mahatma Gandhi's economic philosophy and his hidden facet personality- thoughts on economics and capitalism.
- It has been published by the Penguin Random House India.

2. Who has authored the book titled "Quest for a Stable Afghanistan" \_\_\_\_\_ **Sujeet Sarkar**.

**Note:**

- The book was published by Rupa Publications.
- It provides a detailed account of how the haggard and faulty policies of the West have put Afghanistan on the deeper and increasingly worrisome crisis
- It provides a daring new outlook denouncing several myths that colour common global perception of this war-ravaged country.

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

**Note:**

- Book has been published by Peguin 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.

## Science and Defence

1. The 6th edition of annual Joint Military Exercise 'AJEYA WARRIOR' was held between India and which country \_\_\_\_\_ **United Kingdom**.

**Note:**

- It is a two-week long military exercise, that will culminate on October 20, 2021
- AJEYA WARRIOR: It is a joint military exercise between India and United Kingdom since 2013
- The exercise will further strengthen bilateral defence cooperation between the armies of the two countries and develop interoperability and sharing of expertise.

2. The Malabar Exercise is associated with which Armed force of India involving US, Japan and Australia \_\_\_\_\_ **Indian Navy**.

**Note:**

- The Malabar series of exercises began as an annual bilateral naval exercise between India and the US in 1992.
- In 2015, Japan Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF) joined Malabar as a permanent member.
- The 2020 edition witnessed the participation of the Royal Australian Navy.
- The second phase of the multilateral maritime exercise was took place in the Bay of Bengal in October 2021.

3. 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.

4. India is set to host which naval exercise for which 46 countries have been invited and that would be its largest exercise \_\_\_\_\_ **Exercise Milan**.

**Note:**

- "Ex Milan is being planned for February 2022 and invites have been sent to 46 countries. Several of them have already confirmed their participation.

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