

# Weekly One-Liners

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Dear readers,

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

### **Banking & Financial Awareness**

1. The central government and Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a \$61 million loan to improve livability, harness technology, and promote new developments to accommodate the expanding population in \_\_\_\_\_ **Agartala**.  
**Note:**
  - The loan agreement for the Agartala City Urban Development Project was signed by Rajat Kumar Mishra, Additional Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance on behalf of the government and Takeo Konishi, Country Director of ADB's India Resident Mission.
2. Which Indian Motor company has joined the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC), the world's largest voluntary corporate sustainability initiative \_\_\_\_\_ **TVS Motor**.  
**Note:**
  - TVS Motor has become the 1st Indian two-wheeler and three-wheeler manufacturer to join the UNGC.
  - TVS Motor will also engage in collaborative projects which will advance the development goals of the UN, particularly the Sustainable development goals (SDG).
3. The Reserve Bank of India has announced to introduce the Internal Ombudsman mechanism for Non-Deposit taking NBFCs (NBFCs-ND) with asset size of \_\_\_\_\_ **Rs.5,000 crore**.  
**Note:**
  - The RBI has directed the Deposit-taking NBFCs with 10 or more branches and non-deposit taking NBFCs with assets size of ₹5,000 crore must appoint an Internal Ombudsman (IO) at the apex of their internal grievance redress mechanism within a period of six months from the date of issue of the direction.
4. Which Bank has launched a comprehensive 'Merchant Solutions' mobile application to enable merchants, retailers and professionals to carry out banking transactions digitally, on a single platform \_\_\_\_\_ **IndusInd Bank**.  
**Note:**
  - Indus Merchant Solutions will enable merchants and retailers to undertake an array of activities such as accept instant cashless payments on mobile phones from customers through multiple digital modes, track inventory via in-built dashboards, apply for an exclusive Point of Sale (PoS) machine to facilitate card based payments, as well as avail small ticket business loans from the bank in a completely digital and paperless manner, without having to visit a bank branch.
5. U GRO Capital, a technology-focused small business lending platform, has entered into a co-lending partnership with which bank to provide credit to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) \_\_\_\_\_ **State Bank of India**.  
**Note:**
  - Through this collaboration, SBI and U GRO aim to disburse up to ₹500 crore by March 2022.
  - The agreement has been signed under the alternative option of Reserve Bank of India's revised co-lending guidelines, which involves post disbursement takeover of the bank's share in the loan on a back-to-back basis.
6. The corpus of the Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF) has been reached at \_\_\_\_\_ **₹613.89 crore**.  
**Note:**
  - The PIDF Scheme, operationalised by the RBI from January 1, 2021, subsidises deployment of Points of Sale infrastructure (physical and digital modes) in Tier-3 to Tier-6 centres and north-eastern States of the country.
  - From August 26 this year, beneficiaries of PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi in Tier-1 and Tier-2 centres are also covered.
  - Physical devices include PoS, mobile PoS, GPRS, PSTN or Public Switched Telephone Network and digital devices include inter-operable QR code-based payments such as UPI QR, Bharat QR.
7. Which Bank has launched the second edition of its "Mooh Band Rakho" campaign in support of the International Fraud Awareness Week 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **HDFC Bank**.

**Note:**

- Aim: To increase awareness of its customers on all types of frauds and the importance of keeping your mouth shut to ensure their prevention and taking a pledge and not share confidential banking information with anyone.
- HDFC Bank will organize 2,000 workshops in the next four months under this campaign.

8. Which Bank and PVR Cinemas launched a co-branded movie debit card \_\_\_\_\_ **Kotak Mahindra Bank.**

**Note:**

- With the Kotak PVR Movie Debit Card, cardholders will receive joining vouchers and earn points on every transaction on the debit card at PVR and outside PVR as well, with no upper limit on the points earned.
- Further, Kotak PVR debit cardholders will get automatically enrolled to the PVR Privilege Plus programme.

9. Which Bank has entered into a strategic partnership with Jamshedpur Football Club (JFC) owned by Tata Steel to support and promote the sport in the country \_\_\_\_\_ **State Bank of India.**

**Note:**

- The bank signed the agreement with JFC in Mumbai in the presence of top officials of the two brands.
- With this partnership, a first major endeavour by the country's largest lender, SBI will be one of the principal sponsors of the JFC.
- With the agreement coming into existence, the JFC match jersey will now feature the SBI logo.

10. According to UBS Securities, what will the growth rate of Indian economy in the fiscal year 2021-22 \_\_\_\_\_ **9.5 per cent.**

**Note:**

- The brokerage also sees the economy clipping at 7.7 per cent in FY23 but moderating to 6 per cent in FY24.
- The Reserve Bank also forecasts 9.5 per cent GDP growth this fiscal while the average projection ranges from 8.5 to 10 per cent.

11. Which company has got in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to set up an account aggregator business under its wholly-owned subsidiary \_\_\_\_\_ **NSDL e-Governance Infrastructure.**

**Note:**

- Account Aggregator is a first-of-its-kind consent framework that empowers an individual with control over his or her data, and the ability to securely and digitally access and share the same.
- Aggregator services can play a pivotal role as a core contributor to a data-led economic empowerment and inclusion at scale.

12. SIDBI has entered into a collaboration with which global giant for having a social impact lending programme, entailing financial assistance up to ₹1 crore at competitive interest rates targeted at micro- enterprises \_\_\_\_\_ **Google.**

**Note:**

- The program entails financial assistance up to ₹1 crore at competitive interest rates targeted at micro-enterprises.
- The collaboration brings a corpus of \$15 million (about ₹110 crore) to micro-enterprises as a crisis response related to Covid-19 to reinvigorate them.
- The collaboration envisages a loan programme targeted at micro enterprises (having turnover up to ₹5 crore), with loan sizes ranging between ₹25 lakh to ₹1 crore, being implemented by SIDBI.

13. According to World Bank data which country becomes the world's largest recipient of remittances worth \$87 billion a gain of 4.6 per cent from previous year \_\_\_\_\_ **India.**

**Note:**

- India becomes the world's largest recipient of remittances with a gain of 4.6 per cent.
- India is followed by China, Mexico, the Philippines, and Egypt.
- In India, remittances are projected to grow three per cent in 2022 to \$89.6 billion.

14. Which electric two-wheeler platform has acquired the rights to manufacture the smart electric trike 'Velocipedo' of a leading Spanish automotive company Torrot in India, in a multi-million-dollar deal \_\_\_\_\_ **eBikeGo.**

**Note:**

- With this, eBikeGo now plans to enter the luxury electric three-wheeler industry and aims to manufacture these scooters at its factory in Pune.
- The acquisition will address a niche in the Indian mobility sector, particularly in the electric vehicle (EV) segment.
- Velocipedo will be produced in three basic models — a personal vehicle, Trick Taxi and a cargo vehicle, in Pune.

15. NPCI International Payments has signed an MoU with Network International to discuss their collaboration on acceptance of the UPI in \_\_\_\_\_ **UAE**.

**Note:**

- The proposed collaboration will benefit Indian travellers visiting the UAE by allowing them to make payments through UPI-based mobile applications leveraging Network's trusted payment infrastructure and network strength as the UAE's largest merchant acquirer.
- The proposed rollout of UPI mobile payment solutions on Network International's merchant network in the UAE is expected to start in the first quarter of 2022 across the company's key retail merchant partner outlets

16. Which Financial institution has launched Swavalamban Challenge Fund (SCF) with Green Bharat as prioritised theme \_\_\_\_\_ **SIDBI**.

**Note:**

- The focus of the fund is on innovative projects addressing the green, clean or efficient climate change, Sidbi said in a statement.
- Other themes are sustainable livelihood, financial inclusion, and access to financial services and promoting the culture of entrepreneurship

17. How much remittance amount has been received by India as per the report titled 'Migration and Development Brief 35' \_\_\_\_\_ **\$87 billion**.

**Note:**

- India has received \$87 billion in remittances in 2021 as per the report titled 'Migration and Development Brief 35' released by World Bank and KNOMAD.
- As per the report, remittance flows to low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) are projected to reach \$589 billion in 2021.

18. Which Gramin Bank has been adjudged the best regional rural bank (RRB) under the 'Regional Rural Banks' category, in recognition of its initiatives in the sphere of digital financial services by the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) \_\_\_\_\_ **Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB)**.

**Note:**

- Bank chairman P. Gopikrishna received the award from Reserve Bank of India Regional Director R. Gurumurthy in Bengaluru.
- Around 40 villages in Karnataka are converted into 100% digital villages by the KVGB bank. These efforts are encouraging villagers to use digital mode for transactions. Those villages have round-the-clock access to Internet banking, mobile banking, micro ATMs, AEPS (Aadhar Enabled Payment Systems), IMPS, and UPI.

19. Which entity has partnered with OneCard, a mobile-first credit card company, to offer no-cost Equated Monthly Instalments (EMIs) across its network of 250,000 retailers \_\_\_\_\_ **Mswipe**.

**Note:**

- The partnership will enable users of OneCard to seamlessly access no- or low-interest EMIs, while availing mid- and high-value purchases at retail outlets powered by Mswipe terminals.

20. Which bank has announced the launch of micro-credit facility for street vendors, PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi), with common service centres (CSC) \_\_\_\_\_ **HDFC Bank**.

**Note:**

- HDFC Bank would facilitate PM SVANidhi for its village-level entrepreneurs (VLEs) on the digital sewa portal where vendors can complete the entire process online.
- It is a collateral-free affordable loan of ₹10,000 with an interest subsidy of 7%.
- VLEs must understand the loan application requirements, ensure the mobile number is linked to the Aadhaar and check the eligibility status of their application as per the scheme rules.

21. Which finance company announced the launch of a lease-based vehicle subscription business for the urban centres \_\_\_\_\_ **Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services**.

**Note:**

- The new venture would be called 'Quiklyz' and would target both individuals as well as corporate buyers.
- The venture is a digital platform for vehicle leasing and subscription, that aims to provide convenience, flexibility and choice to customers across cities

### Obituaries

1. Renowned personality Mannu Bhandari passed away recently, she was a noted \_\_\_\_\_ **Hindi Writer**.

**Note:**

- Bhandari was the wife of illustrious Hindi fiction writer Rajendra Yadav and was best known for her novels 'Aapka Bunty' and 'Mahabhoj'.
  - The well-received 1974 Hindi feature film 'Rajnigandha' was an adaptation from her novel 'Yahi Sach Hai'.
2. Renowned personality Gurmeet Bawa passed away recently, she was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Punjabi Folk Singer**.

**Note:**

- Gurmeet was best known for her long 'hek' (Breathless opening of a Punjabi folk song calling "ho" to create a melodious voice with an unbreakable wave) that she could hold for about 45 seconds.
  - She came to fame after she started performing on Doordarshan and thus became the first Punjabi female singer to appear on the national television channel.
3. Renowned personality Novy Kapadia passed away recently he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Sport commentator**.

**Note:**

- He was often called as '**the voice of Indian football**'.
- The noted commentator had covered nine FIFA World Cups, as well as Olympics, Asian Games and Commonwealth Games.
- As an author, Kapadia had written books like Barefoot To Boots, The Many Lives Of Indian Football among others.

### Important Days

1. The United Nations observes "International Day for Tolerance" is observed every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **16th November**.

**Note:**

- The United Nations is committed to strengthening tolerance by fostering mutual understanding among cultures and peoples.
  - In 1994, UNESCO marked the 125th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's birth paving the way for the proclamation of 16 November as the International Day for Tolerance by the UN.
  - This day pays tribute to the values of the Mahatma of peace, non-violence and equality.
2. National Press Day is observed every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **16th November**.

**Note:**

- On this day the Press Council of India started functioning as a moral watchdog to ensure that the press maintains high standards and is not constrained by any influence or threats.
  - It also commemorates the day when the Press Council of India started functioning.
3. In India, the first Audit Diwas was celebrated on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **16th November**.

**Note:**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed an event on 16<sup>th</sup> November to mark the first Audit Diwas at the CAG office.
  - He also unveiled the statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on the occasion.
  - Audit Diwas is being celebrated to mark the historic origin of the institution of CAG and the contribution it has made to the governance, transparency and accountability over the past several years.
4. In India, National Epilepsy Day is observed every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **17th November**.

**Note:**

- Epilepsy is a chronic disorder of the brain characterized by recurrent 'seizures' or 'fits'. The month of November is observed as 'National Epilepsy Awareness Month'.
  - Epilepsy is a varied set of persistent neurological disarray and causes sudden seizures and fits.
5. In India, the National Naturopathy Day is observed every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **18th November**.

**Note:**

- The day was declared by the Ministry of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy), Government of India.
  - Naturopathy practitioners are trained through a five and half year BNYS — Bachelor of Naturopathy and Yogic Sciences.
  - The first Naturopathy Day was observed in the year 2019.
6. World Philosophy Day 2021 was observed on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **18th November**.

**Note:**

- It was first celebrated in 2002 by the United Nations.
- WPD aims to raise public awareness of the importance of philosophy.
- Philosophy comes from the Greek word *philosophía* which means 'the love of wisdom.'

- It is the study of the nature of reality and existence, of what is possible to know, and of right and wrong behaviour.
7. In India, the National Newborn Week is observed every year from \_\_\_\_ **15 to 21 November**.
- Note:**
- The main purpose of the week is to reinforce the importance of newborn health as a key priority area of the health sector and reduce the infant mortality rate by improving healthcare conditions for babies in the neonatal period.
  - The theme of National Newborn Week 2021 is 'Safety, quality and nurturing care – the birthright of every newborn'.
8. UN World Toilet Day is observed every year on which date \_\_\_\_ **19th November**.
- Note:**
- It is an official United Nations international observance day that exists to inspire, educate and engage people to take action towards achieving the goal of "safely managed sanitation".
  - The day is of huge significance because 3.6 billion people on our planet don't have access to proper toilets and sanitation, and an estimated 673 million people practice open defecation.
9. The Universal/World Children's Day is celebrated every year on \_\_\_\_ **20th November**.
- Note:**
- November 20th is an important date as it is the date in 1959 when the UN General Assembly adopted the **Declaration of the Rights of the Child**. 2021 marks the **32nd** anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.
  - Universal/World Children's Day 2021 Theme: **A Better Future for Every Child**
10. World Fisheries Day is celebrated every year on which date \_\_\_\_ **21st November**.
- Note:**
- It highlights the importance of healthy oceans ecosystems and ensuring sustainable stocks of fisheries in the world.
  - 2021 is the **fifth** World Fisheries Day. The first World Fisheries Day was celebrated on November 21, 2015.
  - On the same day, it was the grand opening of the **International Fisherman's organization** was held in New Delhi.
11. World Television Day is commemorated every year on \_\_\_\_ **21st November**.
- Note:**
- The day is a reminder of the power of visual media and how it helps in shaping public opinion and influencing world politics.
  - Television has played a significant role in the lives of people for years.
  - It is a medium that provides entertainment, education, news, politics, gossip, etc. and helps in transmitting moving images in two or three dimensions and sound.

### **New Appointments**

1. Who has been elected to the International Law Commission for a five-year term, in a hard-fought election at the United Nations \_\_\_\_ **Ashok Desai**.
- Note:**
- He will serve a five-year term starting January 1, 2023.
  - Prof. Patel has served in various roles such as the Director at the Gujarat National Law University and member of the 21st Law Commission of India.
2. Who has been named as the next head of the National Cricket Academy (NCA) by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) \_\_\_\_ **VVS Laxman**.
- Note:**
- He will assume the office as NCA's head on 4th December 2021.
  - He will replace Rahul Dravid, who has been appointed as Team India's national men's head coach NCA
  - It was the brainchild of cricket administrator and former BCCI President Raj Singh Dungarpur.
3. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the ICC men's Cricket Committee, the global cricket governing body \_\_\_\_ **Saurav Ganguly**.
- Note:**

- He will replace Anil Kumble, who stepped down after serving a maximum of a three-year term.
  - Sourav Ganguly was appointed as the president Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) in October 2019.
  - Johnny Grave, CEO of Cricket West Indies has been appointed to the ICC Women's Cricket Committee.
4. Who has been appointed as the permanent CEO of International Cricket Council (ICC) \_\_\_\_\_ **Geoff Allardice**.

**Note:**

- Geoff Allardice has been appointed as the permanent CEO of the International Cricket Council (ICC).
- He succeeded Manu Sawhney who officially resigned from his position in July 2021.

**Important News – India**

1. Which number of scientific expeditions to Antarctica have been launched by India recently \_\_\_\_\_ **41<sup>st</sup>**.

**Note:**

- The first batch comprising 23 scientists and support staff reached the Indian Antarctic station, Maitri.
- Four more batches will reach Antarctica by air and chartered ice-class vessel MV Vasilii Golovnin by mid-January 2022.

2. The National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR) is located in which place \_\_\_\_\_ **Vasco da Gama, Goa**.

**Note:**

- It is an autonomous institute under the Ministry of Earth Sciences.
- It manages the entire Indian Antarctic programme.

3. Who inaugurated three days annual flagship Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS) 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **M Venkaiah Naidu**.

**Note:**

- Bengaluru Tech Summit 2021 was Karnataka government's flagship three-day technology event.
- Naftali Bennett, the Prime Minister of Israel, and Scott Morrison, the Prime Minister of Australia attended the event virtually.
- For the first time South Africa, Vietnam, and UAE participated in the Bengaluru Tech Summit (BTS).

4. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated Purvanchal Expressway at Karwal Kheri in Sultanpur district of Uttar Pradesh, what is the length of the expressway \_\_\_\_\_ **341 km**.

**Note:**

- This 341 km long Purvanchal Express and will connect Lucknow with Ghazipur.
- It has been constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 22,500 crore.
- Expressway starts from village Chaudsarai, located on Lucknow-Sultanpur road (NH-731) and ends at village Hydaria located on National Highway No. 31.

5. Which international airport has partnered with Microsoft India to launch a 'Hackathon' to develop an app using Microsoft Azure \_\_\_\_\_ **Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru**.

**Note:**

- The hackathon invited professional developers, data scientists, data engineers and hackathon enthusiasts to participate in this challenge and design innovative solutions that will improve the end-to-end passenger experience at BLR Airport.

6. Which Ministry has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Department of Animal husbandry (DAHD) facilitate extension of benefits to dairy entrepreneurs and dairy industries through convergence of various schemes of Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying \_\_\_\_\_ **Ministry of Food Processing Industry**.

**Note:**

- This MoU will facilitate extension of benefits to dairy entrepreneurs and dairy industries through convergence of various schemes of Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying.
- This will also help in generating income for sustainable development of the rural poor by providing credit support, strengthening quality control, and providing necessary technology.

7. First-of-its-kind pod hotel has been inaugurated in which railway station \_\_\_\_\_ **Mumbai Central station**.

**Note:**

- The pod hotel has several small bed-sized capsules and provides affordable overnight accommodation.
- one has to pay Rs 999 for 12 hours and Rs 1,999 for 24 hours for staying in this pod hotel where facilities like WiFi, TV, a small locker, adjustable mirror, and reading lights, among others, will be provided.

8. This year marks the which number of birth anniversary of Sikh founder, Guru Nanak Dev Ji \_\_\_\_\_ **552<sup>nd</sup>**.

**Note:**

- It marks the birth anniversary of the first of the ten Sikh gurus, Guru Nanak Dev Ji.
- Sikhs believe that Guru Nanak Dev Ji brought enlightenment to this world.

- While Diwali falls on the 15th day of the Kartik month as per the Hindu Lunar calendar, Guru Nanak Jayanti falls fifteen days after that on the auspicious occasion of Kartik Purnima.
9. Which of the following cities has been named as the cleanest city of India by Swachh Survekshan 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Indore**.  
**Note:**
- Indore has been ranked as the cleanest city of India for the fifth year in a row by Swachh Survekshan 2021. Indore was followed by Surat and Vijayawada with over 10 lakh population.
  - Swachh Survekshan: It is an annual survey of cleanliness, hygiene and sanitation in cities and towns across India.
10. What is India's rank in the list of global bribery risk rankings in 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **82<sup>nd</sup>**.  
**Note:**
- The list by TRACE measures business bribery risk in 194 countries, territories, and autonomous and semi-autonomous regions.
  - According to this year's data, North Korea, Turkmenistan, Venezuela and Eritrea pose the highest commercial bribery risk, while Denmark, Norway, Finland, Sweden and New Zealand present the lowest.
11. Which ministry has decided to establish a Sustainable Development Cell (SDC) \_\_\_\_\_ **Coal Ministry**.  
**Note:**
- SDC is also formulating future policy framework for environmental mitigation in Coal and Lignite sector of our country.
  - It will also monitor the effective utilisation of the Mine Closure Fund and environment budgets of different coal companies.
12. Which government scheme has completed five years of its implementation \_\_\_\_\_ **Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana - Gramin**.  
**Note:**
- Ministry of Rural Development along with States and UTs have undertaken various activities like Bhoomi Pujan, Gruh Pravesh, visit of beneficiaries to demonstration houses, and sensitization of beneficiaries about PMAY-G to celebrate Awaas Diwas.
  - To achieve the objective of providing Housing to All by 2022, the Centre rolled out the revamped rural housing scheme, PMAY-G was launched on 20th November 2016.

### **Important News - State**

1. India's first 'Grass Conservatory' was inaugurated in which state of India \_\_\_\_\_ **Uttarakhand**.  
**Note:**
- Funded under the Central Government's CAMPA scheme, the conservatory was developed in three years by the research wing of Uttarakhand Forest Department.
  - Around 90 different grass species have been conserved/demonstrated in this conservation area displaying important scientific, ecological, medicinal and cultural information/aspects related to grass species - ALL FLESH IS GRASS.
2. Which state has approved "Kaiser-i-Hind" as state butterfly \_\_\_\_\_ **Arunachal Pradesh**.  
**Note:**
- Kaiser-i-Hind' is a large and brightly coloured butterfly.
  - It is an elusive swallowtail butterfly, which carries 'India' in its name.
  - It is found in China and now it has been approved as the State butterfly of Arunachal Pradesh.
3. Which state with over 100 urban local bodies has bagged first rank in Swachh Survekshan 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Chhattisgarh**.  
**Note:**
- Chhattisgarh has been ranked first states with over 100 urban local bodies for the third consecutive year in Swachh Survekshan 2021, followed by Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.
  - Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh, having more than 100 urban local bodies, have been adjudged the second and third cleanest state in the country.
  - In the category of states with less than 100 urban local bodies, Jharkhand has been ranked first, followed by Haryana and Goa.
4. Foundation stone of Rani Gaidinliu Tribal Freedom Fighters Museum has been launched in \_\_\_\_\_ **Manipur**.  
**Note:**



- Foundation stone of Rani Gaidinliu Tribal Freedom Fighters Museum at Luangkao village in Tamenglong district of Manipur has been launched.
  - It will have an estimated cost of Rs 15 crore.
5. Which state government has launched 'Nirmay Yojna' to screen and protect people above 30 years from non-communicable diseases \_\_\_\_\_ **Gujarat**.
- Note:**
- The scheme includes the screening of those above 30 years of age against such diseases at primary health centres and community health centres every Friday — also known as Mamta Divas.
  - They will be given a Nirmay Card with their health details. The screening and facilities of treatment would save a family's expenses by Rs 12,000 to 15,000.
6. Which state government has unveiled a career portal aimed at providing professional guidance to students of schools and colleges of the State \_\_\_\_\_ **Punjab**.
- Note:**
- The state education department has launched the portal in association with UNICEF India and Aasman Foundation.
  - During the launch of the portal, <https://punjabcareerportal.com/>, the minister said that one major reason behind the unemployment problem of Punjab is the inability to choose the right career option. If students are able to get adequate career guidance at the opportune time, they can work wonders in accordance with their capability.
7. Which state's cabinet has given its approval to start Mukhyamantri Udyam Kranti Yojana to connect educated youths of the State with self-employment \_\_\_\_\_ **Madhya Pradesh**.
- Note:**
- The benefit of the scheme will be available to the minimum 12th class pass youths of the State between the ages of 18 to 40 years.
  - Under the scheme, projects ranging from one lakh to 50 lakh rupees for manufacturing units and one lakh to 25 lakh rupees for service units or retail businesses will be approved.

### **Important News - World**

1. Which country will host the upcoming session of the conference COP27 in 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Egypt**.
- Note:**
- It was announced in the UN climate change conference COP26 in Glasgow.
  - The United Arab Emirates (UAE) will host the 2023 edition of the conference.
  - The UN Climate Change Conference is the largest global conference of heads of states and governments on climate and environmental issues.
2. Which country has assumed the chairmanship of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) at its 21st Annual Council of Ministers (COM) meeting \_\_\_\_\_ **Bangladesh**.
- Note:**
- The IORA COM was held in a hybrid format in Dhaka.
  - Bangladesh assumed the Chairmanship of IORA till 2023.
  - IORA is inter-governmental organization aimed at strengthening regional cooperation and sustainable development within the Indian Ocean region.
3. Which country successfully test-fired the 'Zircon' Hypersonic Cruise Missile \_\_\_\_\_ **Russia**.
- Note:**
- Russia destroyed its own satellite in low-earth orbit using an Anti-Satellite (ASAT) Missile named '**Nudol**', which led to the formation of a cloud of space debris that could potentially destroy other orbiting satellites & the **International Space Station (ISS)**.
4. Which country signed a submarine deal with new defence alliances, namely United States (US) and United Kingdom (UK) \_\_\_\_\_ **Australia**.
- Note:**
- The deal seeks to equip Australian Navy with nuclear-powered submarines.

- The deal was signed by Australian Defence Minister Peter Dutton with U.S. and British diplomats.
  - This deal allows the exchange of sensitive “naval nuclear propulsion information” between three countries.
  - It is the first agreement on technology to be publicly signed.
5. Which country will host a summit of Foreign and Development Ministers from G7 in December 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **United Kingdom.**
- Note:**
- Foreign Secretary of UK, Liz Truss will welcome counterparts from leading economies like US, Germany, France, Canada, Italy, EU and Japan.
  - The summit will be held from December 10 to 12, 2021.
  - It will be second in-person gathering of G7 Foreign Ministers in 2021.

### **Honor & Awards**

1. The first-ever Sports Authority of India's Institutional Awards have been conferred to how many athletes \_\_\_\_\_ **162.**
- Note:**
- They have been conferred awards in the Outstanding Award and Best Award category for their performance in national and international competitions.
  - The awards acknowledge the exceptional performance of the SAI athletes and coaches under the various sports promotion schemes at the national and international level from 2016.
2. Which of the following pairs will be awarded the Indian Film Personality of the Year award at the 52nd International Film Festival of India 2021 in Goa \_\_\_\_\_ **Hema Malini and Prasoon Joshi.**
- Note:**
- Actor Hema Malini is 2 time BJP MP from Mathura while lyricist Joshi is former chairperson of CBFC.
  - The IFFI will kick off on 20th November in a hybrid — virtual and physical — format.
3. Which organization has been awarded with the Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Pratham.**
- Note:**
- Pioneering civil society organization, Pratham has been awarded the Indira Gandhi Peace Prize 2021.
  - It has been awarded for its pioneering work to ensure that every child has access to quality education, digital technology for education, providing skills to young adults, for its regular evaluation of the quality of education, etc.

### **Sports News**

1. Which country will host the 2025 ICC Men's Champions Trophy \_\_\_\_\_ **Pakistan.**
- Note:**
- This will also be the first major global cricket tournament played in Pakistan since 1996.
  - India gets 2026 T20 World Cup jointly with Sri Lanka, 2029 Champions Trophy and the 2031 World Cup jointly with Bangladesh.
  - In October 2028 the T20 World Cup will be played in Australia and New Zealand and 12 months later India will host the Champions Trophy.
2. Garbiñe Muguruza held from which country who has won her first WTA Finals Championship \_\_\_\_\_ **Spain.**
- Note:**
- In doubles, Czech's Barbora Krejčíková and Kateřina Siniaková beat Hsieh Su-wei (Chinese Taipei) and Elise Mertens (Belgium) by 6–3, 6–4 points.
  - Garbiñe has won the biggest title of her career and it was her 3rd title of the year.
  - Garbiñe becomes the first Spaniard to win the WTA Finals singles title in the event's history.
3. Who has won F1 Qatar Grand Prix 2021, which was held on November 21, 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Lewis Hamilton.**
- Note:**

- Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain) has won 2021 F1 Qatar Grand Prix, that was held on November 21, 2021.
  - Max Verstappen (Red Bull – Netherlands) came second, followed by Fernando Alonso (Alpine- Spain).
4. Erik Kynard belongs to which country who was upgraded to a 2012 Olympic high jump gold medal after original gold medalist Ivan Ukhov of Russia was previously stripped for doping, the IOC announced \_\_\_\_\_ **US**.

**Note:**

- Kynard's leap of 2.33 meters placed second behind Ivan Ukhov, who was proven years later to have taken part in the Russian state-backed steroid doping program.
  - Ukhov was banned for four years in 2019 at the Court of Arbitration for Sport. He went back to the same court last year for an appeal hearing but failed to overturn the ruling.
5. Which state's school and higher education department have won the prestigious SKOCH GOLD awards \_\_\_\_\_ **West Bengal**.

**Note:**

- School Education Department and Higher Education Department of GoWB – both have won the prestigious SKOCH GOLD awards.
  - Instituted in 2003, the Skoch award recognizes efforts in digital, financial, social inclusion, governance, inclusive growth, technology and applications and corporate leadership.
6. Union Minister for Commerce, Industry, Food and Public Distribution Piyush Goyal virtually launched India's first Food Museum in \_\_\_\_\_ **Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu**.

**Note:**

- The museum has been established by Food Corporation of India (FCI) in association with Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum (VITM), Bengaluru, at an investment of about ₹1.1 crore.
  - Spread over an area of 1,860 square feet, the museum showcases the evolution process – the transformation of the nomadic hunter gatherers' to settled agriculture producers leading to the beginning of civilizations. Models of various ancient grain storage methods, both global and indigenous, are displayed at the museum.
7. In which year India and Bangladesh will jointly host the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup \_\_\_\_\_ **2031**.

**Note:**

- The hosts were selected via a competitive bidding process which was overseen by a board sub-committee chaired by Martin Snedden along with Sourav Ganguly and Ricky Skerritt.
- The ICC confirmed the 14 host countries for the ICC men's white ball events from 2024-2031. It includes 11 full members and three associate members who will host two ICC Men's World Cups, four ICC Men's T20 World Cups and two ICC men's Champions Trophy events.

### **Books and Authors**

1. Who has authored the novel titled 'Delhi: A Soliloquy' that has won the Rs 25-lakh-JCB Prize for Literature 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **M Mukundan**.

**Note:**

- The Book focuses on India's capital Delhi, as it changes into the present-day megalopolis.
- Besides the cash award Mukundan also won a trophy created by Delhi artist duo Thukral & Tagra, titled 'Mirror Melting'.
- He also dedicated the award to "the poor people on the streets of Delhi."

2. Who has authored the book titled 'The Disruptor: How Vishwanath Pratap Singh Shook India' \_\_\_\_\_ **Debashish Mukerji**.

**Note:**

- The book presents a detailed account of India's eighth Prime Minister (PM), Vishwanath Pratap Singh (V P Singh), who served as PM between December 1989 to November 1990.
- V P Singh was known for implementing the recommendations of the Mandal Commission Report 1980 that provided reservations in central government services for the first time to the Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in 1990.

3. Who is the author of the biography of Olympic athlete Gurbachan Singh Randhawa titled 'Uddna Baaz' \_\_\_\_\_ **Navdeep Singh Gill**.

**Note:**

- The book is published by Unistar Books at Punjab Kala Bhawan.
- The Book is about Gurbachan Singh Randhawa's journey along with the Document of Nation's sports history.

4. Who is the author of the book 'Lal Salam' \_\_\_\_\_ **Smriti Irani.**

**Note:**

- 'Lal Salaam' is based on the tragic killings of 76 CRPF personnel in Dantewada in April 2010
- Lal Salaam is the story of a young officer, Vikram Pratap Singh, and of the challenges he faces against a system that is steeped in backroom politics and corruption.

5. According to a new report by the research arm of consultants McKinsey & Co which country becomes the the richest nation in the world \_\_\_\_\_ **China.**

**Note:**

- The report has been prepared after examining the national balance sheets of 10 countries, representing more than 60 per cent of world income.
- The worldwide net worth rose to \$514 trillion in 2020, from \$156 trillion in 2000, according to research conducted by McKinsey & Co. China emerged at the top of the worldwide list, accounting for almost one-third of the increase.

6. The book titled 'Shuttler's Flick: Making every match count' is an autobiography of \_\_\_\_\_ **P. Gopi Chand.**

**Note:**

- The book tells the life story of Gopichand. From the fateful knee injury on January 25, 1994, the comeback and his journey into building the Pullela Gopichand Badminton Academy was discussed during the launch of the book. Professor Madan Pillutla further delved into how to build a legacy and an institution.

### **Science and Defence**

1. Which country has begun the delivery of S-400 Triumf surface-to-air missile systems to India \_\_\_\_\_ **Russia.**

**Note:**

- The Biden administration has not yet clarified whether it will impose sanctions on India under the provisions of the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (CAATSA) for procuring the S-400 missile systems.
- The CAATSA, which was brought in 2017, provides for punitive actions against any country engaged in transactions with Russian defence and intelligence sectors.

2. India, Singapore and Thailand Trilateral Maritime Exercise SITMEX-21 was conducted in which place \_\_\_\_\_ **Andaman Sea.**

**Note:**

- The Navies of the India, Singapore and Thailand will participate in the event.
- Indian Naval Ship (INS) Karmuk is participating in the 3rd edition from India. It is an indigenously built Missile Corvette.

3. Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) has signed a \$21-million export contract for Counter Measures Dispensing System (CMDS) with \_\_\_\_\_ **Airbus Defense & Space.**

**Note:**

- Under the Contract, BDL will supply its Counter Measures Dispensing System to the Spanish entity.
- The public sector firm is looking at export opportunities for offerings such as Akash Weapon System, Astra Weapon System, Smart Anti-Airfield Weapon and Helina and Light Weight Torpedo and Heavy Weight Torpedo.

4. Which Indian airlines has announced the purchase of CFM LEAP-1B engines to power its recently purchased Boeing 737 MAX airplanes \_\_\_\_\_ **Akasa Air.**

**Note:**

- The agreement, that also includes spare engines and long-term services agreement, is valued at nearly \$4.5 billion at list price.
- Akasa had ordered 72 Boeing 737 MAX airplanes valued at nearly \$9 billion at list price.
- The LEAP-1B engine entered into service on the Boeing 737 MAX in 2017.

5. Researchers at which institutions have identified potential blood-based biomarkers to predict disease progression and survival times in those with late-stage brain tumours \_\_\_\_\_ **IISc, Bengaluru.**

**Note:**

- The team behind the innovation comprised researchers from the Centre for BioSystems Science and Engineering (BSSE) at IISc, Mazumdar Shaw Centre for Translational Research and Mazumdar Shaw Medical Foundation.

- They analysed tumour and blood samples from individuals with gliomas – tumours that occur in the brain – to identify surface proteins on immune cells in the blood whose levels were closely linked to tumour progression. This study was published in OncoImmunology.

6. India's first Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) project will come up in which state \_\_\_\_\_  
**Maharashtra.**

**Note:**

- There are currently a couple of such labs in the US – at Hanford in Washington and Livingston in Louisiana – which study the gravitational waves.
- The project will provide opportunities to scientists and engineers to dig deeper into the realm of gravitational waves.

7. Name the Indigenously developed missile destroyer that was commissioned into Indian Navy in Mumbai \_\_\_\_\_ **INS Visakhapatnam.**

**Note:**

- It is the first stealth-guided missile destroyer ship of Project 15B and a crucial step for the Navy to demonstrate its indigenous capability to build complex combat platforms.
- The destroyer is capable to enhance the Navy's capacity and firepower to battle threats by a margin.
- The event marked the formal induction of the first of the four Visakhapatnam class destroyers, into the Indian Navy

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