

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 **fourth week** (22-31st) of **October** 2021. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. With which bank the Mastercard, US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC), and US Agency for International Development (USAID) launched a \$100 million credit facility to promote and encourage small businesses in the country _____ **HDFC Bank**.

Note:

- This is aimed to promote and encourage small businesses in the country to digitise, while also helping Indian businesses, particularly those that are women-owned, to recover from the economic impacts of the pandemic.
- HDFC Bank will reach beyond its current customer base to make at least 50 per cent of this credit facility available to new small business borrowers, with a goal of at least 50 per cent of the facility being used for lending to women entrepreneurs.
- Mastercard will provide skills training and education to small business owners on their digitisation options through existing collaborations with the Confederation of Indian Industry and the Confederation of All Indian Traders.

2. Which technology company has announced the launch of the 'Unnati Program' to help equip engineering students in India with industry-relevant data-centric skills _____ **Intel**.

Note:

- The chipmaker plans to setup 100 Intel Unnati Data Centric Labs over the course of next year.
- The idea is to bring academia and industry together to address skills gap in the new age technologies.
- Focused on technology inclusion, the Intel Unnati Program strives to broaden access to technology infrastructure for educational institutions across all tiers.

3. The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) sanctioned Rs 608 crore to the Government of India (GoI) for different infrastructure projects in rural areas of _____ **Assam**.

Note:

- The infrastructure projects include 52 rural roads, 21 rural bridges, 19 flood protection projects and 32 soil conservation projects across the state under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) – XXVII.
- On completion of the projects, it is estimated that 17 lakh rural population in 900 villages will be directly benefitted.

4. Which fintech firm has partnered with Flipkart Wholesale, the e-commerce firm of the Flipkart Group to provide Embedded 'Buy Now, Pay Later' (BNPL) offering to the Micro Small Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) _____ **Rupifi**.

Note:

- The partnership will ensure the availability of instant and digital credit with flexible repayment terms and transparent pricing to around 1.5 lakh Kiranas and MSMEs members on Flipkart Wholesale.
- Rupifi will ease the process of digitization to boost the B2B (Business to Business) retail ecosystem.
- Rupifi is empowering MSMEs with a purchase credit line with flexible repayment options usage-based interest and zero fees.

5. With which bank the Future Generali India Insurance (FGII) Company Limited has entered into a bancassurance partnership to increase the reach of its insurance products _____ **Bank of India**.

Note:

- Through this alliance, FGII will offer its wide array of best-in-class and innovative insurance solutions to 5,084 BoI branches spread across 28 States and 8 Union Territories.
- Bancassurance is an arrangement between a bank and an insurance company that allows the insurance company to sell its products through the bank's infrastructure to the customers of the bank.
- This partnership arrangement can be profitable for both companies.

6. Which business firm has emerged as the winner for the Lucknow Scorchers, the new Indian Premier League (IPL) team _____ **RPSG Group**.

Note:

- For the Kolkata-based RPSG group, this is the second innings in IPL.
- It had earlier owned the Rising Pune Supergiant which came in as a replacement for Chennai Super Kings.
- While Sanjiv gets an opportunity to get back into league, his brother Harsh Goenka, Chairman of Mumbai-based RPG Group, had a different take.

7. Which business firm has emerged as the winner for the Ahmedabad Renegades, the new Indian Premier League (IPL) team _____ **CVC Capital Partners**.

Note:

- CVC Capital Partners is a private equity and investment advisory firm based in Luxembourg that have invested in other sports across the globe.
- IPL's first season was played in 2008 and there have been fourteen seasons of the IPL tournament.
- The 15th season will see 10 teams competing for the IPL title.

8. Budget carrier IndiGo airlines has entered into a strategic partnership with which bank for a co-branded credit card, Ka-ching, under the 6E Rewards programme _____ **Kotak Mahindra Bank**.

Note:

- Managed and operated by IndiGo, the Rewards Programme is linked to a co-branded card wherein members can earn rewards by using such card on IndiGo and other merchants and redeem them for availing the benefits.
- 6E is the airline code for IndiGo.
- The co-branded card will be available in two variants-- 6E Rewards and 6E Rewards XL -- offering exclusive travel benefits to the cardholders keen on domestic or international travel.

9. Which general insurance company has launched a solution named 'BeFit' to provide benefits of OPD services to its customers in a cashless manner _____ **ICICI Lombard General Insurance**.

Note:

- BeFit was serviced by ICICI Lombard's ILTakeCare app.
- Under the BeFit solution, medicine will be delivered to home within 60 minutes and lab tests both at home and centre visit. It also offers 24×7 consultations (tele and virtual) by a panel of doctors.
- Its offering covers pharmacy and diagnostics services related expenses for minor procedures that do not need hospitalization.

10. Mortgage lender HDFC Ltd has entered into a strategic alliance with which payments bank to offer home loans _____ **India Post Payments Bank**.

Note:

- Leveraging its countrywide network of 650 branches and over 136,000 banking access points (post offices), IPPB aims to make HDFC's home loan products and its expertise available to its customers across India.
- IPPB will offer housing loans through nearly 190,000 banking service providers (postmen and gramin dak sevaks).

11. Which organization has released report titled "The Changing Wealth of Nations 2021", according to which South Asia suffers the most in terms of loss of human capital loss because of air pollution _____ **World Bank**.

Note:

- According to the report, Global wealth is growing, particularly due to middle-income countries catching up with the most advanced economies.
- But many low-income nations remain stuck, collectively holding less than 1% of the pie despite accounting for 8% of the planet's population.

12. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India signed a US\$100 million loan to promote an agribusiness network to boost farm incomes and reduce food losses in _____ **Maharashtra**.

Note:

- It will help small and marginal farmers, improving their post-harvest and marketing capacity, reduce food losses, and increase incomes through access to finance, capacity building, and horticulture value chain infrastructure development.
- It will upgrade 16 existing post-harvest facilities and construct 3 new ones to provide individual farmers and FPOs.

13. With which bank the Central Govt has signed a \$251-million loan for climate-resilient, integrated urban flood protection and management in the Chennai-Kosasthalaiyar basin to strengthen the resilience of Chennai city to floods _____ **Asian Development Bank**.

Note:

- Govt of India and Asian Development Bank (ADB) have signed \$251-million loan for climate-resilient, integrated urban flood protection and management in Chennai–Kosasthalaiyar basin to strengthen the resilience of Chennai city to floods.
- It will help residents of Chennai–Kosasthalaiyar basin to cope with intensifying rainfall, a higher sea level rise, and a storm surge caused by cyclones, and protect lives, economy, and environment.

14. Which general insurance company has partnered with Google Pay to enable the users to buy insurer's health insurance on the Google Pay app _____ **SBI General Insurance**.

Note:

- This collaboration marks Google Pay's 1st partnership with an insurer in India to offer health insurance.
- The users were enabled to buy both individual and family plans under SBI General's Arogya Sanjeevani policy through Google Pay Spot.

15. What is the new name the social media platform Facebook _____ **Meta**.

Note:

- The name change, the plan for which was first reported by the Verge, is a significant rebrand for Facebook, but not it's first.
- In 2019 it launched a new logo to create a distinction between the company and its social app.

Obituaries

1. Renowned Doctor M. Krishnan Nair passed away recently, he was specialist in which discipline _____ **Oncology**.

Note:

- Nair was known for his various path-breaking initiatives in the field of cancer treatment especially in the areas of community and paediatric oncology and palliative care and his efforts to make the expensive treatment affordable to poor people.
- He played a key role in the opening of the paediatric wing at RCC in 1980s, also led the setting up of a Community and Preventive Oncology Department there aiming to create awareness about the disease.

2. Renowned sportsman Saranjeet Singh has passed away recently, he was associated with which sports _____ **Hockey**.

Note:

- The former State Bank of India hockey player, who played for Coronation Club in the local league, represented Hyderabad juniors and seniors for many years in the late 70s and 80s and also played for India, which toured Germany in 1983.

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3. Renowned personality Puneeth Rajkumar passed away recently, he was a veteran _____ **Actor**.

Note:

- He was known to fans as "Appu" – after the 2002 film. He was also a singer and was admired for his dance skills. Puneeth was the presenter of Kannadada Kotyadhipathi, the Kannada version of the game show Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?

Important Days

1. International Stuttering Awareness Day is observed every year on which date _____ **22nd October**.

Note:

- This year (2021) the theme of the day is "Speak the change you wish to see".
- This year, pianist Shivank Menon is bringing together personalities from the Indian film industry to break the stigma associated with stammering.

2. International Snow Leopard Day is celebrated every year on which date _____ **23rd October**.

Note:

- The day commemorates the anniversary of the **Bishkek Declaration** and to celebrate this endangered cat and raise awareness for its conservation and protection. It was on October 23, 2013, when political leaders from 12 countries came together to endorse the 'Bishkek Declaration on the conservation of snow leopards.

3. World Polio Day is celebrated annually on _____ **24th October**.

Note:

- The Day was established by Rotary International to commemorate the birth of **Jonas Salk**, who led the first team to develop a vaccine against poliomyelitis. 2021 theme for World Polio Day is "**Delivering on a Promise.**"

4. United Nations Day is celebrated every year on which date _____ **24th October.**

Note:

- It was on this day in **1945** that the Charter of the United Nations came into force. With the ratification of the UN Charter by the majority of its signatories, including the five permanent members of the Security Council, the United Nations officially came into being.

5. What is the theme of the Vigilance Awareness Week 2021 _____ **Independent India @75: Self Reliance with Integrity.**

Note:

- It is organized by Central Vigilance Commission (CVC).
- It is celebrated during the week in which the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel falls, which is held on October 31.
- Theme for Vigilance Awareness Week 2021: 'Independent India @75: Self Reliance with Integrity'.

6. The World Day for Audiovisual Heritage is observed every year on which date _____ **27th October.**

Note:

- The World Day for Audiovisual Heritage is a key initiative for both UNESCO and the Coordinating Council of Audiovisual Archives Associations (CCAAA) to honour audiovisual preservation professionals and institutions that safeguard our heritage for future generations.
- The theme of the World Day for Audiovisual Heritage 2021: "Your Window to the World".

7. International Animation Day (IAD) is observed every year on which date to celebrate the art of animation and also recognize the artists, scientists and technicians behind animation _____ **28th October.**

Note:

- IAD was created in 2002 by Association Internationale du Film D' Animation (ASIFA), , a member of UNESCO.
- 2021 marks the 20th International Animation Day

8. International Internet Day is celebrated every year on which date _____ **29th October.**

Note:

- The day marks the sending of the first electronic message which was transferred from one computer to another in 1969.
- At that time the Internet was known as ARPANET (Advanced Research Projects Agency Network).

9. What is the theme of the World Psoriasis Day 2021 that was observed on 29th October 2021 _____ **Uniting for action.**

Note:

- The theme for 2021 World Psoriasis Day is "Uniting for action".
- Psoriasis is a kind of skin disorder that reasons skin cells to multiply up to ten times faster.
- Psoriasis causes the skin to build up into bumpy red patches embraced with white scales.

10. World Thrift Day is celebrated every year on _____ **31st October.**

Note:

- This day is celebrated to promote the importance of savings and how saving money is important in today's world. It is an important day to be remembered for individuals as well as the country's economy.
- Savings, as we all know, is a necessity for every depositor who contributes to economic development.

11. In India, the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas or National Unity Day is observed every year on _____ **31st October.**

Note:

- The Day is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of the Iron Man of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
- This year marks the 146th anniversary of the great leader who played an instrumental role in India's struggle for independence, and later during the integration of the country.

12. World Cities Day is observed every year on which date _____ **31st October.**

Note:

- The Day is celebrated to promote the international community's interest in global urbanization, push forward cooperation among countries in meeting opportunities and addressing challenges of urbanization, and contribute to sustainable urban development around the world.
- Theme: "Adapting cities for climate resilience",

New Appointments

1. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Group Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of credit rating agency ICRA _____ **Ramnath Krishnan.**

Note:

- Prior to this, he was serving as the President for ratings and as chief ratings officer at ICRA.
- He joined ICRA in July 2020.
- He replaced N Sivaraman, who resigned with immediate effect due to personal reasons.
- Gurgaon based ICRA is a unit owned by global rating agency Moody's Corporation.

2. Who has been selected for 2022 Joseph A. Cushman Award for Excellence in Foraminiferal Research _____ **Rajiv Nigam.**

Note:

- He is the first Indian Citizen to be selected for the prestigious award.
- He has been chosen for his outstanding lifetime contributions to the field of foraminifera (microfossil) research.
- He will receive the award at Cushman Reception during 2022 Geological Society of America meeting in Denver, Colorado, USA

3. Who assumed charge as the Chairperson of Chennai Port Trust _____ **Sunil Paliwal.**

Note:

- He is currently holding the post of Chairman and Managing Director, Kamarajar Port Ltd.
- He had also worked as the managing director of Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board.

4. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of FloBiz, a neobank for Indian Small to Medium sized Businesses (SMBs) for its flagship product myBillBook _____ **Manoj Bajpayee.**

Note:

- He will promote the "Business Ko Le Seriously" campaign to mark the importance of digital solutions. FloBiz will release advertisement films featuring Manoj Bajpayee as a businessman.
- The campaign is credited by Tilt Brand Solutions.
- Bill Book is a software for GST registered businesses where invoicing is one of the core business activities.

5. Who will be the chairman of the reconstituted seven-member Economic Advisory Council to the PM _____ **Bibek Debroy.**

Note:

- Govt reconstitutes EAC-PM for two-year period under B Debroy as head
- Govt has reconstituted economic advisory council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) for 2 years with Bibek Debroy as head.
- EAC-PM is an independent body, was set up in September 2017 with a term of two years.

6. Under whose chairmanship the Supreme Court has constituted a 3-member independent expert to probe the alleged use of Israeli spyware Pegasus for targeted surveillance in India _____ **R.V. Raveendran.**

Note:

- A bench headed by Chief Justice N V Ramana asserted that in a democratic country governed by the rule of law, indiscriminate spying on individuals cannot be allowed except with sufficient statutory safeguards by following the procedure established by law under the Constitution.
- Former apex court judge R V Raveendran, 75, will monitor the probe by the technical panel whose members are experts in cyber security and digital forensics.

7. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director and CEO of J&K Bank _____ **Baldev Prakash.**

Note:

- The Reserve Bank of India has vide letter dated October 26, 2021 accorded approval to the candidature of Prakash as MD & CEO of the Bank for a period of three years from the date of taking charge or April 10, 2022, whichever is earlier
- The state-owned lender will separately inform about the appointment of Baldev Prakash as MD & CEO by its board and the actual date of assuming charge by him.
- Prakash has over 30 years of experience in banking in various roles at small and large size branches at SBI.

8. Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) _____ **KV Kamath.**

Note:

- In March this year, the Parliament passed the NaBFID bill paving the way for the creation of a DFI which will help fund long term infrastructure projects in the country.
- The DFI will be initially wholly owned by the government, but its stake will be reduced to 26% later.

- The Union budget has allocated ₹20,000 crore to capitalize the DFI, which is expected to create a lending portfolio of at least ₹5 trillion in about three years.
9. Shavkat Mirziyoyev has been re-elected as President of which country for a second five-year term _____
Uzbekistan.
- Note:**
- He won 80.1% of the total vote.
 - He took the office of President in 2016 following the death of longtime President Islam Karimov,
 - Prior to being appointed as President, he served as the Prime Minister of Uzbekistan from 2003 to 2016.

Important News - India

1. What is India's rank in the Rule of Law Index 2021 of the World Justice Project (WJP), an independent advocacy group founded in the United States _____ **79th.**
- Note:**
- The WJP Rule of Law Index 2021 ranks the countries based on scores ranging from 0 to 1, with 1 indicating the strongest adherence to the rule of law.
 - Like the previous year, the top three global places for overall rule of law went to Denmark (score 0.90), Norway (0.90) and Finland (0.88) and Venezuela (score 0.27), Cambodia (0.32) and the Democratic Republic of Congo (0.35) this year too remained at the bottom of the WJP index.
2. A total how Centres for Financial Literacy and Service Delivery (SAKSHAM Centres) have been launched under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission in a week as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav _____ **152.**
- Note:**
- A total of 152 Centres (across 77 districts of 13 states) for Financial Literacy and Service Delivery (SAKSHAM Centres) have been launched under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission in a week as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
 - The objective of the centre is to provide financial literacy and facilitate the delivery of financial services to Self-Help Group members and the rural poor.
3. "Banni" breed of buffaloes found in which state of India that's first IVF calf was born recently _____ **Gujarat.**
- Note:**
- The process was carried out to enhance the number of genetically superior buffaloes to increase milk production
 - Producing calves by deploying ART will pave the way for rapid multiplication of superior animals at a much faster pace.
 - India has more than 109 million buffaloes that are 56 per cent of the world's buffalo population.
4. National Inter-religious Conference was organised in which city of India by the Lokmat media group _____ **Nagpur.**
- Note:**
- Theme of the conference was 'Global Challenges to Communal Harmony and Role of India'.
 - It is a forum for bringing together the views of different religions and sects.
 - Founder of Art of the Living, Guru Sri Sri Ravishankar, Swami Ramdev of Patanjali Yogpeeth, Acharya Lokesh Muni, Archbishop of Mumbai Cardinal Oswald Gracias, Haji Syed Salman Chishti, Bhikkhu Sanghasena and many other prominent religious leaders participated in this Conference.
5. M/s Andrew Yule & Co Ltd Central Public Sector Enterprise in Tea Sector has launched Azadi Amrut Chai in Orthodox, Elaichi, Adrakh and Masala flavors to commemorate the 75th year of India's Independence and to celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, it works under ambit of which ministry _____ **Ministry of Heavy Industries.**
- Note:**
- Azadi Amrut Chai was launched by the Union Heavy Industries Minister, Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey.
 - It will be available for retail sale soon at an introductory price of Rs 75 per 100 gms pack, at Tea Board counter of Parliament, Trifed outlets, Udyog Bhawan and other Central Government offices.
 - M/s Andrew Yule & Co Ltd, a 158 years old company, has 15 Tea Gardens spread over Assam and West Bengal having close to 14000 employees.
6. Who will chair the newly-formed National Steering Committee formed by government of India to implement NIPUN Bharat scheme _____ **Dharmendra Pradhan.**
- Note:**

- The newly-formed National Steering Committee to implement NIPUN Bharat will be chaired by the Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and Minister of State for Education Annapurna Devi will be the vice-chairperson.
 - The objective of the committee will be to oversee the progress of the National Mission on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy and provide guidance on policy issues and achieve the desired target in 2026-27.
 - The committee will also review programmatic and financial norms periodically to ensure they are synchronised with targets to be achieved.
7. The National Tribal Dance Festival was organized in which city of India that promote and celebrate the uniqueness of tribal culture _____ **Raipur**.
- Note:**
- The three-day festival, organised under the tourism development plan of the Chhattisgarh government, hosted artists belonging to diverse tribal communities from countries, including Uzbekistan, Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Uganda, Syria, Mali, Palestine, and Kingdom of Eswatini.
 - The artists from tribal areas of Bastar, Dantewada, Koriya, Korba, Bilaspur, Gariabandh, Mainpur, Dhura, Dhamtari, Surguja and Jashpur in Chhattisgarh presented their own distinctive history, culture and traditions.
8. What is the total outlay of the PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission recently launched by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi from Varanasi _____ **Rs 64000 crore**.
- Note:**
- It is one of the largest pan-India schemes for strengthening health care infrastructure across the country.
 - The PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission will be one of the largest pan-India schemes for strengthening health care infrastructure across the country.
 - It will be in addition to the National Health Mission.
9. R K Singh, Union Minister of Power & New and Renewable Energy, launched the new market segment GDAM, what does 'A' stands for in GDAM _____ **Ahead**.
- Note:**
- Under this, any interested party can setup renewable energy capacity and sell it to Discoms / industries sell renewable energy.
 - Open access will be granted within 15 days and large industries can go green.
10. Which will be the nodal agency for India's 1st Green Day Ahead Market (GDAM) recently launched by the Union Minister of Power & New and Renewable Energy, R K Singh for the renewable energy to enable the electricity generation and distribution companies to trade in the day-ahead market _____ **National Load Despatch Centre (NLDC)**.
- Note:**
- The launch will also provide competitive price signals, besides offering an opportunity to the market participants to trade in green energy, in the most transparent, flexible, competitive, and efficient manner.
 - India is the only large electricity market in the world to implement a GDAM exclusively for RE.
11. The National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) comes under ambit of which ministry that has launched the first-of-its-kind and the largest 'Impact Bond' for skilling in India in collaboration with global partners _____ **Ministry of Finance**.
- Note:**
- Along with the NSDC, the global coalition comprises of HRH Prince Charles's British Asian Trust, the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation (MSDF), The Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF), HSBC India, JSW Foundation and Dubai Cares, with FCDO (UK Government) & USAID as technical partners.
 - "The Skill Impact Bond (SIB) is also the first impact bond involving public, private partners and a public private partnership organization.
 - CIFF, HSBC India, JSW Foundation and Dubai Cares support the outcome fund.
12. Which ministry has launched 'SAMBHAV' a national level awareness programme for promoting entrepreneurship leading to the economic development of the country _____ **Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises**.
- Note:**
- The mass outreach program will be a one-month long initiative under the Ministry of MSME in which students from different colleges/ITIs from all parts of the country will be encouraged by 130 field offices of the Ministry to take up entrepreneurship.
 - During the campaign, the college students will be made aware of the various schemes being implemented by the Ministry of MSME through audio/video film presentations.
13. Which institution has launched 'Garuda App' _____ **Election Commission of India (ECI)**.

Note:

- Aim of the app is to ensure faster, smarter, transparent, and timely completion of election work and also to reduce the paperwork.
- The longitude and latitude of the polling stations along with photos and location information will be uploaded in the app by Booth Level Officers (BLOs) (using their registered mobile numbers).

14. What is the theme of the 'CII Asia Health 2021 summit' _____ **Transforming Healthcare for a better tomorrow.**

Note:

- It is a 2-day summit and has been organized by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
- Theme: 'Transforming Healthcare for a better tomorrow'.
- Aim: to provide a centralized forum to deliberate on most critical challenges that India and the world face in delivering healthcare, with focus on the digital transformations that result in improved patient outcomes and experience.

15. The first ever 'Apple Festival' was held in which place _____ **Srinagar.**

Note:

- It will provide a better platform to apple growers and other stakeholders
- With annual production of more than 2.2 million metric tonnes, apple from J&K contributes to 87% of the national production and is linked to the livelihood of about 30% of the population of Jammu and Kashmir.

16. What is India's rank, in the report published by London & Partners and Dealroom.co for climate tech investment _____ **9th.**

Note:

- Global climate tech venture capital investment surged from US\$ 6.6 billion in 2016 to US\$ 32.3 billion in 2021, a rise in funding by almost five times, the research disclosed.
- The top 10 countries for climate tech VC investment between 2016 and 2021 are – US (US\$ 48 billion), China (US\$ 18.6 billion), Sweden (US\$ 5.8 billion), UK (US\$ 4.3 billion), France (US\$ 3.7 billion), Germany (US\$ 2.7 billion), Canada (US\$ 1.4 billion), Netherlands (US\$ 1.3 billion), India (US\$ 1 billion) and Singapore (US\$ 700 million).

17. Which Union Ministry launched the 'Green Day Ahead Market (GDAM)' _____ **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.**

Note:

- The introduction of GDAM is expected to create a domino effect that will lead to a gradual shift from PPA based contract to market-based models which will build and deepen the markets to the next level, paving the way for India to meet its ambitious target of 450 GW green capacity by 2030.
- The other benefits of participating in the GDAM would be reduction of curtailment of green power, unlocking untapped renewable energy potential, ensuring instant payment to RE generators ie on the day of delivery itself.

Important News – State

1. Which state government has announced the implementation of the scheme "Mukhyamantri Ration Apke Dwar Yojana" _____ **Madhya Pradesh.**

Note:

- Under this scheme, the ration will be provided at the doorstep of the villagers where there are no Fair Price Shops (FPS).
- The objective of Mukhyamantri Ration Aapke Dwar Yojana is to provide ration material to Divyanga and senior citizens near their homes so that they do not need to go to the ration shop of other villages to get their monthly food.

2. VEM Technologies signed an MoU with which state government for setting up an integrated defence system facility _____ **Telangana.**

Note:

- The set up is about 511 acres and investing 1000 crores in five years with 2000 employees.
- The integrated defence system is going to be built with full fledged facility for missiles, naval systems, unmanned aircraft system, radars, aero engines etc.,
- The set up becomes a base for foreign Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) for domestic and global system production.

3. India's first state government-owned Wildlife DNA analysis laboratory was opened in which state _____
Maharashtra.

Note:

- Currently, there are two central government-owned Wildlife DNA laboratory, located at Dehradun and Hyderabad.
- This new facility will enable the authorities in Maharashtra to promptly get DNA reports of animals hit by man-wildlife conflict or menaces such as poaching, which until now, were sent to laboratories in Hyderabad or Dehradun for testing and authorities had to wait for months to get the report.

4. Which state government has launched 'Go-Green' scheme & its Portal to provide electric two-wheelers at subsidized rates to construction and industrial workers of the state _____ **Gujarat.**

Note:

- The Scheme aimed at reducing fuel bills and also curbs vehicular pollution.
- The electric 2 wheeler buyers of Construction and Industrial sectors can avail one-time subsidy on RTO registration and road tax.
- The organised sector workers, such as an industrial labourer, would get a subsidy of 30 per cent on the vehicle's price or Rs.30,000, whichever is less, on the purchase of battery-powered two-wheelers.

5. Which state has topped in the Public Affairs Index (PAI 2021), a governance performance index released by Public Affairs Centre (PAC), a Bengaluru-based nonprofit think tank _____ **Kerala.**

Note:

- In the overall rankings, Kerala continues to be at the top and Tamil Nadu has retained its second place. Telangana has replaced Andhra Pradesh at the third spot compared to last year's ranking.
- Gujarat ranks fifth, Karnataka seventh and Maharashtra 12th in the ranking.

6. Which became the first state to release its own Wildlife Action plan (2021-30) _____ **Maharashtra.**

Note:

- The plan will be a guiding document for an action plan for wildlife conservation for the next decade.
- The plan has suggested integrating climate change adaption in wildlife conservation and the plan focuses on 12 areas.

7. The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with which state government to spread awareness about the benefits of listing SMEs in the state _____ **Chhattisgarh.**

Note:

- This is expected to help in the healthy growth of SMEs.
- BSE will provide intellectual and manpower support to create awareness about the benefits of listing among SMEs.
- Besides, BSE will also provide training and capacity building support to District Industries Centre officials of the Government of Chhattisgarh.

Important News - World

1. Which country has elected its first-ever president to replace Britain's Queen Elizabeth as head of state in a decisive step toward shedding the Caribbean island's colonial past _____ **Barbados.**

Note:

- Sandra Mason was elected by a two-thirds vote of a joint session of the country's House of Assembly and Senate.
- A former British colony that gained independence in 1966, the nation of just under 300,000 had long maintained ties with the British monarchy.
- But calls for full sovereignty and homegrown leadership have risen in recent years.
- Mason, 72, will be sworn in on Nov. 30, the country's 55th anniversary of independence from Britain.

2. Which country has launched its first space rocket to be completely developed and built in the country called 'Nuri' _____ **South Korea.**

Note:

- The 47-meter rocket lifted off with bright yellow fire shooting from its engines.
- The rocket is called Nuri. It launched from the country's Naro Space Center, which is on a small island off South Korea's southern coast.

3. Who becomes the first film director to shoot a film in space named as "The Challenge" _____ **Klim Shipenko.**

Note:

- It took around 30 hours to record the material while in space.
- This is the first time a mission has been embarked to ISS to shoot a movie in space.
- The film "The Challenge" is based on the life of a woman doctor who goes to space to save a cosmonaut's life.

4. Which organization released the 'Production Gap Report' _____ **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).**

Note:

- The Production Gap Report, first launched in 2019, tracks the discrepancy between governments' planned fossil fuel production and global production levels consistent with limiting warming to 1.5°C or 2°C.
- UNEP's Major Reports: Emission Gap Report, Adaptation Gap Report, Global Environment Outlook, Making Peace with Nature.

5. Which country will use one of the world's biggest natural-gas projects to make blue hydrogen _____ **Saudi Arabia.**

Note:

- The kingdom is steps up its efforts to export a fuel seen as crucial to the green-energy transition.
- A large portion of gas from the \$110 billion Jafurah development will be used for blue hydrogen
- It is made by converting natural gas and capturing the carbon dioxide emissions.

6. Which Arabian country has launched a "National Infrastructure Fund" to that will invest in areas such as water, transportation, energy, and health, contributing to country's plans to transform the economy and make it less reliant on oil revenue _____ **Saudi Arabia.**

Note:

- It has been advised by the world's largest fund manager BlackRock.
- The National Infrastructure Fund will invest in areas such as water, transportation, energy, and health, contributing to Saudi Arabia's plans to transform the economy and make it less reliant on oil revenue.

7. The 16th East Asia Summit was hosted by which country in that Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated virtually _____ **Brunei.**

Note:

- It was hosted by Brunei and saw the participation of leaders from the ASEAN countries and Australia, China, Japan, South Korea, Russia, US and India.
- This was 7th East Asia Summit attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Members of EAS includes 10 ASEAN member states, and India, China, Japan, Korea, Australia, New Zealand, US and Russia.

8. Name the Indo-Canadian lady who has been appointed as Canada's minister of national defence _____ **Anita Anand.**

Note:

- Ms. Anand (54) will replace long-time Defence Minister Indian-origin Harjit Sajjan, whose handling of the military sexual misconduct crisis has been under criticism.
- Mr. Sajjan has been appointed as Minister of International Development Agency.

9. Which country has successfully launched military communication satellite, titled as 'Syracuse 4A', into orbit _____ **France.**

Note:

- The satellite was launched on Ariane 5 rocket.
- It will allow the armed forces of France across the globe to communicate swiftly and securely.
- It is first in the series of three Syracuse IV communication satellite being developed to improve French military satellite communications.

Honor & Awards

1. According to Ministry of Information and Broadcasting who will be conferred the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award at 52nd International Film Festival of India in Goa _____ **Istevan Szabo and Martin Scorsese.**

Note:

- Istvan Szabo is one of the most critically acclaimed Hungarian film directors of the past few decades known for masterpieces like Mephisto (1981) Father (1966).
 - Martin Scorsese is one of the major figures of the New Hollywood era, regarded as one of the greatest and most influential directors in film history.
2. Koozhangal (internationally translated as Pebbles) is drama film of which language that has been selected as India's official entry for 94th Academy Awards (Oscars 2022) _____ **Tamil.**

Note:

- Koozhangal has been directed by filmmaker Vinothraj PS and produced by Vignesh Shivan and Nayanthara
 - It is related to alcoholic abusive husband who, after his long-suffering wife runs off, sets out with his young son.
 - 94th Academy Awards are scheduled to take place in Los Angeles, on March 27, 2022.
3. Renowned author and a filmmaker Tsitsi Dangarembga held from which country who becomes the first black woman to win 2021 Peace Prize of the German Book Trade for "new Enlightenment", a work on violence in her country and all over the world _____ **Zimbabwe.**

Note:

- The Award has been awarded by the Börsenverein des Deutschen Buchhandels, an association of German book publishers and book sellers.
 - Dangarembga is the first black woman to win the German Peace Prize
 - Tsitsi Dangarembga is novelist, playwright and filmmaker, born on February 4, 1959, in mutoko, Zimbabwe.
4. Who has been conferred with the 51st Dadasaheb Phalke Award (2019 edition) for his stupendous contribution to Indian cinema at 67th National Film Awards ceremony _____ **Rajnikanth.**

Note:

- Dadasaheb Phalke Award for 2019 was to be announced last year but was postponed due to Covid-19 pandemic, as were the National Film Awards for 2019.
- It is awarded for excellence in cinematic achievement and is the highest honour in film, awarded by the government.
- The recipient of the 2018 award was Amitabh Bachchan.

Sports News

1. Renowned cricketer James Pattinson held from which country who announced his retirement from international cricket _____ **Australia.**

Note:

- The 31-year-old, who has played 21 Tests and 15 ODIs, though will continue to play domestic cricket.
 - Pattinson claimed 81 Test wickets and 16 ODI scalps in his career after making his Test debut in December 2011 alongside Mitchell Starc and David Warner against New Zealand in Brisbane.
2. Who has won men's single title in the 2021 Denmark Open Badminton championship held at the Odense Sports Park in Odense, Denmark _____ **Viktor Axelsen.**

Note:

- He defeated world number 1 Momota Kento of Japan.
 - Akane Yamaguchi of Japan won her second title in women's category defeating An Se-young (South Korea).
 - Men's double – Takuro Hoki, and Yugo Kobayashi (Japan)
 - Women's double – Huang Dongping and Zheng Yu (China)
 - Mixed double – Yuta Watanabe and Arisa Higashino (Japan).
3. Who has won the MotoGP world championship at the Emilia-Romagna Grand Prix _____ **Fabio Quartararo.**

Note:

- Pole Bagnaya led the Ducati home race when he crashed five laps to go, losing the race to Marc Marquez of Honda and the world title Quartararo.
 - Quartararo's victory ended nearly a decade of Spanish domination after Marquez (six championships), Yamaha's Jorge Lorenzo (2012 and 2015) and Juan Mir of Suzuki (2020) won their last nine titles.
4. Who won the U.S. Grand Prix 2021 title _____ **Max Verstappen**.
- Note:**
- This is his eighth title of the season.
 - Verstappen and Red Bull won on a track where Hamilton and Mercedes have been dominant for years.
 - The victory doubled Verstappen's lead over Hamilton to 12 points in the standings with five races remaining and could prove to be a pivotal win in this classic championship battle.
5. Name the former cricketer who unveiled World's biggest cricket bat in Hyderabad _____ **Mohd Azharuddin**.
- Note:**
- President of Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) and former India captain Mohd Azharuddin has inaugurated World's biggest cricket bat in Hyderabad.
 - This bat has been certified by the Guinness Book of World Records as the biggest cricket bat in the world.
 - It has been designed by Pernod Ricard India (P) Ltd with poplar wood and has been fabricated by BSL Events.
6. Name the Indian swimmer who won the gold medal in 50 meter backstroke at 74th senior National aquatic championships _____ **Ridhima Veerendra Kumar**.
- Note:**
- The 14-year-old relegated Maana Patel to second spot for the second successive race (after 100m backstroke on day one) by clocking 29.94s over 50m.

Books and Authors

1. Who is the author of the book titled, "The Stars in My Sky: Those Who Brightened My Film Journey" _____ **Divya Dutta**.
- Note:**
- And now, news is that her second book titled 'Stars In My Sky' will be out this month.
 - In 'Stars In My Sky', Divya will share her emotional journey of becoming an actor along with some of her defining moments as an artist.
2. Who has authored the book titled "Kamala Harris: Phenomenal Woman", a biography of Kamala Harris _____ **Chidanand Rajghatta**.
- Note:**
- The book is published by HarperCollins Publishers India.
 - The book features the life incidents of Kamala Harris, a woman of mixed race (India and Jamaica) who has become the first Indian descent, the first woman to become the vice president of the USA.
3. Who has authored the book titled 'AIIMS Mein Ek Jang Ladte Hue' _____ **Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'**.
- Note:**
- He gifted one copy of the book to the PM Narendra Modi.
 - The book was written by him during the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - The book was published by Prabhat Prakashan Pvt. Ltd.
4. Who has authored the book titled 'Writing For My Life' _____ **Ruskin Bond**.
- Note:**
- The anthology accounts for Bond's life with his father, adventure in Jersey and London etc.
 - The current one, which is Ruskin Bond's 2nd anthology, has been released 25 years after his first anthology of "The Best of Ruskin Bond".

Science and Defence

1. Which ship builders builds India's first indigenous aircraft carrier (IAC) INS Vikrant that has begun its 2nd phase of sea trials _____ **Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi**.
- Note:**
- India's first indigenous aircraft carrier (IAC) Vikrant to be inducted into the Indian Navy by August next year.
 - The 40,000-tonne aircraft carrier, the largest and most complex warship to be built in India, successfully completed a five-day maiden sea voyage in August.

- The warship will operate MiG-29K fighter jets, Kamov-31 helicopters, MH-60R multi-role helicopters.

2. So far, India has conducted bilateral tri service exercise only with three countries and the recent one is 'Konkan Shakti 2021' with UK, which are the other two countries _____ **Russia and USA.**

Note:

- The UK's Carrier Strike Group (CSG) led by its largest warship HMS Queen Elizabeth and several other frontline ships of the two navies are participating in the week-long 'Konkan Shakti' exercise.
- The UK is only the third country after the US and Russia with which India is conducting a tri-services exercise.
- Indian Navy's MiG 29K jets, the Royal Navy's F-35B aircraft and Indian Air Force's SU-30 and Jaguar fighters were among the key assets deployed for the exercise.

3. Which Indian port got new long-range marine communication technology called as Radio Over Internet Protocol (ROIP) system _____ **Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata.**

Note:

- SPM has become the first Major Indian Port to get a ROIP System.
- It is a long-range marine communication solution to aid specially during storms and inclement weather.
- It will cover the entire Hugli River Estuary from Kolkata to Sandheads, and will have base stations at 4 Locations: Kolkata, Hugli point, Haldia and Sagar Pilot Station.

4. What is the strike range of the recently test-fired ballistic missile Agni-5 from APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha _____ **5000 km.**

Note:

- Agni-5: It is a nuclear-capable intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM), which uses a three-stage solid-fueled engine.
- It can strike targets at ranges up to 5,000 km with a very high degree of accuracy
- It is 17-metre long, 2-metre wide and has launch weight of around 50 tonnes and can carry a nuclear warhead of more than one tonne.

5. The new indigenously built Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) named as 'Sarthal' has been dedicated to the nation, it will be based in _____ **Porbandar, Gujarat.**

Note:

- It will be based at Porbandar in Gujarat and was commissioned by the Director General of Indian Coast Guard, K Natarajan, at Goa.
- ICGS Sarthal: It is fourth in the series of five Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPVs) being built by Goa Shipyard Limited for the ICG, to boost maritime safety and security of India.

6. The first of two additional Krivak or Talwar-class stealth frigates, Tushil, being built by which country for the Indian Navy, that was formally launched into the waters _____ **Russia.**

Note:

- It is part of four follow-on frigates contracted by India from Russia, of which two are being built by Russia and two are under construction in India through technology transfer.
- The launch of a ship from dry dock into the waters is significant, as it marks the completion of the basic construction.
- The advanced construction and equipping of the ship will be done when the ship is afloat.

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