

# Weekly One-Liners

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## Weekly One Liners Updates 1-7th September 2021

Dear readers,

**Weekly One Liners Update** is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the **first week** (1-7th) of **September 2021**. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

### **Banking & Financial Awareness**

1. Which fintech firm is set to acquire India's earliest payment gateway BillDesk in an all-cash transaction of \$4.7 billion \_\_\_\_\_ **PayU**.  
**Note:**
  - This will be the largest acquisition in India's digital payments space.
  - The deal will also give exit to investors General Atlantic, TA Associates, Temasek, Clearstone Ventures, and Visa.
2. According to Morgan Stanley what will be the India's GDP growth rate for FY2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **10.5 per cent**.  
**Note:**
  - GDP growth is expected to move into positive territory on a two-year CAGR basis from QE September. GDP grew 20.1 per cent year-on-year in the quarter ending June.
  - On a two-year CAGR basis, real GDP contracted 4.7 per cent in QE June versus plus 2.3 per cent in QE March.
3. Which Small Finance Bank (SFB) has launched a new initiative enabling Google Pay users to book fixed deposits (FDs) \_\_\_\_\_ **Equitas Small Finance Bank**.  
**Note:**
  - Initially, this functionality will be available for Google Pay users who are accessing the app from Android.
  - The deposits in Equitas are covered by a deposit guarantee upto ₹5 lakh per depositor.
  - On maturity, principal and interest of the FD go directly to the Google Pay user's existing bank account.
4. BharatPe announced a strategic partnership with which bank under which the bank will act as the acquiring bank for BharatPe's point of sale (PoS) business BharatSwipe \_\_\_\_\_ **Axis Bank**.  
**Note:**
  - This association will help BharatPe enhance the merchant experience by leveraging best-in-class technology platform offered by Axis Bank.
  - Axis Bank is the third largest PoS acquiring bank in the payments acceptance business in India.
5. Which bank has opened a floating ATM on a Houseboat at Dal Lake in Jammu and Kashmir's Srinagar for the convenience of locals and tourists \_\_\_\_\_ **State Bank of India**.  
**Note:**
  - The floating ATM was inaugurated by SBI Chairman Dinesh Khare.
  - This is not the first time that SBI has launched a floating ATM as back in 2004, the bank took this initiative in Kerala.
6. Under whose chairmanship the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has will set up a committee to scrutinize applications and give recommendations on new umbrella entity (NUE) licences \_\_\_\_\_ **P Vasudevan**.  
**Note:**
  - The five-member committee will be headed by RBI chief general manager P Vasudevan
  - NUEs will establish their own payment infrastructure to compete with National Payments Corp. of India (NPCI).
  - The system will be focussed on small and medium enterprises, merchants and consumers
7. The New Development Bank (NDB) has approved which country as its new member \_\_\_\_\_ **Bangladesh**.  
**Note:**
  - The NDB Board of Governors initiated the negotiation to expand its membership in 2020.
  - It has now approved the United Arab Emirates, Uruguay and Bangladesh as its first new member countries.
  - Since the beginning of its operations, NDB has approved about 80 projects totaling a portfolio of USD 30 billion.
8. Central banks of four countries have launched digital currencies (CBDC) scheme, which one is not among them \_\_\_\_\_ **India**.

- It is a cross border payments trial that uses different central bank digital currencies (CBDC) in order to assess if this allows transactions to be settled in a cheap and easy manner.
  - Many governments and central banks around the world are exploring the use of CBDCs, which are digital forms of existing currencies.
9. Which private life insurance company will acquire Exide Life Insurance from Exide Industries in a deal worth ₹6,687 crore \_\_\_\_\_ **HDFC Life Insurance**.
- Note:**
- HDFC Life will acquire 100% stake in Exide Life Insurance from Exide Industries via issuance of 8,70,22,222 shares at an issue price of ₹685 per share and a cash payout of ₹726 crore aggregating to ₹6,687 crore
  - The process for merger of Exide Life into HDFC Life will be initiated on completion of the acquisition.
10. HDFC Life Insurance has acquired Exide Life Insurance from Exide Industries in how much amount \_\_\_\_\_ **Rs. 6,687 crores**.
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11. Which power company has been conferred with prestigious Dun & Bradstreet – Corporate Award 2021 in the category of Best Growth Performance-Power \_\_\_\_\_ **Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN)**.
- Note:**
- The award has been presented in a virtual conference titled India's Top 500 Companies 2021.
  - For more than two decades, Dun & Bradstreet has been compiling the list of India's Top 500 Companies, which represent the leaders among Corporate India, and the driving force of the Indian economy.
12. According to RBI, How much India's holding of IMF's special drawing rights has risen \_\_\_\_\_ **USD 19.41 billion**.
- Note:**
- The Reserve Bank said India's holding of IMF's Special Drawing Rights (SDR) has gone up to SDR 13.66 billion which is equivalent to USD 19.41 billion as per exchange rate.
13. Which Private sector Bank has launched credit card in partnership with Visa \_\_\_\_\_ **Federal Bank**.
- Note:**
- The private sector lender has partnered with the global card network Visa for issuing its credit card to its existing customers.
  - Federal Bank has launched three variants of the new credit card - Celesta, Imperio and Signet.
  - All three variants offer various benefits to customers. Each card caters to a different set of customers.
14. How much amount of Line of credit has been extended to Maldives by EXIM Bank \_\_\_\_\_ **USD 40 million**.
- Note:**
- With this, Exim Bank till date has extended five LOCs to Maldives, on behalf of the Indian government, taking the total value of LOCs to USD 1.33 billion
15. Which payments and financial services company announced the launch of 'Pulse Platform' an an interactive geospatial website, which provides insights and granular data on digital payment trends in India \_\_\_\_\_ **PhonePe**.
- Note:**
- At present, the data on the platform is from the PhonePe's network, which currently owns 45% market share in India's unified payments interface (UPI) landscape.
16. In September 2021, Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has bought 3.9 per cent equity shares in which State-owned Bank through an open market transaction \_\_\_\_\_ **Bank of India**.
- Note:**
- LIC has picked up nearly 3.9 per cent (15,90,07,791 shares) of the bank through open market acquisition on September 2, 2021.
  - Before the latest acquisition of shares in the bank, LIC held over a 3.17 per cent stake in the state-owned bank.
17. Which small finance bank has roped in Indian women hockey player, Rani Rampal and cricketer Smriti Mandhana as the brand ambassadors of the company \_\_\_\_\_ **Equitas Small Finance Bank**.
- Note:**
- The announcement was made during the 5th anniversary of the ESFB on September 5, 2021.
  - Equitas Small Finance Bank (ESFB) headquarter – Chennai.
18. Which petroleum company has unveiled its branded store 'Happy Shop' in Mumbai marking its foray into non-fuel retailing \_\_\_\_\_ **HPCL**.
- Note:**
- This is the HPCL's latest offering at its Club HP retail outlet.

- Store will provide home utility products including food, toiletries, healthcare products, bakery products, groceries, medicines and more.
- Apart from this, customer will be able to browse the merchandise on HPCL's HP-Pay App (available on Play store/App Store).

19. Which general insurance company has received the final nod from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) for its acquisition of Bharti Axa General Insurance \_\_\_\_\_ **ICICI Lombard General Insurance.**

**Note:**

- The insurance regulator IRDAI's final approval for the merger of the two general insurance businesses comes over a year after ICICI Lombard bought out Bharti Axa in an all-stocks deal that reportedly valued the latter at over Rs 2,500 crore.

20. Which company partnered with Indian Mortgage Guarantee Corporation for mortgage guarantee-backed home loans \_\_\_\_\_ **Clix Housing Finance.**

**Note:**

- Mortgage Guarantee backed home loans will broaden Clix HFL's coverage of home loan products and customer segments enabling more business while also supporting the flagship mission of Government of India of "Housing for All by 2022."

### **Obituaries**

1. Veteran sportsman Vasudeo Paranjape passed away recently he was associated with which sports \_\_\_\_\_ **Cricket.**

**Note:**

- He played a crucial role in shaping the careers of numerous Indian cricket players
- He was popularly known as Vasoo.
- He had played in 29 first-class matches for Mumbai and Baroda cricket team, with 785 runs.

2. Renowned personality Sidharth Shukla passed away recently, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Actor.**

**Note:**

- Well known for being the winner of popular reality show Bigg Boss season 13, Sidharth Shukla started his career with the show Babul Ka Aangann Chootey Na.
- In 2014, Sidharth Shukla also made his Bollywood debut. He featured in Karan Johar-produced and Varun Dhawan-Alia Bhatt starrer, Humpty Sharma Ki Dulhania. He played a supporting role in the film.

3. Two-term Rajya Sabha MP Chandan Mitra passed away recently, he was also a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Journalist.**

**Note:**

- Editor and managing director of The Pioneer newspaper, Mitra had been unwell for the past one year.
- Considered a prominent right-wing intellectual he was first nominated to the Rajya Sabha by the BJP in 2003.
- Mitra started his journalism career with The Statesman in Kolkata.

4. Separatist leader and pro-Pakistan supporter Syed Ali Shah Geelani passed away recently, he belonged to which separatist group \_\_\_\_\_ **Tehreek-e-Hurriyat.**

**Note:**

- He was well known for spearheaded the separatist movement in Jammu and Kashmir for over three decades.
- A three-time MLA in the erstwhile state from Sopore, Geelani had virtually become the face of agitation in the 2008 Amarnath land row, 2010 agitation sparked by killing of a youth in Srinagar.

5. Renowned personality Keshav Desiraju passed away recently he was former \_\_\_\_\_ **Union Health Secretary.**

**Note:**

- He was a retired IAS officer and grandson of former President Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan.
- Desiraju was an IAS officer from the 1978 batch of Uttarakhand cadre.
- He had a Masters degree in Economics from the University of Cambridge and a Masters degree in Public Administration from the John F Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

6. Renowned footballer Jean-Pierre Adams held from which country, who had been in a coma for 39 years, has passed away \_\_\_\_\_ **France.**

**Note:**

- Jean-Pierre Adams was injured during a match with Chalon.
- Operated under anaesthesia at the Hospital de Lyon on March 17, 1982, Jean-Pierre Adams fell into a coma.
- In a state of coma for more than 39 years, Jean-Pierre Adams lived in the suburbs of Nimes, his wife Bernadette watching by his side.

### **Important Days**

1. World Coconut Day is observed every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **2nd September.**

**Note:**

- The day is especially observed in Asian and Pacific nations, which are home to most of the world's coconut producing areas and production centers.
- World Coconut Day is observed by increasing public awareness about the health and commercial benefits of coconut.
- Coconut is being planted in tropical places for millions of years and has benefited humanity in a variety of ways.

2. Whose death anniversary is celebrated as the International Day of Charity on 05th September every year \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother Teresa.**

**Note:**

- After her death, Mother Teresa was granted a state funeral by the government in recognition of her services to the poor of all religions in India. She was sanctified by Saint John Paul II in 2003. Pope Francis canonised her on the eve of her death anniversary on September 4, 2016.
- Widely known during her lifetime as the 'living saint,' Mother Teresa founded the Missionaries of Charity in 1950.

3. As a part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' the Ministry of Food Processing Industries is observing 'Food Processing Week' from \_\_\_\_\_ **6th to 12th September 2021.**

**Note:**

- The Ministry launched the 'Food Processing Week' 6th September, 2021, through an official video on social media platforms.
- The success story of the beneficiary of the PMFME scheme, Smt. Radhika Kamat was also published on the Ministry's website in the 'Atmanirbhar Enterprises' series.

4. What is the theme of the International Day of Clean Air for blue skies 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Healthy Air, Healthy Planet.**

**Note:**

- The International Day of Clean Air for blue skies is observed globally on 7th September.
- The day aims to raise public awareness at all levels individual, community, corporate and government that clean air is important for health, productivity, the economy and the environment.
- The very first International Day of Clean Air for blue skies was held on September 7th, 2020.

5. In India the Teachers Day is celebrated every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **5<sup>th</sup> September.**

**Note:**

- This day is celebrated as the teacher's day to mark the birthday of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan who was the former president of our country.
- He was a philosopher, a scholar, and the Bharat Ratna Awardee.
- He was the second President of India (1962 to 1967) and the first Vice President of India (1952-1962).

**New Appointments**

1. Who took over as the new Director General (DG) of the Border Security Force \_\_\_\_\_ **Pankaj Kumar Singh.**

**Note:**

- He is considered as the architect of police reforms in the country.
- He replaced SS Deswal, who was holding the DG post since Rakesh Asthana moved to Delhi Police
- Apart from him, Sanjay Arora assumed charge of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP).

2. Who has been inducted as an Honorary Member of the International Astronomical Union (IAU) \_\_\_\_\_ **Dorje Angchuk.**

**Note:**

- He is an Engineer in charge at the Indian Astronomical Observatory of the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) at Hanle in Ladakh region
- He is the first and only Indian to be inducted in IAU, among 10 members around the world.

3. For the first time in the history of the Supreme Court, how many judges took oath of office \_\_\_\_\_ **Nine.**

**Note:**

- This was the greatest number of judges of the top court taking oath in one single day.

- With the latest appointments, the working strength of the top court has risen to 33 judges, against the sanctioned strength of 34.
4. Who has been appointed as the as the new secretary general of Rajya Sabha, the Upper House of Indian Parliament \_\_\_\_\_ **Parasaram Pattabhi Kesava Ramacharyulu**.
- Note:**
- Ramacharyulu has been working as secretary in the Rajya Sabha Secretariat since 2018 and succeeds Desh Dipak Verma.
  - A Bachelor of Laws and Master of Arts (Political Science) degree holder, Ramacharyulu was awarded Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) by the Jawaharlal Nehru University for his work on 'Committee Systems of Indian Parliament and the US Congress: A Comparative Study' in 2005.
5. Who has been appointed the chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) \_\_\_\_\_ **J B Mohapatra**.
- Note:**
- He is a 1985-batch Indian Revenue Service (Income Tax) officer.
  - He is currently a member in the board that frames the policy for the Income Tax department.
  - He has been holding the additional charge of CBDT chairman since May31.
6. Who has been roped in as the face of 'Stay in Play'' campaign of German footwear and accessories major Adidas \_\_\_\_\_ **Mirabai Chanu**.
- Note:**
- The new TechFit Period Proof tights, featuring an absorbent layer to help protect against leaks when worn with a tampon or pad.
  - Such innovations showcase Adidas' commitment to encourage and support women in sport.
  - Adidas found that teenage girls are dropping out of sport at an alarming rate, with one of the key reasons being fear of period leakage.
7. Who took charges as the first woman Chairperson and Managing Director of Engineers India Ltd \_\_\_\_\_ **Vartika Shukla**.
- Note:**
- She is graduate in Chemical Engineering from the IIT-Kanpur.
  - She joined EIL in 1988 and has extensive consulting experience comprising design, engineering, and implementation of complexes in refining, gas processing, petrochemicals and fertilisers.
8. Who has been unanimously elected as Vice-President of the Asian Squash Federation (ASF), during the 41st annual general meeting of ASF \_\_\_\_\_ **Cyrus Poncha**.
- Note:**
- His tenure will be of 4 years.
  - He is current serving as the Secretary-General of Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI).
  - David Mui of Hong Kong was elected as President of ASF for 2nd term.
9. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) \_\_\_\_\_ **Suman Sharma**.
- Note:**
- She is currently serving as the Additional Directorate General of Foreign Trade of Department of Commerce.
  - She will succeed Jatindra Nath Swain.
  - SECI: It is the only Central Public Sector Undertaking dedicated to solar energy sector.
10. Who has been appointed as the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of United India Insurance Company Limited (UIICL) \_\_\_\_\_ **SL Tripathy**.
- Note:**
- He will hold the office of the CMD, UIICL with effect from the date of assumption of charge of the office and up to the date of his attaining the age of superannuation (i.e. 29.02.2024), or until further orders, whichever is earlier.
  - The appointment of SL Tripathy was proposed by the Department of Financial Services (DFS) on the recommendation of the Banks Board Bureau (BBB) as a candidate for the Reserve List for the vacancy of CMD, UIICL.

### **Important News - India**

1. Lok Sabha speaker Om Birla inaugurated a parliamentary outreach programme in which union territory for the empowerment of Panchayati Raj Institution \_\_\_\_\_ **Jammu and Kashmir**.

**Note:**

- The programme was also attended by lieutenant governor Manoj Sinha and Union ministers.
  - Empowered panchayats under the programme will help in making democracy stronger and increase confidence of people.
  - Parliamentary Outreach Programme for Empowerment of PRIs is a unique initiative of Lok Sabha Speaker, Om Birla.
2. Who has launched E-GOPALA web version to aid dairy farmers \_\_\_\_\_ **Parshottam Rupala**.
- Note:**
- It has been developed by National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)
  - Along with this, i-MAP web portal has also been launched that provides real-time information to dairy farmers for better productivity of dairy animals.
3. What is the rank of Amul in the Rabobank's 2021 Global Top 20 Dairy Companies \_\_\_\_\_ **18<sup>th</sup>**.
- Note:**
- Amul was placed at 16<sup>th</sup> spot in 2020.
  - French-based dairy company Lactalis has topped the list as the world's largest dairy company with turnover of US \$23.0 billion, followed by Nestle.
  - Rabobank's Global Dairy Top 20 Report is released annually to rank the dairy industry upon their sales data and financial statements.
4. The Central government has launched POSHAN Abhiyan in which year to improve nutritional outcomes for children, adolescent girls, pregnant women and lactating mothers, since then, the month of September is observed as POSHAN Maah \_\_\_\_\_ **2018**.
- Note:**
- She urged all aspirational districts of the country to make a commitment to establish a 'Poshan Vatika'.
  - Irani held a consultation with states and union territories on three key areas – Poshan 2.0, Vatsalya mission and Shakti mission.
  - Centre had launched POSHAN Abhiyan in 2018 to combat malnutrition. Since then, the month of September is observed as POSHAN Maah.
5. Which institution has organized the first ever BRICS Film Technology Symposium along with Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and FTII \_\_\_\_\_ **FICCI**.
- Note:**
- It is being jointly organized by FICCI, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and FTII.
  - It is a step in this direction to bring the people from all member states together.
  - The focus of the BRICS Film Technology symposium is to acknowledge the service sector.
6. Under whose chairmanship the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting constituted a committee to review the existing guidelines of Journalist Welfare Scheme and make appropriate recommendations for changes to the guidelines \_\_\_\_\_ **Ashok Kumar Tandon**.
- Note:**
- The committee will be headed by Prasar Bharati Board Member Ashok Kumar Tandon.
  - The committee will have nine Members from different print and electronics media and an Additional Director General of PIB as members.
  - Director (IP) in the Ministry will be Convener of the committee.
7. Who chaired the 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Financial Stability and development Council in New Delhi \_\_\_\_\_ **Nirmala Sitharaman**.
- Note:**
- The meeting deliberated on the various mandates of the FSDC, Financial Stability, Financial Sector Development, Inter-regulatory Coordination, Financial Literacy and Financial Inclusion.
  - FSDC is an apex-level body that was set by the government of India in order to create a super regulatory body.
8. Which Railway Station became the fifth one to get 5- star 'Eat Right Station' certification from Food Safety and Standards Authority of India for providing high-quality, nutritious food to passengers \_\_\_\_\_ **Chandigarh Railway Station**.
- Note:**
- The certification was awarded by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India.
  - The 5-star rating indicates exemplary efforts by stations to ensure safe and hygienic food is available to passengers.
  - Others are: Anand Vihar; Delhi, Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus; Mumbai, Mumbai Central, and Vadodara Railway Station.

9. What is India's position as a startup ecosystem in the world \_\_\_\_\_ **third.**

**Note:**

- Over the last year, India has added three unicorns every month taking the total count to 51, ahead of the UK (32) and Germany (18).
- A privately held startup company valued at over \$1 billion is called a unicorn.
- The US tops the list with 396 unicorns, while China is at the second spot with 277, showed data from Hurun Research Institute.

10. Which university tops in the Times World University Rankings 2022 for the sixth consecutive year \_\_\_\_\_ **University of Oxford.**

**Note:**

- In the overall category, UK's University of Oxford has topped the list, while California Institute of Technology, Harvard University and Stanford University stand at 2nd, 3rd and 4th positions, respectively.
- IISc Bengaluru, at 301-350 position, is the only Indian institute in the top 350, followed by IIT Ropar, JS Academy of Higher Education and Research, IIT Indore, Allagappa University and Thapar University.

11. Which institution emerged as the best institutions in India in the Times World University Rankings 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Indian School of Science, Bengaluru.**

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12. Which institution joined hands with World-Wide Fund for Nature-India (WWF India) to develop a platform, 'India Plastic Pact,' to promote a circular system for plastics \_\_\_\_\_ **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).**

**Note:**

- The new platform called, the 'India Plastic Pact,' was launched by British High Commissioner to India, Alexander Ellis.
- The pact works to create a world where Plastic is respected and does not contaminate the environment.
- India generates 9.46 million tonnes of plastic waste annually, of which 40% is not collected.

13. Who inaugurated Nurti Garden at All India Institute of Ayurveda \_\_\_\_\_ **Smriti Zubin Irani.**

**Note:**

- Plantation of Shigru (Sahijan) and Amla, saplings were also carried out by the both Ministers.
- All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi (AIIA) under the direction of the Ministry of Ayush initiated the celebration of Poshan Maah - 2021.

14. Which Ministry has launched AYUSH AAPKE DWAR campaign from more than 45 locations across country \_\_\_\_\_ **Ayush Ministry.**

**Note:**

- The campaign aims to distribute medicinal plant saplings to 75 lakh households in one year. The medicinal plants include Tejpatta, Stevia, Ashoka, Giloy, Ashwagandha, Lemongrass, Tulsi, Sarpagandha and Amla.

15. Which entity has launched a lab to design and develop a pan-India integrated alert system for disaster management \_\_\_\_\_ **Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT).**

**Note:**

- It is being administered by National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)
- C-DOT has been running a pilot to send alerts to people at the time of Cyclone Yaas in affected areas as well as for Covid-19 to manage isolation zones in selected states.
- C-DOT was established in August 1984.

16. Which IIT gets India's first building made of bio-bricks from agro-waste to counter the air pollution caused by stubble burning \_\_\_\_\_ **IIT Hyderabad.**

**Note:**

- Sample building is made up of bio-bricks supported by a metal framework, along with roof over PVC sheets to reduce heat.
- It is part of Bold Unique Idea Lead Development (BUILD) project to demonstrate the strength and versatility of the material.

**Important News - State**



1. Which state/union territories has launched Rural Enterprises Acceleration Programme titled 'Saath' for Self Help Group (SHG) women \_\_\_\_\_ **Jammu & Kashmir**.

**Note:**

- Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha launched Rural Enterprises Acceleration Programme titled 'Saath' for Self Help Group (SHG) women.
- This Saath initiative will stress on mentoring and market linkages of products created by these women.
- This will transform the lives of these women and make them independent and strong in social and financial aspects.

2. Which state government has decided to rename Rajiv Gandhi National Park as Orang National Park \_\_\_\_\_ **Assam**.

**Note:**

- The Assam cabinet passed a resolution regarding this.
- Covering an area of 79.28 sq km, it was declared a wildlife sanctuary in 1985, and a national park in 1999.
- The Orang National Park is often referred to as mini Kaziranga of Assam is also a Tiger reserve.

3. Which state/union territories has declared the black-necked crane and snow leopard as their state bird and animal respectively \_\_\_\_\_ **Ladakh**.

**Note:**

- Black-necked crane, only found in Ladakh region was previously the state bird of the former state of J&K, along with Hangul as the state animal.
- The crane was chosen as the state bird since it is only found in the eastern region of Ladakh.
- The snow leopards are mainly found in the western and eastern regions of the Himalayas, including Ladakh, J&K, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand.

4. Which state government has launched two ambitious schemes; 'AtmaNirbhar Krishi Yojna' and 'AtmaNirbhar Bagwani Yojna' \_\_\_\_\_ **Arunachal Pradesh**.

**Note:**

- A total amount of 120 cr – 60 crore rupees for each scheme – has been allocated to the two concerned departments of Agriculture and Horticulture.
- These 2 schemes are unique as these are both based on front-ended subsidies.
- Credit link will be provided to the beneficiaries by SBI, Arunachal Pradesh Rural Bank and Arunachal Pradesh Cooperative Apex Bank.

5. Which State has launched an e-ILP platform to regulate entry and exit \_\_\_\_\_ **Manipur**.

**Note:**

- The e-ILP platform will play a vital role in regulating the entry, exit and tracking of visitors who are overstaying beyond the permitted duration.
- The e-ILP tracking system had been developed to mend the loopholes in the procedures adopted to issue the permit and its tracking system.

6. Which state government plan to set up India's first Dugong Conservation Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ **Tamil Nadu**.

**Note:**

- The reserve will span the northern part of the Palk Bay from Adiramapattinam to Amapattinam.
- Marine biologists and conservationists have long demanded a reserve as the population of dugongs, as known as sea cows, in Indian waters has been dropping to dangerous levels.

7. Which state government has launched Vatan Prem Yojana \_\_\_\_\_ **Gujarat**.

**Note:**

- The governing body of the Vatan Prem Yojana's society had met in Gandhinagar under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Vijay Rupani.
- A presentation of details of the scheme was made before Rupani.
- A project management unit has been formed for the smooth implementation of the scheme

8. Which state government to set up International Education Department \_\_\_\_\_ **Haryana**.

**Note:**

- The State Government will fulfill the dream of the youth of the state to study and get job abroad.
- The International Haryana Education Society has been founded by Rohit Ahlawat a youth from London.

### Important News – World

1. Which country hosted the 8th Meeting of Agricultural Experts of Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) countries \_\_\_\_\_ **India.**

**Note:**

- Experts of Agricultural Ministries from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Thailand participated in the meeting.
- The Chairman highlighted the UN Food System Summit 2021 and the transformations that are happening in the agriculture and food systems globally.

2. Which country has declared a state of emergency over food shortages as private banks run out of foreign exchange to finance imports \_\_\_\_\_ **Sri Lanka.**

**Note:**

- Sri Lanka is suffering from a hard-hitting economic crisis. Following the crisis, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa ordered emergency regulations to counter the hoarding of sugar, rice and other such essential foods.
- President also named a top army officer as “Commissioner General of Essential Services to coordinate the supply of paddy, rice, sugar and other consumer goods”.

3. Which country became the largest startup ecosystem in the world \_\_\_\_\_ **USA.**

**Note:**

- Over the last year, India has added three unicorns every month taking the total count to 51, ahead of the UK (32) and Germany (18).
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- The US tops the list with 396 unicorns, while China is at the second spot with 277, showed data from Hurun Research Institute.

4. Which global major has announced the launch of Kisan Store that will enable farmers across India to get access to more than 8,000 agriculture inputs such as seeds, farm tools and accessories, plant protection, nutrition, and more \_\_\_\_\_ **Amazon India.**

**Note:**

- It is an online platform that will enable farmers across India to get access to more than 8,000 agriculture inputs such as seeds, farm tools and accessories, plant protection, nutrition, and more.
- Listed by small and medium businesses (SMBs) these products will be available at competitive prices on Amazon India.

### Honour & Awards

1. Dr. Firdausi Qadri won Ramon Magsaysay Award 2021 she is noted \_\_\_\_\_ **Vaccine scientist.**

**Note:**

- Dr Qadri is an emeritus scientist at the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh.
- Other winners are Muhammad Amjad Saqib (Microfinance pioneer, Pakistan), Roberto Ballon (fisher and community environmentalist, Philippines), Steven Muncy for humanitarian work and refugee assistance (America) and Indonesian torch bearer for investigative journalism, Watchdoc.
- Known as Nobel Prize in Asia Ramon Magsaysay award was established in April 1957.

2. Muhammad Amjad Saqib a microfinance pioneer belong to which country, who won Ramon Magsaysay award 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Pakistan.**

**Note:**

- Dr. Amjad Saqib has been chosen for outstanding efforts in restoring human dignity, alleviating poverty and helping over 3 million families to come out of poverty through zero-interest lending model.

3. Alejandro Prieto held from which country who has won the Bird Photographer of the Year award 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Mexico.**

**Note:**

- His photo features a roadrunner at a new section of the border wall between Mexico and the USA.
- Prieto wins the top prize of £5,000 and the prestigious title.

- His image also won Gold Award in the Birds in the Environment category.
4. Name the global leader whose approval rating is the highest among 13 global leaders polled in the survey conducted by The Morning Consult \_\_\_\_\_ **Narendra Damodar Modi**.
- Note:**
- In the survey, PM Modi is ahead of Mexican president Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, US President Joe Biden.
  - The list also includes Australian PM Scott Morrison, Canada PM Trudeau, UK Prime Minister Boris Jonson, Brazilian President Jaire Bolsonaro etc.
5. An anonymous photographer from which country won the top award at "Visa Pour L'Image" festival the biggest annual festival for photojournalism for his coverage in troubled nation \_\_\_\_\_ **Myanmar**.
- Note:**
- The photographer, who remained unnamed for security reasons, scooped the Visa d'Or for News, the most prestigious award handed out at the "Visa Pour L'Image" festival in Perpignan, southwestern France.
  - Mikko Takkunen, the Asia photo editor for The New York Times, collected the prize on behalf of the photographer.

### Sports News

1. Renowned cricketer Dale Steyn has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. Which country did he play for \_\_\_\_\_ **South Africa**.
- Note:**
- He is regarded as one of the greatest fast bowlers of all time and is fondly known as 'Steyn Gun' among fans for his express pace
  - He made his international debut in 2004 and played 93 Tests, 125 ODIs and 47 T20Is.
2. Para Olympian Mariyappan Thangavelu associated with which sports who won silver medal at Tokyo Paralympics 2020 \_\_\_\_\_ **High Jump**.
- Note:**
- In the same event, Sharad Kumar won the bronze medal, clearing 1.83m mark.
  - Sam Grewe of United States won the gold medal with 1.88m mark.
  - With the two new medals, India's medal tally at the Tokyo Paralympics has now reached to 10.
3. Praveen Kumar associated with which sports who won a silver medal at Tokyo Para Olympic 2020 \_\_\_\_\_ **High Jump**.
- Note:**
- Praveen jumped 2.07 metre while Great Britain's Jonathan Broom-Edwards took the gold with a season-best of 2.10 metre in the event.
  - With the win, India's medal tally at Tokyo Paralympics has risen to 11 with two Gold medals, six Silver and three Bronze medals.
4. Manish Narwal associated with which sports who won a gold medal in Tokyo Olympic 2020 \_\_\_\_\_ **Shooting**.
- Note:**
- The 19-year-old Narwal shot a total of 218.2, a Paralympic record, to claim the gold
  - Shooter Manish Narwal clinched India's third gold at the ongoing Paralympics while compatriot Singhraj Adana bagged the silver in the P4 Mixed 50m Pistol SH1 event.
5. Who won the Dutch Grand Prix 2021 title \_\_\_\_\_ **Max Verstappen**.
- Note:**
- The Red Bull driver's leading seventh win of the season and 17th of his career.
  - Championship leader Lewis Hamilton could only manage second place in his Mercedes F1
  - Hamilton's Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas was third.
6. Para-Olympian Suhas Lalinakere Yathiraj associated with which sports who scripted history by becoming first IAS officer to win Paralympics silver medal \_\_\_\_\_ **Badminton**.
- Note:**
- He lost gold medal match to the top seeded Lucas Mazur of France.
  - The 38-year-old Suhas is currently the District Magistrate (DM) of Noida and became the first-ever IAS officer to win a medal at the Paralympics.
  - Suhas had lost to Mazur, who has won three gold medals in European Championships as well.
7. Who lead India's contingent at the Closing Ceremony of Tokyo Paralympics as the flag-bearer \_\_\_\_\_ **Avani Lekhara**.
- Note:**

- 19-year-old shooter won gold and bronze medals at the Paralympic Games.
  - A total of 54 para-athletes from India across nine sports disciplines participated in the event.
  - Indian contingent finished their campaign at the Paralympic Games at an all-time high by securing a total of 19 medals which includes 5 gold, 8 silver, and 6 bronze medals.
8. Which two sports made their debut in Tokyo Paralympic 2020 \_\_\_\_\_ **Badminton and Taekwondo.**
- Note:**
- Taekwondo will be the first full-contact Paralympic sport ever.
  - Developed in 2006, Para taekwondo has the same rules as its Olympic counterpart with some changes for safety.
  - Most of the rules for Para badminton are the same as the able-bodied version of the sport.
9. Who has won Men's Singles SL3 event badminton gold medal match against Great Britain's Daniell Bethell at Tokyo Paralympics \_\_\_\_\_ **Pramod Bhagat.**
- Note:**
- He defeated Daniell Bethell of Great Britain
  - He is one of the best para-shuttlers of India with 45 international medals under his belt
  - This is India's first medal in badminton at the Paralympics Games.
10. The 130th edition of Durand Cup, the oldest football tournament being hosted by which Indian city \_\_\_\_\_ **Kolkata.**
- Note:**
- 16 teams will be participated in this edition of the oldest club football tournament in Asia while two clubs East Bengal and Mohun Bagan are not participating.
  - Mohammedan Sporting Club started their campaign in the tournament with an emphatic win against the Indian Air Force Football team.

### Books and Authors

1. Who has authored the book titled 'A Rude Life: The Memoir' \_\_\_\_\_ **Vir Sanghvi.**
- Note:**
- Through this book, the author has shared his views and experience of the most eventful careers in Indian journalism, including his personal life, stories of and about celebrities and politicians, middlemen and behind-the-scene actors.
2. Who has authored the book titled "Know Your Rights and Claim Them: A Guide for Youth" \_\_\_\_\_ **Angelina Jolie.**
- Note:**
- Angelina Jolie recently took to her official Instagram handle and informed everyone about the release of her upcoming book, Know Your Rights and Claim Them: A Guide for Youth.
  - She further added pictures of people from different parts of the world with whom she will be interacting with on a Zoom call.
3. Who has authored the book titled 'Back to the Roots' \_\_\_\_\_ **Tamanna Bhatia.**
- Note:**
- The book is based on intensive research and mentions India's ancient secrets of health and wellness.
  - All the chapters in 'Back To the Roots' are complete with tried-and-tested secrets that have served generations of this country."

### Science and Defence

1. Which IIT is in process of developing an online platform called e-Source that will be used to tackle electronic wastes (e-waste) \_\_\_\_\_ **IIT Madras.**
- Note:**
- This initiative can become a critical resource by enabling reverse logistics supply chains and can help recycle 53.6 million tonnes of e-waste generated annually around the world and is potentially a \$50 billion market.
  - 'e-Source' will be an exchange platform that will serve as an online marketplace for waste electrical and electronic equipment and facilitate a formal supply chain between various stakeholders (buyers and sellers).
2. In a joint venture with National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), which IIT has built an app that can predict natural disasters \_\_\_\_\_ **IIT Roorkee.**
- Note:**
- App will alert about possible natural calamities in advance.

- Uttarakhand cabinet has also formed an expert committee that will tell us about the quantum of rainfall in each area in order to make arrangements in advance.
  - According to minister, Doppler Radar has started functioning at Mukteshwar.
3. The Indian Navy has signed a contract with which defence equipment manufacturer for the supply of the first indigenously developed Naval Anti Drone System (NADS) \_\_\_\_\_ **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)**.
- Note:**
- The NADS, developed by the DRDO and manufactured by BEL.
  - It is the first indigenously developed anti-drone system to be inducted into the Indian armed forces.
  - The NADS can instantly detect micro drones and uses a laser-based "kill mechanism" to terminate the targets.
4. The Scientists at which IITs and the Faculty of Management Studies of Delhi University have developed a living plant-based air purifier, "Ubreathe Life", that amplifies the air purification process in indoor spaces \_\_\_\_\_ **IIT Ropar and IIT Kanpur**.
- Note:**
- These indoor spaces can either be hospitals, schools, offices or homes.
  - IIT Ropar's startup company, Urban Air Laboratory, has developed the product and claims it to be the world's first state-of-the art "smart bio-filter" that can make breathing fresh.
  - It has been incubated at IIT Ropar, which is a designated iHub - AWaDH (Agriculture and Water Technology Development Hub) by the Department of Science and Technology.
5. Indian Navy Offshore Patrol Vessel, INS Savitri delivered two Mobile Oxygen Plants (MOP) to which country to support its effort to fight the COVID 19 pandemic \_\_\_\_\_ **Bangladesh**.
- Note:**
- Each of the MOPs has the capacity to generate 960 litres of Oxygen per minute.
  - The MOPS have been developed and manufactured by DRDO in India.
  - One MOP is to be set up at the Dhaka Medical College and Hospital and the other plant is for the Bangladesh Navy to be set up at the BNS Patenga.
6. Indian Army participate in the Multi Nation 'Exercise ZAPAD 2021' that was held in which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Russia**.
- Note:**
- The 14-day-long activity is aimed at enhancing military and strategic ties amongst the participating nations.
  - The ZAPAD is one of the theatre level exercises of the Russian Armed Forces and will focus primarily on operations against terrorists, according to the Ministry of Defence.
7. With which country India has recently signed an agreement for cooperation in development of Air-Launched Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (ALUAV) \_\_\_\_\_ **USA**.
- Note:**
- The Project Agreement (PA) for ALUAV was signed under the overall framework of the Defence Tech and Trade Initiative.
  - The pact falls under the ambit of the Research, Development, Testing and Evaluation (RDT&E) agreement between the two sides that was first signed in 2006.
8. Indian conducted the 28th edition of bilateral Maritime Exercise (SIMBEX) 2021 with which country in the southern fringes of South China Sea \_\_\_\_\_ **Singapore**.
- Note:**
- It took place from September 2 to 4, 2021.
  - SIMBEX-2021 is an annual bilateral maritime exercise and was hosted by Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) in the southern fringes of South China Sea.
  - Indian Navy was represented by Guided Missile Destroyer INS Ranvijay with a ship borne helicopter, ASW Corvette INS Kiltan and Guided Missile Corvette INS Kora and one P8I Long Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft.

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