

# Weekly One-liners

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Dear readers,

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

### **Banking & Financial Awareness**

1. With which intergovernmental bank the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance jointly organized a virtual seminar on Social Infrastructure Financing and the use of Digital Technologies \_\_\_\_\_ **New Development Bank**.

**Note:**

- This is a part of the Economic and Financial Cooperation Agenda under the Indian BRICS Chairship 2021.
- High-level participants from both the public and private sector were engaged in the seminar.
- Important issues regarding the use of Digital Technologies in the 21st century and social infrastructure financing were the key focus under the seminar.

2. What amount of sovereign loans has been committed by the Asian Development Bank to India during 2020 which was ADB's highest-ever annual lending commitment to India \_\_\_\_\_ **\$3.92 billion**.

**Note:**

- Since the start of its lending operations in 1986, this 2020 lending was ADB's highest-ever annual lending commitment to India.
- ADB also committed \$356.1 million through its non-sovereign operations to India, including 3 COVID-19 support projects to contain the disease and establish social protection measures for relief to the poor and other vulnerable groups.

3. Which subsidiary of the Reserve Bank of India is building a next-generation Digital Financial Infrastructure named National Digital Financial Infrastructure (NADI) \_\_\_\_\_ **Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT)**.

**Note:**

- NADI will be owned by the Government of India, with NADI's high-speed network, the government could monitor and control all financial activity, and it will also make security easier.
- Its modern network infrastructure includes 5G/Edge Cloud with SDNs (software-defined networking) for connecting to the critical data centre infrastructure at the back-end.

4. Which public sector bank has recently launched a Micro-website that will serve as an emergency networking platform for all employees amid the second wave of COVID-19 \_\_\_\_\_ **Bank of Baroda**.

**Note:**

- Indian Public sector bank, Bank of Baroda recently launched a Micro-website that will serve as an emergency networking platform for all employees amid the second wave of COVID-19.
- It provides Various data, like network of plasma donors to employees and Recovered employees can also enroll themselves voluntarily as donors.

5. In partnership with NABARD the Mahratta Chamber of Commerce Industries & Agriculture (MCCIA) has launched India's 1st Agriculture Export Facilitation Center (AEFC) in which city \_\_\_\_\_ **Pune**.

**Note:**

- AEFC will help in boosting Maharashtra's agricultural and food exports and wil help in meeting Global Standards.
- It will act as a one-stop-shop for the export of agri-food productions.
- The center was virtually inaugurated by Dr G.R. Chintala, Chairman of NABARD.

6. Which General Insurance has partnered with PayPoint India to provide affordable COVID-19 Health Insurance policy to its customers in India's underserved regions \_\_\_\_\_ **Digit General Insurance**.

**Note:**

- Post 24-hour ICU or HDU hospitalization, the COVID-19 hospitalization insurance policy offers a minimum of Rs. 1 lakh at a premium rate starting as low as Rs 487.
- The policy offers options of choosing a sum insured of Rs 1 lakh or Rs 2 lakh for individuals up to 65 years of age.

- The policyholder could avail of the Cashless claims by displaying the e-health card at the network hospitals.
7. Which general insurance company has launched, Integrated Partner Onboarding Solution (IPOS) an industry-first digital end to end partner onboarding solution \_\_\_\_\_ **Edelweiss General Insurance**.
- Note:**
- IPOS is an onboarding solution for all its existing and prospective partners including Agents, Brokers and Web Aggregators.
  - This unified, fully automated portal is dedicated to all partner-related onboarding requirements and it has multiple features like easy visualisation capabilities, a built-in learning system where partners can take up practice tests.
8. Which telecom company is constructing the largest international submarine cable system with India as the center of the submarine cable system \_\_\_\_\_ **Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd**.
- Note:**
- It is the 1st time in history of Fiber optic submarine telecommunications that India will be at the centre of the International network map.
  - The submarine cable system will consist of 2 subsea cable systems – India-Asia-Xpress (IAX) connecting India to Singapore, and India-Europe-Xpress (IEX) connecting India to the Middle East and Europe.
  - The subsea system will provide more than 200 TBPS (TeraBytes Per Second) of capacity spanning over 16, 000 Kilometres.
9. The Competition Commission of India approved the acquisition of 100% equity shares of YES Asset Management Ltd and YES Trustee Ltd by \_\_\_\_\_ **GPL Finance and Investments Ltd**.
- Note:**
- YES AMC and YES Trustee were the wholly-owned subsidiaries of YES Bank.
  - Through these acquisitions, GPL will acquire Yes Mutual Fund and become its sole sponsor and it marks the exit of the YES bank from the mutual fund market.
10. Which company to acquire the 100 percent stake of SB Energy Holdings Limited at an enterprise valuation (EV) of \$3.5 billion, the largest acquisition in the renewable energy sector in India \_\_\_\_\_ **Adani Green Energy Limited**.
- Note:**
- Through this acquisition, AGEL will achieve a total renewable capacity of 24.3 GW and an operating renewable capacity of 4.9 GW, and it demonstrates AGEL's intent to become the world's largest solar player by 2025 and thereafter the world's largest renewable company by 2030.
  - SB Energy is a joint venture between Japan-based SoftBank Group Corp (80%) and Bharti Group (20%) and houses 4,954 MW of renewable assets in India.
11. According to the Reserve Bank of India interoperability amongst Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs) issued by banks and non-banks should be enabled by \_\_\_\_\_ **31st March 2022**.
- Note:**
- Also, customers of full KYC-compliant PPIs issued by non-bank PPI issuers can withdraw a maximum of Rs 2,000 per transaction and Rs 10,000 per month per PPI.
  - PPIs are instruments that facilitate purchase of goods and services, including financial services, remittances, funds transfers, against the value stored in/on such instruments.
  - The maximum amount outstanding in respect of full-KYC PPIs (KYC-compliant PPIs) has been increased from ₹1 lakh to ₹2 lakh.
12. According to a report released by the S&P Global Market Intelligence what is India's position as insurance-technology market in Asia-Pacific region \_\_\_\_\_ **second largest**.
- Note:**
- Around 335 private insurtechs are operating in AP, in which 122 of them disclose fundraise, amounting to a total of USD 3.66 billion. Almost half of them are headquartered in India and China and have collectively attracted about 78 percent of the total investment.
  - The report stated India as the world's 3rd largest startup ecosystem, as it has at least 66 insurtech startups.
13. Which bank has announced to launch its fully digitized, end-to-end, Loan Processing System (LPS) for its Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) and Agri products \_\_\_\_\_ **IDBI Bank**.
- Note:**
- This new loan processing system seamlessly integrates with data fintechs, bureau validations, document storage/retrieval, account opening/management, customer notifications, and portfolio management capabilities along with embodied policy/knock off parameters.

- These features of the fully digitised and automated loan processing system are further aimed at providing a superior tech-enabled banking experience to bank's MSME & Agri.customers.
14. With which entity the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to create an ecosystem for promoting, aiding and fostering the growth of Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) \_\_\_\_\_ **Dun & Bradstreet Information Services India.**
- Note:**
- Under this partnership, Dun & Bradstreet will provide business information services at a special price to SMEs and startups who are currently listed on BSE SME & Startups platform, or expected to be listed
  - Dun & Bradstreet India is a leading global provider of B2B data, insights and AI-driven platform.
15. Which bank has partnered with HyperVerge to obtain its technology called 'Video KYC solution' for onboarding customers online under COVID-19 \_\_\_\_\_ **State Bank of India.**
- Note:**
- Video KYC solution will be used by SBI to achieve the 10x improvement over the regular video KYC checks performed per day per agent.
  - HyperVerge's Video KYC solution is assisted with a high accuracy level of 99.5 percent will enable SBI to provide convenient digital banking services to citizens of India.
  - The Video KYC solution is 100 percent compliant with Reserve Bank of India(RBI) regulations and can be supported on multiple platforms.

### Obituaries

1. Renowned personality Professor MS Narasimhan has passed away recently, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Mathematician.**
- Note:**
- He is the only Indian to receive the King Faisal International Prize in the field of science.
  - He was graduated from Loyola College, Chennai, and Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Bombay Narasimhan had also obtained PhD from Mumbai University.
2. Renowned personality Indu Jain passed away recently she was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Media Person.**
- Note:**
- She was the chairperson of the Times Group.
  - After becoming chairman of the Times Group in 1999 she evolved a distinctive leadership style, characterised by compassion and inclusiveness, that helped propel the group to new heights.
  - She set up The Times Foundation in 2000, with sustainable development and transformational change as its key goals.
3. Renowned personality Sunil Jain passed away recently she was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Media Person.**
- Note:**
- Jain has been with Financial Express for over a decade.
  - He finished his Masters from the Delhi School of Economics in 1986 and started his career as a consultant.
  - He then took charge of the export policy desk at FICCI, before getting into journalism with India Today magazine in 1991.
4. Renowned personality Dr. Krishan Kumar Aggarwal has passed away recently, by profession he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Doctor.**
- Note:**
- He was former National President of the Indian Medical Association (IMA).
  - In 2010, the Government of India honoured Dr.KK Aggarwal with the Padma Shri, India's fourth-highest civilian award, for his contributions to the field of medicine.
  - He was a renowned cardiologist and has been working as the Head of the Heart Care Foundation of India.
5. Renowned personality Chaman Lal Gupta passed away recently, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Politician.**
- Note:**
- He was born on 13th April 1934 in Kaleeth, Jammu, J&K
  - Chaman Lal Gupta served as a member of the J&K legislative Assembly in 1972 and between 2008 and 2014.
  - He was elected to the Lok Sabha from the Udhampur constituency (Jammu) in 1996, 1998 and 1999.
6. Sahitya Akademi awardee Rayangala Shri Krishna Raja Narayana Perumal Ramanujam Naicker passed away recently, he was writer and novelist of which language \_\_\_\_\_ **Tamil.**

**Note:**

- He was born on 16 September 1923 in Kovilpatti, Tamil Nadu.
  - Ki. Rajanarayanan was honored with Sahitya Academy award in 1991 for his novel 'Gopalla Purathu Makkal'.
  - He is famously called by his Tamil initials as KiRa, he was known as the pioneer of 'Karisal Literature'.
7. Veteran Congress leader Jagannath Pahadia passed away recently he was former chief minister of which state \_\_\_\_\_ **Rajasthan**.

**Note:**

- Jagannath Pahadia served as the Chief Minister of Rajasthan in 1980-81.
  - He was the first Dalit chief minister of the Rajasthan.
  - He was also a former Governor of Haryana and Bihar.
  - He served as a member of the Lok Sabha for four times.
8. Renowned personality J.K. Dutt passed away recently he was former Director-General of which security force \_\_\_\_\_ **National Security Guards (NSG)**.

**Note:**

- The NSG condoled the death of the 1971 batch IPS officer of the West Bengal cadre who served the force from August 2006 to February 2009.
  - Mr. Dutt had served the CBI and the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF).
  - Mr. Dutt, along with about 200 "black cat" commandos, had boarded an IL-76 aircraft of the Aviation Research Centre (ARC) to fly the first batch of the counter-terrorist strike force to Mumbai soon after the western metropolis reported multiple shootouts and public killings in the night of November 26, 2008.
9. Renowned personality Sundarlal Bahuguna passed away recently he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Environmentalist**.

**Note:**

- The Garhwali environmentalist and Chipko movement leader was undergoing treatment at AIIMS, Rishikesh.
- For years, Bahuguna has been fighting for the preservation of forests in the Himalayas.
- Known for spearheading Chipko movement in the 1970s and anti-Tehri Dam movement in 1980s, he was awarded Padma Shri in 1981 and Padma Vibhushan in 2009.

**Important Days**

1. The International Day of Families is observed every year on \_\_\_\_\_ **15<sup>th</sup> May**.

**Note:**

- This day provides an opportunity to promote awareness of issues relating to families and to increase the knowledge of the social, economic and demographic processes affecting families.
- The theme of 2021 is "**Families and New Technologies**".

2. In India, the National Dengue Day is observed every year on \_\_\_\_\_ **16<sup>th</sup> May**.

**Note:**

- The day is an initiative by the **Ministry of Healthy and Family Welfare**, to raise awareness about dengue and its preventive measures, and preparedness for control of the vector-borne disease before the transmission season begins.

3. The International Day of Light (IDL) is celebrated every year on \_\_\_\_\_ **16<sup>th</sup> May**.

**Note:**

- The Day is celebrated to mark the anniversary of the first successful operation of the laser in 1960 by physicist and engineer, Theodore Maiman.
- The message of 2021 International Day of Light is "Trust Science".

4. The World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) is observed every year on \_\_\_\_\_ **17<sup>th</sup> May**.

**Note:**

- The theme of 2021 is "**Accelerating Digital Transformation in challenging times**".
- The ITU was founded on 17 May 1865, when the first International Telegraph Convention was signed in Paris.

5. World Hypertension Day (WHD) is celebrated every year on \_\_\_\_\_ **17<sup>th</sup> May**.

**Note:**

- The Day is celebrated to promote public awareness of increasing high blood pressure (BP) and to encourage citizens of all countries to prevent and control this silent killer.
- The day was held for the first time in May 2005.

6. World AIDS Vaccine Day or HIV Vaccine Awareness Day is observed every on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **18<sup>th</sup> May**.

**Note:**

- The first World AIDS Vaccine Day was thus observed on May 18, 1998, to commemorate the anniversary of Clinton's speech.
- The concept of World AIDS Vaccine Day was proposed on May 18, 1997, during a commencement speech at Morgan State University made by then-President Bill Clinton, which underlined the need for a vaccine to curb the spread of HIV.

7. The International Museum Day is celebrated every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **19<sup>th</sup> May**.

**Note:**

- The theme of International Museum Day 2021: "The Future of Museums: Recover and Reimagine".
- It is coordinated by the International Council of Museums (ICOM).

8. World Bee Day is observed globally every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **20<sup>th</sup> May**.

**Note:**

- The purpose of the bee day is to acknowledge the role of bees and other pollinators in the ecosystem.
- About 33% of the world's food production depends on bees thus they are vital for the preservation of biodiversity, ecological balance in nature and helpful in reducing pollution.
- The theme of World Bee Day 2021 is "Bee engaged: Build Back Better for Bees".

9. World Metrology Day is observed every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **20<sup>th</sup> May**.

**Note:**

- The theme for World Metrology Day 2021 is "Measurement for Health".
- The theme aims to create awareness about the important role of measurement in the health and wellbeing of everyone.
- The objective of the Metre Convention: worldwide uniformity of measurement.

10. World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development is observed globally every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **21<sup>st</sup> May**.

**Note:**

- The day aims to celebrate the richness of the world's cultures and highlight the significance of its diversity as an agent of inclusion and positive change for achieving peace and sustainable development.
- In the year 2001, The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) adopted the 'Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity' as a result of the destruction of the Buddha statues of Bamiyan in Afghanistan in 2001.

11. On which date every year the International Tea Day is observed globally on the recommendation of India \_\_\_\_\_ **21<sup>st</sup> May**.

**Note:**

- The purpose of International Tea Day is to try to improve the condition of tea producers and tea workers.
- The United Nations recognised International Tea Day by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to raise awareness of the deep cultural and economic significance of tea around the world and promote its importance in fighting hunger and poverty.

12. In India, the National Anti-Terrorism Day is observed every year on \_\_\_\_\_ **21<sup>st</sup> May**.

**Note:**

- The Day is observed to commemorate the death anniversary of former Prime Minister of India, Rajiv Gandhi.
- The day is also observed to spread the message of peace, harmony, and humankind and to promote unity among the people. Rajiv Gandhi was India's youngest Prime Minister.
- He was appointed as the sixth Prime Minister of the country and served the nation from 1984 to 1989.

### New Appointments

1. Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of India's largest footwear retailer Bata India Ltd \_\_\_\_\_ **Gunjan Shah**.

**Note:**

- He has been appointed as a whole-time director of Bata for a period of five years with effect from June 21, 2021.
- He will take over the new position in June and will be based in Gurugram, Haryana.
- Before this Gunjan Shah has been working as chief commercial officer in Britannia Industries Ltd.

2. Moctar Ouane was reappointed as Prime Minister of which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Mali**.

**Note:**

- He will be incharge of forming a new cabinet.
- He was appointed as Prime Minister of Mali in September 2020, following the military coup which overthrew President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita in August, 2020.
- The Interim Government of Mali is set to hold a constitutional referendum on October 31, 2021 followed by elections in February, 2022.

3. The Government of India has appointed Vandita Kaul as government nominee director on the board of directors of \_\_\_\_\_ **Bank of India.**

**Note:**

- The Government of India has appointed Vandita Kaul as government nominee director on the board of directors of Bank of India.
- Vandita Kaul has been working as an Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, Department of Financial Services.

4. Who has been appointed as the new Company Head of the Suzuki Motorcycle India \_\_\_\_\_ **Satoshi Uchida.**

**Note:**

- He has replaced Koichiro Hirao as part of Suzuki Motor Corporation's global revamp.
- Suzuki Motorcycle India registered its highest-ever monthly sales in April 2021, dispatching as many as 77,849 units during the month.
- Suzuki Motor Corporation is a Japanese multinational corporation based in Minami-Ku.

5. Who has been appointed as the senior adviser to U.S. President Joe Biden \_\_\_\_\_ **Neera Tanden.**

**Note:**

- She is currently the president and CEO of a progressive think-tank, Center for American Progress (CAP).
- She withdrew her nomination as Director of the White House Office of Management and Budget due to stiff opposition from Republican senators.

6. Who has been appointed as the Head Coach of Indian Women's Cricket team \_\_\_\_\_ **Ramesh Powar.**

**Note:**

- Powar's candidature was finalised and recommended to the board by a three-member Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC) comprising Sulakshana Naik, Madan Lal and RP Singh.

### Important News - India

1. According to the 'Environmental Risk Outlook 2021' released by Verisk Maplecroft, how many cities India has in the list of World's 100 most environmentally riskiest cities \_\_\_\_\_ **43.**

**Note:**

- Jakarta in Indonesia was ranked as the riskiest city in the world, followed by Delhi and Chennai.
- 99 of the World's 100 riskiest cities are in Asia.
- Lima, Peru is the only non-Asian city to be listed in the World's 100 Riskiest cities.
- Glasgow, Scotland was ranked as the safest city in the report.

2. According to the 'Environmental Risk Outlook 2021' released by Verisk Maplecroft, which is the riskiest city in India \_\_\_\_\_ **New Delhi.**

**Note:**

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3. According to 'State of Indian Healthcare - Indian Cities through the lens of healthcare 2021' report released by Housing.com, which is the healthiest city among the top 8 urban cities of India \_\_\_\_\_ **Pune, Maharashtra.**

**Note:**

- The ranking is done with regard to parameters like number of hospital beds, ease of living, water quality, and local body performance.
- The top 3 cities are - Pune, Ahmedabad (Gujarat), Bengaluru (Karnataka).

4. With which technology company the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) has signed an MoU for digital transformation of Tribal schools such as Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS), Ashram Schools, and other schools under MoTA \_\_\_\_\_ **Microsoft**.

**Note:**

- Under the agreement, Microsoft will make the Artificial Intelligence (AI) curriculum available to tribal students in English and Hindi at all EMRS schools. This is to ensure inclusion and access.
- During the 1st phase of the program, 250 EMRS schools will be adopted by Microsoft for the purpose.

5. Which country hosted the 'GOA MARITIME SYMPOSIUM (GMS)-21' in which 13 Indian Ocean Littoral Countries Participated \_\_\_\_\_ **India**.

**Note:**

- The theme for GMS-21 was focused on "Maritime Security and Emerging Non-Traditional Threats: A Case for Proactive Role for IOR Navies".
- 13 Indian Ocean Littoral countries (India, Bangladesh, Comoros, Indonesia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Myanmar, Seychelles, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand) participated in the GMS-21.

6. According to the ranking released by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) which state ranked first among the 36 States & UTs of India based on the progress of implementation of Smart City projects \_\_\_\_\_ **Jharkhand**.

**Note:**

- The rankings were released by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA).
- The ranking is based on factors like smart city plan implementation, ongoing work and tendering process, utilisation of funds and provision of utility certificates to the Central Government.

7. Which state's health department has signed a memorandum of understanding with the National Health Authority for the implementation of Ayushman Bharat scheme \_\_\_\_\_ **Telangana**.

**Note:**

- The guidelines for the implementation of the Ayushman Bharat Scheme in the State was also issued by the state Medical and health department and will be implemented by the Aarogyasri Health Care Trust.
- The health insurance coverage is for Rs 5 lakh for beneficiaries.

8. Which Tiger Reserve along with 5 other sites have been shortlisted by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to be classified as world heritage sites \_\_\_\_\_ **Satpura Tiger Reserve**.

**Note:**

- Six Indian sites, under the care of Archaeological Survey of India, have been shortlisted by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to be classified as world heritage sites.
- The six Indian sites include the Satpura Tiger Reserve, the Iconic Riverfront at Varanasi, Hire Benkal, a megalithic site, Maratha military architecture in Maharashtra, Bhedaghat-Lametaghat in Narmada Valley, Jabalpur, and the temples of Kanchipuram in Tamil Nadu.

9. How many Indian sites have been shortlisted by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to be classified as world heritage sites \_\_\_\_\_ **Six**.

**Note:**

- The six Indian sites include:
  1. Satpura Tiger Reserve
  2. The Iconic Riverfront at Varanasi
  3. Hire Benkal, a megalithic site
  4. Maratha military architecture in Maharashtra
  5. Bhedaghat-Lametaghat in Narmada Valley, Jabalpur, and
  6. The temples of Kanchipuram in Tamil Nadu.

10. What is India's rank in the 57th Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index (RECAI) – May 2021, released by Ernst & Young Global Ltd (EY) \_\_\_\_\_ **Third**.

**Note:**

- The USA topped the index, while China took the 2nd Rank.
- India has improved its rank from 4th (in 56th RECAI) to 3rd due to its exceptional performance in the Solar PhotoVoltaic (PV) sector.
- Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index (RECAI) is a biannual report being released since 2003.

## Important News – State

1. Which state government has launched MOMA Market Mobile application to solve the issues of home delivery of fresh vegetables \_\_\_\_\_ **Manipur**.  
**Note:**
  - The application was introduced by the Manipur Organic Mission Agency (MOMA), Department of Horticulture and Soil Conservation, Manipur.
  - MOMA is assigned to channelize the farm producers to consumers through home delivery.
  - Under this initiative the vegetables from various farms will be collected by the Farmers Producer Companies (FPCs) working with MOMA.
2. Which state police has launched a drive called “Mission Hausla” to help people get oxygen, beds and plasma for COVID-19 patients \_\_\_\_\_ **Uttarakhand**.  
**Note:**
  - The Uttarakhand Police has launched a drive called “Mission Hausla” to help people get oxygen, beds and plasma for COVID-19 patients.
  - Besides this, the police are also helping the public in getting ration, ambulance, cremation of bodies as part of the mission.
3. Which state government has launched the ‘Ayush Ghar-Dwar’ program to keep the home isolated Covid-19 positive patients healthy by practising Yoga \_\_\_\_\_ **Himachal Pradesh**.  
**Note:**
  - This program has been started by the Department of AYUSH in collaboration with the Art of Living organisation.
  - Yoga Bharti’s instructors would provide their services in the program.
  - During the launch, about 80 home isolated Covid positive patients from all over the state were also connected virtually.
4. Which state government has launched “HIT (Home Isolation Tracking) Covid App” to monitor and track the COVID-19 patients who are in home isolation across the state \_\_\_\_\_ **Bihar**.  
**Note:**
  - The app was developed by the Bihar State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd (BELTRON) under the guidance of the Department of Health and the Department of Information Technology (DIT).
  - The app was used on a pilot basis in five district of Bihar – Supaul, Aurangabad, Bhagalpur, Gopalganj and Nalanda.
5. Which state government has launched ‘Jagrut’ app where people get to know about various Central Government and State Government Schemes \_\_\_\_\_ **Tripura**.  
**Note:**
  - The project was developed by EasyGov, a Jio Group company, and it will be available to all the residents of Tripura.
  - The ‘Jagrut Tripura’ will empower citizens of Tripura.
6. “Vaidya Aapke Dwar” scheme has been launched in which state by the Department of Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa-Rigpa and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) \_\_\_\_\_ **Madhya Pradesh**.  
**Note:**
  - Through this scheme free medical consultation is given at home through live video call by AYUSH medical specialists.
  - The scheme was virtually launched by the Madhya Pradesh State Minister for AYUSH, Shri Ramkishore Kaware on May 7, 2021.
  - This scheme is made available through the telemedicine app named “AyushQure”, so that it is accessible to the common people even at home.
7. Which state has been ranked as the Number One state in establishing a Health & Wellness Centre (HWC) under the Ayushman Bharat project for the year 2020-21 \_\_\_\_\_ **Karnataka**.  
**Note:**
  - HWCs are established to provide comprehensive primary healthcare in rural areas.
  - Ayushman Bharat was launched in 2018 with its two main pillars of HWCs & Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY).
8. Which state government has a new scheme named ‘Mahtari Dular Yojna’ through which the government will pay for the education for those children who lost their parents due to the Covid-19 pandemic \_\_\_\_\_ **Chhattisgarh**.  
**Note:**
  - Children studying in both government and private schools will be entitled to this stipend.

- The state government will also fund the education of the children who have lost the person who earns money to support their family to Covid-19.
9. Which state government has launched the 'Amrit Vahini' App and Website which enables people to book a hospital bed online \_\_\_\_\_ **Jharkhand**.

**Note:**

- State Govt also launched a "Chatboat App" which can provide all the information related to coronavirus.
- Through the Amrit Vahini' App, the government of Jharkhand will provide better facilities for people with coronavirus infection.

10. Which state government has allocated 50 Acres of land to establish the National Institute of Medicinal Plants (NIMP) \_\_\_\_\_ **Maharashtra**.

**Note:**

- The allocated land located in the Aadali village of Dodamarg taluka will be handed over to the Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa-Rigpa and Homoeopathy (AYUSH).
- The NIMP at Maharashtra will act as a one-stop centre for all the needs related to medicinal plants.

11. Which state government has approved the formation of the Legislative Council \_\_\_\_\_ **West Bengal**.

**Note:**

- At present, only Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Telangana, Maharashtra, Bihar, and Uttar Pradesh have Legislative Council. Previously, West Bengal had a bicameral legislature but it was abolished by the United Front government in 1969.

### Important News – World

1. According to the 'Environmental Risk Outlook 2021' released by Verisk Maplecroft, which is the riskiest city in the world \_\_\_\_\_ **Jakarta**.

**Note:**

- According to the 'Environmental Risk Outlook 2021' released by Verisk Maplecroft, India has 43 of the World's 100 most environmentally riskiest cities and China has 37 most environmentally riskiest cities.

2. According to the 'Environmental Risk Outlook 2021' released by Verisk Maplecroft, which is the safest city in the world \_\_\_\_\_ **Glasgow, Scotland**.

**Note:**

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- Jakarta in Indonesia was ranked as the riskiest city in the world, followed by Delhi and Chennai.

3. Which becomes the first country in the world to all synthetic cannabinoid substances \_\_\_\_\_ **Russia**.

**Note:**

- The ban is likely to come into effect on July 1.
- The move comes as China tries to curb the manufacturing and trafficking of the drug.

4. Which country unveiled its most powerful supercomputer named 'Simorgh', which is 100 times more powerful than the previous supercomputer of the country \_\_\_\_\_ **Iran**.

**Note:**

- The supercomputer has been developed indigenously by Tehran's Amirkabir University of Technology (AUT).
- It has been named after a mythical Phoenix-like bird 'Simurgh'.

5. Which country hosted the Summit on Financing of African Economies 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Paris, France**.

**Note:**

- Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan virtually represented India in the summit.

- The objective of the summit is to arrange financial resources for reviving the economy of African Continent, which has been affected by COVID-19.
6. Which country ranked first in the 57th Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index (RECAI) – May 2021, released by Ernst & Young Global Ltd (EY) \_\_\_\_\_ **USA**.
- Note:**
- The USA topped the index, while China took the 2nd Rank.
  - India has improved its rank from 4th (in 56th RECAI) to 3rd due to its exceptional performance in the Solar PhotoVoltaic (PV) sector.
  - Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index (RECAI) is a biannual report being released since 2003.

### Honor & Awards

1. Who become the only Indian to the Whitley Award 2021 for his efforts toward creating “Biodiversity Peace Corridor” \_\_\_\_\_ **Y Nuklu Phom**.
- Note:**
- His name, along with that of five others, was announced in a virtual award ceremony organised by the UK-based Whitley Fund for Nature (WFN).
  - Worth £40,000, the award is for creating a new network of community-owned forests to protect Amur Falcons and increase biodiversity in Nagaland.
  - He is the only Indian to win the prestigious award.
  - The award is also known as the Green Oscar.
2. Who crowned as the 69th Miss Universe 2020 \_\_\_\_\_ **Andrea Meza**.
- Note:**
- The pageant that was held on May 16, in the Seminole Hard Rock Hollywood Hotel.
  - Meza was preceded by Miss Universe Zozobini Tunzi of South Africa.
  - Miss India’s Adline Quadros Castelino made it to the Top 4.
  - Brazil’s Julia Gama is the first runner-up, Peru’s Janick Maceta is the second runner-up while India’s Adline Castelino and Dominican Republic’s Kimberly Perez are third runner-up and fourth runner-up, respectively.
3. Name the Indian personality who have received the International Invincible Gold Medal for the year 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank**.
- Note:**
- He has been recognised for his extraordinary commitment and outstanding service to humanity through his writings, social and illustrious public life.
  - The decision was made after due deliberations by a high-powered committee duly constituted under the leadership of Dr Tony Nader who is the global head of the Maharshi organisation.
  - This honour will be given by the worldwide Maharishi Organization & its universities.
4. Name the Indian scholar who along with Professor David Klenerman won the 2020 Millennium Technology Prize for the development of revolutionary DNA sequencing techniques – Next Generation DNA Sequencing (NGS) \_\_\_\_\_ **Professor Shankar Balasubramanian**.
- Note:**
- It is a prestigious global science and technology prize awarded for their development of revolutionary sequencing techniques which means DNA can now be read in super-fast times.
  - The prize, awarded by Technology Academy Finland (TAF) at two-year intervals since 2004 - when Sir Tim Berners-Lee was honoured for his discovery of the World Wide Web - to highlight the extensive impact of science and innovation on the wellbeing of society, is worth Euro 1 million.

5. Name the Indian Choreographer who becomes the first Indian to win the 10th Annual 'World Choreography Award 2020' \_\_\_\_\_ **Suresh Mukund.**

**Note:**

- He won the award in the 'TV REALITY SHOW/COMPETITION' category, for his work on the hit American TV reality show 'World of Dance'.
- Mukund is the director and choreographer of the Indian dance crew 'The Kings', which won the 2019 season of World of Dance. The World Choreography Awards, famously known as the "Oscars of Dance",

**Sports News**

1. Tejaswini Shankar associated with which sports who won gold at Big 12 Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Manhattan, USA \_\_\_\_\_ **High Jump.**

**Note:**

- Shankar cleared the bar at 2.28m to win high jump gold, but his efforts fell short of Tokyo Olympic Games qualification standard of 2.33m.
- Shankar had also won the men's high jump title in the 2019 edition of the Big 12 Outdoor Track and Field Championships while the 2020 edition was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

2. In tennis, who won the women single title in the Italian Open 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Iga Swiatek.**

**Note:**

- She defeated world number nine Karolina Pliskova 6-0, 6-0 in just 45 minutes on the red clay of the Foro Italico.
- Swiatek has now won three titles, following on from Roland Garros with Adelaide in January, and now Rome, and will move into the top 10 for the first time.

3. Who won the men's single title in the Italia open tennis tournament 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Rafael Nadal.**

**Note:**

- He defeated world number one Novak Djokovic in the final.
- Djokovic and Nadal were facing each other for the 57th time, having last played in the 2020 French Open final which the Spaniard won in straight sets.

4. Renowned cricketer Harry Frederick Gurney belongs to which country who announced his retirement from the sports \_\_\_\_\_ **England.**

**Note:**

- He has represented the England Cricket Team in 10 One Day Internationals (ODIs) & 2 Twenty20 Internationals (T20Is).
- He picked up 11 wickets in 10 ODIs & 3 wickets in his T20I career.
- He has played for clubs like Nottinghamshire, Melbourne Renegades (BBL – Big Bash League), Quetta Gladiators (PSL – Pakistan Super League), and Kolkata Knight Riders (IPL – Indian Premier League).

5. Stupa Sports Analytics has partnered with which sports organization to provide Artificial Intelligence (AI)-enabled real-time match and practice solutions \_\_\_\_\_ **International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF).**

**Note:**

- AI will help in taking Table Tennis to the next level by providing real time and in-depth analysis.
- During COVID-19 pandemic, ITTF collaborated with Stupa Analytics to provide online training lessons.
- AI analytics will help players to optimise their training, unearth new revelations, patterns and discover data driven insights.

6. AIBA Men's World Boxing Championships 2021 will be held in which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Serbia.**

**Note:**

- The International Boxing Association (AIBA) has announced that the 2021 AIBA Men's World Boxing Championships is scheduled to be held in Belgrade, Serbia from October 26 to November 6, 2021.

➤ The previous edition of Championships was hosted by Ekaterinburg, Russia in 2019.

7. Who becomes the first Indian Women Mountaineers to Summit Mount Pumori in Nepal \_\_\_\_\_ **Baljeet Kaur & Gunbala Sharma.**

**Note:**

- The two women are also the first ones to scale a mountain that is a part of the Everest Massif.
- Everest Massif is formed by four peaks- Mount Pumori(7,161m), Mount Nuptse(7,862 m), Mount Lhotse(8,516m) and Mount Everest(8,848.86m) together.

8. Who become the first Indian origin fighter to win an MMA world champion title \_\_\_\_\_ **Arjan Singh Bhullar.**

**Note:**

- Indo-Canadian Mixed Martial Artist (MMA) Arjan Singh Bhullar defeated Brandon Vera to become the heavyweight world champion at the Singapore-based One Championship and became the first Indian-origin fighter to win an MMA world champion title.
- A former freestyle wrestler, Bhullar had won the 2010 Commonwealth games gold medal in New Delhi representing Canada.

9. Mountaineer, Tashi Yangjom held from which state/UTs who becomes the first Indian Woman to Scale the World's highest Mountain, Mt Everest in 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Arunachal Pradesh.**

**Note:**

- Mountaineer, Tashi Yangjom from Arunachal Pradesh becomes the 1st Indian Woman Climber to Scale the World's highest Mountain, Mt Everest (Elevation of 8,849 Metres) in 2021.
- She was trained at the National Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports (NIMAS) in Dirang, Arunachal Pradesh.

### Books and Authors

1. Who has authored the book titled 'Sikkim: A History of Intrigue and Alliance' \_\_\_\_\_ **Preet Mohan Singh Malik.**

**Note:**

- The book's objective is to clarify the strategic issues behind India's decision to accept Sikkim's demand to be merged with India.
- The book focuses on the history of Sikkim along with the story of how it merged with India in 1975.

2. Who is the author of the book titled "All Time Favourites for Children" \_\_\_\_\_ **Ruskin Bond.**

**Note:**

- It will be published by **Puffin**, children's imprint of Penguin Random House. Illustrations of the book was done by Kashmira Sarode.
- It is a collection of short stories which will feature some of his most celebrated characters and stories like 'Rusty's Adventures', 'Grandfather's Stories' as well as new stories like 'Goldfish Don't Bark', 'Friends from the Forest' and many more.
- Ruskin Bond is an Indian author of British descent.
- He was awarded the Padma Shri in 1999 and the Padma Bhushan in 2014 for his contribution to the field of literature.

3. Who has authored the book titled "Klara and the Sun Novel" \_\_\_\_\_ **Kazuo Ishiguro.**

**Note:**

- Klara and the Sun is a thrilling book that offers a look at our changing world through the eyes of an unforgettable narrator, and one that explores the fundamental question: what does it mean to love?
- Kazuo Ishiguro, a British novelist was born in Nagasaki, Japan, in 1954 and moved to Britain in 1960.
- He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 2017 & also won the Man Booker prize in 1989 for his novel 'The Remains of the Day'.

## Science and Defence

1. Chinese Spacecraft Tianwen 1 carrying rover Zhurong landed on which celestial body successfully \_\_\_\_\_ **Mars**.

**Note:**

- This makes China only the second country after the US to send a rover to the surface of the Red Planet.
- The lander that carried the Zhurong rover touched down the Martian surface successfully and it landed in the Utopia Planitia region.
- However, when the lander entered the Martian atmosphere, the spacecraft endured “Seven Minutes of Terror” as that of the Mars Perseverance rover of NASA.

2. Which space agency is developing Jupiter Icy Moons Explorer (JUICE), an interplanetary spacecraft \_\_\_\_\_ **European Space Agency (ESA)**.

**Note:**

- It is being tested at ESA’s European Space Research and Technology Centre (ESTEC) in the Netherlands.
- The Jupiter bound Spacecraft has been assembled by Airbus Friedrichshafen, Germany.
- It is set to be launched in 2022 on an Ariane 5 Rocket & is expected to reach Jupiter in 2029.

3. Which defence manufacturing entity has launched the first prototype of Mechanical Minefield Marking Equipment Mk-II (MMME Mk-II) for the Indian Army \_\_\_\_\_ **BEML Ltd**.

**Note:**

- The equipment has been built on BEML TATRA 6X6, ‘Atmanirbhar’ product.
- It has been developed through Technology of Transfer (ToT) from Research & Development Establishment Engineers (R&DE Engineers), a lab of DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organisation).
- MMME Mk-II will help in marking the mine fields at a fast rate, semi-automatically with minimal human intervention.

4. With which company NASA has signed an agreement for the first private astronaut mission to the International Space Station, which will launch as soon as January 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Axiom Space**.

**Note:**

- The agreement, which was announced includes only a portion of the assorted exchanges required to make a flight like this a reality, but it will result in a net payment from NASA to Axiom of \$1.69 million.
- The agreement will allow Axiom to send a retired NASA astronaut and three passengers to the orbiting laboratory aboard a SpaceX Crew Dragon capsule for a journey of about a week in the first crewed space station mission for exclusively private interests.

5. Which Naval Ship has been decommissioned by the Indian Navy in May 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **INS Rajput**.

**Note:**

- INS Rajput, the first destroyer of the Indian Navy, was decommissioned after over 41 years of service.
- The lead ship of the Kashin-class destroyers built by the erstwhile USSR.
- INS Rajput was constructed in the 61 Communards Shipyard in Nikolaev (present-day Ukraine) under her original Russian name ‘Nadezhny’ meaning ‘Hope’.
- The keel of the ship was laid on September 11, 1976 and she was launched on September 17, 1977. The ship was commissioned as INS Rajput on May 4, 1980 at Poti, Georgia by I K Gujral, the then Ambassador of India to USSR,

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