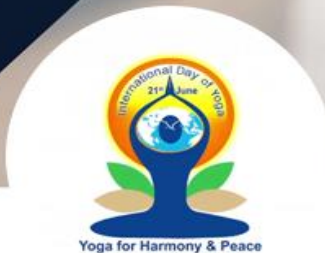


Weekly One-Liners

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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 **June** 2021. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) will be expanded by 31st August 2021. BBPS functions under the aegis of the ____ **NPCI**.
Note:
 - Also, 'mobile prepaid recharges' are added as a biller category.
 - It will help millions of prepaid phone subscribers in the country.
 - BBPS is an integrated bill payment system that offers interoperable bill payment service to customers online as well as through a network of agents on the ground.
2. Which bank will be the lead sponsor of National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (NARCL) or bad bank with 12 per cent stake in the entity ____ **Canara Bank**.
Note:
 - The board of Canara Bank has given in-principle approval for taking stake in NARCL,
 - The IBA was appointed nodal agency to constitute the Asset Reconstruction and Asset Management Companies designated as NARCL and India Debt Management Company Ltd (IDMCL) respectively.
 - Bad bank refers to a financial institution that takes over bad assets of lenders and undertakes resolution.
3. The Reserve Bank of India proposed to remove interest rate caps for which financial institutions ____ **Microfinance Institutions**.
Note:
 - Microfinance institutions will get the freedom to set rates and end regulatory cap on interest rates.
 - Microfinance is a form of financial service which provides small loans and other financial services to poor and low-income households.
4. According to global consultancy BCG report, the financial wealth in India grew by what percent in 2020 ____ **11 percent**.
Note:
 - This growth was at par with the compounded annual growth rate for the five years to 2020.
 - Financial wealth is defined as the total wealth excluding real assets and liabilities held by adult individuals.
 - As per the report India is expected to lead the percentage growth of individuals with fortunes of over USD 100 million till 2025.
5. What amount of rice has been allocated by the central government at a subsidized rate of Rs 20 per kg to distilleries for ethanol production for 2020-21 ____ **78,000 tonnes**.
Note:
 - As per Food Ministry figures, a quantity of 12,956 metric tonnes of rice has been lifted by six distilleries till April 30, 2021.
 - The government has set a target of blending 20-percent ethanol with petrol by 2025-26.
 - To achieve that target, over 1,000 crore liters of ethanol will be required to blend with the petrol.
6. Which public sector company has signed a pact with National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE) to develop solar and wind energy projects ____ **SJVN Limited**.
Note:
 - SJVN has entered into a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Institute for 'technical consultancy services' for development of solar, wind, hybrid (wind and solar) and hybrid (wind, solar and battery storage) energy projects of SJVN, according to a statement.
 - NIWE will support SJVN to assess the feasibility and techno-commercial aspects of the projects and preparation of detailed project reports, estimates and bid documents covering all relevant aspects from the concept to the commissioning of these projects.

7. Which foundation has joined hands with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for the implementation of its 'Employability through Skill Initiative Project (ESIP) Phase II _____ **Ambuja Cement Foundation**.
Note:
- The foundation received grant assistance from NABARD under the Gramya Vikas Nidhi, a fund created for the development of off-farm sector activities.
 - The project will provide skill training across 19 locations for two years in 12 trades. It has already reached over 4,000 youth despite the pandemic, the foundation said in a statement.
 - Besides skill training, the course also includes soft skills and leadership skills as part of the training module.
8. Which Small Finance Bank has collaborated with MoEngage to drive digital banking experiences in the unserved and underserved areas of the country _____ **Ujjivan Small Finance Bank**.
Note:
- MoEngage is a leading customer engagement platform.
 - This will foster a holistic customer experience across all organic channels, like the website, app, email, text message, social media, and branches to drive business growth.
 - Utilizing MoEngage's expertise, the SFB will target SMS campaigns to encourage digital repayments.
9. With which intergovernmental bank the Government of India has signed a \$484 million loan to improve transport connectivity and facilitate industrial development in the Chennai-Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor (CKIC) in Tamil Nadu _____ **ADB**.
Note:
- CKIC is part of India's East Coast Economic Corridor (ECEC)
 - ADB is the lead partner of the Government of India in developing ECEC.
 - The project will upgrade about 590 km of state highways in the CKIC influence areas that cover 23 of the 32 districts between Chennai and Kanyakumari.
10. Which digital payment digital payment platform has tied up with a clutch of leading Indian banks to offer tokenized card services to customers on its UPI app _____ **Google Pay**.
Note:
- It has now added debit cards by SBI, IndusInd Bank and Federal Bank and Credit cards by IndusInd Bank and HSBC India to its tokenized offerings.
 - It is a feature that enables users to make debit or credit card payments through a secure digital token attached to their phone.
 - The network partner for these transactions is Visa.
11. According to 'UNESCO Science Report 2021: The race against time for smarter development', India's Gross Domestic Expenditure on Research & Development (GERD) remained at _____ **0.7%**.
Note:
- India's Gross Domestic Expenditure on Research & Development (GERD) remained at 0.7% of the GDP for several years.
 - India has one of the lowest GERD/GDP ratios among the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) nations.
12. What is the rank of RBI in terms of reserves transferred to the government as a percentage of gross domestic product (GDP) for the fiscal year 2020-21 _____ **2nd**.
Note:
- In FY20, the RBI stood fourth when ranked by the ratio of surplus as a percentage of GDP.
 - The RBI transferred a Rs 99,122-crore surplus to the government — 73% higher than the Rs 57,128 crore paid out in 2019-20.
 - The surplus transferred by RBI constitutes 0.44% of GDP, while that of the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey constitutes 0.5% of GDP.
13. In the last one year, the country's foreign exchange reserve rose by _____ **US\$ 103 Billion**.
Note:
- According to the RBI, Foreign exchange reserves of the country reached an all-time high of US\$ 605.0 billion on June 4, 2021.
 - RBI estimated that, In terms of projected imports for 2021-22, the current level of reserves provides cover for less than 15 months.
 - In the foreign exchange market the Indian rupee appreciated against the US dollar in May 2021 and gained further in June.

14. For which country the Asian Development Bank has approved USD 250 million loans for improving the inclusiveness and responsiveness of the country's social development and resilience program _____ **Bangladesh.**

Note:

- The Strengthening Social Resilience Program will include institutional and policy reforms to address cross-sector issues of social development in Bangladesh.

15. Which financial institutions got RBI's "in-principle" approval to set up a small finance bank to take over Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank (PMC Bank) _____ **Centrum Financial Services Ltd.**

Note:

- Then, the SFB will take over the beleaguered Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank (PMC Bank).
- Centrum Capital, the holding entity for CFSL, and its partner BharatPe, a payments system company, will infuse Rs 1,800 crore into the small finance bank.

16. Which power generator will acquire the 1,200 MW Essar Power's Mahan Project located at Singrauli district of Madhya Pradesh _____ **Adani Power Limited.**

Note:

- Resolution Professional of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) issued a Letter of Intent to Adani Power.
- Essar Power's Mahan power plant supplies power through the Mahan-Sipat transmission line and is also connected with a railway siding 18 km away from the plant for the supply of coal and other raw materials.
- Adani Power will shell out close to Rs 3,000 crore for the Mahan Project.

17. Which financial Technology company has signed 'lead generation agreements' with 12 financial institutions _____ **PayPoint India.**

Note:

- The aim of the deal is to assist with loans to the underserved using technology, and to generate leads for housing, personal and business loans through the partnership with banks and NBFCs.
- Under the agreement, PayPoint India will help the financial institutions to get access to the remote locations where they are unable to reach on their own, and provide capital.

Obituaries

1. Renowned personality Sanchari Vijay passed away recently, he was a veteran _____ **Actor.**

Note:

- Vijay meet with a road accident and was in critical condition.
- Doctors performed an emergency brain surgery but could not save him.
- Vijay, who made his debut with Rangappa Hogbitna in 2011, appeared in many Kannada films such as Dasavala, Harivu, Oggarane, Killing Veerappan, Varthamana, and Sipaayi.

2. Renowned personality Surat Singh Mathur passed away recently, he was a veteran _____ **Sportsman.**

Note:

- He was marathon runner, complete the Olympic marathon race, at the 1952 Helsinki Games.
- Running with the legendary Emil Zatopek in the 1952 Helsinki Olympics, Mathur completed the marathon in the 52nd place in 2:58.92s.
- He was a bronze medallist at the first Asian Games in 1951.

3. Renowned personality Raghubir Singh has passed away recently, he was a veteran _____ **Army man.**

Note:

- Brigadier Raghubir Singh was honoured with Maha Vir Chakra, the second highest gallantry award in India by the then President of India, Dr S Radhakrishnan.
- He is fondly called as "Dadosa"
- He served as the Provost Marshal in the Military police, during the 1971 Indo-Pak war.
- During the 1965 Indo Pak war, he was commanding his battalion, 18 Rajputana Rifles (later 11 Mechanised Infantry).

4. Renowned personality Milkha Singh passed away recently, he was a veteran _____ **Sportsman.**

Note:

- He is the only athlete to win gold in 400 metres race at the Asian Games as well the Commonwealth Games.
- He also won gold medals in the 1958 and 1962 Asian Games.

- He represented India in the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, the 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome and the 1964 Summer Olympics in Tokyo
5. Renowned personality Kenneth Kaunda passed away recently, he was president of which country _____ **Zambia**.
- Note:**
- Mr Kaunda served as the first President of independent Zambia from 1964 to 1991.
 - In 1991, he was forced to hold the first multi-party elections for 23 years, which he lost to long-time foe, trade unionist Frederick Chiluba.
 - Zambia gained independence from Britain in October 1964.
6. Renowned personality Guruprasad Mohapatra passed away recently, he was former _____ **DPIIT Secretary**.
- Note:**
- Before serving as DPIIT secretary, he served as **Chairman of the Airports Authority of India (AAI)**.
 - He was a **Gujarat cadre 1986 batch IAS officer**, who had earlier served as joint secretary in the Department of Commerce.
 - He was also a **member of Gujarat Electricity Board** between 2002 and 2004.

Important Days

1. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is observed globally every year on _____ **15th June**.
- Note:**
- This day is celebrated to raise a voice for the elderly who are abused and victimized.
 - The main objective of this day is to provide an opportunity for communities around the globe to promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older persons by creating awareness of the cultural, social, economic and demographic processes affecting elder abuse and neglect.
2. World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought is observed every year on which date _____ **17th June**.
- Note:**
- The day's focus is to turn the degraded land that has lost its natural productivity due to human activity into healthy land.
 - The UN-designated day is all about a green planet, sustainable development, and health and welfare of people.
 - This year's theme is "Restoration.Land.Recovery. We build back better with healthy land".
3. The Autistic Pride Day is observed every year on which date _____ **18th June**.
- Note:**
- The day is represented by a rainbow infinity symbol which denotes the infinite possibilities that autistic people have.
 - Autistic Pride Day was first celebrated in Brazil in 2005, at the initiative of an organisation named Aspies for Freedom.
4. Sustainable Gastronomy Day is observed every year globally on _____ **18th June**.
- Note:**
- The day was designated by UN General Assembly on 21 December 2016.
 - Sustainable Gastronomy Day is observed on 18 June globally to focus the attention of the world on the role that sustainable gastronomy plays in our lives.
 - The day was designated by UN General Assembly on 21 December 2016.
5. World Sickle Cell Day, observed every year on _____ **19 June**.
- Note:**
- The day is observed to raise awareness of sickle cell disorders. Sickle cell Anaemia is a genetic red blood cell disorder
 - People with sickle cell disorders don't have enough healthy red blood cells to carry oxygen throughout the body
 - The day came into existence in 2008 after the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) acknowledged sickle cell disease as a public health problem
6. International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict is observed globally every year on _____ **19th June**.
- Note:**
- The day aims to raise awareness of the need to put an end to conflict-related sexual violence, honour the victims and survivors of sexual violence around the world

- In 2015 the United Nations adopted 19 June as the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict.
7. World Refugee Day is celebrated every year on which date _____ **20th June**.
- Note:**
- Theme 2021: Together we heal, learn and shine.
 - United Nations General Assembly recognised this day on 4 December 2000 to mark the 50th anniversary of 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees.
 - It was observed for the first time on 20th June, 2001.
8. What is the theme of the 7th International Yoga Day 2021 _____ **Yoga for Wellness**.
- Note:**
- International Yoga Day is observed annually on June 21.
 - The idea of an International Yoga Day was proposed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2014 in the UNGA.
 - On the PM Modi launched "mYoga app" in collaboration with WHO and it will be available worldwide.
9. World Music Day' is celebrated every year on which date _____ **21st June**.
- Note:**
- It is also known as 'Fete de la Musique' in French and Make Music Day as well.
 - World Music Day celebrations began in the year 1982 in France.
 - The day is dedicated to all the musicians and music lovers around the world.
 - World Music Day, also known as 'Fatede la Musica', means a music festival.

New Appointments

1. Mukesh Sharma is faculty of IIT who has been appointed as an honorary member of World Health Organisation's (WHO) Global Air Pollution and Health - Technical Advisory Group (GAPH-TAG) _____ **IIT Kanpur**.
- Note:**
- Mukesh Sharma has been associated with WHO, Geneva, International Council for Clean Transport, Clean Air Asia United National Environmental Program, Bangkok, and the World Bank.
 - He will now be part of the WHO advisory group on interventions and policies for air pollution control in 194 member states.
2. Who has been appointed as the as the Chairman of the Microsoft Corp _____ **Satya Nadella**.
- Note:**
- He will succeed John Thompson, who will now serve as lead independent director.
 - Nadella took over as CEO in 2014 from Steve Ballmer.
 - He has been instrumental in scaling up its business including billion-dollar acquisitions like LinkedIn, Nuance Communications and ZeniMax.
 - Nadella has transformed the software titan into America's second-largest firm by value after tech giant Apple.
3. Who has been named as the named as a member of a High-Level Advisory Group formed by the World Bank and IMF _____ **Montek Singh Ahluwalia**.
- Note:**
- He was former Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission and distinguished fellow at the Centre for Social and Economic Progress (CSEP).
 - The group will be jointly led by Mari Pangestu, Managing Director for Development Policy and Partnerships, World Bank; Ceyla Pazarbasioglu, Director, Strategy, Policy and Review Department, International Monetary Fund; and Lord Nicholas Stern of the London School of Economics.
4. Who has been appointed as Director at India's WTO mission _____ **Aashish Chandorkar**.
- Note:**
- For the first time, a private person has been appointed at the Mission.
 - Chandorkar is director of Bengaluru-based policy think tank Smahi Foundation of Policy and Research.
 - The WTO is a 164-member multi-lateral body, which deals with global trade.
5. International lawyer Karim Khan belongs to which country who has sworn in as the new chief prosecutor for the International Criminal Court _____ **England**.
- Note:**
- He has years of experience in international lawyer as a prosecutor, investigator and defense attorney.

- He takes over from Fatou Bensouda of Gambia.
- Most recently, Khan led a United Nations team investigating atrocities in Iraq.

6. Who has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador of PUMA motorsports in India _____ **Yuvraj Singh**.

Note:

- Singh will showcase his passion for fast cars and sports-inspired fashion. With this, he also joins the brand's global league of legends like Thierry Henry, Boris Becker and Usain Bolt.
- An ardent fan of Formula 1 driver Max Verstappen, Singh keenly follows Scuderia Ferrari Formula1 team.
- Globally, PUMA is associated with Scuderia Ferrari, Mercedes-AMG Petronas Formula One Team, Aston Martin Red Bull Racing, BMW M Motorsport and Porche Motorsport.

7. Which petroleum company has decided to set up a grain-based ethanol plant in the Una, Himachal Pradesh _____ **HPCL**.

Note:

- The state government would provide about 70 acres of land and a rail-fed POL terminal of higher capacity.
- This plant would have a capacity to generate 125 KL ethanol per day.
- These projects would be set up at a cost of 400 crore rupees and would provide direct and indirect employment to about 300 persons.

8. Who has won the 2021 Iranian presidential election _____ **Ebrahim Raisi**.

Note:

- He will succeed **Hassan Rouhani**.
- He will take charge of the office of President in August 2021 for four year term.
- He is presently serving as the **Chief Justice of Iran since March 2019**.

9. Antonio Guterres, was re-elected as the Secretary General of United Nations (UN) for a 2nd 5-year term, he held from which country _____ **Portugal**.

Note:

- His appointment was made by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on the recommendation of the 15-nation UN Security Council (UNSC) and announced by the President of the 75th session of the UNGA, Volkan Bozkir.
- It should be noted that as per UN Charter, the Secretary-General is appointed by the UNGA on the recommendation of the UNSC.
- He is an ex-Prime Minister of Portugal from 1995 to 2002, he has been serving as the Secretary General since 2017.

Important News – India

1. Who addressed the UN 'High-Level Dialogue on Desertification, Land Degradation & Drought' _____ **Narendra Modi**.

Note:

- He said that three million hectares of forest cover has been added in India over the last ten years.
- He listed steps taken by India to deal with the land degradation issue.
- He conveyed that India is on track to achieve its national commitment of Land degradation neutrality.
- He said India is also working towards restoring 26 million hectares of degraded land by 2030.

2. According to the World Giving Index 2021 report what is India's position as the most charitable country _____ **14th**.

Note:

- This year's survey highlights the impact of lockdowns on charitable giving.
- Indonesia remains in the first place, followed by Kenya.
- Four African nations now sit in the top 10 -- three of them (Nigeria, Ghana and Uganda) for the first time.
- Most of the western countries which are usually in the Top 10 have fallen far down the rankings.

3. Which NGO has in collaboration with the India Meteorological Department & the ICMR is creating an India Interagency Expert Committee on Malaria and Climate (IEC) to explore and advance climate-based solutions for accelerating malaria elimination in India _____ **Malaria No More**.

Note:

- Aim of the collaboration is to explore and advance climate-based solutions for accelerating malaria elimination in India.
- India has set a target to eliminate malaria by 2030.

4. The central government has modified the 'Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles in India Phase II' (FAME India Phase II) scheme. The FAME scheme is administered by which ministry _____ **Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises.**
- Note:**
- The FAME scheme was administered by the department of heavy industries (DHI)
 - MoHI&PE has decided for the aggregation of electric three-wheelers and electric buses component of the scheme via state run Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL), to bring down the cost of electric 3 Wheelers to that of ICE-3 Wheelers.
5. In a major boost to exports of GI certified agricultural produce, a consignment of fibre and mineral rich Jalgaon banana has been exported to which country _____ **UAE.**
- Note:**
- In 2016, Jalgaon Banana got GI certification which was registered with Nisargraja Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) in Jalgaon.
 - Country's banana export has been rising sharply because of adoption of farm practices as per the global standards.
 - During 2020-21, India has exported banana worth of 1.91 lakh tonnes valued at 619 crore rupees.
6. Which country hosted the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus in that Defence Minister Rajnath Singh participated virtually _____ **Brunei.**
- He hailed the Indian values of 'Vasudhaive Kutumbakam' and 'Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah'.
 - Minister called for a united fight against the pandemic.
 - The ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM-Plus) is a forum comprising 10 ASEAN member countries and 8 partner nations including India, China, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, Russia and the United States.
7. Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the 5th edition of VivaTech, the largest digital and start-up events in Europe. The event is being held which city every year _____ **Peris.**
- Note:**
- The Prime Minister has been invited as a Guest of Honour.
 - He said that India is adaptable and agile even in the middle of the pandemic.
 - VivaTech is being held in Paris every year since 2016.
 - It is jointly organized by Publicis Groupe, a prominent advertising and marketing conglomerate and Les Echos – a leading French media group.
8. What is India's rank in the annual World Competitiveness Index 2021 _____ **43rd.**
- Note:**
- The report was compiled by the Institute for Management Development (IMD).
 - Top three nation in the 64-nation list are: 1. Switzerland; 2. Sweden; 3. Denmark.
 - BRICS Nations rank order is China, India, Russia, Brazil and South Africa
 - India has maintained its position for the past three years.
9. What is India's rank in the latest 15th edition of the Global Peace Index (GPI) 2021, released by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), Sydney _____ **135th.**
- Note:**
- Indian ranked 135th most peaceful country in the world
 - Iceland remains the most peaceful country while Afghanistan is the least peaceful country in the world for the fourth consecutive year.
 - Bhutan ranked as the most peaceful nation in South Asia.
 - New Zealand, Denmark, Portugal ranked 3rd, 4th, and 5th resp.
10. With which country India has signed an MoU for developing cooperation between two countries in the area of the environment _____ **Bhutan.**
- Note:**
- The MoU was signed virtually by the Minister of Environment.
 - Union Minister Prakash Javadekar from the Indian side and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Chairperson of the National Environment Commission Lyonpo Dr. Tandi Dorji from the Bhutanese side.
 - The MoU will open new vistas of bilateral cooperation in the area of climate change, waste management etc.
11. Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) joins hand with which entity for conducting programs across 350 functional EMRS schools across the country _____ **NCERT.**
- Note:**

- Under this collaboration, 120 EMRS teachers and principals from 3 states completed **NISHTHA-National initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement Program** to build competencies among teachers and school principals and Improving Quality of School Education through Integrated Teacher Training.

Important News – State

1. Export quality Jardalu mangoes are geographical indications (GI) certified mangoes from which state _____ **Bihar**.

Note:

- GI relates to a specific geographical origin of a product and certifies that it possesses qualities or a reputation due to that.
- The mangoes were packed in Lucknow before the Agriculture and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority exported them in collaboration with the Bihar government.

2. Which state government has decided to set up a Vedic Education and Sanskar Board to revive the knowledge of ancient Sanskrit scriptures and connect the learnings of the Vedas with science and yoga _____ **Rajasthan**.

Note:

- Aim of this is to revive the knowledge of ancient Sanskrit scriptures and connect the learnings of the Vedas with science and yoga.
- The board is likely to be set up in the coming four to five months.
- The State, at present, has about 20 residential Vedic schools, including 'Gurukuls'.

3. Which state government has launched a program 'Revv Up' for Artificial intelligence (AI) startups _____ **Telangana**.

Note:

- The vision of T-AIM is to develop Telangana as a global hub for AI startups. Revv Up, which will begin its first cohort in July this year, is another step towards making Telangana and Hyderabad a global destination for AI and other emerging technologies.
- The accelerator programme would be a torchbearer for future AI accelerators in the country.
- NASSCOM will execute the envisioned strategy of T-AIM to identify and promote innovative and impactful AI solutions to solve real-world problems.

4. Culture and Tourism Minister Prahlaad Singh Patel has organised Flag Satyagraha programme in which place _____ **Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh**.

Note:

- The programme was organised by **Union Culture Ministry** and **IGNCA** as part of **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav** to commemorate 75 years of Country's independence.
- It reminisces the historic moments of **Jhanda Satyagraha held in Jabalpur in 1923** when the immortal martyrs first unfurled the flag at the Town Hall with great courage.

Important News – World

1. Which country is at top position in the World Giving Index 2021 report _____ **Indonesia**.

Note:

- Four African nations now sit in the top 10 -- three of them (Nigeria, Ghana and Uganda) for the first time.
- Most of the western countries which are usually in the Top 10 have fallen far down the rankings.
- 61 per cent of Indians helped strangers; 34 per cent volunteered; and 36 per cent donated money.

2. The European Space Agency (ESA) will launch world's first satellite, WISA Woodsat from which country _____ **New Zealand**.

Note:

- The objective of the satellite is to test the applicability of wooden materials like plywood in spacecraft structures and expose it to extreme space conditions, such as heat, cold, vacuum and radiation.
- It will be launched by Rocket Lab Electron rocket from the Mahia Peninsula launch complex in New Zealand.
- designed and built in Finland will orbit at around 500-600 km altitude in polar Sun-synchronous orbit.

3. Recently, United Kingdom has agreed on a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with which country _____ **Australia**.

Note:

- It will make it cheaper for the UK to sell its cars and Scotch whisky Down Under and remove barriers for business.
- An FTA with Australia is also dubbed as a gateway into the fast-growing Indo-Pacific region, which covers India.
- The UK-Australia trade relationship was worth 13.9 billion pounds last year and is set to grow under the deal.

4. With which country India has signed an agreement extending a US\$ 100 million Line of Credit (LOC) for projects in the Solar Energy Sector _____ **Sri Lanka**.

Note:

- The agreement was signed between the Government of Sri Lanka and the Export-Import Bank of India.
- This US\$ 100 million LOC will help finance various projects in the solar energy sector in Sri Lanka, such as rooftop solar photo-voltaic systems for households and government buildings.
- Some of the projects were announced during the Founding Conference of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) held in March 2018 in Delhi.

5. Which country ranked 1st in the World Competitiveness Index 2021 _____ **Switzerland**.

Note:

- The report was compiled by the Institute for Management Development (IMD).
- Top three nation in the 64-nation list are: 1. Switzerland; 2. Sweden; 3. Denmark.
- BRICS Nations rank order is China, India, Russia, Brazil and South Africa
- India has maintained its position for the past three years.

6. Which country declared the least peaceful country in the world in 15th edition of the Global Peace Index (GPI) 2021 released by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), Sydney _____ **Afghanistan**.

Note:

- Indian ranked 135th most peaceful country in the world
- Iceland remains the most peaceful country while Afghanistan is the least peaceful country in the world for the fourth consecutive year.
- Bhutan ranked as the most peaceful nation in South Asia.
- New Zealand, Denmark, Portugal ranked 3rd, 4th, and 5th resp.

7. According to the Global Peace Index (GPI) 2021, which country is the most peaceful country in the world _____ **Iceland**.

Note:

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8. Which country has decided to make a vaccine passport available from next month for Japanese travellers in a bid to relaunch tourism and business trips abroad _____ **Japan**.

Note:

- The certificate will be paper-based rather than digital and will be issued by local governments from sometime next month.
- The European Union is working on a digital vaccine passport for this summer so it can welcome back badly needed tourists, and some EU countries plan to introduce certificates at the national level.
- The EU version will feature information on whether a person has been vaccinated, or had the virus, tested negative, and recovered.

9. World's third-largest diamond unearthed in which country _____ **Botswana**.

Note:

- This newly discovered diamond is believed to be the third-largest gem-quality stone ever to be mined in the world.
- It has been presented by Debswana Diamond Company to President of Botswana, Mokgweetsi Masisi.
- **Cullinan stone in South Africa** and **Lesedi La Rona of Botswana** are the other largest diamond.

Honor & Awards

1. Who has been honoured with the European Inventor Award 2021 in the 'Non-European Patent Office countries' category _____ **Sumita Mitra**.

Note:

- She successfully integrated nanotechnology into dental materials to produce stronger and more aesthetically pleasing fillings.
- The award, one of Europe's most prestigious innovation prizes, is presented annually by the European Patent Office (EPO) to recognise outstanding inventors from Europe and beyond.

2. Environmental organization 'Family Forestry' of which state has won the 2021 Land for Life Award by UN _____
Rajasthan.

Note:

- The **2021 Land for Life Award** has been won by **Familial Forestry** of Rajasthan, a unique concept that relates a tree with a family, making it a green **"family member."**
- The UN **Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)** organises the **Land for Life Award** every two years to recognize excellence and innovation in efforts towards land in balance.
- The theme for the 2021 Award is **"Healthy Land, Healthy Lives"**.

Sports News

1. Who has won the \$15,000 Gelfand Challenge chess title and with it, a 'wild card' for the elite Meltwaters Champions Chess Tour _____ **D. Gukesh.**

Note:

- He won all four rounds, including the key battle against Praggnanandhaa, and emerged on top after a series of favourable results from the games involving other title-contenders.

2. Who has won the 2021 French Grand Prix 2021 _____ **Max Verstappen.**

Note:

- This race is the seventh round of 2021 Formula-One World Championship.
- With this victory, Max Verstappen has 131 points and now leads Lewis Hamilton (119 points) in the Formula One drivers' title race, after seven matches.
- Britain's Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) stood second in the 2021 French Grand Prix, followed by Sergio Perez (Mexico- Red Bull).

Books and Authors

1. Who has authored the book titled "Beyond Here and Other Poems", released by Naveen Patnaik _____ **Bishnupada Sethi.**

Note:

- The book was published by Har Anand Publications.
- The poems featured in the book reflect the experiences of life, perception of death, and philosophical contemplation.
- The preface of the book was written by noted Odia poet Haraprasad Das.

2. Who has authored the book titled 'The Nutmeg's Curse: Parables for a Planet in Crisis' _____ **Amitav Ghosh.**

Note:

- This Book is Published by John Murray and will be released on October 14, 2021.
- This book is about the history of the influence of colonialism on the world today, told through the story of the nutmeg.
- It discusses everything from the global history of the oil trade to the migrant crisis and the animist spirituality of indigenous communities around the world.

3. Who has author the book titled 'The 7 Sins of Being A Mother' _____ **Tahira Kashyap Khurrana.**

Note:

- This is her fifth book and the second she wrote amid the pandemic.
- Last year, the filmmaker had released 12 Commandments of Being A Woman, which she finished writing during the coronavirus-induced lockdown.
- The writer has also penned books like Cracking The Code: My Journey in Bollywood and Souled Out.

4. The book titled 'Will' is a memoir of who among the following _____ **Will Smith.**

Note:

- His book will be published by Penguin Press, an imprint of Penguin Random House and co-authored by Mark Manson.
- Smith will also narrate the audiobook of Will from Penguin Random House Audio.
- Will looks to tell a story about Smith's life and career.
- The book will delve into him being raised in West Philadelphia to entering superstardom as an actor and rapper.

5. The book titled 'Monk in a Merc' is memoir of which Indian Neurologist to be released Posthumously _____ **Ashok Pangariya**.

Note:

- The book gets released after the demise of Dr. Ashok Pangariya who passed away in June 2021.
- The book talks of his life and experience in achieving eternal happiness and mental peace while pursuing all of life's luxuries and professional success.
- Ashok Pangariya was a Neurologist and previously served as the vice chancellor of Rajasthan University of Health Sciences

Science and Defence

1. Which IIT has developed a device "Jivan Vayu" which can be used as a substitute for Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) machine _____ **IIT Ropar**.

Note:

- This is the nation's first such device which functions even without electricity and is adapted to both kinds of oxygen generation units like CO2 cylinders and oxygen pipelines in hospitals.
- These provisions are not available in otherwise existing CPAP machines.

2. China launched a spacecraft 'Shenzhou-12' carrying three astronauts to its own space station which is to be complete by which year _____ **2022**.

Note:

- It was launched from Gobi Desert.
- This launch begins the first crewed space mission in five years for an increasingly ambitious space program.
- China becomes the third country to send astronauts into space.
- This is the third of the 11-mission needed to complete the China's space station by 2022.

3. Which IIT hosted a three-day virtual Conference of BRICS Network Universities on the theme of electric mobility _____ **IIT Bombay**.

Note:

- This conference is part of the engagements that India is hosting under the education stream during its Chairship of the 13th BRICS Summit this year.
- Over 100 students, researchers and faculty from the BRICS Network Universities of the five member countries are expected to participate in the conference.
- BRICS Network University is a union of higher education institutions of the five BRICS member countries, formed with the objective of enhancing educational cooperation in general, and especially in the realm of research and innovation.

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