

Weekly One-Liners

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Dear readers,

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

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. According to the revenue-expenditure data of the Union government for 2020-21 released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) what was the Fiscal deficit of the union government for 2020-21 _____ **9.3 percent of GDP**.
Note:
 - Unveiling the revenue-expenditure data of the Union government for 2020-21, the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) on Monday said that the revenue deficit at the end of the fiscal was 7.42 per cent.
 - In absolute terms, the fiscal deficit works out to be Rs 18,21,461 crore.
 - For this financial year, the government had initially pegged the fiscal deficit at Rs 7.96 lakh crore or 3.5 per cent of the GDP in the budget presented in February 2020.
2. How many horticulture clusters have been identified by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, of which 12 have been selected for the pilot launch of the Horticulture Cluster Development Programme (CDP) _____ **53**.
Note:
 - In a pilot phase, the programme will be implemented in 12 horticulture clusters out of the total 53 clusters selected for the programme.
 - A central sector programme implemented by the National Horticulture Board (NHB) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, CDP aims at growing and developing identified horticulture clusters to make them globally competitive.
3. Which fertilizer manufacturing company has introduced the world's first Nano Urea Liquid for farmers _____ **Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Ltd.**
Note:
 - Scientists have developed indigenous Nano Urea Liquid at Nano Biotechnology Research Centre, Kalol, Gujarat in line with 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and 'Atmanirbhar Krishi'.
 - Nano Urea Liquid will be efficient for plant nutrition which increases the production with improved nutritional quality.
 - It will create a huge positive effect on the quality of underground water, very significant reduction in the global warming with an impact on climate change and sustainable development.
4. Which institution has topped among the Indian Universities in the CWUR's (Centre for World University Ranking) World University Rankings 2021-22 _____ **Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad**.
Note:
 - Harvard University topped globally.
 - Jadavpur University ranks 18th among Indian higher educational institutions in CWUR rankings.
 - Among the top 2,000 institutions across the globe, 68 Indian institutions have made the positions in this list.
5. The Reserve Bank of India has cancelled the license of which Cooperative bank in June 2021 _____ **Shivajirao Bhosale Sahakari Bank**.
Note:
 - And also the bank does not comply with the certain provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
 - According to the data provided by the bank, Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) will provide a full deposit amount to more than 98 percent of the depositors.
 - A liquidator will be appointed and the bank will be wound up by the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Maharashtra.
6. Indian Banks' Association and which bank announced that all Public Sector Banks (PSBs) will provide unsecured personal loans between Rs 25,000 to Rs 5 lakh to salaried, non-salaried and pensioners for COVID-19 treatment cost _____ **State Bank of India**.
Note:

- The repayment tenure of those loans will be 5 years and SBI would charge interest of 8.5 percent per annum and other banks are made free to decide their interest rate.
 - PSB will also provide loans for healthcare facilities, firms in Metro cities could avail upto Rs 100 crore to setup/expand healthcare infrastructure and to manufacturers vaccine and ventilators.
 - Loans of up to Rs 20 crore could be availed by firms in Tier 1 and urban centres, and firms in Tier II to Tier IV could avail up to Rs 10 crore. For all categories, the loan tenure is about 10 years.
7. According to Moody's Investors Service, India's economy will rebound in the current financial year to mark a growth of _____ **9.3 per cent.**
- Note:**
- The economy rebounded quickly from a steep contraction in 2020, it said. But risks to India's credit profile including a persistent slowdown in growth, weak government finances and rising financial sector risks have been exacerbated by the shock of coronavirus second wave.
8. According to the International Labour Organisation (ILO) what will be the global unemployment rate in 2022 _____ **5.7%.**
- Note:**
- Further, compared to 2019, an additional 108 million workers worldwide are now categorized as poor or extremely poor which means that the five years of progress towards the eradication of working poverty have been undone rendering the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goal of eradicating poverty by 2030 even more elusive.
 - The report projects the global crisis-induced 'jobs gap' to reach 75 million in 2021 before falling to 23 million in 2022.
9. Which General insurance company has partnered with Microsoft to strengthen and automate the quality control processes _____ **ICICI Lombard General Insurance.**
- Note:**
- India's largest private sector general insurer ICICI Lombard has partnered with Microsoft to strengthen and automate the quality control processes.
 - Everyday service calls made by customer support reps will be screened by ICICI Lombard with the help of Microsoft's Azure Speech Providers and Pure Language Processing (NLP).
10. Which becomes the first bank in Asia-Pacific and the second globally to offer the facility called 'SWIFT gpi Instant', for cross border inward payments _____ **ICICI Bank.**
- Note:**
- The beneficiary gets the credit to the bank account instantly.
 - This makes ICICI Bank the first bank in Asia-Pacific and the second globally to offer the facility, called 'SWIFT gpi Instant', for cross border inward payments.
11. Private sector life insurer Bharti AXA Life Insurance has entered into a bancassurance partnership with which small finance bank for the distribution of its life insurance products through the bank's pan-India network of branches _____ **Shivalik Small Finance Bank (SFB).**
- Note:**
- Private life insurer Bharti AXA Life Insurance has entered into a bancassurance partnership with Shivalik Small Finance Bank (SFB) for the distribution of its life insurance products through the bank's pan-India network of branches.
12. Which digital payments provider is going to launch its Initial Public Offering (IPO) and raise about \$3 billion, which would be India's largest IPO debut ever _____ **Paytm.**
- Note:**
- Paytm backed by Softbank commonly called One97 Communications Private Limited has targeted around \$25 Billion to \$ 30 Billion from an IPO.
 - Paytm IPO will break the record of Coal India Limited IPO offering which raised more than Rs 15000 crore that was launched in 2010.
13. Which Public Sector Undertakings has become a signatory to the prestigious United Nations Global Compact's CEO Water Mandate _____ **NTPC Ltd.**
- Note:**
- The CEO Water Mandate is a UN Global Compact initiative to demonstrate commitment and efforts of companies to better their water and sanitation agenda as part of long term Sustainable Development Goals.
 - It is designed to assist companies in the development, implementation, and disclosure of
 - NTPC is India's largest power utility under Ministry of Power.

14. The Asian Development Bank and the Government of India has signed a \$2.5 million project readiness financing loan to support preparation and design activities to upgrade major district roads in _____ **Sikkim**.

Note:

- The aim of the MoU is to help improve connectivity to important towns, rural areas, and pilgrimage and tourist destinations in the northeastern state and to upgrade to all-weather roads as frequent landslides and erosion damage the roads and disrupt intra-state connectivity.
- PRF will help to boost the state's economy and improve accessibility for people in remote villages.

15. Which bank has planned to become carbon neutral by 2031-32 _____ **HDFC Bank**.

Note:

- The bank is working on a framework of issuing green bonds.
- As part of this initiative, the bank is looking at reducing its emissions, energy, and water consumption.
- It will continue to incorporate and scale up the use of renewable energy in its operations.

16. Which Hospital Group to acquire 100 per cent stake in Bengaluru-based multi-specialty hospital Vikram Hospital for a consideration of ₹350 crore _____ **Manipal Hospitals**.

Note:

- Set up in 2009, Vikram Hospital is a 200-bed tertiary care facility located in the central business district and is best known for its clinical expertise in the fields of cardiac and neuro sciences.

Obituaries

1. Renowned personality Poul Schlueter passed away recently he was former Prime minister of which country _____

Denmark.**Note:**

- Former Denmark's prime minister Poul Schlueter, who negotiated exemptions for his country to a key European Union (EU) treaty has passed away.
- He was born on 3 April 1929 in Tonder, Denmark. Schlueter served as the prime minister of the country from 1982-1993.

2. Renowned Indian-American Tejinder Singh passed away recently, he was a veteran _____ **Journalist**.

Note:

- Singh founded India America Today, an independent media organisation and news provider based in Washington, DC.
- He launched IAT in 2012, and we will continue to carry on the work that he started. RIP Editor," the publication said on Twitter on May 29.
- He was the Vice-President (Print) for the Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA-DC) 2011-12.

3. Name the last surviving former member of the Indian Constituent Assembly who passed away recently _____ **T.M.**

Kalliannan Gounder.**Note:**

- He served as a Member of the Legislative Council in Tamil Nadu and also as an MLA thrice, between 1952 and 1967.
- He was reportedly the youngest member in the Constituent Assembly then and also a member of India's first provisional parliament.

4. Renowned personality Anerood Jugnauth passed away recently, he was former prime minister of which country _____

Mauritius**Note:**

- He is the country's longest-serving prime minister with more than 18 years of tenure.
- He was considered the **father of the Mauritian economic miracle** of the 1980s.
- Jugnauth held the post of Prime Minister between 1982 and 1995, then again between 2000 and 2003, and later between 2014 and 2017, before passing the torch to his son, Pravind Jugnauth, who is the current Prime Minister of Mauritius.

Important Days

1. The Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations celebrates World Milk Day every year on _____ **1st June**.

Note:

- It aims to encourage people to talk about the advantages of dairy with regards to health including nutrition, accessibility and affordability.
 - This year, our theme will focus on Sustainability in the dairy sector with messages around the environment, nutrition and socio-economics. In doing so we will re-introduce dairy farming to the world.
2. UN Global Day of Parents celebrated every year on which date _____ **1st June**.
- Note:**
- The Global Day of Parents recognizes the primary responsibility of the family in nurturing and protecting their children.
 - Hence, the day acknowledges the selfless commitment of all parents for their children including their lifelong sacrifice towards nurturing this relationship.
3. UN World Bicycle Day is celebrated every year on which date _____ **3rd June**.
- Note:**
- The day aims to strengthen education for children and young people, preventing disease, promoting health, promoting tolerance, mutual understanding and respect and facilitating social inclusion and a culture of peace.
4. International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression is observed globally every year on _____ **4th June**.
- Note:**
- This day affirms the UN's commitment to guard the rights of children.
 - This day is to acknowledge the pain suffered by children throughout the planet who are the victims of physical, mental and emotional abuse.
 - The main aim of celebrating today is to spread the notice about the pain and sufferings faced by the victims as children.
5. What is the theme of the 'World Environment Day' is _____ **'Reimagine. Recreate. Restore.'**
- Note:**
- **World Environment Day** is observed globally on **5th June** every year.
 - This day is observed to raise awareness about protecting the environment and to remind people not to take nature for granted.
 - The day provides an opportunity to broaden the "basis for an enlightened opinion and responsible conduct by individuals, enterprises, and communities in preserving and enhancing the environment."
6. Every year, World Pest Day is celebrated every year on _____ **06th June**.
- Note:**
- The main purpose of the day is to increase public, government, and media awareness of the important role pest management organization plays in protecting public health, project the professional image of the pest management industry, promote the use of professional pest management in a scientific and socially responsible way and call attention to the big threats caused by small pests.
7. The World Food Safety Day is observed every year on which date _____ **7th June**.
- Note:**
- The aim of the day is to raise awareness about different foodborne risks and the measures of how to prevent it.
 - The campaigns will also spread awareness that how food safety is very much important and related to different other important factors of life such as human health, economic growth, and many others.

New Appointments

1. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of newly formed self-regulatory body Digital Media Content Regulatory Council (DMCRC) by the Indian Broadcasting Foundation _____ **Vikramjit Sen**.
- Note:**
- Besides, six other eminent industry members which include filmmaker Nikkhil Advani, writer and director Tigmanshu Dhulia, filmmaker and writer Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari, content producer and distributor Banijay Group CEO and founder Deepak Dhar would also be part of the self-regulatory body.
 - This Council also includes - Sony Pictures General Counsel Ashok Nambisan and Star and Disney India Chief Regional Counsel Mihir Rale.
 - IBF, the apex body of broadcasters, had last week announced to expand to cover digital streaming platforms and is soon going to be renamed as Indian Broadcasting & Digital Foundation (IBDF).

2. Who has been elected as the president industry body the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2021-22 _____ **T V Narendran.**
Note:
- He takes over from Uday Kotak, Managing Director, and Chief Executive Officer, Kotak Mahindra Bank.
 - He was the Chairman of CII Eastern Region during 2016-17 and has led CII national panels on leadership and HR besides being Chairman of CII Jharkhand.
3. Who has been elected as the Asia and Oceania Representative in International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU) Executive Council for 2021-2025 _____ **Nagaraj Adiga.**
Note:
- He was elected during the 2021 International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU) Congress that held virtually from May 22 & 23, 2021.
 - Adiga was nominated to the IAU Council by Athletics Federation of India (AFI).
 - He was elected as the Asia and Oceania Representative after defeating the Gilsoo Park of South Korea.
4. Who has been appointed as the Director General of Assam Rifles _____ **Pradeep Chandran Nair.**
Note:
- Nair is the 21st Director General of the Assam Rifles (popularly known as Sentinels of the North-East).
 - The General Officer was commissioned into the Sikh Regiment in 1985.
 - He is an alumnus of Sainik School Satara, National Defence Academy, Defence Services Staff College, College of Defence Management and the prestigious Indian Institute of Public Administration.
5. Who took charges as the chairman of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) _____ **Arun Kumar Mishra.**
Note:
- Justice Arun Mishra enrolled as a lawyer in 1978. He was elected the youngest chairperson of Bar Council of India in 1998-99.
 - He was appointed judge of Madhya Pradesh High Court in October 1999. He later served as chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court and Calcutta High Court before being elevated to the Supreme Court on July 7, 2014.
6. Name the Indian personality who has been elected to the Board of International Dairy Federation (IDF) _____ **R S Sodhi.**
Note:
- A Bachelor of Engineering Degree from CTAE, Udaipur, India. Dr. Sodhi had completed his Post-Graduation in Rural Management from Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA) in its first batch and joined GCMMF (Amul) in the year 1982 and took over as Managing Director of GCMMF (Amul) in the year 2010.
 - He headed GCMMF's widely acclaimed marketing campaigns such as (1) Promoting milk as 'world's original energy drink' & (2) 'Eat Milk' campaign motivating Indian youth to include dairy products in every meal and (3) Amul Doodh Peeta Hai India.
7. Who has been elected as the President of Israel _____ **Isaac Herzog.**
Note:
- The 60-year-old former Labor leader will be the first Israeli President who is the son of a former president. His father Chaim Herzog served as Israel's Head of State between 1983 and 1993.
 - Herzog won the support of an overwhelming 87 lawmakers in the 120-member house defeating his rival Miriam Peretz with a comfortable margin.
8. Dr Patrick Amoth has been appointed as the Chairman of the World Health Organisation (WHO) Executive Board belongs to which country _____ **Kenya.**
Note:
- The announcement was made during the 149th session of the WHO Executive Board, on June 02, 2021, by the outgoing Chair Dr Harsh Vardhan.
 - Mr Amoth replaces Union Health Minister, Government of India, Dr Harsh Vardhan, who completed his tenure as Chairman of WHO Executive Board on June 02, 2021.
9. Who has been elected as the President of Vienna based International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) _____ **Jagjit Pavadia.**
Note:
- The former Narcotics Commissioner of India and a retired officer of the Indian Revenue Service (Customs), Jagjit Pavadia has been elected as the President of Vienna based International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) in its 131st session for a period of five years.
 - She is the first Indian to be appointed as the Chief of the INCB and the second woman to hold this office.

10. Who has been appointed as the World Bank Education Advisor for the period June 2021 to June 2024 _____ **Ranjitsingh Disale**.
Note:
- Mr Disale, 32, was named the winner of the Global Teacher Prize 2020 in recognition of his efforts to promote girls' education and trigger a quick-response (QR) coded textbook revolution in India.
 - The World Bank has launched a new Coach initiative that aims to accelerate student learning by improving in-service teacher professional development (TPD).
11. Who has been appointed as the chairman of the non-banking finance company Magma Fincorp Limited _____ **Adar Poonawalla**.
Note:
- Adar Poonawalla is currently the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Serum Institute of India, the maker of Oxford University-AstraZeneca Covishield vaccine in India.
 - Adar Poonawalla controlled Rising Sun Holdings (RSH) by acquiring the controlling stake through an equity infusion of Rs.3,456 crore.
12. Name the Indian Economist at IMF decided to join the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation after retiring in July 2021 _____ **Kalpana Kochhar**.
Note:
- Ms. Kochhar, who served in various senior positions during her three decades at the IMF, will retire on July 30, and will join as Director of Development Policy and Finance, at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Important News - India

1. Which will be the implementing agency of the Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors (YUVA) scheme launched to train young and budding authors below aged 30 years _____ **NBT**.
Note:
- Termed YUVA (Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors), the Prime Minister's scheme seeks to mentor authors under the age of 30 and train them to promote reading, writing and book culture in the country, and project India and Indian writings globally.
 - A consolidated scholarship of Rs50,000 per month for a period of six months per author will be paid under the YUVA Scheme.
2. NCPDR is work under administrative control of which ministry that has launched "Bal Swaraj", an online tracking portal for real-time tracking & monitoring of Children who lost both or either of their parents in COVID-19 _____ **Ministry of Women and Child Development**.
Note:
- "COVID-Care", a link under the Bal Swaraj portal, will enable officers in concerned departments to upload data about such children who are in need of care.
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 - This digital monitoring procedure, will regulate the Financial spending of CWCs in various states/UTs.
3. Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar launched which programme by distributing high yielding varieties of seeds of pulses and oilseeds to farmers _____ **Seed Minikit programme**.
Note:
- The mini-kits are being provided by the central agencies National Seeds Corporation (NCS), NAFED and Gujarat State Seeds Corporation and wholly-funded by the Centre through the National Food Security Mission.
 - The Centre, in collaboration with states, has been implementing various activities to enhance production and productivity of pulses and oilseeds under the National Food Security Mission.
 - The seed minikit programme is a major tool for introducing new varieties of seeds in fields and instrumental for increasing the seed replacement rate.
4. The central government has brought forward the target year for achieving 20 percent ethanol-blending with petrol by 2 years to _____ **2023**.
Note:
- It was reported by the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoPNG).

- Currently, the govt directs the oil companies in all states and UTs (union territories) to sell ethanol blended petrol with a percentage of ethanol up to 20 percent as per the Bureau of Indian Standards specifications.
 - In April 2021, Ethanol-blending in Petrol in India reached more than 7.2 percent for the First Time.
5. According to third edition of NITI Aayog's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index 2020-21 rankings which state which state got the top spot in the ranking _____ **Kerala**.
- Note:**
- At the other end of the scale, Bihar, Jharkhand and Assam were the worst performing States.
 - However, all States showed some improvement from last year's scores, with Mizoram and Haryana seeing the biggest gains.
 - Developed by a global consultative process on holistic development, the 17 SDGs have a 2030 deadline.
6. Which union territories adjudged as the top performer in the NITI Aayog's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index 2020-21 rankings _____ **Chandigarh**.
- Note:**
- Delhi and Puducherry got second and third spot respectively.
 - Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu has been adjudged as the worst performer.
 - The index was designed and developed by NITI Aayog in consultations with the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), the UN agencies led by United Nations in India, the States and Union Territories, and the key Union Ministries.
7. SAGE project has been launched by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for ____ **Elderly People**.
- Note:**
- The initiative was launched by Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot in the presence of MoS, MSJE, Shri Rattan Lal Kataria in New Delhi.
 - Start-ups can apply for being a part of SAGE through a dedicated portal.
 - The start-ups will be selected on the basis of innovative products and services, which they should be able to provide across sectors such as health, housing, care centres, apart from technological access linked to finances, food and wealth management, and legal guidance.
8. Union Minister for Food Processing Industries Shri Narendra Singh Tomar virtually inaugurated the Indus Best Mega Food Park in which state _____ **Chhattisgarh**.
- Note:**
- The Mega Food Park will ensure value addition, longer shelf life for farm produce, better price realization for farmers, excellent storage facility and will provide an alternate market for farmers in the region.
 - The Park will also provide direct and indirect employment to about 5,000 persons and benefit about 25,000 farmers in the CPC and PPC catchment areas.
9. The central government has decided to extend the validity period of the Teachers Eligibility Test (TET) qualifying certificate from 7 years to _____ **lifetime**.
- Note:**
- In 2020, the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) in its 50th meeting of the general body had approved the extension of the TET certificate validity from 7 years to a lifetime.
 - The respective state governments/UTs will take necessary action to revalidate/issue fresh TET certificates to those candidates whose period of 7 years has already elapsed.
10. Under whose chairmanship the Labour and Employment Ministry has constituted an expert group to provide technical inputs and recommendations on fixation of minimum wages and national floor for minimum wages _____ **Ajit Mishra**.
- Note:**
- The expert group announced has been constituted for a period of three years and is chaired by Ajit Mishra, Director, Institute of Economic Growth.

- It includes Tarika Chakraborty, IIM Calcutta; Anushree Sinha, Senior Fellow, NCAER; Vibha Bhalla, Joint Secretary; H Srinivas, Director General, VGNLI as the members and DPS Negi, Senior Labour and Employment Advisor as the Member Secretary.
- This is the second expert committee on minimum wages formed by the government within the last two years.

11. What is India's rank in the State of India's Environment Report 2021 on 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) _____ **117th**.

Note:

- The State of India's Environment Report 2021 revealed that India's rank was 115 last year and dropped by two places primarily because major challenges like ending hunger and achieving food security (SDG 2).
- India ranks below four South Asian countries — Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, it said. The overall SDG score of India is 61.9 out of 100.
- According to the report Jharkhand and Bihar are the least prepared to meet the SDGs by 2030, which is the target year. While Jharkhand lags in five of the SDGs, Bihar lags in seven.

Important News – State

1. Which state government has launched the women-empowerment oriented “UDAAN Scheme” to distribute sanitary pads to women every month _____ **Punjab**.

Note:

- Under this scheme sanitary pads would be distributed free of cost to needy women and girls of the state every month.
- A fund of Rs 40.55 crore per annum has been allocated for this scheme.

2. Which state government has launched Doctors ride towards village side programme _____ **Karnataka**.

Note:

- Under this scheme, the Government provides necessary logistic support for the teams led by medical students to visit villages and provide better healthcare during the pandemic. MBBS final year students, BSc Nursing, BDS, MDS, Ayush graduating doctors are deputed to rural areas to carry out Covid tests.
- A team of medical students, nurses, ASHA and Anganwadi workers visit door to door to identify vulnerable members of the family and carry out tests.

3. Which state government will launch a pilot of digital survey of agricultural lands in the State from June 11 _____ **Telangana**.

Note:

- It will be conducted in three villages of Gajwel Assembly constituency represented by Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao and twenty four other villages in as many districts.
- This was decided at an official meeting presided by Mr. Rao to discuss digitising agricultural lands and fixing coordinates with the aim to ensure permanent security of holdings for land owners.

4. Which state government has proposed to reserve 33 per cent seats to girls in medical and engineering colleges _____ **Bihar**.

Note:

- The government has been planning to bring two new Bills — the Bihar Engineering Universities Bill and Bihar Medical Education Bill — in the next Assembly session to give formal shape to the proposal.
- The state has 2,035 engineering seats and 1,330 medical and BDS seats in the 11 medical and 38 engineering colleges it runs.

5. Which state government has launched the state annual priority sector credit plan worth Rs 4,60,881 crore and an overall annual credit plan of Rs 18,10,779 crore at the quarterly State Level Bankers Committee (SBLC) _____ **Maharashtra**.

Note:

- The state government has set the annual credit lending target by banks of Rs 1.19 lakh crore for the agriculture sector in the current financial year.
- Of this, Rs 60,860 crore is set for the crop loans during the kharif and rabi seasons.
- Government asked banks in state to continue more finance under crop loan disbursement for kharif 2021 season and to achieve season targets by end of June 2021.

6. Raimona becomes the sixth National Park of which state _____ **Assam**.

Note:

- A notification declaring Raimona as a national park has been brought out by Assam govt.
- The five national parks that existed prior to the 422 sq. km Raimona are Kaziranga, Manas, Nameri, Orang and Dibru-Saikhowa.
- The Raimona National Park is within the Bodoland Territorial Region.

7. Which union territories has launched the YounTab scheme for students under which about 12,300 tablets were distributed among student _____ **Ladakh**.

Note:

- A total of 12 thousand 300 students of 6th to 12th class from government schools will benefit from the scheme.
- YounTab scheme formulated to encourage digital learning, bridge the digital divide between connected and unconnected and mitigate the Covid pandemic disruptions.

Important News – World

1. Which country hosted the Partnering for Green Growth and the Global Goals 2030 Summit _____ **South Korea**.

Note:

- During the summit UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres appealed for a global partnership to tackle climate change and strive toward inclusive green growth.
- He also said that, tackling climate change head-on will help protect the most vulnerable people from the next crisis while sustaining a job-rich recovery from COVID-19.

2. The Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) opens its first European innovation centre in which country _____ **Netherlands**.

Note:

- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) will bring universities, businesses, startups and government together at its latest innovation hub in Amsterdam to help use digital technology to solve sustainability challenges.
- It will focus on sustainability challenges faced by organisations and becomes the first in a network of hubs, known as TCS Pace Ports, in Europe.

3. Which tech giant has launched first ever “Asia Pacific Public Sector Cyber Security Executive Council” _____ **Microsoft**.

- It was launched with the aim of building strong communications channel to address cyber threats and to share best practices among participating countries.
- Cybersecurity Council comprises of policy makers and influencers from countries like Indonesia, Korea, Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines, and Thailand.
- It is supported by cybersecurity professionals. Council was set up with the aim of accelerating public-private partnerships in cybersecurity, and share threat intelligence.

4. Which country has launched the Mission Innovation CleanTech Exchange, a global initiative, that will create a network of incubators across member countries to accelerate clean energy innovation _____ **India**.

Note:

- The network, launched virtually at the Innovating to Net Zero Summit hosted by Chile
- It will provide access to the expertise and market insights needed to support new technologies to access new markets globally.
- India among 23 governments collectively launched bold new plans to catalyze action and spearheaded a decade of innovation to drive global investment in clean energy research, development and demonstrations.

5. Fire stricken MV X-Press Pearl cargo ship sinks near Colombo Harbour belongs to which country _____ **Singapore**.

Note:

- The towing the ship to the deeper seas was abandoned as the stern of the ship sank to the seabed when it was being towed 500 to 600 meters westward, reported Colombo Page.
- X-Press Feeders, operators of the container ship 'X-Press Pearl' reported that despite salvors successfully boarding the vessel and attaching a tow wire, efforts to move the ship to deeper waters have failed.
- X-Press Pearl with a container leaking nitric acid reported smoke from the cargo hold on the 20th May while anchorage at 9.5 nautical miles northwest of the Port of Colombo. The vessel reported fire on deck on May 21.

6. Kharg is the largest warship of which country that caught fire and sank in the Gulf of Oman _____ **Iran**.

Note:

- State media reported 400 troops on board fled the vessel, with some 20 suffering injuries.

- The vessel sank near the Iranian port of Jask, some 1,270 kilometers (790 miles) southeast of Tehran on the Gulf of Oman near the Strait of Hormuz — the narrow mouth of the Persian Gulf.
7. Which city topped the AIRINC Global 150 Cities Index for Financial Attractiveness ranking _____ **Manama**.
- Note:**
- Indicators used for calculating Financial Attractiveness – Salary levels, Cost of Living, and Taxes in a particular market
 - Seven cities from the MENA (Middle East North Africa) region were among the Top 16.
 - 1st Country in the MENA region to develop an economic diversification strategy away from hydrocarbons. Currently, over 80% of the country's GDP depends on the Non-Oil sector.
8. Which country's parliament has to build the world's first artificial island with the aim to provide clean energy in North Sea _____ **Denmark**.
- Note:**
- The size of the island will be 1 sq mile (2.6 sq km), the project is to begin later this year.
 - The giant island, named Lynetteholm, would be connected to the mainland via a ring road, tunnels and a metro line.
 - Plans for Lynetteholm include a dam system around its perimeter, with the aim of protecting the harbour from rising sea levels and storm surges.

Honor & Awards

1. Who has been awarded the International Business Book of the Year Award 2021 _____ **Nitin Rakesh & Jerry Wind**.
- Note:**
- This book provides the knowledge to thrive business even in a crisis for entrepreneurs and business owners.
 - Nitin Rakesh is the Chief Executive Director(CEO) and Executive Director of IT major Mphasis.
 - He has won 'Gold Stevie Award' for Tech Innovator of the Year in 2019.
 - Jerry Wind is an internationally renowned academician and is currently Lauder Professor Emeritus and Professor of Marketing at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.
2. Who has won the 2021 Nature TTL Photography Awards for his photo of an Orangutan clinging to a tree _____ **Thomas Vijayan**.
- Note:**
- The photograph is titled 'The World is Going Upside Down'.
 - Vijayan was adjudged as the overall winner of the competition from over 8,000 entries for Nature TTL Photographer of the Year 2021, which carries a grand prize of 1,500 pounds (Rs.1.5 lakh).
 - Nature TTL is the world's leading online nature photography resource.
3. Who has won the International Booker prize 2021 _____ **David Diop**.
- Note:**
- David Diop has become the first French novelist to win the International Booker prize for translated fiction with At Night All Blood Is Black, his first novel translated into English.
 - Diop, the author of two novels, and his translator Anna Moschovakis split the £50,000 annual prize, which goes to the best author and translator of a work translated into English.

Sports News

1. Name the Indian men boxer who has won the gold medal in 91 Kg category in the Asian Boxing Championships 2021 _____ **Sanjeet**.
- Note:**
- Sanjeet triumphed 4-1 over Levit, who was chasing his fourth gold of the tournament and is an Olympic silver-medallist.
 - With 15 medals in this edition, India surpassed its previous best-ever show at this Championship, achieved in 2019, when the country secured 13 medals in all, including two gold medals.

2. Who has won the has won the 2020-21 Kia NBA Sixth Man Award _____ **Jordan Clarkson.**

Note:

- This is the first Sixth Man honour for Clarkson, who becomes the first player to win the annual award with the Jazz.
- Clarkson becomes the first player in Jazz franchise history to win the award and was presented the trophy by his teammate and fellow Sixth Man of the Year Finalist Joe Ingles.
- Clarkson received 65 first-place votes and earned 407 total points from a global panel of 100 sportswriters and broadcasters.

3. Tsang Yin-Hung is from which country who became the fastest female climber to reach the peak of Mount Everest _____ **Hong Kong.**

Note:

- She beat the record set by Nepali woman Phunjo Jhangmu Lama in 2017, who climbed Everest in 39 hours and 6 minutes. In 2017, Tsang became the 1st Hong Kong woman to reach the peak.
- Arthur Muir, 75, became the oldest American to climb the Mount Everest – at 8,848.86-metres (29,031 feet).

4. In tennis, who has won the first edition of 2021 Belgrade Open Singles _____ **Novak Djokovic.**

Note:

- The Belgrade Open part of the Association of Tennis Professionals(ATP) Tour 250 Tennis Tournament.
- 2021 Belgrade open is an outdoor clay courts tournament.
- Belgrade Open 2021 is the first edition of the event created due to the one-week delay of the 2021 French Open.

5. Sifan Hassan belong to which country who sets women's 10,000m world record of 29 min 6.82 sec _____ **Netherlands.**

Note:

- Ethiopia's Almaz Ayana held the previous record of 29:17.45, set at the 2016 Rio Olympics, but Hassan shaved more than 10 seconds off that mark.
- Hassan is the reigning world champion having won gold in Doha in 2019 and the 28-year-old set down a marker before next month's Tokyo Games, blowing away the competition and sprinting solo across the line with her arms outstretched in celebration.

6. Who has won the Formula One Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2021 in Baku _____ **Sergio Perez.**

Note:

- Driver Championship leader and Perez's Red Bull teammate Max Verstappen crashed with just 4 laps to go.
- Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton, meanwhile, went off course while trying to win the race on the standing restart in the two-lap shootout.
- Four-time champion Sebastian Vettel took second for Aston Martin after an impressive drive after qualifying 11th.

Books and Authors

1. Who has authored the book titled "Languages of Truth: Essays 2003-2020" _____ **Salman Rushdie.**

Note:

- He suggests his work has been misunderstood and mistreated because the literary culture has turned from briofilled imaginative writing toward the humbler delights of "autofiction," as exemplified by the work of Elena Ferrante and Karl Ove Knausgaard.

2. Who has authored the book titled 'All You Need Is Josh: Stories of Courage and Conviction in 21st-century India _____ **Supriya Paul.**

Note:

- This book has been published by Bloomsbury.
- It contains stories of some unique individuals with an aim to reach those who are searching for hope and comfort during trying times.

Science and Defence

1. Which IIT has developed 'AmbiTag', a device that records ambient temperature during the transportation of vaccines, body organs and blood _____ **IIT Ropar**.

Note:

- 'AmbiTag' is a USB-shaped device that continuously records the temperature of its immediate surroundings from -40 to +80 degrees in any time zone for a full 90 days on a single charge.
- Besides perishable items including vegetables, meat and dairy products it can also monitor the temperature of animal semen during transit.
- "So far, such devices are being imported by India in a massive quantity from other countries such as Singapore, Hong Kong, Ireland, and China.

2. Which IIT has developed a "Smart Window" material that can effectively control the amount of heat and light passing through it in response to an applied voltage _____ **IIT Guwahati**.

Note:

- This material can help in developing automatic climate control systems in buildings.
- Such materials can help develop efficient automatic climate control systems in buildings, the scientists claimed.
- This study was recently published in the journal- 'Solar Energy Materials & Solar Cells.

3. Which space agency has launched thousands of tiny sea creatures to the International Space Station, along with a plaque-fighting toothpaste experiment and powerful solar panels _____ **SpaceX**.

Note:

- SpaceX's Falcon rocket blasted into the hazy afternoon sky from Kennedy Space Center.
- The first-stage booster was new for a change, landing on an offshore platform several minutes after liftoff so it can be recycled for a NASA astronaut flight this fall.
- The Dragon cargo capsule — also brand new — is delivering the first of three sets of high-tech solar panels designed to bolster the space station's aging power grid.

4. DAVINCI+ and VERITAS two new mission announced by NASA, relating to _____ **Venus**.

Note:

- It aims to explore and study the solar system.
- DAVINCI+ (Deep Atmosphere Venus Investigation of Noble gases, Chemistry, and Imaging) mission.
- VERITAS (Venus Emissivity, Radio Science, InSAR, Topography, and Spectroscopy).
- The last US probe to visit the planet was the Magellan orbiter in 1990.

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