

# 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 second week (8-14th) of June 2021. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

### **Banking & Financial Awareness**

1. Which bank has approved a USD 500 million program to support India's nationwide initiative to revitalize the MSME sector, which has been heavily impacted by the COVID-19 crisis \_\_\_\_\_ **World Bank**.  
**Note:**
  - The program targets improvements in the performance of 555,000 MSMEs and is expected to mobilise financing of USD 15.5 billion, as part of the government's USD 3.4 billion MSME Competitiveness - A Post-COVID Resilience and Recovery Programme (MCRRP).
  - The USD 500 million Raising and Accelerating Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) Performance (RAMP) Program is the World Bank's second intervention in this sector, the first being the USD 750 million MSME Emergency Response Program, approved in July 2020 to address the immediate liquidity and credit needs of millions of viable MSMEs severely impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
2. The Public sector banks have sanctioned what percent of the total loans under PM SVANidhi scheme to Street Vendors \_\_\_\_\_ **95%**.  
**Note:**
  - PSU Banks have sanctioned 23,16,207 loans under this scheme as on 31st May 2021.
  - The Government of India launched the PM Street Vendors' Atma Nirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) scheme on June 1, 2020.
  - Under the scheme, collateral-free working capital loan of up to Rs 10,000 of one-year tenure is being provided. The scheme aims at financing approximately 50 lakh street vendors.
3. The domestic credit rating agency CRISIL has revised the GDP growth estimate for India in FY 2021-22 to \_\_\_\_\_ **9.5 percent**.  
**Note:**
  - The rating agency joins other watchers who have cut their FY22 growth projections, with some pegging it as low as 7.9 per cent.
  - The economy had contracted by 7.3 per cent in FY21.
4. The Central government increased the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of kharif crops for the 2021-21 crop season (July-June) recently, maximum hike reserved for which crop this year \_\_\_\_\_ **pulses and oilseeds**.  
**Note:**
  - The maximum hike reserved for pulses and oilseeds to encourage farmers to shift from paddy.
  - The MSP of tur and urad has been increased by Rs 300 per quintal in absolute terms for 2021-22 to Rs 6300 per quintal while the MSP of groundnut seed has been increased by Rs 275 per quintal in 2021-21 to Rs 5550 per quintal.
  - The MSP of sesame seed has been raised by Rs 452 per quintal to Rs 7307 per quintal.
5. Which bank has signed an MoU with Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) to provide a wide range of financial products and services to its customers \_\_\_\_\_ **HDFC Bank**.  
**Note:**
  - As part of the MoU, HDFC Bank will provide a wide range of financial products and services to its customers through an extensive network of branches across the country.
  - As per the MoU, KIADB shall accord approvals related to handing over possession of land and project-related construction as per agreed terms between such allottees/customers and KIADB and take up expediting measures in case of delays.

6. Which Bank announced co-lending partnerships with NBFC players Indiabulls Housing Finance and IIFL Home Finance \_\_\_\_\_ **Central Bank of India.**

**Note:**

- Under this arrangement, non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) will originate and process retail home loans while Central Bank of India will take into its book 80 per cent of the housing loan under direct assignment transactions, the lender said in separate regulatory filings.
- The partnership will result in a greater disbursement of housing loans by Central Bank of India, Indiabulls HFL and IIFL HFL.

7. According to a release by commerce ministry, during 2020-21, India's export of agricultural and allied products grew by what percent \_\_\_\_\_ **17.34 per cent.**

**Note:**

- The largest markets for India's agricultural products are the US, China, Bangladesh, UAE, Vietnam, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Nepal, Iran and Malaysia.
- Further, as many as 18 states -- including Maharashtra, Kerala, Nagaland, Tamil Nadu, Assam, Punjab, and Karnataka -- have finalised their specific action plan to implement the Agri export policy.

8. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) raised the interchange fee on each financial transaction at ATM from Rs 15 to \_\_\_\_\_ **Rs 17.**

**Note:**

- Banks will be able to raise ATM transaction charges from August 1, 2021.
- Customers are still eligible for five free transactions — inclusive of financial and non-financial transactions — every month from their own bank ATMs and three transactions from other bank ATM.

9. According to a release by commerce ministry the Exports of India's organic farm products surged by what percent in 2020-21 \_\_\_\_\_ **61 percent.**

**Note:**

- Outbound shipments of organic products hit 1,040 million dollars last fiscal compare with 689 million dollars a year before.
- Farm exports rose over 17 percent last fiscal to 41.25 billion dollars.
- Even in volume term, exports of organic products grew at 39 per cent to 8 lakh 88 thousand 179 tonnes last fiscal.

10. Which bank has partnered wealth-tech company Fisdom to offer a comprehensive suite of wealth management products and services to the bank's 10 crore customers \_\_\_\_\_ **Indian Bank.**

**Note:**

- The partnership will focus on enabling large-scale facilitation and distribution of wealth products and services through Indian Bank's network.
- In phase one of the partnership, Indian Bank's customers can access and invest in any mutual fund of choice and the National Pension System through the lender's IndOASIS mobile banking application and its internet banking portal.
- Indian Bank is the seventh largest public sector bank in India.

11. Which bank has been named by Forbes in their list of World's Best Banks 2021 in India \_\_\_\_\_ **DBS Bank.**

**Note:**

- DBS was ranked #1 out of 30 domestic and international banks in India for the second consecutive year.
- This is the third edition of the 'World's Best Banks' list by Forbes, conducted in partnership with market research firm Statista.
- Recently, DBS Bank India was recognised as 'India's Best International Bank 2021' by Asiamoney.

12. Which bank has introduced a collateral-free offering scheme called 'Kavach Personal Loan' to provide financial assistance to its customers to manage the COVID-19 treatment-related expenses \_\_\_\_\_ **State Bank of India.**

**Note:**

- Loan Amount: Rs 5 lakh loan at an interest rate of 8.5% per annum
- Tenure: 5 years
- It is a collateral-free offering that will also provide reimbursement of expenses, which has already been incurred for Covid medical expenses
- It will be under Covid loan book that has been launched by RBI

13. What is India's position as Foreign Exchange Reserve holder \_\_\_\_\_ 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Note:**

- As on June 4, 2021 the foreign exchange reserves stood at \$605 billion, almost tying with Russia as the fourth largest reserve holder in the world.
- While India's forex reserve was \$605.008 billion, Russia's was \$605.2 billion.
- It took just about a year for the reserves to rise by \$100 billion.

14. Which e-commerce company has partnered with the Telangana govt to lead the "Medicines from the Sky" project which is meant to deliver medical supplies to remote areas \_\_\_\_\_ **Flipkart**.

**Note:**

- Walmart-owned Flipkart will deploy drones and enable deliveries of vaccines and medical supplies.
- These efforts will be complemented with technologies such as geo mapping, routing of shipments.
- A combination of these technologies will then be used to conduct 'Beyond Visual Line of Sight' (BVLOS) deliveries in remote areas of the state where the road infrastructure is not conducive for fast delivery of vaccines.

15. Which bank has launched 'Ghar Ghar Ration' Program, an employee-funded program for its low-income customers whose livelihoods are affected by COVID-19 \_\_\_\_\_ **IDFC FIRST Bank**.

**Note:**

- The bank has also announced a comprehensive program for the families of employees who unfortunately lost their lives due to COVID-19, and a number of other social responsibility initiatives.
- "Ghar Ghar Ration" is a unique program where employees have contributed from their personal income to set up a Customer COVID Care Fund to provide relief to 50,000 COVID affected low-income IDFC FIRST Bank customers.
- Employees of the Bank contributed one day to one month's salary for the purpose.

### Obituaries

1. Padma Shri Dr Lakshmi Nandan Bora passed away recently, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Litterateur**.

**Note:**

- Dr Lakshmi Nandan Bora was the first person to receive a doctoral degree in meteorology from Andhra University.
- He has served as the Chairman of the Assam Pollution Control Board from 1997 to 2003.

2. Renowned personality Buddhadeb Dasgupta passes away recently he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Filmmaker**.

**Note:**

- He was also a celebrated poet, had won several National Awards for his contribution to Bengali cinema.
- Buddhadeb Dasgupta was known for directing critically-acclaimed films like Uttara, Bagh Bahadur, Tahader Katha and Charachar. Of all the films he wrote and directed, five movies - Bagh Bahadur, Charachar, Lal Darja, Mondo Meyer Upakhyan and Kaalpurush.

3. Asian Games gold medalist Dingko Singh passed away recently, he was associated with which sports \_\_\_\_\_ **Boxing**.

**Note:**

- The Manipur-based former boxer endured a long battle with cancer and even fought COVID-19 last year.
- Dingko won the Asian Games gold in 1998 and was bestowed the Arjuna award the same year. In 2013, he was honoured with the Padma Shri for his contribution to the sport.
- Dingko, who was employed with Navy, had taken to coaching after hanging up his gloves.

4. Renowned sportsperson Nirmal Kaur passed away recently she was associated with which sports \_\_\_\_\_ **Volleyball**.

**Note:**

- She was wife of legendary Olympian Milkha Singh
- Milkha Singh himself is being treated for Covid-related complications at the PGI Chandigarh.
- Milkha Singh has been under the observation of a medical team comprising senior doctors of the institute.

5. Renowned personality Ashok Panagariya passed away due to COVID-19 complications, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **neurologist**.

**Note:**

- He was known for his research on nerve cells and neuromyotonia.
- He was Vice Chancellor of Rajasthan University of Health Sciences, Jaipur and a member of Planning Board of the Government of Rajasthan.



- Awards: Dr. B. C. Roy Award, the highest Indian award in the medical category and Padma Shri in 2014.

6. Renowned personality Prof. Radhamohan passed away recently, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **environmentalist**.

**Note:**

- Padma Shir Radhamohan was one of the great proponents of organic farming.
- He was the first Information Commissioner of odisha
- He was a professor of Economics, later, he practised sustainable agriculture.

### Important Days

1. What is the theme of the World Ocean Day 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **'The Ocean: Life and Livelihoods'**.

**Note:**

- World Ocean Day is observed globally on 8th June every year.
- This day is observed to raise global awareness about the importance of the ocean in our lives and the ways through which we can protect it.
- The World Oceans Day has been celebrated by many countries since 1992.

2. The United Nations has launched 2021-30 as the decades for \_\_\_\_\_ **United Nations Decade on Ecosystem**

**Restoration.**

**Note:**

- The UN Decade aims to inspire and support governments, UN agencies, civil society, private sector companies, youth, women's groups, indigenous peoples, farmers, local communities and individuals globally, to collaborate, develop and catalyse restoration initiatives across the world.
- The Decade aims to mobilize hundreds of millions of people to restore nature and foster a global restoration culture in which restoration initiatives are scaled up across the planet.

3. World Brain Tumour Day is celebrated every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **8th June**.

**Note:**

- The day aims to raise awareness and educate people about the brain tumour.
- Brian Tumour Day is observed to pay tribute to brain tumour patients and their families, caregivers, scientists and health professionals.
- A brain tumour occurs when cells grow at an abnormal rate to form a mass of abnormal cells within the brain.
- There are two main types of tumours: cancerous (malignant) tumours and benign (non-cancerous) tumours.

4. The World Accreditation Day (WAD) is celebrated every year on \_\_\_\_\_ **9th June**.

**Note:**

- The theme for WAD 2021 is "Accreditation: Supporting the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)".
- It provides the opportunity for ILAC and IAF members to share examples with stakeholders, regulators and consumers of how accreditation may be applied to meet objectives such as increasing trade, addressing environment and health and safety concerns, and improving the general overall quality of output in an economy.

5. World Day Against Child Labour is celebrated every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **12th June**.

**Note:**

- It was officially recognized by ILO in 2002.
- This is a day to call all the governments to come together in order to get rid of this menace.
- This year, the theme is 'Act Now: End Child Labour.'

6. The International Albinism Awareness Day (IAAD) is celebrated annually on \_\_\_\_\_ **June 13**.

**Note:**

- Each year events are held to educate people and celebrate people with albinism who continue to suffer all types of human rights violations.
- "Strength Beyond All Odds" is the theme for this year's International Albinism Awareness Day.

7. What is the theme of the World Blood Doner Day 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **'Give blood and keep the world beating'**.

**Note:**

- Every year, the World Blood Donor is celebrated on June 14, all around the world.

- This day was first observed in 2005 and serves to elevate the recognition of the need for safe blood and blood products.
- World Blood Donor Day is also celebrated to appreciate the blood donors for their voluntary, life-saving gifts of blood.

### New Appointments

1. Abdulla Shahid was elected as the new President of the UN General Assembly (UNGA), he is the Foreign Minister of which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Maldives**.  
**Note:**
  - Shahid garnered 143 votes while Rassoul received 48 votes out of the 191 votes polled.
  - The election to the UNGA presidential post is held on an annual basis, rotated amongst various regional groupings. The 76th UNGA session (2021-22) was the turn of the Asia-Pacific group.
  - This is the first time the Maldives will be occupying the office of the President of the UNGA.
2. Vishwavir Ahuja has been reappointed as the MD and CEO of which bank for further period of one year \_\_\_\_\_ **RBL Bank**.  
**Note:**
  - The Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of Vishwavir Ahuja as the Managing Director and CEO of RBL Bank for a one-year period with effect from June 30, 2021.
  - He has been the Managing Director & CEO of RBL Bank since June 30, 2010.
  - Before RBL Bank, Ahuja was the Managing Director & CEO of Bank of America, India.
3. Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of HSBC India \_\_\_\_\_ **Hitendra Dave**.  
**Note:**
  - The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd. (HSBC) announced the appointment of Hitendra Dave as Chief Executive Officer of HSBC India subject to receipt of regulatory approval.
  - He has been appointed as interim Chief Executive Officer effective June 7, 2021.
  - Dave succeeds Surendra Rosha who will be moving to Hong Kong as the co-chief executive of HSBC Asia-Pacific.
4. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) \_\_\_\_\_ **Sanjeev Nandan Sahai**.  
**Note:**
  - A search committee headed by V K Saraswat, Member (S&T), NITI Aayog, cleared the name of Sahai. Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board is a statutory body in India.
  - Sanjiv Nandan Sahai is a 1986 batch IAS officer of the Arunachal Pradesh-Goa- Mizoram and Union Territory (AGMUT) cadre.
  - He took over as Secretary in the Ministry of Power in 2019.
  - He has also held several positions in the bureaucracy throughout his career, including five years as the Prime Minister.
5. Husain Al-Musallam held from which country, who has been elected as the President of the International Swimming Federation (FINA) \_\_\_\_\_ **Kuwait**.  
**Note:**
  - Kuwait's Husain Al-Musallam has been elected as the President of the International Swimming Federation (FINA) at the FINA General Congress held in Doha, Qatar.
  - He was previously serving as the first Vice President (VP) of FINA. (FINA has 2 VPs namely First VP and Second VP).
6. Who has been appointed as the Election Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ **Anup Chandra Pandey**.  
**Note:**
  - He is a retired IAS officer of the 1984 batch, Uttar Pradesh cadre.
  - Pandey has been appointed to the position left vacant by former Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora's retirement on April 12.
  - This restores the three-member commission to its full strength, which will now oversee the next set of crucial assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Goa, Manipur and Uttarakhand next year.
7. Who has been appointed as the MD & CEO of Bandhan Bank \_\_\_\_\_ **Chandra Shekhar Ghosh**.  
**Note:**
  - His term will be of 3 years, with effect from 10 July 2021.
  - His re-appointment is subject to the approval of shareholders at the ensuing annual general meeting of the bank.
  - Bandhan Bank operates as a commercial bank since 2001.

8. Whose tenure has been extended by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) as the Chairman of the of Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) \_\_\_\_\_ **MR Kumar**.

**Note:**

- His currently notified term was to end on June 30 this year.
- Kumar was appointed as LIC Chairman on March 13, 2019. Kumar had joined LIC in 1983 as a direct recruit officer.
- Recently, in the disinvestment plan the Centre which owns 100% of LIC, is looking for dismantle for up to 10% stake via IPO.

9. Who has been reappointed as the Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for a period of two years with effect from 22.06.2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **MK Jain**.

**Note:**

- Jain was appointed as deputy governor for three years in June 2018.
- Before joining the Reserve Bank of India, he was managing director of IDBI Bank.
- The other three serving deputy governors are Michael Patra, M Rajeshwar Rao and T Rabi Sankar.

10. Who has been appointed as the chairman of the Grievance Redressal Board of the recently formed Digital Publisher Content Grievances Council (DPCGC) \_\_\_\_\_ **Justice Arjan Kumar Sikri**.

**Note:**

- The Grievance Redressal Board (GRB) will address content grievances pertaining to the Council members' video online streaming services.
- It will function as an independent body and act as the second-tier within the three-tier grievance redressal mechanism.
- The DPCGC currently has 14 publishers of online curated content as members.

11. Name the Indian personality who has been appointed as Chef de Cabinet of President-elect of the 76th session of the UN General Assembly, Abdulla Shahid \_\_\_\_\_ **K Nagaraj Naidu**.

**Note:**

- Naidu is India's Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador.
- Comprising 193 member the General Assembly is the main deliberative, policymaking and representative organ of the United Nations.
- Shahid was overwhelmingly elected as president of the next session of the UN General Assembly.

12. Ukhnaa Khurelsukh has been elected as the president of which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Mongolia**.

**Note:**

- Khurelsukh defeated Sodnomzundui Erdene of the opposition Democratic Party and Dangaasuren Enkhbat of the Right Person Electorate Coalition in a national vote.
- With 99.7% of votes counted overnight, Khurelsukh's tally had reached 821,136, or 68% of the total, the largest share of the vote since the democratic era began in 1990.

13. Who has been sworn in as the new Prime Minister of Israel \_\_\_\_\_ **Naftali Bennett**.

**Note:**

- Netanyahu is the Israel's longest-serving leader.
- Bennett is former defence minister and associated with right-wing Yamina party.
- Mr Bennett will be prime minister until September 2023 as part of a power-sharing deal.
- He will then hand power over to Yair Lapid for a further two years.

14. Who has been appointed as the Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court \_\_\_\_\_ **Sanjay Yadav**.

**Note:**

- His oath was administered by Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel.
- He was serving as the acting Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court.
- He has also served as the acting Chief Justice and Judge of Madhya Pradesh High Court.
- Allahabad High Court was established in 1866 and is one of the oldest high courts with 160 serving judges.

15. Who has been appointed as first women secretary general of UNCTAD \_\_\_\_\_ **Rebecca Grynspan**.

**Note:**

- She is the first woman and central American to head the global body that deals with trade, investment and development issues.
- Since 2014, Ms. Grynspan has been secretary-general of the Ibero-American General Secretariat.
- From 2010 to 2014, she was the deputy administrator of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

## Important News – India

1. In June 2021, India has been elected as a member of which UN body for three-year terms of 2022-24 \_\_\_\_\_ **Economic and Social Council.**

**Note:**

- India was elected to the 54-member ECOSOC, by the UNGA on June 7, 2021, in the Asia-Pacific States category, along with Afghanistan, Kazakhstan and Oman.
- ECOSOC serves as the central platform for discussing international economic, social and environmental issues and formulating policy recommendations addressed to member states and the United Nations system.

2. The NITI Aayog and which philanthropic foundation have launched 'Surakshit Hum Surakshit Tum Abhiyaan' to provide home-care support to asymptomatic covid-19 patients or patients with mild symptoms \_\_\_\_\_ **Piramal Foundation.**

**Note:**

- The Foundation which has been working in 25 districts helping in COVID care to senior citizens since last year has now expanded its scope of work to 112 backward districts called "Aspirational Districts'.
- Both entities unveiled 'Surakshit Hum Surakshit Tum Abhiyaan' which will be rolled out in these 112 districts to assist the district administrations in providing home-care support to patients who are asymptomatic or have mild symptoms.

3. Which institution ranked as Best Indian University in Times University Rankings 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Indian Institute of Science.**

**Note:**

- India is third overall in terms of representation, behind Japan (116 universities) and Mainland China (91).
- While Indian Institute of Science (37th) remains the country's highest ranked university for the seventh year in a row, Indian Institute of Technology Ropar (55th) and Indian Institute of Technology Indore (78th) have also made it to the top 100 this year.
- Of the 49 Indian universities appearing in the rankings for at least a second consecutive year, 51% have maintained or improved on their 2020 rankings.

4. According to the coveted QS World University Rankings 2022, which Indian institution is the world's top research university as per the citations per faculty indicator \_\_\_\_\_ **Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.**

**Note:**

- Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, IIT Bombay and IIT Delhi remained the three universities from India to rank in the top-200 positions in the latest Rankings.
- As per the rankings, IIT Bombay for securing 177th position, IIT Delhi for securing 185th rank and IISc Bengaluru for securing 186th position in overall university rankings globally.
- The Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, is the world's top research university as per the citations per faculty indicator, while the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, is ranked 41st in the category.

5. Which institution is India's top ranked institution for the fourth consecutive year at the QS World University Rankings 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **IIT Bombay.**

**Note:**

- Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, IIT Bombay and IIT Delhi remained the three universities from India to rank in the top-200 positions in the latest Rankings.
- As per the rankings, IIT Bombay for securing 177th position, IIT Delhi for securing 185th rank and IISc Bengaluru for securing 186th position in overall university rankings globally.
- According to the 18th edition of the rankings, the India Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay, is India's top ranked institution for the fourth consecutive year at the QS World University Rankings 2022.

6. According to the all-India survey on higher education (AISHE) 2019-20 released by the union education ministry the number of institutions of national importance have increased to \_\_\_\_\_ **135.**

**Note:**

- Union Education Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' released the report of All India Survey on Higher Education 2019-20.

**Key Highlights:**

- There has been a growth of 11.4% in the student enrolment in five years.
- The rise in female enrolment in higher education during the period is 18.2%.
- Number of institutions of national importance have increased to 135 in 2020 from 75 in 2015.



- AISHE report is published by Ministry of Education since 2010-11.
7. Who has launched Central Athlete Injury Management System (CAIMS) for streamlining the sports medicine and rehabilitation support offered to the athletes for Olympics 2024 and beyond \_\_\_\_\_ **Kiran Rijju.**
- Note:**
- It will start with support for athletes who are a part of Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) development group
  - It will have 4 structures: Athlete Wellness Cell, On-Field Sports Medicine Experts, National Resource Referral Teams, Central Core Team
8. Which ministry has launched 'Namaste Yoga' for the 7th International Day of Yoga (IDY) in a curtain raiser event \_\_\_\_\_ **Ministry of AYUSH.**
- Note:**
- The event was organised by the Ministry of Ayush in association with the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga.
  - The app has been designed as an information platform for the public.
  - Its aim is to raise awareness about yoga and make it accessible for the larger community.
  - IDY is observed on 21st June every year.
9. With which country India has signed an agreement to streamline the recruitment of Indian domestic workers \_\_\_\_\_ **Kuwait.**
- Note:**
- The MoU brings Indian workers in Kuwait within the ambit of a legal framework that streamlines their recruitment and provides them protection of law.
  - It also introduces an employment contract to ensure the rights and obligations of employers and workers, and a mechanism for 24-hour assistance to workers.
  - A joint committee will be created to carry out periodic reviews and follow up the implementation of the MoU.
10. What is India's rank in the Coursera's Global Skills Report 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **67<sup>th</sup>.**
- Note:**
- It exhibited a lag in digital skills development.
  - with 38 per cent proficiency in each global skill domain. Globally, India has ranked 55 in business, and 66 in both technology and data science.
  - On the Asian map, India is at rank 16, ahead of the Philippines and Thailand, but behind Singapore and Japan.

### Important News – State

1. Which state government has Pran Vayu Devta Pension Scheme (PVDPS) \_\_\_\_\_ **Haryana.**
- Note:**
- This Life Air God Pension scheme aims to ensure adequate supply of natural oxygen in the state.
  - This Prana Vayu Devta Pension Yojna is a major step towards ensuring clean air to breathe amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic outbreak.
  - Several states including Haryana witnessed a crisis of medical oxygen recently that was needed for severely ill COVID-19 patients.
2. Which state government has instituted a series of annual awards similar to the Bharat Ratna and Padma awards \_\_\_\_\_ **Assam.**
- Note:**
- The decision was taken at a Cabinet meeting headed by Chief Minister Himanta Biswas Sarma.
  - While the Asom Ratna would be presented to one person who has made a significant contribution to society, the Asom Bibhushan would be presented to three, the Asom Bhushan to two and the Asom Shree to 10 persons every year.
3. Which state government has launched scheme to help small & petty vendors and artisans and Rs 370 crore credited to 3.7 lakh small traders as interest free loan \_\_\_\_\_ **Andhra Pradesh.**
- Note:**
- Under the scheme the state govt credited Rs 370 crore to 3.7 lakh small traders as interest free loan.
  - Although 9.05 lakh beneficiaries were identified from the scheme, in the phase-1, only Rs 535 crore was disbursed by the banks to 5.35 lakh beneficiaries.
4. Which Union Territories has reserved all jobs for the residents of the region \_\_\_\_\_ **Ladakh.**
- Note:**

- The new recruitment rules are mentioned in the Clause 11 of the Union Territory of Ladakh Employment (Subordinate) Service Recruitment Rules, 2021.
  - The move has met a long-pending demand of the people of Ladakh, after it was carved out as a Union Territory (UT) on August 5, 2019.
  - The order by the L-G was issued by exercising the powers conferred by S.O 282(E) dated 21.01.2020.
5. Dihing Patkai becomes 7th National Park of which state \_\_\_\_\_ **Assam**.
- Note:**
- Assam now has the third most National Parks after the 12 in Madhya Pradesh and nine in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
  - The five older National Parks in the State are Kaziranga, Manas, Nameri, Orang and Dibru-Saikhowa.
  - Kaziranga and Manas are UNESCO World Heritage Sites. They are also tiger reserves along with Nameri and Orang.
6. Which state government has approved the draft of the Mukhyamantri Kisan Mitra Urja Yojana under that agriculture power consumers will get Rs 1,000 every month \_\_\_\_\_ **Rajasthan**.
- Note:**
- Under the scheme agriculture power consumers will get Rs 1,000 every month and a maximum of Rs 12,000 per year.
  - Central and state government employees and other income tax payers will not be eligible for the subsidy.
7. Which state government has launched 'Yuva Shakti Corona Mukti Abhiyan' to make people aware about the COVID pandemic with the help of youth power \_\_\_\_\_ **Madhya Pradesh**.
- Note:**
- The campaign will be launched with the help of youth power.
  - In the Yuva Shakti Corona Mukti Abhiyan, college teachers and around 16 lakh students will be made aware of corona infection by learning Covid appropriate behavior and vaccination.
  - This campaign will be run by the Higher Education and Technical Education Department in collaboration with the Public Health and Family Welfare Department.

### Important News – World

1. Which international organization has launched a new global database named "I-Familia" to identify missing persons through family DNA and help the police solve cold cases in member countries \_\_\_\_\_ **International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol)**.
- Note:**
- I-Familia has three components: a dedicated global database to host the DNA profiles provided by relatives, held separately from any criminal data; DNA matching software called Bonaparte, developed by Dutch company Smart Research; and interpretation guidelines developed by Interpol.
2. Which country hosted the 8th triennial conference of the International Nitrogen Initiative (INI) \_\_\_\_\_ **Germany**.
- Note:**
- Germany's Federal Environment Agency (Umweltbundesamt-UBA) hosted the conference for the 1st time since its inception. The Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety is supported the UBA.
  - UN Environment Programme, UN Food and Agriculture Organisation and UN Economic Commission on Europe, also addressed the conference.
  - The conference was attended by over 800 scientists and other stakeholders from over 60 countries.
3. Which country to hand over three MH-60 Romeo multirole helicopters to Indian Navy \_\_\_\_\_ **USA**.
- Note:**
- The first batch of Indian pilots has also reached the US for training on the helicopters which would be arriving in India next year in July.
  - India and the US had signed over- ₹16,000 crore deal to buy 24 MH-60 Romeo helicopters from Lockheed Martin in 2020 under fast track procedures on a government-to-government deal to hasten the process.
4. Which country formally exits from Open Skies Treaty, after United States withdrew from pact in 2020 \_\_\_\_\_ **Russia**.
- Note:**
- Signed on March 24 1992, the pact allows for unarmed surveillance over the territories of its 34 member states.
  - Russia has become the second country to exit the pact following a Donald Trump-led US' exit from the treaty last year.

- Open Skies Treaty is an international treaty that allow nations to collect information on one another's military forces to increase transparency
5. Which has become world's first country to grant legal tender status to bitcoin \_\_\_\_\_ **El Salvador**.
- Note:**
- Bitcoin use as legal tender will become law in 90 days.
  - Its economy heavily relies on remittances and so those who are working abroad can send money back home in bitcoins too
  - It will bring financial inclusion, investment, tourism, innovation and economic development in the country.
6. According to the Economist Intelligence Unit's Global Liveability Index 2021 which becomes the most livable city in the world \_\_\_\_\_ **Auckland**.
- Note:**
- The annual list did not go ahead in 2020, but Austria's Vienna, number one in both 2018 and 2019, has completely dropped out of the top 10 after being heavily effected by Covid, and now sits in 12th place.
  - New Zealand's capital Wellington was fourth on this year's list, tying with Japan's Tokyo, and four cities of Australia, where tough border controls have been in place throughout the crisis, occupy the top 10.
7. First edition of the two-day Arab-India Energy Forum (AIEF) was held under the co-chairship of India and \_\_\_\_\_ **Morocco**.
- Note:**
- The event was held under the co-chairship of India and the Kingdom of Morocco.
  - The forum witnessed exchange of knowledge, expertise and best practices in the fields of energy efficiency programmes for different economic sectors, accelerated development of new & renewable energy, fostering regional power sharing arrangements, enhanced oil recovery, tight gas extraction, and safe nuclear power generation etc.
  - It was agreed to hold the 2nd edition of AIEF in India during 2023.
8. During the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) High-Level Meeting (HLM) on HIV/AIDS, the assembly approved a declaration to end AIDS by \_\_\_\_\_ **2030**.
- Note:**
- The Assembly stated that COVID-19 has increased inequalities and pushed access to AIDS medicines, treatments and diagnosis off track.
  - The declaration also committed assembly's 193 member countries to implement
  - Reduce annual new HIV infections to under 3, 70, 000 and annual AIDS-related deaths to under 2, 50, 000 by 2025.

### Honor & Awards

1. Which film has bagged the best film National Award on environment conservation at 67th National Films Awards 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Water Burial**.
- Note:**
- Inspired by the popular Assamese novel Saba Kota Manuh, which is written by Yeshe Dorjee Thongchi, Water Burial is in Monpa dialect and has an intriguing storyline around a dark ritual of a local tribe in Arunachal Pradesh.
  - The film, which is directed by independent filmmaker Shantanu Sen in Monpa dialect, has garnered positive reviews for its uniqueness in portraying the rituals of the tribals of the Northeast and bringing the attention of the mainstream media towards it.
2. Who has bagged the number 1 spot on Times 50 Most Desirable Women 2020 list \_\_\_\_\_ **Rhea Chakraborty**.
- Note:**
- This year Rhea Chakraborty has topped the list.
  - She was in the news for most of last year due to the sudden demise of Sushant Singh Rajput and the controversy around his death.
  - Adline Castelino (Miss Universe 2020 - 3rd Runner-up) at number 2, Disha Patani at number 3, Kiara Advani at number 4 and Deepika Padukone at number 5.

## Sports News

1. Which country will host the inaugural International Hockey Federation (FIH) Hockey5s World Cup \_\_\_\_\_ **Oman**.  
**Note:**
  - Matches will take place in Oman's capital city Muscat.
  - The Hockey5s' flagship event is a brand-new FIH competition. Sixteen teams per gender (3 per continent Oman as hosts) will take part in this first edition.
  - Continental Hockey5s qualifiers for the World Cup will be organized in 2022.
2. Which Indian footballer has surpassed Argentina's global superstar Lionel Messi to become the second-highest active international goal-scorer with 74 strikes \_\_\_\_\_ **Sunil Chhetri**.  
**Note:**
  - The 36-year-old Chhetri achieved the staggering feat with his brace against Bangladesh in the joint preliminary qualifying round match for 2022 FIFA World Cup and 2023 AFC Asian Cup.
  - The seasoned striker, who helped India register their first win in six years in World Cup qualifiers, now stands only behind Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo (103) in the active international goal-scorer list.
3. Who has won the French open Men's Singles title 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Novak Djokovic**.  
**Note:**
  - He is now one short of the men's 20 Grand Slam titles record of Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer.
  - The Serbian world number one increased his Grand Slam tally to 19 titles, and is now one adrift of the men's record held by Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal.
  - Djokovic has also become the first man in the Open era, and third overall, to win all four Majors at least twice.
4. Who has won the French Open Women's singles title 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Barbora Krejcikova**.  
**Note:**
  - The 25-year-old Krejcikova, who was unseeded and ranked 33rd, hadn't made it past the fourth round in at any major before this trip to Paris.
  - But after a magical run, beating the likes of Elina Svitolina, Sloane Stephens, Coco Gauff, and Maria Sakkari, she lifted the prestigious Roland Garros trophy after a two-hour-long final.
  - Pavlyuchenkova, who played her first major final in her 52nd appearance, bounced back in the second set but failed to keep her momentum going till the very end.
5. India's Mirabai Chanu is associated with which sports who qualified for Tokyo Olympics \_\_\_\_\_ **Weightlifting**.  
**Note:**
  - The International Weightlifting Federation announced that Mirabai has qualified on the basis of her world ranking points.
  - The 26-year-old from Manipur lifter is ranked second in the women's 49-kg category.
  - As per rules of the IWF, top eight lifters in each of the 14 weight categories, including seven in the women's group, are eligible to compete in Tokyo Games.
6. Name the Indian Wrestler who has won the women's 53kg freestyle gold with an 8-0 win over Khrystyna Bereza of Ukraine at the Poland Ranking Series in Warsaw \_\_\_\_\_ **Vinesh Phogat**.  
**Note:**
  - The gold-winning effort of Vinesh is likely to improve her seeding in the 53kg freestyle event at the Olympics, to be held from July 23 to August 8.
  - In the final match, Vinesh went up 2-0 in the opening 70 seconds of the bout. With less than two minutes on board, she led 4-0.
  - Khrystyna struggled to keep pace with Vinesh in the initial stages of the bout. As the match progressed, the Ukrainian made some good moves but Vinesh was quick to wriggle out of the tricky situations.

## Books and Authors

1. Who has authored the book titled 'Home in the World' \_\_\_\_\_ **Amartya Sen**.  
**Note:**
  - Nobel laureate Amartya Sen has penned his memoir 'Home in the World'.
  - The book will be published in July by Penguin Random House.
  - In 'Home in the World', Sen shares details from his life and explores the idea of 'home'.



- In this book, Sen shares how it was Rabindranath Tagore who gave him his name Amartya.

### Science and Defence

1. With which country India has conducted the three days long 31st edition of the coordinated patrol (CORPAT) in the Andaman Sea \_\_\_\_\_ **Thailand**.

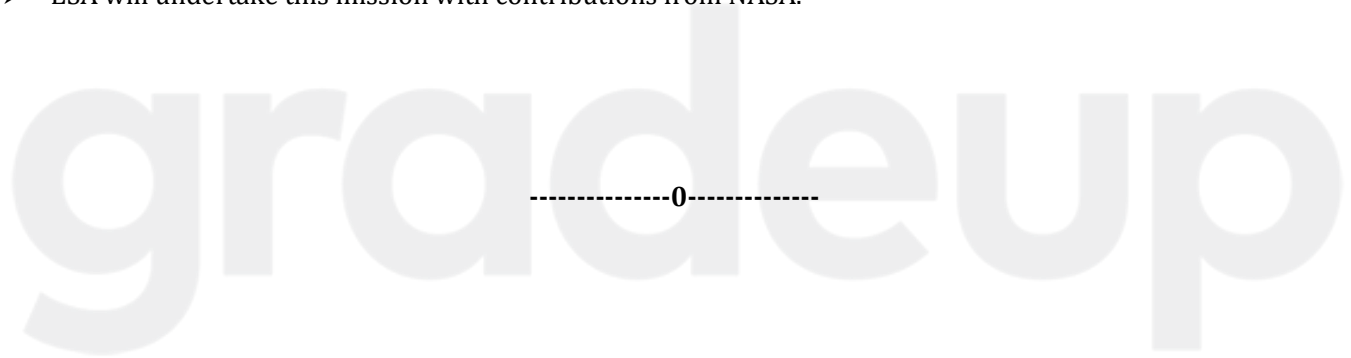
**Note:**

- This is the 31st edition of the India-Thailand coordinated patrol (CORPAT).
- The Indian Navy's offshore patrol vessel INS Saryu and Thai ship Krabi along with Dornier maritime patrol aircraft from both navies are participating in the exercise.
- Both the navies have been bi-annually undertaking CORPAT along their international maritime boundary line (IMBL) since 2005.

2. Which space agency is developing its own 'EnVision' to study Venus, for holistic view of planet from its inner core to upper atmosphere \_\_\_\_\_ **European Space Agency (ESA)**.

**Note:**

- The mission dubbed as **EnVision**, will probably be launched to the planet in the early **2030**.
- **EnVision probe of ESA** will determine how and why Venus and Earth evolved so differently, even while being in the habitable zone to the Sun.
- ESA will undertake this mission with contributions from NASA.





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