

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

### **Banking & Financial Awareness**

1. Which bank has partnered with Amazon Web Services (AWS) to accelerate its digital transformation programme \_\_\_\_\_  
**Axis Bank.**

**Note:**

- Axis bank and AWS signed a multi-year agreement, under which the bank will use AWS to build a portfolio of new digital financial services and modernise core banking applications.
- Axis Bank has deployed over 25 mission-critical applications on AWS, including a Buy Now Pay Later product and a new loan management system to support it, Account Aggregator, Video-Know Your Customer, and WhatsApp banking.

2. Which small finance bank has partnered with digital lender LoanTap to provide personal loans to salaried professionals \_\_\_\_\_  
**Ujjivan Small Finance Bank.**

**Note:**

- This move comes as part of Ujjivan's Small Finance Bank's API banking initiative.
- Through this initiative over 150 APIs will be made available, which in turn will offer fast and secure tie-ups for the purposes of digital lending, digital liabilities and payments to fintechs.
- This move also serves a dual purpose of extending the bank's financial services to a larger array of customers through LoanTap's platform, which will make these activities smoother and more convenient for their salaried class customers who are seeking loans.

3. Which Industry group has signed an agreement with the UAE's state-run oil giant Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) to form a mega petrochemical joint venture in Al Ruwais city, United Arab Emirates (UAE) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Reliance Industries.**

**Note:**

- This project, a joint venture of ADNOC and ADQ (formerly known as Abu Dhabi Development Holding(ADDH) Co), will be constructed at the TA'ZIZ Industrial Chemical Zone in Ruwais Abu Dhabi, UAE. This is the first investment by Reliance in UAE.
- This agreement enhances the ADNOC's downstream and industry growth plans in line with ADNOC's 2030 strategy.
- Contracts have been awarded for the first stages of development of the TA'ZIZ site.

4. According to the Financial Stability Report (FSR), released by the Reserve Bank of India, the Gross non-performing assets (GNPAs) of banks may rise to what percent by March 2022 \_\_\_\_\_  
**9.8 per cent.**

**Note:**

- According to the Financial Stability Report (FSR), released by the RBI the Gross non-performing assets (GNPAs) of banks may rise to 9.8 per cent by March 2022 under a baseline scenario, from 7.48 per cent in March 2021.
- Under a severe stress scenario, GNPA of banks may increase to 11.22 per cent.

5. According to the report "COVID-19 and Tourism: An Update" jointly released by UNCTAD and the UN World Tourism Organisation, India experienced a drop in tourist arrivals in 2020 by what percent \_\_\_\_\_  
**54%.**

**Note:**

- According to report tourism will at least \$4 trillion in terms of global GDP for 2020 and 2021 due to pandemic.
- India experienced a 54% drop in tourist arrivals in 2020
- Some 100 -120 million tourism jobs are at stake as per the report.

6. What amount of funding in total has been announced by the World Bank for Covid-19 vaccines for developing countries \_\_\_\_\_  
**\$20 billion.**

**Note:**

- The World Bank is expanding its financing available for Covid-19 vaccine financing to \$20 billion over the next 18 months, adding \$8 billion to the previously announced \$12 billion.

- Further, the Bank also provided over \$4 billion for the purchase and deployment of Covid vaccines for 51 developing countries, half of which are in Africa.
7. Which e-commerce company has launched Shopsy, an app that will enable Indians to start their online businesses without any investment \_\_\_\_ **Flipkart**.
- Note:**
- Flipkart aims to enable over 25 million online entrepreneurs by 2023 with the help of Shopsy.
  - Users of Shopsy will be able to share catalogues of a wide selection of 15 crore products offered by Flipkart sellers.
8. NABARD has sanctioned Rs 388 crore under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for four drinking water and 20 rural road projects in which state \_\_\_\_ **Odisha**.
- Note:**
- The RIDF assistance is for setting up of four mega piped drinking water supply projects, one each in Boipariguda block of Koraput district, Nilgiri block of Balasore district and two in Malkangiri district.
  - The water supply projects are intended to provide 70 litre per capita per day safe and portable drinking water at the consumer-end through functional household tap connection.
9. The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a penalty of Rs 25 lakh on which PSU bank for non-compliance with certain provisions of directions on 'Cyber Security Framework in Banks' \_\_\_\_ **Punjab and Sind Bank**.
- Note:**
- The state-owned bank had reported a few cyber incidents to the RBI on May 16 and 20, 2020.
  - Examination of the incident reports and the report of the forensic analysis of the said incidents, revealed, non-compliance with aforesaid directions.
  - The RBI issued a show-cause notice to the bank.
10. Which bank has launched 'Salaam Dil Sey' initiative to pay tribute and show gratitude to doctors across the country for their tireless service during the pandemic at the risk of their own lives \_\_\_\_ **HDFC Bank**.
- Note:**
- Under this, bank has created a web platform [www.salaamdilsey.com](http://www.salaamdilsey.com).
  - Using this platform, general public can logon on and share the thank you message for doctors which can be immediately shared via e-mail, social media, and WhatsApp to acknowledge and celebrate doctor's contribution.
11. Which bank has launched 'Salute Doctors', a comprehensive banking solutions for doctors \_\_\_\_ **ICICI Bank**.
- Note:**
- The solution will provide customized banking as well as value-added services for every doctor, beginning from a medical student to a senior medical consultant to an owner of a hospital or a clinic
  - It consists of Salute Doctors Savings Account, Salute Doctors Current Account, Home loans, Medical equipment loan, Business Loan, Personal Loan, Education Loan, etc.
12. As per the new auction methodology of Reserve Bank of India for the benchmark securities of what tenor the auction will continue to be multiple price-based auction \_\_\_\_ **30-year & 40-year both**.
- Note:**
- For other benchmark securities i.e. 30-year and 40-year, the auction will continue to be multiple price-based auction, as hitherto.
  - The above arrangement will continue till further review.
  - This was noted by the regulator while reviewing market conditions and market borrowing program of the govt.
13. Which digital payments and financial services platform has launched 'Postpaid Mini', a small ticket loans that will give users flexibility to access loans ranging from Rs 250 - Rs 1,000, in partnership with Aditya Birla Finance Ltd \_\_\_\_ **Paytm**.
- Note:**
- It is a small ticket loans that will give users flexibility to access loans ranging from Rs 250 - Rs 1,000, in partnership with Aditya Birla Finance Ltd.
  - The product is an extension of its Buy Now, Pay Later service, driving affordability amongst those new to credit.
14. With which financial company the digital payments and financial services platform Paytm launched a small ticket loans 'Postpaid Mini' that will give users flexibility to access loans ranging from Rs 250 - Rs 1,000 \_\_\_\_ **Aditya Birla Finance Ltd**.
- Note:**
- It is a small ticket loans that will give users flexibility to access loans ranging from Rs 250 - Rs 1,000, in partnership with Aditya Birla Finance Ltd.

- The product is an extension of its Buy Now, Pay Later service, driving affordability amongst those new to credit.
  - These small ticket instant loans will give flexibility to users and also help manage their household expenses to maintain liquidity during the ongoing Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic.
15. Which digital payments platform has partnered with Flipkart to launch contactless 'Scan and Pay' feature for the e-commerce major's pay-on-delivery orders \_\_\_\_\_ **PhonePe**.
- Note:**
- PhonePe's QR code solution will now enable customers who earlier opted for cash on delivery to pay digitally through any UPI app at the time of delivery.
  - This is intended to help reduce personal contact while ensuring safety, and drive contactless payments for customers who are traditionally more comfortable with cash on delivery.
16. State-run power giant NTPC has partnered with which another Public Sector Undertaking to boost the development of offshore wind energy in India \_\_\_\_\_ **ONGC**.
- Note:**
- India is blessed with a coastline of about 7,600 km surrounded by water on three sides and has good prospects of harnessing this clean source.
  - Earlier in May last year, NTPC and ONGC had signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to accelerate their footprint in the renewable energy space.
17. Which online payment solutions provider has partnered with WooCommerce to enable WooCommerce merchants with digital payments infrastructure, and end-to-end digitalization of business processes \_\_\_\_\_ **PayU**.
- Note:**
- WooCommerce merchants is an open-source, customizable e-commerce platform.
  - The partnership will offer merchants exclusive pricing on transactions, no hidden charges, and contactless payment solutions to scale growth and profitability.
  - A recent survey has shown 82 percent of small businesses have experienced a negative impact due to the pandemic and adoption of technology can aid in the revival of up to 35 percent SMBs, post-pandemic.
18. As per the provisional data released by the coal ministry India's total coal production registered a marginal decline of \_\_\_\_\_ **2.02%**.
- Note:**
- Of the total output, a chunk of 685.951 MT was produced by the public sector, and the remaining production of 30.133 MT was from the private sector.
  - In FY 21, Chhattisgarh registered the highest coal production followed by Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, and Jharkhand
  - Jharkhand was the top producer of coking coal.
19. Which financial institutions is offering a unique US bank account to the students gearing up for admissions in the US \_\_\_\_\_ **Aeldra Financial Inc.**
- Note:**
- It also provides a Mastercard Global Debit Card that can be opened and operated from India, even before students get an F-1 visa.
  - Aeldra is a Silicon-valley based pioneering 'digital neo bank'.
  - It has no minimum balance requirement and it doesn't have foreign currency mark-up fees.

### Obituaries

1. Renowned personality Raj Kaushal passed away recently, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Film Maker**.  
**Note:**
  - He was married to actor-TV presenter Mandira Bedi. Apart from direction, Kaushal had also produced filmmaker Onir's 2005 acclaimed drama "My Brother... Nikhil", starring Sanjay Suri and Juhi Chawla.
  - His last directorial was the 2006 thriller, "Anthony Kaun Hai?", starring Arshad Warsi and Sanjay Dutt.
2. Renowned personality K.V. Sampath Kumar has passed away recently, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Journalist**.  
**Note:**
  - He, along with his wife, was selected for the Padma Shri honour from the Government of India in 2020 for his contribution to the field of Literature & Education.
  - He has also received several awards like the Siddharudha award, the Shivaratri Deshikendra Media award, the Abdul Kalam award and others.
3. Renowned personality Donald Rumsfeld passed away recently he was veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Politician**.



**Note:**

- He served two-time as defense secretary and a one-time presidential candidate of USA.
- Regarded by former colleagues as equally smart and combative, patriotic and politically cunning, Rumsfeld had a storied career under four presidents and nearly a quarter-century in corporate America.

4. Renowned sportsman M Prasannan passed away recently, he was associated with which sports \_\_\_\_\_ **Football.**

**Note:**

- He played for Kerala, Maharashtra and Goa in Santosh Trophy National Football Championship.
- He was part of the Indian team coached by PK Banerjee and captained by Inder Singh in the Merdeka Cup in 1973.

5. Legendary actor Dilip Kumar won Filmfare Awards for Best Actor for how many times who passed away recently \_\_\_\_\_

**Eight.****Note:**

- Legendary actor Dilip Kumar (98) passed away after a prolonged illness in Mumbai.
- Dilip Kumar made his Hindi film debut in 1944 with the movie 'Jwar Bhata'.
- In a career spanning over six decades, Dilip Kumar gave multiple hits such as 'Mughal-e-Azam', 'Naya Daur', 'Baabul', 'Deedar', 'Madhumati', 'Devdas', 'Ganga Jamuna', 'Ram Aur Shyam', 'Karma' and others.
- Dilip Kumar's portrayal in various doomed movies earned him the title of 'tragedy king'.

6. Renowned personality Richard Donner passed away recently he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Film Maker.**

**Note:**

- He is known for directing blockbuster and classic films such as "Superman", "The Goonies" and "Lethal Weapon".
- Donner, whose real name was Richard Donald Schwartzberg, was born in New York to Jewish parents in 1931.
- Early in his career, Donner had aspired to be an actor but found his calling in direction.

**Important Days**

1. National Doctors' Day is celebrated every year on which date to acknowledge the role of doctors in keeping the nation healthy \_\_\_\_\_ **1st July.**

**Note:**

- Government established Doctors' Day in 1991 to recognize the contributions of former Bengal Chief Minister Dr BC Roy.
- He played an important role in the establishment of Medical Council of India and Indian Medical Association.
- He was also conferred with Bharat Ratna on 4th February, 1961.

2. The National Postal Worker Day is observed every year on \_\_\_\_\_ **1st July.**

**Note:**

- The day is a unique opportunity to say 'thank you not only to postmen but also to all delivery personnel, as online shopping has become a lifeline for many of us.
- The day was initiated by a popular postal service provider from Seattle, the United States of America in 1997 to felicitate and honour the co-postal workers for their dedication.

3. Goods and Services Tax (GST) is observed every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **1st July.**

**Note:**

- The date of July 1 has been designated by the central government as 'GST Day' in 2017 (this year is its fourth anniversary).
- During these years, several key policy initiatives were taken by the government to make the GST system and compliance mechanism simple, transparent and technology driven.
- The Goods and Services Tax (GST) is an indirect, multi-stage, comprehensive tax in India, imposed on the supply of goods and services.

4. World Sports Journalists Day is observed globally every year on \_\_\_\_\_ **2nd July.**

**Note:**

- The day aims to acknowledge the work of sports journalists & to encourage them to do better at their work. Sports journalists help millions of people in the world to receive information on various sports.
- This professional has helped in the development of many kinds of games all over the world.
- These journalists have their associations to maintain their standards in their profession.

5. International Day of Cooperatives (#CoopsDay) is celebrated every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **first Saturday of July (3 July 2021).**

**Note:**

- This year, it is being observed today (July 3) with the theme “Rebuild better together”.
- This day was officially started by the UNGA on the centenary of the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) in 1995.
- It aims to strengthen and unite everyone in this pandemic.

6. World Zoonoses Day is held every year on which date to raise awareness of the risk of zoonotic diseases \_\_\_\_\_ **6<sup>th</sup> July.**

**Note:**

- Zoonoses are infectious diseases (virus, bacteria and parasites) that can spread from animals to humans, and vice versa, either with direct contact with animals or indirectly, vector-borne or food-borne.
- It was on July 6, 1885, when Louis Pasteur successfully administered the first vaccine against Rabies virus, which is a zoonotic disease.

7. World Chocolate Day or International Chocolate Day is observed every year on \_\_\_\_\_ **7<sup>th</sup> July.**

**Note:**

- The day celebrates the existence of chocolate in our lives. It is marked by eating chocolates and sharing with dear ones.
- The day is an annual global celebration of chocolate, which allows people to gorge and indulge, hopefully guilt-free, in it.
- On this day, chocolate lovers from all over relish eating different kinds of chocolate or create several dishes with it like cakes, pastries, sinful and gooey brownies, hot chocolate or chocolate mousse, without any guilt.

### New Appointments

1. Who has been appointed as the new Vice Chief of Indian Air Force \_\_\_\_\_ **Vivek Ram Chaudhari.**

**Note:**

- He will succeed Air Marshal Harjit Singh Arora.
- He is currently serving as commander-in-chief of the IAF's Western Air Command (WAC)
- An alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Air Marshal Chaudhari was commissioned into the fighter stream of the IAF on December 29, 1982.

2. Who took charges as the new Managing Director of National High Speed Rail Corporation Ltd (NHSRCL) \_\_\_\_\_ **Satish Agnihotri.**

**Note:**

- He had worked as the Chairman and Managing Director of Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) for close to nine years.
- NHSRCL has been incorporated in 2016 with an object to finance, construct, maintain and manage the High Speed Rail Corridor in India.

3. Who has become Brand Ambassador of Khadi Prakritik Paint \_\_\_\_\_ **Nitin Gadkari.**

**Note:**

- He will promote this paint across the country to encourage young entrepreneurs to take up the manufacturing of cow dung paint.
- He Inaugurated a new automated manufacturing unit of Khadi Prakritik Paint in Jaipur.
- The Minister appreciated Khadi and Village Industries Commission for the successful research.

4. Who was sworn in as the 11th Chief Minister of Uttarakhand \_\_\_\_\_ **Pushkar Singh Dhami.**

**Note:**

- Governor **Rani Maurya** administered the oath to Mr. Dhami at Rajbhawan in **Dehradun.**
- Pushkar Singh Dhami is the youngest CM of the state.
- He will be the **third CM** in nearly four months.
- He is a two-time MLA from the **Khatima** constituency in the **Udham Singh Nagar** district of the state.

5. Veteran lawyer KN Bhattacharjee has been appointed as the new Lokayukta of which state \_\_\_\_\_ **Tripura.**

**Note:**

- It will deal with the complaints of corruption against public servants and administrative functionaries under the Tripura Lokayukta Act, 2008.
- Bhattacharjee will be the 3d Lokayukta of the state.
- He was succeeded by a former judge of Kolkata and Andhra Pradesh high courts, Justice Subal Baidya, in 2017.

## Important News – India

1. What is India's rank in the Global Startup Ecosystem Index 2021 by Startup Blink \_\_\_\_\_ **20<sup>th</sup>**.

**Note:**

- The country was in the 17th spot in 2019 and slid six spots down in 2020 and stood at 23.
- Like last year, the US, the UK, Israel, Canada and Germany are in the top five spots.
- The report has a score for each location, which is calculated as the sum of three parameters — quantity, quality and business environment.

2. In July 2021, which flagship programme of government of India has completed six years of its implementation \_\_\_\_\_

**Digital India.**

**Note:**

- The vision of Digital India programme is to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi had launched this ambitious programme on 1st July, 2015.
- The Digital India journey in the past 6 years has centred around empowerment, inclusion, and digital transformation. It has positively impacted all aspects of the lives of Indian citizens through Aadhaar, Direct Benefit Transfer, Common Services Centres, DigiLocker and mobile-based UMANG services.

3. From which port the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways launched the maiden voyage under the Green Freight Corridor-2 \_\_\_\_\_ **Cochin.**

**Note:**

- MoS Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the first voyage under the service, which is operated by Mumbai-based Round the Coast Pvt Ltd.
- The newly launched service will connect Cochin with Beypore-Azhikkal and later Kollam ports in Kerala.

4. Which entity has curated the Financial Literacy Textbook for students of Class VI that was introduced by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) recently \_\_\_\_\_ **NPCI.**

**Note:**

- The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has curated the book.
- This book will be used for a newly introduced elective subject 'Financial Literacy'.
- It will enable students to have an understanding of basic financial concepts at a preliminary stage of their education.

5. Which social media giant has published its first transparency report under the new Information Technology (IT) Rules 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Google.**

**Note:**

- It has published the report for April 2021.
- Google received a total of 27,762 complaints for the month of April, and the number of removals stood at 59,350.
- The new IT rules require significant social media intermediaries (SSMIs) such as Google, Facebook, etc. to publish a monthly report on the action taken on user complaints that they have received.

6. The Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management (AJNIFM) has signed an MoU with which entity for a strategic partnership to build an AI and emerging technologies Centre of Excellence at AJNIFM \_\_\_\_\_ **Microsoft.**

**Note:**

- The collaboration seeks to explore the role of cloud, AI and emerging technologies for transforming and shaping the future of public finance management in India.
- The Centre of Excellence will serve as a central body for research, AI scenario envisioning and tech led innovation.
- AJNIFM and Microsoft will jointly explore use cases of emerging technologies in finance and related areas, across central and state ministries and public sector enterprises.

7. The Central Government funded for setting up a new Vaccine Testing Laboratory in National Institute of Animal Biotechnology in \_\_\_\_\_ **Hyderabad.**

**Note:**

- The funds have been sanctioned for the laboratory from PM- Cares Fund.
- It will be set up at National Institute of Animal Biotechnology in Hyderabad and will be under Department of Biotechnology.
- It is a big step towards development of Pharmacy sector in Hyderabad.

8. According provisional statistics of 2020-21 released by the coal ministry, in FY 2020-21, which state registered highest coal production \_\_\_\_\_ **Chhattisgarh**.

**Note:**

- According to the data released, India's total coal production registered a marginal decline of 2.02% to 716.084 million tonnes during the last fiscal year.
- The country had produced 730.874 million tonnes (MT) of coal in FY'20.
- Of the total production of 716.084 MT, 671.297 MT was non-coking coal and the remaining 44.787 MT was coking coal

9. Which project has been launched by the Ministry of Education to create an enabling environment to ensure universal acquisition of foundational literacy and numeracy, so that every child achieves the desired learning competencies by 2026-27 \_\_\_\_\_ **NIPUN Bharat**.

**Note:**

- Aim: to create an enabling environment to ensure universal acquisition of foundational literacy and numeracy, so that every child achieves the desired learning competencies by 2026-27.
- It will be implemented by the Department of School Education and Literacy and will be set up at National- State- District- Block- School level.

10. World's third-largest cricket stadium will come up in which city of India \_\_\_\_\_ **Jaipur**.

**Note:**

- The stadium will be constructed in Chomp village on Jaipur-Delhi highway.
- It will be constructed in two phases and construction work for both phases will take 5-years to complete.
- Two largest stadium: Narendra Modi Stadium in Motera and Melbourne Cricket Stadium in Australia.

11. Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade has initiated a project on ONDC. What does C stands for in ONDC \_\_\_\_\_ **Commerce**.

**Note:**

- Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade has initiated a project on Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC).
- It aims at promoting open networks developed on open sourced methodology, using open specifications and open network protocols independent of any specific platform.
- ONDC is expected to digitize the entire value chain, standardize operations, promote inclusion of suppliers, derive efficiencies in logistics and enhance value for consumers.

12. The Ministry of Tourism has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which entity to strengthen the country's hospitality and tourism industry \_\_\_\_\_ **Yatra**.

**Note:**

- The primary objective of the MoU is to provide extensive visibility to accommodation units, which have self-certified themselves on SAATHI on the OTA platform.
- The MoU also outlines both parties to encourage units to register on NIDHI and thereby on SAATHI and encourage the local tourism industry with appropriate safeguards for curbing the spread of COVID-19.

13. The Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture located in which place that has developed Online Course Mobile App Matsya Setu, launched by the union minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Giriraj Singh \_\_\_\_\_ **Bhubaneswar**.

**Note:**

- The app has been developed by the ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture, Bhubaneswar.
- It is being funded by the National Fisheries Development Board, Hyderabad.
- The online course app aims to disseminate the latest freshwater aquaculture technologies to the aqua farmers of the country.

14. Which ministry has been created by the Union Govt separately for the realizing the vision of 'Sahkar se Samridhi' \_\_\_\_\_ **Ministry of Co-operation**.

**Note:**

- This Ministry will provide a separate administrative, legal and policy framework for strengthening the cooperative movement in the country.
- It will help deepen co-operatives as a true people based movement reaching upto the grassroots.



- A co-operative based economic development model is very relevant where each member works with a spirit of responsibility.
15. Which institutions has organized the first edition of the Indo Pacific Business Summit in partnership with External Affairs Ministry \_\_\_\_\_ **CII**.
- Note:**
- The event saw participation from Ambassadors and High Commissioners of various countries across the Indo Pacific.
  - Addressing the event, Secretary (East) in the External Affairs Ministry, Riva Ganguly Das spoke about promoting trade facilitation in the Indo-Pacific through improved cross border linkages and trade infrastructure.
16. Which institution has given its nod to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education to provide technical assistance for satellite TV classrooms in the country to bridge the learning gap due to COVID-induced lockdown \_\_\_\_\_ **ISRO**.
- Note:**
- ISRO scientists appeared before the PSC for Education and made a detailed presentation about the proposed satellite TV classroom for students.
  - **ISRO** emphasized that it is ready to provide satellite rights to states to start satellite **TV classrooms**.

### Important News – State

1. Which state government has unveiled the new 'AP Information Technology Policy 2021-24', that is expected to generate more than 55,000 jobs over the next three years \_\_\_\_\_ **Andhra Pradesh**.
- Note:**
- It is expected to generate more than 55,000 jobs over the next three years.
  - New policy is also expected to create 1.65 lakh indirect employment thereby ensuring a holistic eco system development.
  - The policy would be in force till March 31, 2024.
2. Which state government has launched 'Mukhyamantri COVID-19 Pariwar Aarthik Sahayata Yojna, a social sector scheme for COVID 19 affected families \_\_\_\_\_ **Delhi**.
- Note:**
- It is a social security scheme for COVID-19-affected families.
  - Under the scheme, Delhi government will disburse an ex gratia payment of ₹50,000 for each death to the family of the deceased and ₹2,500 monthly to those families who have lost breadwinners.
  - Children who were orphaned would be provided ₹2,500 monthly till they turn 25.
3. Panchmuli lake is located in which state from where as many as 194 crocodiles have been relocated for the safety of tourists \_\_\_\_\_ **Gujarat**.
- Note:**
- The Panchmuli lake, situated near the 182-meter tall statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in Kevadia.
  - The Panchmuli lake, also known as 'Dyke-3' of the Sardar Sarovar Dam, was developed for tourists visiting the Statue of Unity.
  - There are still many crocodiles in the lake
4. MoEFCC approved the conversion of the Ramgarh Vishdhari Sanctuary Tiger Reserve is located in which state that becomes the 4th Tiger Reserve in the state \_\_\_\_\_ **Rajasthan**.
- Note:**
- Ramgarh Vishdhari Sanctuary will link Ranthambore Tiger Reserve in the Northeast & Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve on the southern side.
  - According to a 2018 tiger census, there are 102 tigers in three reserves -- Ranthambore Tiger Reserve in Sawai Madhopur, Sariska Tiger Reserve in Alwar, and Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve in Kota.
5. Which state government has launched the 'YSR Bima' scheme with new guidelines, where the government itself will directly pay the insurance amount to the family of the deceased to make the insurance claims easier \_\_\_\_\_ **Andhra Pradesh**.
- Note:**
- In order to support **1.32 lakh families** through the YSR Bima scheme, the State government allocated **Rs 750 crores** for the year 2021-22.
  - In the last two years, the State government had spent **Rs 1307 crore for YSR Bima**.

6. Which state government has launched 'Students Credit Card' an education loan scheme for the students aiming for higher studies \_\_\_\_\_ **West Bengal.**

**Note:**

- The scheme will provide soft loan upto Rs. 10 lakh with simple annual interest. The loan will be available for undergraduate, postgraduate, doctoral and postdoctoral studies within the country or abroad.
- Students residing in the state for at least 10 years will be eligible for the scheme till 40 years of age and can repay the loan in 15 years.

### Important News – World

1. Which country has signed an agreement with the Royal Government of Bhutan on the establishment of Model Technical Training Centres (MTTC) as part of growing between the two countries \_\_\_\_\_ **Singapore.**

**Note:**

- The agreement was signed by Sonam Tobgay, Director of Bilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bhutan, and Simon Wong, Ambassador of Singapore to Bhutan.
- It is seen as one of the outcomes of Bhutan's opening up to the outside world.
- India with whom Bhutan has a special relationship has warm ties with Singapore with the city state setting up vocational training institutes for Indian youth in places like Rajasthan and Assam in recent years.

2. Which country ranked first in the Global Startup Ecosystem Index 2021 by Startup Blink \_\_\_\_\_ **USA.**

**Note:**

- The country was in the 17th spot in 2019 and slid six spots down in 2020 and stood at 23.
- Like last year, the US, the UK, Israel, Canada and Germany are in the top five spots.
- The report has a score for each location, which is calculated as the sum of three parameters — quantity, quality and business environment.

3. To be commissioned in December 2021 the Rampal Maitree Power project is being built by India in which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Bangladesh.**

**Note:**

- The event will be coinciding with the Golden jubilee celebration of the liberation of Bangladesh.
- The second unit is expected to be commissioned matching with the implementation of the associated transmission system.
- The Power Secretaries of both the countries held a meeting through video conferencing

4. World's second-biggest hydroelectric dam, the Baihetan Dam is located in which country that was turn on officially \_\_\_\_\_ **China.**

**Note:**

- The Baihetan Dam on the Jinsha River, a tributary of the Yangtze, is part of Chinese efforts to curb surging fossil fuel demand by building more hydropower capacity at a time when dams have fallen out of favor in other countries due to environmental complaints.
- Plans call for the 289-meter-tall (954-foot-tall) Baihetan Dam to have 16 generating units with a capacity of 1 million kilowatts each. That will make it second in size after the Three Gorges Dam, opened in 2003 on the Yangtze, with 22.5 million kilowatts of generating capacity.

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- The country reported 30 million cases of the infectious disease annually in the 1940s but has now gone four consecutive years without an indigenous case.

### Honor & Awards

1. Dr Rajendra Kishore Panda is poet of which language who won the prestigious Kuvempu Rashtriya Puraskar 2020 \_\_\_\_\_ **Odia.**

**Note:**

- This national award was instituted in memory of late poet laureate Kuvempu to recognise litterateurs who had contributed in any language listed in 8th Schedule of Constitution.
- The prestigious award carries a cash award of Rs 5 lakh, a silver medal, and a citation.
- Born on June 24, 1944, Dr Panda writes in the Odia language. He has published 16 poetry collections and a novel.

2. Which International Airline has been selected as the "2021 Airline of the Year" award by the Air Transport World (ATW) also known as Oscar in the aviation industry \_\_\_\_\_ **Korean Airline.**

**Note:**

- It is also called the Oscar in the aviation industry.
- The awards ceremony will be held in Boston on October 5.
- The ATW's Airlines of the Year award has a huge honour that called the Oscar in the global aviation industry.

3. Name the Indian actor after whom the Indian Army has named a military firing range in Gulmarg \_\_\_\_\_ **Vidya Balan.**

**Note:**

- The Vidya Balan Firing Range is located in Gulmarg, Kashmir.
- Earlier this year, Vidya along with her husband Siddharth Roy Kapur had even attended the Gulmarg Winter Festival organised by the Indian Army.
- Also, a few days ago, it was announced that she has been invited to join the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, the governing body behind the Oscars.

4. Which Indian ventures has won the world's most innovative Investment Promotion Agency award 2021 by OCO Global \_\_\_\_\_ **'Invest India'.**

**Note:**

- **OCO Global** is a leading economic development advisory firm, working with govt and companies worldwide on international investment and trade.
- **Invest India**, set up in **2009**, is a non-profit venture under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, **Ministry of Commerce and Industry.**

### Sports News

1. Who becomes the youngest chess Grandmaster, breaking the record of 12 years and seven months set by Sergey Karjakin in 2002 \_\_\_\_\_ **Abhimanyu Mishra.**

**Note:**

- Abhimanyu reached the milestone in 12 years, four months, and 25 days.
- The 12-year-old player from New Jersey scored his third GM norm in Budapest, having already crossed the required 2500 ELO rating barrier.
- He went on to defeat 15-year-old Indian GM Leon Luke Mendonca, securing a performance rating higher than 2600 over nine rounds, which constitutes a GM norm.

2. MP Jabir is associated with which sports who qualified for the Tokyo Olympics recently \_\_\_\_\_ **Sprinting.**

**Note:**

- Jabir qualified through the World ranking quota where there are 14 spots available.
- The 25-year-old sailor hails from Malappuram, Kerala.
- He is currently ranked 34th in the World Athletics' Road to Olympics rankings where 40 athletes qualify.

3. Who has won the Silver Lake Open chess tournament in Serbia \_\_\_\_\_ **Nihal Sarin.**

**Note:**

- The third-seeded Indian came on top of the field with eight points from nine rounds.
- In the final round, he defeated Branko Damjanovic of the host.
- The second and third places were also taken by Indians, as Raunak Sadhwani and Abhimanyu Puranik scored seven points each.

4. Who has won the Austrian Grand Prix 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Max Verstappen.**

**Note:**

- This is his third victory in a row from pole.
- It consolidates his world championship lead over Lewis Hamilton.
- Hamilton's Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas took second with McLaren's Lando Norris in third.

5. Who has won the FIDE Chess.com Women's Speed Chess Championship 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Hou Yifan.**

**Note:**

- She beats GM Harika Dronavalli from by 15-13 in the final.
- Hou, a four-time women's world champion and the winner of the 2017 Biel tournament, added another prestigious title to her resume.
- Hou clinched the \$20,000 first prize in a tight match where she won the final two bullet games.

6. Levon Aronian has won the wins Goldmoney Asian Rapid online chess title, he held from which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Armenia.**

**Note:**

- The Armenian grandmaster defeated the Russian chess player Vladislav Artemiev.
- He will receive a \$ 30,000 prize for winning first place.
- Goldmoney Asian Rapid is the 7th round of the Meltwater Champions Chess Tour organized by Magnus Carlsen.

7. Who has been named the flag-bearer of the Indian contingent in the Tokyo Paralympics 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Mariyappan Thangavelu.**

**Note:**

- The decision was taken by the executive committee meeting of the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) due to his victory in 2016 Rio Paralympics.
- Mariyappan Thangavelu was conferred with the Khel Ratna.
- He had won the 2016 Rio Paralympics T-42 high jump gold by clearing 1.89m.

8. Who will be the India's flag bearers at the opening ceremony of the Tokyo Olympics along with M C Mary Kom \_\_\_\_\_ **Manpreet Singh.**

**Note:**

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10. Name the Indian female swimmer who became the first female and only the third swimmer from the country to qualify for Tokyo Olympics 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Maana Patel.**

**Note:**

- Maana Patel qualified for the Olympics through the Universality quota
- Universality quota allows one male and one female athlete from a country to participate in the Olympics
- Maana Patel will join Sajan Prakash and Srihari Natarajan in India's swimming squad in Tokyo
- Maana will compete in the women's 100m backstroke event.

### Books and Authors

1. Who has authored the book titled 'Nathuram Godse: The True Story of Gandhi's Assassin' \_\_\_\_\_ **Dhaval Kulkarni.**

**Note:**

- It is the biography of Nathuram Godse, the assassin of Mahatma Gandhi.
- Pan Macmillan India will the book by 2022.



- The book features the unknown aspects of Godse's life, his ideologies and other factors that led to the assassination of Gandhi.
2. Who has authored the children's book titled "India To The Rescue" \_\_\_\_\_ **Shruthi Rao & Sushant Singh.**
- Note:**
- The illustrations of the book were done by Shangnik Chakraborty.
  - The book features the rescue operation "Operation Cactus" which averted the Maldives crisis on 3rd November 1988.
  - Operation Cactus is India's one of the quickest and most successful missions.
3. Who has authored the book titled "Operation Khukri" which is set to release on 15th July 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Rajpal Punia & Damini Punia.**
- Note:**
- The book is published by the Penguin Random House India (PRHI).
  - The book is dedicated to Havildar Krishan Kumar, Sena Medal (posthumous), the only Indian soldier who died in Operation Khukri.
  - About the Book:
  - The book is the first-hand account of Major General Rajpal Punia, the Commanding Officer (CO) of the 58th Gorkha Rifles, who orchestrated "Operation Khukri".

### Science and Defence

1. Starlink is a satellite internet constellation of which global company that will provide broadband internet everywhere in the world except polar regions by August 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **SpaceX.**
- Note:**
- Space Exploration Technologies Corp. has launched more than 1,500 satellites so far and has Starlink operations in about a dozen countries.
  - SpaceX aims to offer broadband to as much as 5% of the world's population where conventional fiber and wireless networks can't reach.
  - Starlink will provide so-called "data back haul" spines for their networks. The satellite network currently moves about 30 terabits of data per second.
2. Name the India born US astronaut who becomes the second women from India to fly into space after Kalpana Chawla \_\_\_\_\_ **Sirisha Bandla.**
- Note:**
- She is a part of the team which will make its first crewed flight to space in which her flight role is that of a Researcher Experience.
  - The 34-year-old aeronautical engineer was born in Andhra Pradesh's Guntur district and brought up in Houston, Texas
  - Prior to Bandla, Rakesh Sharma and Sunita Williams were the other Indians who went into space

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