

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 **fourth week** (22-31st) of **July 2021**. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. Which financial institution has launched new health insurance plan called Arogya Rakshak _____ **LIC**.

Note:

- Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has launched new health insurance plan called 'Arogya Rakshak', which is a non-linked, non-participating, regular premium and individual health insurance plan.
- It will provide fixed health insurance cover against certain specified health risks and provides timely support in case of medical emergencies.

2. Which bank has selected Paisalo Digital as its National Corporate Business Correspondent _____ **SBI**.

Note:

- SBI has selected Paisalo Digital as its National Corporate Business Correspondent in order to boost financial inclusion drive with the help of kiosk-based banking services.
- Paisalo Digital Limited is systemically important Non-Deposit taking NBFC registered with RBI.

3. What is the budgetary outlay of Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for specialty steel _____ **Rs. 6322 crores**.

Note:

- Speciality Steel is value-added steel, which is made by processing normal finished steel.
- It is done by converting normal finished steel into high value-added steel by way of coating, plating and heat treatment.
- In order to boost domestic manufacturing and cut down on import bills, the central government in March 2020 introduced a PLI scheme that aims to give companies incentives on incremental sales from products manufactured in domestic units.
- Duration of Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for specialty steel is 5 years from 2023-24 to 2027-28

4. Indian Navy has signed MoU with which bank for salary account _____ **Kotak Mahindra Bank**.

Note:

- The bank will offer special salary account benefits to the Indian Navy like enhanced complimentary personal accident insurance cover, special education benefit for children, etc.

5. International Finance Corporation (IFC), the investment arm of the World Bank Group has provided \$250 million loan to which financial company for green housing _____ **HDFC Ltd**.

Note:

- Green housing is regarded as a luxury market in the country, but has climate benefits.
- Green affordable housing can help India on its path to deliver on its commitments under the Paris Agreement, to reduce a third of its carbon emissions by 2030 from 2005 levels.
- Green and energy-efficient housing can help cut emissions, as residential housing accounts for about 24 percent of the nation's electricity consumption.

6. Sunseap Group, a solar energy system developer, owner, and operator in Asia plans to build the world's largest floating solar farm in which country _____ **Indonesia**.

Note:

- The floating photovoltaic system is expected to have a capacity of 2.2 gigawatts (peak).
- It will cover 1600 hectares (4000 acres) of the Duriangkang Reservoir on Batam Island and cost about \$2 billion to construct.
- An agreement between Sundeap and the Batam Indonesia free zone authority (BP Batam) to move forward with the project was signed on July 19.

7. The Reserve Bank of India has raises limit for loan to other banks' directors up to ____ **Rs 5 crore**.

Note:

- As per the amendments, the central bank has allowed banks to extend personal loans up to ₹5 crores to directors of other banks and directors' relatives other than spouses without board approval.
- The earlier limit for such loans was ₹25 lakh.
- The regulations apply to directors, including the Chairman/Managing Director, of other banks.

8. Export Import (Exim) Bank of India said it has extended a USD 35.26 million loan for a power transmission project being executed by Kalpataru Power Transmission in _____ **Senegal**.

Note:

- The buyer's credit facility was extended under the National Export Insurance Account (NEIA) scheme, which provides a safe mode of financing option to Indian project exporters backed by cover from NEIA Trust.
- The bank signed a credit agreement with the Ministry of Economy, Planning and Co-operation of the Republic of Senegal for the purpose of construction and installation of 225 kV overhead transmission line from Tanaff to Ziguinchor (approximate distance 92 km) and bay extensions in Tanaff and Ziguinchor in Senegal.

9. According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) what will be the economic growth of India in the financial year 2021-22 (FY22) _____ **9.5 per cent**.

Note:

- The downward revision in the GDP growth rate is due to a lack of access to vaccines and the possibility of renewed waves of coronavirus.
- For FY23 (2022-23), IMF has estimated the gross domestic product (GDP) of India at 8.5 per cent, which is 160 basis points higher than its earlier projection of 6.9 per cent.
- In the case of the global economy, IMF has projected 6.0 per cent growth in 2021 and 4.9 per cent in 2022.

10. The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 5 crore on which bank _____ **Axis Bank**.

Note:

- Penalty has been imposed for contravention of certain provisions of directions issued by RBI on 'Strengthening the Controls of Payment Ecosystem between Sponsor Banks and SCBs/UCBs as a Corporate Customer', 'Cyber Security Framework in Banks', 'RBI (Financial Services provided by Banks) Directions, 2016' 'Financial Inclusion- Access to Banking Services; and 'Frauds – Classification and Reporting'.

11. According to data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) what percent of growth in digital payments in India have been recorded during the financial year 2020-21 _____ **30.19%**.

Note:

- The newly constituted Digital Payments Index (RBI-DPI) in its report said that at the end of March 2021, the index rose to 270.59 from 207.84 the previous year.
- The RBI-DPI index has shown the significant growth in its index represents the rapid deepening and adoption of digital payments across India in the recent few years.

12. In July 2021, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cancelled the licence of which cooperative bank _____ **Madgaum Urban Co-operative Bank Limited**.

Note:

- The RBI further said that as per the data submitted by the bank, about 99 per cent of the depositors will receive full amounts of their deposits from the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC).
- On liquidation, every depositor would be entitled to receive deposit insurance claim amount of his/her deposits up to a monetary ceiling of Rs 5 lakh only from the DICGC.

13. Health insurer Max Bupa Health Insurance has rebranded itself to _____ **Niva Bupa Health Insurance**.

Note:

- The company is backed by private equity firms True North and Bupa.
- Max India, which owned 51 percent of the insurer sold its stake to True North.
- True North now owns 55 percent, while Bupa owns 44 percent in the new legal entity Niva Bupa Health Insurance Company Ltd.

14. Which Bank signed an MoU with IIT Guwahati Technology Incubation Centre for funding eligible Startups under the "IND SpringBoard" scheme of the Bank _____ **Indian Bank**.

Note:

- Indian Bank supports start-ups by extending credit facilities up to Rs 50 crore for working capital requirements.
- IITG-TIC is a space for new-age entrepreneurs and young minds to transform their innovative ideas into viable business propositions.
- It is one of its kind in the North-Eastern part of India.

Obituaries

1. Satish Kalsekar was a renowned poet and writer of which language who passed away recently _____ **Marathi**.

Note:

- He was honored with Sahitya Akademi Award in 2014 for his collection of essays 'Vachanaryachi Rojanishee'
- He is known for outstanding contribution in the fields of poetry, translation, prose writing and editing
- Famous poem: Lenin (1977), Sakshat (1982), Vilambit (1997)
- His literary career started with collection of poems Indriyopanishad (1971)

2. Renowned personality Jayanthi passed away recently, he was a veteran _____ **Actor**.

Note:

- She started her acting career in 1963 and had starred in over 500 films that span across five languages including Kannada, Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam and Hindi.
- She was fondly known as Abhinaya Sharadhe (Goddess of acting) in Kannada industry.
- Awards: Karnataka State Film Awards and Filmfare Awards

3. Former cricketer Mike Hendrick passed away recently belongs to which country _____ **England**.

Note:

- Hendrick, who played for Derbyshire, was suffering from liver and bowel cancer and featured in 30 Test matches for England.
- Playing at the highest level from 1974 to 1981, Hendrick took 87 wickets at an average of 25.83 in Test cricket

4. Famous sportsperson Nandu Natekar was associated with which sports who passed away recently _____ **Badminton**.

Note:

- In the 1950s and 1960s, Natekar was a household name all over India, thanks to his exploits on the court across the globe.
- The first Indian shuttler to win a tournament overseas — the Selangor International crown in Kuala Lumpur in 1956, Natekar was among the first batch of the Arjuna Award recipients in 1961 when the awards were introduced.

Important Days

1. World Brain Day is observed every year on which date _____ **22nd July**.

Note:

- Many public awareness programmes and educational & social media activities are promoting the movement to stop multiple sclerosis, commencing July 22, 2021, & continuing until October 2022.
- The theme for this World Brain Day is "Stop Multiple Sclerosis". World Brain Day advocates early diagnosis of this condition that can help improve the quality of life of the patient.

2. National Broadcasting Day is observed on which date every year _____ **23rd July**.

Note:

- On this day in 1927, the first-ever radio broadcast in the country went on the air from the Bombay Station under the Indian Broadcasting Company.
- The first radio broadcast was made on July 23, 1927, from Bombay Station. The station was then owned by a private company called the Indian Broadcasting Company.

3. World Drowning Prevention Day is observed every year on which date _____ **25th July**.

Note:

- This global advocacy event serves as an opportunity to highlight the tragic and profound impact of drowning on families and communities and to offer life-saving solutions to prevent it.

4. The International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem (or World Mangrove Day) is celebrated annually on _____ **26th July**.

Note:

- The day is celebrated to raise awareness of the importance of mangrove ecosystems as "a unique, special and vulnerable ecosystem" and to promote solutions for their sustainable management, conservation and uses.
- The day was adopted by the General Conference of the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 2015.

5. Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated every year on which date in honour of the heroes of the Kargil war of 1999 _____ **26th July.**
- Note:**
- On this day in 1999, the Indian Army announced that Pakistani forces and intruders have been driven out from all occupied territories on the Indian side in Kargil.
 - To concur the Kargil war Indian Army launched the 'Operation Vijay' (II) in 1999.
 - First Operation Vijay was launched in 1961 that led to the capture of Goa, Anjediva islands and Daman and Diu.
6. World Hepatitis Day is observed every year on which date _____ **28 July.**
- Note:**
- 28 July was chosen for World Hepatitis Day as it is the birthday of Nobel-prize winning scientist Dr Baruch Blumberg, who discovered hepatitis B virus (HBV).
 - Theme of World Hepatitis Day 2021: 'Hepatitis Can't Wait'.
7. World Nature Conservation Day is observed every year on which date to raise awareness about protecting nature and adopting best practices for conserving our natural resources _____ **28th July.**
- Note:**
- The main objective of celebrating this day is to raise awareness about protecting nature and adopting best practices for conserving our natural resources.
 - The Earth is supplied a limited amount of properties that we all rely upon each day like water, air, soil and trees.
8. Global Tiger Day or International Tiger Day is observed every year on which date to raise awareness about the declining population of wild cats and making efforts to conserve them _____ **29th July.**
- Note:**
- The goal of the day is to promote a global system for protecting the natural habitats of tigers and to raise public awareness and support for tiger conservation issues. This year marks the 11th International Tiger Day.
 - The theme/Slogan for the 2021 International Tiger Day celebration is "Their Survival is in our hands".
9. World Day Against Trafficking in Persons is observed every year on _____ **30th July.**
- Note:**
- The 2021 theme for World Day Against Trafficking in Persons is **Victims' Voices Lead the Way.**
 - This year's theme puts victims of human trafficking at the centre of the campaign and will highlight the importance of listening to and learning from survivors of human trafficking.
10. International Day of Friendship is observed globally on _____ **30th July.**
- Note:**
- This day is celebrated to mark the importance of friends and friendship in life.
 - The day also advocates the role that friendship plays in promoting peace in several cultures across the world.
11. World Ranger Day is observed every year on _____ **31st July.**
- Note:**
- World Ranger Day offers a chance to support their vital work, which ranges from environmental campaigning to education.
 - The day is also an opportunity to pay tribute to rangers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.
 - A Ranger is a person tasked with preserving and protecting parklands and natural protected areas.
 - A Ranger typically refers to a forest ranger or a park ranger.

New Appointments

1. Who has been sworn-in as the Prime Minister of Haiti _____ **Ariel Henry.**
- Note:**
- Ariel Henry was sworn in during a ceremony in the capital Port-au-Prince the same day that official commemorations were held to honour Moise.
 - A 71-year-old Henry is a neurosurgeon and former cabinet minister of Haiti.
 - He is also acting President of Haiti.
2. Who has been appointed as the Deputy Leader of Rajya Sabha _____ **Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi.**
- Note:**
- Naqvi takes over from Piyush Goyal who has been elevated as the leader of the house in the Upper House.
 - A former minister of state for parliamentary affairs minister, Naqvi is well versed in Parliamentary affairs.

- He is also known for his cordial relations across party lines.
3. Who has been declared as the President of Peru _____ **Pedro Castillo**.
- Note:**
- Rural teacher-turned-political novice Pedro Castillo has become the winner of Peru's presidential election after the country's longest electoral count in 40 years.
 - As per the final results declared by the electoral authorities, Pedro Castillo defeated right-wing politician Keiko Fujimori by just 44,000 votes.
4. Who has been unanimously elected as the new Chief Minister of Karnataka _____ **Basavaraj S Bommai**.
- Note:**
- He will succeed BS Yediyurappa, who resigned on July 26, 2021.
 - Prior to this, he was the Home Minister in the BSY government.
 - He is a 3-time member of Karnataka Legislative Assembly from Shiggaon since 2008.
 - He was a member of Karnataka Legislative Council between 1998 and 2008.
5. Who has been appointed as the Police Commissioner of Delhi with immediate effect _____ **Rakesh Asthana**.
- Note:**
- He was set to retire on July 31.
 - He was serving as Director General, Border Security Force.
 - This is one of the very few instances when an IPS officer outside of AGMUT cadre has been appointed as Delhi Police chief.
6. Who has been appointed as Lebanon's new prime minister-designate following binding parliamentary consultations with President Michel Aoun _____ **Najib Mikati**.
- Note:**
- He ran virtually unopposed, receiving 72 votes, with former ambassador Nawaf Salam receiving just one vote. Forty-two MPs voted blank, and three MPs did not vote at all.
 - His appointment comes just 11 days after Saad Hariri resigned as prime minister-designate, following nine months of political deadlock and dispute with President Aoun and his son-in-law MP Gebran Bassil.

Important News – India

1. Which educational institution has organized World Universities Summit 2021 _____ **O.P. Jindal Global University**.
- Note:**
- The O.P. Jindal Global University has organized the World Universities Summit 2021 (WUS 21), titled "Universities of the Future: Building Institutional Resilience, Social Responsibility and Community Impact" today".
 - The event was inaugurated by the Vice-President of India M. Venkaiah Naidu.
 - This summit has brought academicians and technical experts of more than 25 Countries onto a common platform.
2. Which entity has setup Dairy Investment Accelerator under its Investment Facilitation Cell _____ **Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD)**.
- Note:**
- The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD), Government of India, with a view to provide dedicated focus towards promoting & facilitating investments in the Indian Dairy sector, has setup Dairy Investment Accelerator under its Investment Facilitation Cell.
 - This Investment Accelerator is a cross functional team constituted to serve as the interface with investors.
3. Which Indian cities have been selected by UNESCO under 'Historic Urban Landscape Project' _____ **Gwalior and Orchha**.
- Note:**
- Development and management plan of these cities will be prepared by UNESCO, along with Government of India and Madhya Pradesh
 - Six cities of South Asia, including Ajmer and Varanasi in India are already involved in this project, which started in 2011.
4. Which institution has collaborated with Ladakh officials for giving boost to exports of agricultural produce _____ **APEDA**.
- Note:**
- Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has collaborated with officials of Ladakh to frame a comprehensive plan for giving boost to exports of agricultural produce from Ladakh.

- The plan will enhance farmers' as well as entrepreneurs' income.
5. What is India's rank in the list of agricultural produce exporters in 2019 _____ **9th**.
- Note:**
- In 2019, Mexico and India, with 3.4% and 3.1% share in global agri exports, respectively, replaced Malaysia (7th) and New Zealand (9th) as the largest exporters, while the US, which topped the list in 1995 (22.2%), was overtaken by the European Union in 2019 (16.1%).
 - The US's share fell to 13.8% in 2019. Brazil maintained its ranking as the third largest exporter, increasing its share from 4.8% in 1995 to 7.8% in 2019.
6. The Indian Science Technology and Engineering facilities Map phase II (I-STEM phase II) project has been extended till _____ **2026**.
- Note:**
- Indian Science Technology and Engineering facilities Map (I-STEM):
 - National web portal for sharing R&D facilities and was formally launched in January 2020
 - It is an initiative of Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Govt. of India (PSA, GOI) under the aegis of Prime Minister Science, Technology and Innovation Advisory Council (PM-STIAC) mission.
7. In collaboration with which IIT, the govt has decided to set up National Centre of Excellence for Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming and Comics for creating a world-class talent pool in India to cater to the Indian as well as global industry _____ **IIT Bombay**.
- Note:**
- It will be set up in collaboration with IIT, Bombay.
 - Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute and Film and Television Institute of India run courses on Animation and VFX to support skilled manpower in the animation and VFX sector.
8. Which has been inscribed as 40th UNESCO World Heritage Site of India with effect from July 27, 2021 _____ **Dholavira**.
- Note:**
- The historic of 'Dholavira' was on the UNESCO's tentative list since 2014.
 - Dholavira: a Harappan city' is one of the very few well preserved urban settlements in South Asia dating from the 3rd to mid-2nd millennium BCE.
 - With this, India has entered the Super-40 club for World Heritage Site inscriptions.
9. Which became first Indian city where people can avail high quality drinking water directly from the tap on 24-hour _____ **Puri**.
- Note:**
- Due to this, people will need not have to store or filter drinking water.
 - No metropolitan city in India has such facility till now.
 - Similar facilities are available only in cities like London, New York and Singapore.
 - Puri would no more be burdened with 400 metric tonne of plastic waste. Water fountains have been developed at 400 locations in Puri.
10. Which city has been selected for International Clean Air Catalyst Programme _____ **Indore**.
- Note:**
- It will also help USAID to better understand local pollution sources and identify, test, accelerate, and scale solutions for cleaner, healthier air.
 - It is a new flagship program that has been launched by The US Agency for International Development (USAID) and a global consortium of organizations, which will be led by the World Resources Institute (WRI) and Environmental Defense Fund (EDF).
11. Union Home Minister, Amit Shah inaugurated the much-awaited Greater Sohra Water Supply Scheme at Sohra in which state _____ **Meghalaya**.
- Note:**
- The Greater Sohra Water Supply Scheme was conceptualised by the Meghalaya government and an amount of Rs. 24.08 cr was sanctioned by the DoNER ministry in 2019 under North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS).
 - He also planted tree saplings in Sohra as part of the Sohra Afforestation Project of the Assam Rifles.
12. Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) in collaboration with which paramilitary force has launched Project Bold with the primary aim of developing green cover in the Indian deserts of Rajasthan _____ **Border Security Force (BSF)**.
- Note:**

- KVIC along with the BSF planted 1000 bamboo saplings under Project Bold.
- The saplings were planted in Tanot village in Jaisalmer.
- Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena, the chairman of KVIC, launched this first of a kind plantation program in the presence of Shri Surendra Panwar, Special DG of the BSF.

13. Which Tiger Reserve has won the 'Natwest Group Earth Heroes Award' in the Earth Guardian category for best management _____ **Satpura Tiger Reserve.**

Note:

- About Satpura Tiger Reserve
 - It is in Hoshangabad district and is spread over an area of 2130 square km.
 - It is part of the Deccan Bio-Geographic Region.
 - It is the oldest forest wealth of the country with 26 species of flora of Himalayan region and 42 species of Nilgiri forests
 - It is also named as the Northern Ghats
- It accounts for 17% of India's tiger population and 12 per cent of tiger habitat.

14. How many Tigers Reserve of India have received 'Conservation Assured Tiger Standards (CATS)' accreditation for meeting a set of standards for effective conservation of big cats _____ **Fourteen.**

Note:

- CATS: Globally accepted conservation tool that sets best practices and standards to manage tigers and assessments to benchmark progress. It is being implemented across 125 sites in seven tiger range countries, including 94 in India.
- Implementation partner for CATS assessment in India: Global Tiger Forum (GTF), World Wildlife Fund India National Tiger Conservation Authority.

15. Who has launched 'SAFAL initiative' for Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), on July 29, 2021, on the first anniversary of National Education Policy (NEP) _____ **Narendra Modi.**

Note:

- SAFAL stands for Structured Assessment For Analysing Learning.
- SAFAL is a competency-based assessment programme for grades 3, 5 and 8 introduced by CBSE to assess the progress of foundational skills and basic learning outcomes among students.
- It will be conducted on a pilot basis in CBSE schools during the academic year 2021-22, in key curricular areas of Language, Mathematics, and EVS, Science.

16. Which airport has signed a ten-year partnership with the company IBM to set up the 'Airport in a Box' platform _____ **Bangalore International Airport Limited.**

Note:

- The partnership is designed to help Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) improve its productivity, automate its information technology services, increase operational flexibility to handle future growth in passenger traffic and reduce costs.

Important News – State

1. Which state announced to set up panchayat secretariat in all panchayats of the state _____ **Uttar Pradesh.**

Note:

- Panchayat secretariat will be established in all gram panchayats for the first time in the state.
- Panchayat assistant will be given Rs 6,000 as remuneration.

2. Jivlag Yojna scheme is associated which field that has been launched by the NCP MP Supriya Sule _____ **Covid-19 orphans.**

Note:

- The scheme will take care of children who have lost both parents during Covid-19 pandemic.
- Under this, NCP and its welfare trust will take care of 450 Covid orphans and have deputed 450 individuals to connect with these children.

3. Kakatiya Rudreswara Temple is located in which state that has been inscribed by UNESCO as Indian 39th World Heritage Site _____ **Telangana.**

Note:

- Also known as Ramappa temple, it is located in Palampet village in the newly formed Mulugu District in Telangana.
 - The 13th century temple is probably the only temple known by its chief sculptor, Ramappa.
 - This is the first site which got heritage tag from UNESCO ever since Telangana state formed in 2014.
4. Global agricultural firm Corteva Agriscience has signed a 3-year project with the 2030 Water Resources Group (2030 WRG) hosted by the World Bank Group, to promote sustainable rice cultivation in _____ **Uttar Pradesh**.
- Note:**
- The project provides a framework for Corteva, 2030 WRG and a task force of multiple stakeholders to work towards transforming 40,000 acres of land from traditional methods of transplanting rice to the Direct Seeded Rice (DSR) technique.
 - This practice will reduce agricultural water consumption by 35-37% thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 20-30%.
5. Which state government has signed an MoU with Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Centre for Policy Research and Analysis-IIM Shillong for collaborating as a knowledge partner _____ **Arunachal Pradesh**.
- Note:**
- The MoU was signed between Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar and Prof D. P Goyal, Director IIM Shillong in presence of Chief Minister Pema Khandu.
 - The MoU aims at promoting mutual agreement between the Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Centre for Policy Research Analysis of IIM Shillong and the Finance Planning and Investment Department of the Government of Arunachal Pradesh.
6. The Ministry of Science & Technology will set up a first-of-its-kind Centre of Excellence for Northeast in which state _____ **Arunachal Pradesh**.
- Note:**
- It was sanctioned by Department of Biotechnology
 - Location of the project: Kimin, Papum Pare in Arunachal Pradesh.
 - Entire North-eastern Region will be able to use its fruit and organic food potential to the maximum extent.
 - It will also help in exploring many vast areas and to find hitherto lesser known or unknown new species including diverse habitats and diverse flora.
7. Which state government has launched the 'MyGov-Meri Sarkar' portal through which the people of the state can give various feedbacks to the government _____ **Uttar Pradesh**.
- Note:**
- Through this portal, the people of the state can give various feedbacks to the government and the UP government can also inform them about the various schemes of the state.
 - The portal will be used efficiently to further enhance the engagement of the common citizens of the state with the Uttar Pradesh state government.
8. Which state government has partners with Google to Give Real-time Info About Buses to Commuters _____ **Delhi**.
- Note:**
- The Delhi government joined hands with tech giant Google to provide real-time information about buses to commuters and make public transport in the national capital more user friendly.
 - With this partnership with Google Maps, Delhi joins the league of global cities that provide seamless, real-time information about public transport.
9. Which state government has prepared the Ayush-based economic upgradation scheme 'Devaranya Yojana' with the twin objectives of improving people's health and livelihood of tribals _____ **Madhya Pradesh**.
- Note:**
- For this, medicinal plants should be cultivated in the beautiful plains of the villages.
 - Ayush Super Specialty Hospitals are being constructed in Indore and Bhopal.

- AYUSH and tourism will be brought together to boost employment opportunities in tribal areas under the scheme.

10. Recently the foundation stone of a Bamboo Industrial Park laid down in which state _____ **Assam**.

Note:

- The project will be implemented with Rs. 50 crores from DoNER Ministry.
- The project, once completed, would usher in a new era in the economy of the region and create vast employment opportunities for the local youths.

11. Which becomes the first state in the country to provide one per cent reservation for the 'transgender community in all the government services _____ **Karnataka**.

Note:

- The government submitted a report to the High Court in this regard informing that a notification had already been issued after amending the Karnataka Civil Service (General Recruitment) Rule, 1977.
- The specifies one per cent reservation in all general as well as reserve categories for the third gender.

12. Which state police launched a new initiative called the Pink Protection project for the protection of women in public, private and digital spaces _____ **Kerala**.

Note:

- The Pink Protection project aims to prevent dowry-related issues, cyber-bullying & humiliation in public places.
- It has 10 components, one of which is activating the existing Pink Police Patrol system, named Pink Janamaithri Beat.

Important News – World

1. Which country will conduct military drills with Uzbekistan and Tajikistan near Afghan border _____ **Russia**.

Note:

- The joint drills will take place August 5-10 at the Kharbmaidon training ground in Tajikistan near the Afghan border.
- The troops will run drills to defeat illegal armed units that invaded the territory of an allied country.

2. Historic Urban Landscape Project of UNESCO was started in which year _____ **2011**.

Note:

- It is an approach to the management of heritage resources in dynamic and constantly changing environments.
- It is based on the recognition and identification of a layering and interconnection of natural and cultural, tangible and intangible, international and local values present in any city.

3. World's first 3D-printed stainless-steel bridge has been inaugurated in which city _____ **Amsterdam**.

Note:

- It was developed by MX3D, a Dutch robotics company, in collaboration with a consortium of experts, and represents a major milestone for 3D-printing technology.
- After four years of development, the bridge was unveiled by **Her Majesty Queen Máxima** of the Netherlands.
- It was installed over one of the oldest canals in Amsterdam's city centre – the Oudezijds Achterburgwal.

4. Which city hosted the G20 Environment Ministerial Meeting 2021 _____ **Naples**.

Note:

- The host city of this meet was Naples, Italy.
- The meeting was held as part of 16th G20 Leaders' Summit, scheduled to be held in October 2021, under the Presidency of Italy, with primary theme of 'People, Planet and Prosperity'.
- Union Environment Minister of India, Bhupender Yadav participated in the two-day G20 Environment Ministerial Meeting 2021 virtually, along with Minister of State for Environment Ashwini Choubey and senior officials

5. Which will become the first country in the world to be able to cultivate a variety of rice enriched with nutrients to help reduce childhood malnutrition, after receiving the green light from regulators _____ **Philippines**.

Note:

- Golden Rice was developed by Dept of Agriculture-Philippine Rice Research Institute (DA-PhilRice) in partnership with International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) to contain additional levels of beta-carotene, which the body converts into vitamin A.
 - Golden Rice is genetically engineered to provide up to 50% of the estimated average requirement (EAR) for vitamin A of young children.
6. Which country has hosted a high-level International Conference titled “Central and South Asia: Regional Connectivity. Challenges and Opportunities” _____ **Uzbekistan**.
- Note:**
- Challenges and Opportunities” at Tashkent. The conference was an initiative of the President of Uzbekistan, Shavkat Mirziyoyev.
 - It was attended by President of Afghanistan Ashraf Ghani, Ministers from Central Asian, West Asian and South Asian countries, including Minister of External Affairs of India Dr. S. Jaishankar.
7. Landscape garden, Sitio Burle Marx site is located in which country that has been added to UNESCO’s list of World Heritage sites _____ **Brazil**.
- Note:**
- The garden features more than 3,500 species of plants native to Rio and is considered a laboratory for botanical and landscape experimentation.
 - It has been named after Burle Marx, a Brazilian landscape architect whose designs of parks and gardens made him world-famous.
 - It is the 23rd Brazilian location recognized on UNESCO’s list of World Heritage sites
8. Which global tech giant has announced to launch a new company, known as Intrinsic, which will focus on building industrial robot software _____ **Alphabet**.
- Note:**
- It will focus on releasing new robotic software and projects related to artificial intelligence that will develop delivery drones and self-driving cars.
 - The motive is to add flexibility to the smaller businesses performing a USB connection task.
 - It will help the manufacturing industry to ensure that user’s demands are kept in mind.

Honor & Awards

1. Who has been chosen as the AIFF men’s Footballer of the Year _____ **Sandesh Jhingan**.
- Note:**
- Midfielder Suresh Singh Wangjam won the Emerging Player award for 2020-21.
 - It is the 1st time that the defender has received the AIFF Player of the Year award, having won the Emerging Player of the Year Award in 2014.
 - The award winners were chosen on the basis of votes from the Indian Super League and I-League club coaches.
2. Which Special Economic Zones (SEZ) of India has been awarded with IGBC Platinum Rating and is the First Green SEZ to achieve IGBC Green Cities Platinum Rating for Existing Cities _____ **Kandla SEZ**.
- Note:**
- KASEZ is the oldest export zone in the country and has become the first green industrial city in India to receive a platinum rating in the industrial cities category.
 - KASEZ has increased to 3.5 lakh trees from 25,000 trees in 2019
 - Most of these trees have been planted post 2019, using Miyawaki forestation method.
3. Who has been crowned as the Miss India USA 2021 _____ **Vaidehi Dongre**.
- Note:**
- Arshi Lalani from Georgia was declared the first runner-up of the beauty pageant while Mira Kasari, from North Carolina was the second runner-up.
 - She also won the 'Miss Talented' title when she gave a flawless performance of Indian classical dance form Kathak.
 - Miss India USA was started by New York-based Indian Americans Dharmatma and Neelam Saran under Worldwide Pageants.

Sports News

1. Which city has been chosen by International Olympic Committee for hosting for 2032 Summer Olympics Games _____ Brisbane.
Note:
 - Australian city of Brisbane will be the host city for 2032 Summer Olympics and Paralympic Games as announced by International Olympic Committee (IOC).
 - Brisbane will be the third Australian city to host the Olympic Games after Melbourne in 1956 and Sydney in 2000.
2. Web-based engagement platform 'Heroes Connect' has been launched by _____ **Hockey India**.
Note:
 - Hockey India has launched its own player-oriented web-based engagement platform titled as 'Heroes Connect'.
 - It has been designed to encourage former and current Indian hockey players to initiate constructive discussions around the sport.
3. Who has won first medal for India in the Tokyo 2020 Olympics _____ **Saikhom Mirabai Chanu**.
Note:
 - This is the first medal for India at the ongoing Tokyo Olympics Game.
 - She lifted a total of 202kg (87kg in snatch and 115kg in clean and jerk).
 - China's Zhihui Hou bagged gold after lifting a total of 210kg, creating a new Olympic Record.
 - Indonesia's Windy Cantika Aisah won bronze with a total of 194kg.
4. Name the Indian Junior wrestler who won the Gold Medal at the 2021 World Cadet Wrestling Championship in 73-kg category _____ **Priya Malik**.
Note:
 - The championship was held in Budapest, Hungary.
 - She defeated Kseniya Patapovich by 5-0 in the summit clash
 - Cadet World Championship is a tournament where the best Greco-Roman, Freestyle and Women wrestlers worldwide below the age of 17 compete.
5. 13 years old Japanese Momiji Nishiya associated with which sports who won the gold medal at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics and became one of the youngest gold medalists ever at the Olympic Games _____ **Skateboard**.
Note:
 - Nishiya won the gold on 26th July, 2021 in the women's street competition which debuted for the first time in Tokyo 2020 Olympics.
 - Yuto Horigome of Japan won the men's competition on 25th July, 2021. This makes Japan the gold medal holder in both the categories.
 - Nishiya landed her tricks perfectly to beat out Brazil's Rayssa Leal, also just 13 years of age.
6. What is the authorized capital of the recently incorporated National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL) _____ **100 crore**.
Note:
 - According to data available with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), NARCL was incorporated on July 7 with an authorised capital of Rs 100 crore and paid-up capital of Rs 74.6 crore.
 - The Indian Banks Association (IBA) is likely to approach the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) this week to seek an ARC (asset reconstruction company) licence
 - Last month, the IBA had filed an application with the MCA to incorporate NARCL and India Debt Management Company (IDMCL) for managing bad debt in the system.
7. Yuto Horigome belongs to which country who has won the first ever skateboarding gold medal at the Tokyo Olympic Games 2020 _____ **Japan**.
Note:

- He scored 37.18 points to win the first ever Olympic Gold medal for skateboarding in the men's street skating competition, held at Ariake Urban Sports Center, Tokyo
 - Kelvin Hoefler of Brazil won silver and Jagger Eaton of United States clinched the bronze.
 - Skateboarding's inclusion into the Olympics marks a turning point for the sport, that was originated in US
8. Who become the first woman to ever win a gold medal at the Olympics women's surf champion _____ **Carissa Moore**.
Note:
- She defeated Bianca Buitendag of South Africa and registered a score of 14.93.
 - Italo Ferreira of Brazil has defeated Kanoa Igarashi of Japan with massive lead in men's surfing event and secured gold medal
 - Surfing made its Olympic debut during three days of competition at Tsurigasaki Beach, in Chiba province, 40 miles from Tokyo.
9. Who has won the National women online chess title _____ **Vantika Agarwal**.
Note:
- With 9 points Arpita Mukherjee of West Bengal took the second spot.
 - Tamil Nadu's Sreeja Seshadri with 8.5 points took the third spot in this competition.
 - Maharastra's Soumya Swaminathan and Tamil Nadu's R Vaishali of finished fourth and fifth respectively.
10. Which country has won gold in the first mixed team 10m air rifle final in Tokyo Olympic 2020 _____ **China**.
Note:
- This is the second gold for Yang Qian, who won the first gold of Tokyo Olympics in the women's individual event
 - The teams were locked at 9-9 after 10 series, but the Chinese pulled away outscoring the Americans in three straight series and four of the last five.
11. Weightlifter Polina Guryeva has secured first Olympic medal for which country _____ **Turkmenistan**.
Note:
- She won silver medal for the Central Asian nation at the Tokyo Games.
 - She lifted a total 217 kilograms in the 59-kilogram category, edging Mikiko Andoh of Japan for second place.
 - Kuo Hsing-Chun of Taiwan has won gold by lifting 236kg in weightlifting.

Books and Authors

1. Who is the author of the book titled as 'The Stranger In The Mirror' _____ **Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra**.
Note:
- It is published by Rupa Publications.
 - The book features accounts of noted personalities from cinema and advertising world like A R Rahman, Bajpayee, Abhishek Bachchan, etc.
2. Who has authored the book titled 'Bank with a Soul: Equitas' _____ **Dr. C K Garyali**.
Note:
- Dr. C K Garyali is a founder trustee of EDIT (Equitas Development Initiative Trust) and the book chronicles the journey of Equitas and EDIT in transforming the lives of women with frequent social reform initiatives helping them setup micro-enterprises and pioneering financial inclusivity right from its inception.
 - The book documents the journey of Equitas & EDIT in transforming the lives of women with frequent social reform initiatives and how they helped in establishing micro-enterprises and in pioneering financial inclusivity.
3. Who has authored the book titled 'An Ordinary Life: Portrait of an Indian Generation' _____ **Ashok Lavasa**.
Note:

- In this book, he narrated about his father, Udai Singh, and his own experience on how his father's principles served as a moral compass in his life, and can in ours too.
- He resigned as election commissioner in 2020 to become vice-president of the Asian Development Bank

Science and Defence

1. Which organization has successfully tested New Generation Akash Missile (Akash-NG) from Odisha coast _____ **DRDO**.
Note:
 - Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully tested New Generation Akash Missile (Akash-NG) from Integrated Test Range (ITR) off the coast of Odisha.
 - Akash-NG weapon system is a surface-to-air Missile that can strike targets at around 60 km and fly at a speed of up to Mach 2.5.

2. DRDO has successfully flight-tested indigenously developed MPATGM that has been launched for _____ **Indian Army**.
Note:
 - DRDO has successfully flight-tested indigenously developed third generation Man Portable Antitank Guided Missile (MPATGM) for its minimum range.
 - It is a low weight, fire and forget missile, incorporated with state-of-the-art Miniaturized Infrared Imaging Seeker along with advanced avionics.

3. The 'Operation White Sea' is related with _____ **Kargil War**.
Note:
 - Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated on 26th July in honour of the heroes of the Kargil war of 1999.
 - To concur the Kargil war Indian Army launched the 'Operation Vijay' (II) in 1999.
 - First Operation Vijay was launched in 1961 that led to the capture of Goa, Anjediva islands and Daman and Diu.
 - Indian Airforce along with Army also launched 'Operation White Sea' during the Kargil war.

4. US space agency NASA has selected which company to launch its probe of Jupiter's moon Europa, which has liquid oceans that could harbour life _____ **SpaceX**.
Note:
 - The Europa Clipper mission, scheduled to launch in October 2024 on a Falcon Heavy rocket from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, is worth \$178 million.
 - Europa Clipper will conduct a detailed survey of the icy Jupiter moon Europa and use a sophisticated suite of science instruments to investigate whether the moon has conditions suitable for life.
 - Jupiter's moon Europa is approximately 390 million miles (630 million kilometers) from Earth and the journey is expected to take more than 5 years.

5. Which IIT has launched the 1st technology innovation hub to find cybersecurity solutions for anti-drones technologies, intrusion detection systems, block-chain, and cyber-physical systems _____ **IIT Kanpur**.
Note:
 - As many as 13 start-ups and 25 research and development principal investigators were selected after a rigorous application process.
 - C3i hub of IIT Kanpur will focus on safeguarding cyberspace which will also include critical infrastructure.

6. 'INDRA 2021' is a Joint Military Exercise between India and which country _____ **Russia**.
Note:
 - It is the 12th Edition of Indo-Russia joint military exercise that will be held from 1 to 13 August 2021.
 - 250 personnel from both the nations will form part of this exercise that will involve conduct of counter terror operations against international terror groups, under UN mandate.

7. Which IIT has developed India's first Rapid electronic Covid-19 RNA Test kit that allows self-testing at home called 'COVIHOME' _____ **Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad**.
Note:
 - This test kit can produce results within 30 minutes for both symptomatic and asymptomatic patients.

- The major benefit of this testing kit is that it does not require RT-PCR (Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction), an expert human resource, and a BSL 2 lab facility for the extraction of RNA, so it has the potential for one to take the test at home without expert supervision.

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