

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

### Banking & Financial Awareness

1. Which general insurance company has partnered with the Manipal Business Solutions, to tap customers of fintech platform SahiPay, in a bid to increase its non-life insurance penetration in the rural market \_\_\_\_\_ **SBI General Insurance**.  
**Note:**
  - Manipal Business Solutions is the promoter of SahiPay, which provides digital and financial services in the semi-urban and rural parts of the country, to different business entities.
  - Under this, SBI General will provide a range of non-life insurance solutions to SahiPay customers.
  - This initiative is part of the strategy of SBI General in strengthening its distribution footprints in the country and becoming the most trusted general insurer for India.
2. Which life insurance has partnered with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to provide the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) AUTOPAY facility to customers \_\_\_\_\_ **ICICI Prudential Life Insurance**.  
**Note:**
  - It will allow customers to buy insurance policies and make premium payments digitally, from their homes - a facility that assumes relevance amid the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - With this tie-up, ICICI Prudential Life has become the first such life insurance company to provide the UPI AUTOPAY facility
  - To avail the facility, customers can link their bank accounts with UPI AUTOPAY and make premium payments, at the time of purchasing a life insurance policy.
3. Which became India's first cryptocurrency unicorn after the exchange raised 6.70 billion rupees (\$90 million) from investors led by Facebook Inc \_\_\_\_\_ **CoinDCX**.  
**Note:**
  - The latest funding round values the firm at \$1.1 billion.
  - Other investors include existing partners Coinbase Ventures, Polychain Capital, Block.one, and Jump Capital.
  - The 30-year-old engineer from the elite Indian Institute of Technology spent several hours daily reading about blockchain and cryptocurrencies before setting up CoinDCX in 2018.
4. Which bank has entered into a strategic co-lending partnership with Dhanvarsha Finvest Ltd (DFL) to offer loans against gold ornaments under priority sector to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) borrowers at competitive rates \_\_\_\_\_ **Central Bank of India**.  
**Note:**
  - Under this partnership, DFL will originate and process loans against gold ornaments as per jointly formulated credit parameters and eligibility criteria and CBoI will take into its book 80 per cent of the gold loans under mutually agreed terms, as per the public sector bank's stock exchange filing.
  - DFL will service the loan account throughout the life cycle of the loan.
5. Asian Development Bank has approved an additional USD 300 million loan for rural roads in which state \_\_\_\_\_ **Maharashtra**.  
**Note:**
  - The ongoing project, approved in August 2019, has been improving and maintaining the condition and safety of 2,100 kilometres (km) of rural roads across Maharashtra
  - The additional financing will improve an additional 1,100 rural roads and 230 bridges for a total length of 2,900 km in 34 districts, the Multilateral funding agency added.
6. Which bank has signed up with NSRCEL, the incubation arm of IIMB, for extending exclusive credit to startups \_\_\_\_\_ **Indian Bank**.  
**Note:**

- NSRCEL is known for bringing up start-ups, industry mentors and eminent academicians from the parent institution, IIM Bangalore and researchers who thrive on continuous interaction of theory and practice.
- IIMB also nurtures technology and knowledge-based ventures.
- Startups require funding to expand and grow. One of the most common problems they face is maintaining a positive cash flow.

7. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to levy monetary charges of what amount on ATMs that run out of cash, starting 1 October, 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Rs 10000.**

**Note:**

- Therefore, been decided that the banks/ White Label ATM Operators (WLAOs) shall strengthen their systems/ mechanisms to monitor availability of cash in ATMs and ensure timely replenishment to avoid cash-outs. Any non-compliance in this regard shall be viewed seriously and shall attract monetary penalty.
- Launching the 'Scheme of Penalty for non-replenishment of ATMs', the central bank said that a penalty of ₹10,000 per ATM will be levied in the event of a cash-out situation for more than 10 hours in a month.

8. Which developmental bank in partnership with Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, UK (FCDO UK) has launched 'Swavalamban Challenge Fund' (SCF) \_\_\_\_\_ **SIDBI.**

**Note:**

- A challenge fund is a fund support mechanism to allocate funds for specific purposes using competition among organisations.
- Suppose there is an idea which needs to be piloted or scaled up, but funds are an issue, challenge fund provides solution platform to present the idea in prescribed theme, implement and validate it.
- Later the same can be scaled up by leveraging other donor / financier support.

9. The Reserve Bank of India has raised the limit for collateral free loans to Self-Help Groups (SHG) under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) from Rs 10 lakhs to \_\_\_\_\_ **Rs 20 Lakhs.**

**Note:**

- Generally, commercial banks provide loans to SHG.
- No collateral and no margin will be charged will be there for SHGs loan of up to 10 Lakhs.
- For SHGs loans of 10 lakh to 20 lakh: No collateral should be charged and no lien should be marked against savings bank account of SHGs.

10. The Indian Navy has inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which bank to initiate 'Honour FIRST', a premium banking solution for serving personnel and veterans of the Indian Navy \_\_\_\_\_ **IDFC FIRST Bank.**

**Note:**

- The Honour FIRST Defence Account is specially designed keeping in mind the needs of the Armed Forces and its veterans.
- Account holders of Honour FIRST are supported by a dedicated team of defence veterans.
- The Honour FIRST Defence account comes with a range of privileges and features such as a zero balance salary account that earns up to 5 per cent interest per annum and a netbanking and mobile App that offers superior user interface and experience.

11. Which bank has launched an app-based digital-lending platform named as 'Digital Prayaas' to sanction loans to entrepreneurs from low-income groups \_\_\_\_\_ **SIDBI.**

**Note:**

- Loan will be sanctioned by the end of the day.
- SIDBI has tied up with BigBasket to cater to the needs of aspiring youth in urban areas and will on board BigBasket's delivery partners and provide loans at an affordable interest rate for purchase of environment friendly e-Bikes and e-Vans.

12. Which bank has chosen Amazon Web Services (AWS), an Amazon.com company, as its preferred cloud provider \_\_\_\_\_

**RBL Bank.**

**Note:**

- RBL Bank has chosen Amazon Web Services (AWS), an Amazon.com company, as its preferred cloud provider.
- AWS helps RBL bank to strengthen its AI-powered banking solutions and drive digital transformation at the Bank, adding significant value to the Bank's innovative offerings, saving costs, and tightening risk controls.

13. Which bank has inked an MoU with NABARD and Jammu and Kashmir Gramin Bank (JKGB) for Joint Liability Groups financing \_\_\_\_\_ **State Bank of India.**

**Note:**

- Aim of the MoU is to finance 1000 Joint Liability Groups (JLGs) and to enhance the flow of credit to tenant farmers, oral lessees, sharecroppers, Small and Marginal farmers (SF/MF), etc.
  - The MoUs on JLG financing were signed and exchanged between NABARD J&K Regional Office, SBI, and JKGB.
14. In August 2021, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a penalty of Rs 1 crore on which bank \_\_\_\_\_ **Co-operative Rabobank U.A.**
- Note:**
- The penalty has been imposed for contravention of certain provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 and directions related to 'transfer to reserve funds'.
  - Examination of the risk assessment report pertaining to the same, revealed contravention of the provisions of the Banking Regulation Act and the directions issued by RBI.
15. Which bank became the first bank in India to achieve the milestone of issuing 1 crore FASTags \_\_\_\_\_ **Paytm Payments Bank Ltd.**
- Note:**
- It has 28 percent share as FASTag issuer bank.
  - As per the data of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), around 3.47 crore FASTags were issued by all banks together till the end of June 2021.
  - PPBL also exists as India's largest acquirer of toll plazas under the National Electronic Toll Collection (NETC) program.
16. Partnering with which bank State Government of Punjab introduced online payment of water supply bills in villages \_\_\_\_\_ **HDFC Bank.**
- Note:**
- The information for the same was provided by Punjab Water Supply and Sanitation Minister Razia Sultana who launched an online billing and revenue monitoring system (RMS) for online payment of water supply bills in the villages of district SAS-Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar (Mohali).
  - This system is being implemented in collaboration with HDFC (Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd) bank which has provided a technological and banking platform

### Obituaries

1. Renowned sportsperson Subramaniam Sankar Narayan passed away recently he was associated with which sports \_\_\_\_\_ **Football.**
- Note:**
- He played at the 1956 and 1960 Olympics
  - He was famously known as S. S. Babu Narayan and had represented India as a goalkeeper at the 1956 (Melbourne) and 1960 (Rome) Olympic Games.
  - He was also a part of Maharashtra's Santosh Trophy-winning campaign in 1964.
2. Renowned personality Kasargod Patnashetti Gopal Rao passed away recently he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Navy Man.**
- Note:**
- He was a 1971 war hero and recipient of the Maha Vir Chakra, India's second highest military decoration.
  - He was the commander of two Arnala-class anti-submarine corvettes INS Kiltan and INS Katchall which were part of the task group that attacked Karachi Harbour during Operation Trident on December 4, 1971 (Navy Day).
  - He was commissioned into the Indian Navy on April 21, 1950.
3. Renowned personality P.S. Banarji passes away recently, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Cartoonist, Sculptor & Folk Singer.**
- Note:**
- A resident of Sasthamcotta in Kollam district, he was undergoing treatment for post-COVID-19 complications.
  - A recipient of the Lalithakala Akademi Fellowship, Banarji was noted for his Ayyankali and Buddha sculptures at Venganur and Koduman.
  - Known for his rendition of a string of folk songs, including the popular 'Tharaka Pennale', he was working as a graphic designer in an IT firm in the capital.
4. Renowned personality Anupam Shyam Ojha passed away recently, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Actor.**
- Note:**
- He is known for his work on the TV show Mann Ki Awaaz: Pratigya where he played Thakur Sajjan Singh.
  - He has also featured in Slumdog Millionaire, Bandit Queen Dil Se, Lagaan and Hazaaroon Khwaishein Aisi.
  - Actor was undergoing dialysis thrice a week while shooting for Pratigya 2.

5. Renowned personality Balaji Tambe passed away recently, he was veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Ayurvedacharya.**

**Note:**

- The founder of 'Atmasantulana Village', a holistic healing centre near Lonavala, Dr Tambe had written several books on spirituality, Yoga and Ayurveda.
- He is survived by his wife, two sons and daughters-in-law as well as four granddaughters.

### Important Days

1. The International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples is observed every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **9th August.**

**Note:**

- The day was recognised by UN General Assembly in December 1994 to marks the day of the inaugural session of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations at the United Nations in 1982.
- Theme 2021: Leaving no one behind: Indigenous peoples and the call for a new social contract.

2. Every year, the Quit India Day (or August Kranti Day) is observed on \_\_\_\_\_ **8th August.**

**Note:**

- In 2021, we are celebrating the 79th anniversary of Quit India Day.
- Quit India Movement also known as Bharat Chodo Andolan and August Kranti Movement was a 'do or die' call to the people of India initiated by Gandhiji to demand an end to the British rule in India.

3. World Lion Day is celebrated every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **10th August.**

**Note:**

- Three objectives:
  1. To raise awareness about the plight of the lion & other issues that the species faces in the wild.
  2. To find ways to protect its natural habitat and for creating more such habitats like national parks.
  3. To educate people who live near wild cats on the dangers and how to protect themselves.
- World Lions Day is celebrated across the world since 2013.
- The day was co-founded by Dereck and Beverly Joubert of the Big Cat Initiative and National Geographic in a partnership.

4. What is the theme of the International Youth Day 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Transforming Food Systems: Youth Innovation for Human and Planetary Health.**

**Note:**

- International Youth Day is observed every year on August 12, as recommended by World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth in Lisbon to UN General Assembly.
- International Youth Day was first observed in 1999
- The day is organized by UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs in association with Food and Agriculture Organization and Major Group for Children and Youth.

5. World Elephant Day is observed is observed every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **12th August.**

**Note:**

- It was officially celebrated for the first time in 2012
- The day was co-founded by Canadian Patricia Sims and the Elephant Reintroduction Foundation of Thailand, an initiative of HM Queen Sirikit of Thailand.

6. World Organ Donation Day is observed every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **13th August.**

**Note:**

- Organ Donation Day provides an opportunity to all to come ahead and pledge to donate their precious organs, because one organ donor can save up to eight lives
- First-ever successful living donor organ transplant was done in 1954 in United States.

### New Appointments

1. Whose tenure has been extended by one year as Cabinet Secretary by the appointments Committee of the Cabinet \_\_\_\_\_ **Rajiv Gauba.**

**Note:**

- He is a 1982-batch IAS officer of Jharkhand cadre and was appointed to the top bureaucratic post of the country in August 2019 for two years.
- Prior to this, Mr Gauba was Union Home Secretary from August 2017 to August 2019

- His term of service was to end on August 30, 2021.
2. Who has been reappointed as the Chairperson of National Commission for Women (NCW) \_\_\_\_\_ **Rekha Sharma**.  
**Note:**
- Her appointment is approved by Women and Child Development Ministry of India
  - She assumed the charge of NCW chairperson on August 7, 2018 and has been associated with the Commission as a member since August 2015.
  - NCW was established as statutory body in January 1992 under National Commission for Women Act, 1990.
3. Who has been entered into a three-year strategic partnership with home interiors brand HomeLane as an equity partner and brand ambassador \_\_\_\_\_ **Mahendra Singh Dhoni**.  
**Note:**
- As part of the partnership, Dhoni will own equity in HomeLane and will be the company's first brand ambassador.
  - With the upcoming cricket and festive season, HomeLane and MS Dhoni are jointly working on a brand new campaign that will be released during the new IPL season.
  - As HomeLane expands into new markets and deepens its presence in its existing 16 cities, its strategic association with MS Dhoni will enable the company to create high decibel visibility and connect with its consumers
4. Who has been appointed for RBI's public awareness campaign to warn people against digital banking frauds \_\_\_\_\_ **Neeraj Chopra**.  
**Note:**
- The central bank has asked people to be a little cautious as doing so can protect them from a lot of troubles."@RBI Kehta Hai...Along with @Neeraj\_chopra1.
  - A little caution takes care of a lot of trouble.
  - Never respond to requests to share PIN, OTP or bank account details. Block your card if stolen, lost or compromised.
5. Who has been appointed as UNICEF's Celebrity Advocate for their global campaign Ending Violence Against Children (EVAC), and he wants to build awareness on a national level about online safety for children in India \_\_\_\_\_ **Ayushman Khurana**.  
**Note:**
- The star is flagging off Facebook India and Unicef India's one-year joint initiative to protect children's rights.
  - "The partnership between Facebook and UNICEF is a powerful example of stakeholders from diverse fields and sectors coming together to protect children and their rights.
6. Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) Bharat BillPay Ltd \_\_\_\_\_ **Noopur Chaturvedi**.  
**Note:**
- He will work on RBI's vision to scale up the Bharat Bill Pay System (BBPS) platform and make it the most preferred solution for all bill payments.
  - NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd. (NBBL): It is a wholly owned subsidiary of NPCI and came into effect from 1 April 2021.
7. Who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) \_\_\_\_\_ **Kamlesh Kumar Pant**.  
**Note:**
- He succeeded IAS officer Shubhra Singh, who has been the chief of drug price regulator from November 2018.
  - NPPA: Government regulatory agency that controls the prices of pharmaceutical drugs in India since 1997.
8. Who is present home secretary whose term has been extended for one year \_\_\_\_\_ **Ajay Kumar Bhalla**.  
**Note:**
- Mr. **Bhalla** is a 1984 batch IAS officer of Assam-Meghalaya cadre and was to retire on August 22, 2021.
  - This is the second extension given to Ajay Bhalla
  - He replaced Rajiv Gauba as the Home Secretary in August 2019.
9. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of the JK Tyre & Industries Limited \_\_\_\_\_ **Kumar Ram Narain Karthikeyan**.  
**Note:**
- As the brand ambassador of JK Tyres, he will be the face of the brand and highlight the company's efforts to promote innovation and excellence in the industry.
  - Narain Karthikeyan hails from Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.
  - He was the first Indian racing driver to participate in F1 racing, he made his debut as an F1 racer in 2005 for the Jordan team.

10. Who is appointed as the governor of Manipur \_\_\_\_\_ **Ganga Prasad.**

**Note:**

- His oath of office has been administered by Chief Justice of the High Court of Manipur PV Sanjay Kumar
- He will take charge of Manipur Governor, in addition to his own duties during the absence on leave of Dr. Najma Heptulla.

11. Who has been appointed as the governor of Mizoram \_\_\_\_\_ **BD Mishra.**

**Note:**

- Brigadier (Dr.) B. D. Mishra (Retd), governor of Arunachal Pradesh has been given additional charges as the Governor of Mizoram.

### Important News - India

1. The prime minister Narendra Modi has launched the second edition of the government's free LPG connection scheme called Ujjwala scheme from which state \_\_\_\_\_ **Uttar Pradesh.**

**Note:**

- Second edition of the scheme would launched from poll-bound Uttar Pradesh.
- Launch of Ujjwala-2 scheme will be marked by handing over of one crore additional LPG connection by Prime Minister through video conferencing at Mahoba district in Uttar Pradesh.
- First version of the scheme was launched in 2016 from Uttar Pradesh ahead of 2017 Assembly elections.

2. Which organization has launched 'The Startup Ecosystem Podcast - The Covid-19 Innovation Report 2021' along with Health Innovation Exchange (HIEx) that includes the rankings of 100 cities and 40 countries \_\_\_\_\_ **StartupBlink.**

**Note:**

- The report takes a deeper look into the sub-categories (such as innovations in Prevention, Treatment and Diagnostics) in each location.
- US leads global coronavirus innovation efforts, followed by Israel, Canada, Belgium, Switzerland, and UK.

3. In which year was the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana launched which 2.0 version was relaunched in August 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **2016.**

**Note:**

- During Ujjwala 1.0 launched in 2016, a target was set to provide Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) connections to five crore women members of below poverty line (BPL) households.
- Subsequently, the scheme was expanded in April 2018 to include women beneficiaries from seven more categories (SC/ST, PMAY, AAY, Most backward classes, tea garden, forest dwellers, Islands).

4. What amount has been announced by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi to invest in the recently launched National Edible Oil Mission-Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) to make India self-sufficient in cooking oils \_\_\_\_\_ **Rs 11,000 crore.**

**Note:**

- This is to make India self-sufficient in cooking oils, including palm oil, as he stressed on reducing the dependence on imports.
- Rs 11,000 crore will be invested in the edible oil ecosystem.
- India is the world's biggest vegetable oil importer

5. What is India's ranked in the 2020 Global Youth Development Index, which measures the status of young people in 181 countries around the world released by the Commonwealth Secretariat \_\_\_\_\_ **122<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Note:**

- Singapore ranked top for the first time followed by Slovenia, Norway, Malta and Denmark.
- Chad, the Central African Republic, South Sudan, Afghanistan and Niger finished at the bottom, respectively.
- The index ranks countries between 0.00 (lowest) and 1.00 (highest), according to the developments in youth education, employment, health, equality and inclusion, peace and security, and political and civic participation.

6. With which social media giant UNICEF India has launched a one-year joint initiative to end violence against children with a special focus on online safety \_\_\_\_\_ **Facebook.**

**Note:**

- The partnership seeks to create a safe environment for children online and offline. It aims to improve children's resilience and capacity to access the digital world safely, increase awareness on violence against children and its impact on children, families and communities, as well as enhance the skills of communities and frontline workers to better prevent and respond to violence.

- The partnership will include a nationwide social media campaign and capacity building for 1,00,000 school-children on online safety, digital literacy and psychosocial support.
7. What is the theme of the first-ever 'India Internet Governance Forum (IIGF)' to be hosted by India in October 2021 to bring together representatives from various platforms to discuss internet policy issues \_\_\_\_\_ **Inclusive Internet for Digital India.**  
**Note:**
- It will be held for 3 days from 20th to 22nd October 2021
  - Coordination committee of India Internet Governance 2021 features Anil Kumar Jain as Chairman, TV Ramchandran, Jaijeet Bhattacharya, Rajat Moona as Vice Chairman and 12 other members.
8. India has signed an agreement with which country on monsoon data analysis and cooperation to improve weather forecasts in the region \_\_\_\_\_ **United States of America.**  
**Note:**
- The agreement was signed by India's National Institute of Ocean Technology Director G A Ramadass and the US Assistant Administrator for Research and Acting Chief Scientist Craig McLean of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
  - The agreement is a follow-up to the memorandum of understanding signed between the Ministry of Earth Sciences and NOAA last October for Technical Cooperation in Earth Observations and Earth Sciences.
9. Name the present Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment who has launched PM-DAKSH' Portal and 'PM-DAKSH' Mobile App under the scheme PM-DAKSH Yojana to ease the access of skill development schemes by the target groups \_\_\_\_\_ **Virendra Kumar.**  
**Note:**
- The portal and app were developed by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJ&E), in collaboration with National e-Governance Division (NeGD).
  - PM-DAKSH Yojana is the National Action Plan launched by the MoSJ&E in 2020-21 for skilling the target group.
10. Which has become first national park in India to have been equipped with satellite phones, which are generally used by law-enforcing agencies \_\_\_\_\_ **Kaziranga National Park.**  
**Note:**
- Satellite phones will give an edge to forest personnel over the poachers by boosting anti-poaching measures and during emergencies like floods.
  - Public is barred from using satellite phones in India.
  - For this, Assam State Disaster Management Authority had procured 10 satellite phones for Kaziranga at an estimated cost of ₹16 lakh.
11. In association with which organization, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has launched a loan interest subvention scheme for innovative waste to energy biomethanation projects and business models \_\_\_\_\_ **United Nations Industrial Development Organization.**  
**Note:**
- The industrial organic waste-to-energy bio-methanation projects are generally capital intensive and financially sensitive to both operating costs, including waste availability, and revenue, particularly biogas yield and its utilisation scenario.
  - The loan scheme provides financial assistance to beneficiaries to reduce the financial burden on account of interest on the loan component faced by such demonstration projects.
12. Which Indian city has been declared as the first 'water plus' city of India under the Swachh Survekshan 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Indore.**
- Indore has been an example for the whole nation for its determination and dedication towards cleanliness. May it continue to bring glory to the state.
  - Swachh Survekshan is an annual survey of cleanliness, hygiene and sanitation in cities and towns across India launched as part of the Swachh Bharat Mission.
13. According to notified Plastic Waste Management Amendment Rules, 2021 that prohibited manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of identified single-use plastic (SUP) items, including candy sticks, plates, cups and cutlery, from \_\_\_\_\_ **July 1, 2022.**  
**Note:**



- The thickness of plastic carry bags will be increased from 50 microns to 75 microns from September 30, 2021, and to 120 microns from December 31, 2022, according to the notification dated August 12. This will also allow the plastic carry bags to be reused.
- Non-woven plastic carry bags should not be less than 60 gram per square metre (GSM) with effect from September 30, 2021

### Important News – State

1. Which state Government's Information Technology, Electronics and Communication (IT,E&C) department has won 'AI Gamechanger' Award in the Xperience-AI Summit \_\_\_\_\_ **Telangana.**

**Note:**

- The summit was organised by National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM)
- NASSCOM AI Gamechangers was conceptualised to seed awareness and enthusiasm around this wonderful technology and encourage others to emulate the successes in the ecosystem.

2. Which state has launched eNagar mobile application and portal \_\_\_\_\_ **Gujarat.**

**Note:**

- The eNagar covers 10 modules with 52 services including property tax, professional tax, water & drainage, Complaints and grievance redressal, building permission, fire and emergency services.
- Gujarat Urban Development Mission has been appointed as a nodal agency for eNagar project.
- Total 170 locations including 162 municipalities and 8 Municipal Corporations are covered under the eNagar project.

3. Which state government has launched faceless transport services that will bring all the driving licences, registration and services related to permit online \_\_\_\_\_ **Delhi.**

**Note:**

- Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal also launched 33 faceless services, in a function at I.P. Estate office.
- Four zonal offices namely, IP Estate, Sarai Kale Khan, Janakpuri and Vasant Vihar will be closed. Motor licensing offices (MLOs) of South zone, Raja Garden and Dwarka, respectively, will look after their Vahan and Sarathi related work.

4. Which state government has been conferred with seven national awards on the first Van Dhan Annual Awards 2020-21, during the celebration of the 34th foundation day of the TRIFED \_\_\_\_\_ **Nagaland.**

**Note:**

- Nagaland has been conferred with seven national awards on the first Van Dhan Annual Awards 2020-21, during the celebration of the 34th foundation day of the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED).
- The awards were presented by Union tribal minister, Arjun Munda through a Zoom webinar.

5. Which state government has announced Rajiv Gandhi Award for Excellence in Information Technology (IT) \_\_\_\_\_ **Maharashtra.**

**Note:**

- The award would be announced on August 20, birth anniversary of the former Prime Minister.
- The award, which will be announced on August 20, will be a lasting tribute to Late Shri Rajiv ji for his pioneering work in the technology sector in India.
- The award would be given before October 30.

### Important News – World

1. Which country ranked first in the 2020 Global Youth Development Index, which measures the status of young people in 181 countries around the world released by the Commonwealth Secretariat \_\_\_\_\_ **Singapore.**

**Note:**

- Singapore ranked top for the first time followed by Slovenia, Norway, Malta and Denmark.
- Chad, the Central African Republic, South Sudan, Afghanistan and Niger finished at the bottom, respectively.
- The index ranks countries between 0.00 (lowest) and 1.00 (highest), according to the developments in youth education, employment, health, equality and inclusion, peace and security, and political and civic participation.

2. 7th edition of International Army Games 2021 will be held in which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Russia.**

**Note:**

- It is the seventh edition of International Army Games
  - The competition will be hosted in eleven countries in 2021 Games.
  - The games are organised each year by Russian Ministry of Defence, since 2015.
3. The 11th Annual meeting of the Forum of the Election Management Bodies of SouthAsia (FEMBoSA) for the year 2021 was hosted by which country that held virtually \_\_\_\_\_ **Bhutan**.
- Note:**
- The meeting in Virtual mode was hosted by the Election Commission of Bhutan. Alongwith India, delegations from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka participated in the day-long meeting.
  - Shri Sushil Chandra, CEC, as the outgoing Chair of FEMBoSA, virtually handed over the Chairmanship of FEMBoSA to H.E. Dasho Sonam Topgay, Chief Election Commissioner of Bhutan.
4. China has set the goal of becoming carbon-neutral by which year \_\_\_\_\_ **2060**.
- Note:**
- However, this also made China the biggest emitter of carbon dioxide. As a result, China has set the goal of becoming carbon-neutral by 2060.
  - Carbon neutral means cutting carbon dioxide emissions as large as possible and offsetting what cannot be eliminated.
  - This can be done by switching to renewable energy sources like using solar power instead of coal.
5. Which organization released the Global Youth Development Index in which India stood at 122nd globally among 181 countries \_\_\_\_\_ **Commonwealth Secretariat**.
- Note:**
- Singapore ranked top for the first time followed by Slovenia, Norway, Malta and Denmark.
  - Chad, the Central African Republic, South Sudan, Afghanistan and Niger finished at the bottom, respectively.

### Honor & Awards

1. Which airport has been named as the Best Airport in the World in 2021 Skytrax World Airport Awards \_\_\_\_\_ **Hamad International Airport, Qatar**.
- Note:**
- Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport in New Delhi has been placed at 45th position in 2021 Skytrax Awards.
  - Other Indian Airports in the list:
    1. Hyderabad (rank 64)
    2. Mumbai (rank 65)
    3. Bengaluru (rank 71)

### Sports News

1. Japanese town Tokyo has handed over the flame of hope to which city that will host the Olympic Games in 2024 \_\_\_\_\_ **Paris**.
- Note:**
- Flame of hope or the flag was passed to Paris with the message of moving forward. It also remembered those who lost their lives to Covid-19 pandemic.
  - Flame of Hope is the symbol of Special Olympics Games. It is used much in same spirit as the Olympic Flame is used at the Olympic Games.
  - The Flame of Hope is lit during traditional ceremony in Athens, Greece. After lighting, it is relayed on foot towards the organizing city by the members of law enforcement agencies comprising of mostly policemen and policewomen along with Special Olympics athletes.
2. Who becomes the first Indian to win a gold medal in a track and field Olympic event \_\_\_\_\_ **Neeraj Chopra**.
- Note:**
- He became only the second Indian to win an individual Olympic gold after Abhinav Bindra. At his calmest best, he hurled the javelin 87.58m to script history for India.
  - He ended India's 121-year wait for an athletics medal.

- No Indian had won a medal in athletics since 1920 when India started taking part in the Olympics in 1920 in Antwerp, Belgium.
3. Peres Jephchirchir belongs to which country has won Women's marathon in Japan's northern city of Sapporo \_\_\_\_\_ **Kenya**.
- Note:**
- She defeated world record holder Brigid Kosgei in the closing stages to win in 2 hours 27 minutes 20 seconds.
  - American Molly Seidel took bronze.
  - The race was run at midnight and the temperature still hit 88 degrees (31 C) and nearly 30 runners not getting to the finish line as Chepngetich captured gold.
4. Which country top in the medals tally in Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games \_\_\_\_\_ **USA**.
- Note:**
- Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games conclude; USA tops medals tally with 39 gold medals followed by China (38), Japan (27), Great Britain (22) and Russia (20); India 48th.
  - Total 113 medal USA has won in the event.
  - The USA was involved in a two-way battle with China on the final day of the Olympics.
5. India stood at what position in the in the medal table of Tokyo Olympic 2020 out of 86 countries \_\_\_\_\_ **48<sup>th</sup>**.
- Note:**
- India stood at 48th position in the medal table out of 86 countries.
  - 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympics came to an end on August 8, 2021 and was commenced from July 23.
  - This was for the fourth time that Japan hosted Olympic Games, after previously hosting in 1964 (Summer), 1972 and 1998.
  - US has topped the overall medal table with 113 medals.
6. Which Indian city will host the Durand Cup, Asia's oldest and world's third oldest football tournament to be held in September 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Kolkata**.
- Note:**
- The 130th edition of Durand Cup is scheduled to be held in and around Kolkata between September 05 to October 03, 2021.
  - Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the competition was cancelled last season.

### Books and Authors

1. Who has authored the book titled 'How the Earth Got Its Beauty' \_\_\_\_\_ **Sudha Murty**.
- Note:**
- Book has been published by Penguin Random House imprint Puffin, and features illustrations by Priyanka Pachpande.
  - Book introduces the works of some of the finest storytellers of India to young, emerging readers in beautiful pictorial editions
  - Sudha Murthy is the chairperson of Infosys Foundation
2. Who has authored the book titled 'A Death in Shonagachhi' \_\_\_\_\_ **Rijula Das**.
- Note:**
- The book is published by Picador India, an imprint at Pan Macmillan India.
  - The World English rights outside India are sold to Amazon Crossing, for publication in June 2022 with the title "Small Deaths".
  - Rijula Das is a short story author from West Bengal based in Wellington, New Zealand.
  - She has taught writing at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.
3. Who has authored the book titled "The Year That Wasn't – The Diary of a 14-Year-Old" \_\_\_\_\_ **Brisha Jain**.
- Note:**
- Veteran actor Shabana Azmi has launched the book titled "The Year That Wasn't – The Diary of a 14-Year-Old", which is penned by Kolkata girl Brisha Jain.
  - The book was written by a 14-year-old girl, which chronicles the lockdown days seen through her eyes as the Covid-19 pandemic spreading last year.

## Science and Defence

1. With which country's Navy the Indian Navy has conducted bilateral naval exercise titled as 'Zayed Talwar 2021' \_\_\_\_\_  
**UAE.**

**Note:**

- The naval exercise was conducted to enhance interoperability and synergy between the two navies.
- Indian Navy participated with INS Kochi, with two integral Sea King MK 42B helicopters, deployed in the Persian Gulf.
- UAES AL-Dhafra, Baynunah class guided missile corvette and one AS - 565B Panther helicopter took part in the exercise from UAE.

2. India conducted first ever naval exercise 'Al-Mohed Al-Hindi 2021" with which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Saudi Arabia.**

**Note:**

- India and Saudi Arabia conducted their first-ever naval exercise, in reflection of their growing defence and military cooperation.
- Indian Navy's guided-missile destroyer INS Kochi participated in the exercise.
- The warship went to Saudi Arabia after carrying out a naval exercise with the UAE Navy off the coast of Abu Dhabi.

3. Which paramilitary forces has inducted two women officers Prakriti and Diksha as combat officers for the first time \_\_\_\_\_  
**Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP).**

**Note:**

- They have been posted as Assistant Commandants in ITBP battalions, after completing their training at the ITBP Academy in Mussoorie.
- Assistant Commandants is the entry-level officer rank in the paramilitary.
- Earlier, it only had combat women in the constabulary ranks.

4. From which launch vehicle ISRO will launch Earth Observation Satellite EOS-03 from 2nd launch pad of Satish Dhawan Space Centre, SHAR in Sriharikota \_\_\_\_\_ **GSLV F10.**

**Note:**

- EOS-03: Earth Observation Satellite that will be placed in a Geosynchronous Orbit. It is a 4 metre diameter Ogive shaped payload fairing is being flown for the first time in this mission.
- The payload will provide real time data of natural disasters by constantly monitoring water bodies, crops, vegetation conditions and forest cover changes.
- The satellite will reach the final orbit using its onboard propulsion system.

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