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Dear readers,

Bi-Weekly One Liners Updates is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the **two weeks** (1-15th) of **September 2021**. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. Which fintech firm is set to acquire India's earliest payment gateway BillDesk in an all-cash transaction of \$4.7 billion _____ **PayU**.
Note:
 - This will be the largest acquisition in India's digital payments space.
 - The deal will also give exit to investors General Atlantic, TA Associates, Temasek, Clearstone Ventures, and Visa.
2. According to Morgan Stanley what will be the India's GDP growth rate for FY2022 _____ **10.5 per cent**.
Note:
 - GDP growth is expected to move into positive territory on a two-year CAGR basis from QE September. GDP grew 20.1 per cent year-on-year in the quarter ending June.
 - On a two-year CAGR basis, real GDP contracted 4.7 per cent in QE June versus plus 2.3 per cent in QE March.
3. Which Small Finance Bank (SFB) has launched a new initiative enabling Google Pay users to book fixed deposits (FDs) _____ **Equitas Small Finance Bank**.
Note:
 - Initially, this functionality will be available for Google Pay users who are accessing the app from Android.
 - The deposits in Equitas are covered by a deposit guarantee upto ₹5 lakh per depositor.
 - On maturity, principal and interest of the FD go directly to the Google Pay user's existing bank account.
4. BharatPe announced a strategic partnership with which bank under which the bank will act as the acquiring bank for BharatPe's point of sale (PoS) business BharatSwipe _____ **Axis Bank**.
Note:
 - This association will help BharatPe enhance the merchant experience by leveraging best-in-class technology platform offered by Axis Bank.
 - Axis Bank is the third largest PoS acquiring bank in the payments acceptance business in India.
5. Which bank has opened a floating ATM on a Houseboat at Dal Lake in Jammu and Kashmir's Srinagar for the convenience of locals and tourists _____ **State Bank of India**.
Note:
 - The floating ATM was inaugurated by SBI Chairman Dinesh Khare.
 - This is not the first time that SBI has launched a floating ATM as back in 2004, the bank took this initiative in Kerala.
6. Under whose chairmanship the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has will set up a committee to scrutinize applications and give recommendations on new umbrella entity (NUE) licences _____ **P Vasudevan**.
Note:
 - The five-member committee will be headed by RBI chief general manager P Vasudevan
 - NUEs will establish their own payment infrastructure to compete with National Payments Corp. of India (NPCI).
 - The system will be focussed on small and medium enterprises, merchants and consumers
7. The New Development Bank (NDB) has approved which country as its new member _____ **Bangladesh**.
Note:
 - The NDB Board of Governors initiated the negotiation to expand its membership in 2020.
 - It has now approved the United Arab Emirates, Uruguay and Bangladesh as its first new member countries.
 - Since the beginning of its operations, NDB has approved about 80 projects totaling a portfolio of USD 30 billion.
8. Central banks of four countries have launched digital currencies (CBDC) scheme, which one is not among them _____ **India**.
 - It is a cross border payments trial that uses different central bank digital currencies (CBDC) in order to assess if this allows transactions to be settled in a cheap and easy manner.



- Many governments and central banks around the world are exploring the use of CBDCs, which are digital forms of existing currencies.
9. Which private life insurance company will acquire Exide Life Insurance from Exide Industries in a deal worth ₹6,687 crore _____ **HDFC Life Insurance.**
- Note:**
- HDFC Life will acquire 100% stake in Exide Life Insurance from Exide Industries via issuance of 8,70,22,222 shares at an issue price of ₹685 per share and a cash payout of ₹726 crore aggregating to ₹6,687 crore
 - The process for merger of Exide Life into HDFC Life will be initiated on completion of the acquisition.
10. HDFC Life Insurance has acquired Exide Life Insurance from Exide Industries in how much amount _____ **Rs. 6,687 crores.**
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11. Which power company has been conferred with prestigious Dun & Bradstreet – Corporate Award 2021 in the category of Best Growth Performance-Power _____ **Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN).**
- Note:**
- The award has been presented in a virtual conference titled India's Top 500 Companies 2021.
 - For more than two decades, Dun & Bradstreet has been compiling the list of India's Top 500 Companies, which represent the leaders among Corporate India, and the driving force of the Indian economy.
12. According to RBI, How much India's holding of IMF's special drawing rights has risen _____ **USD 19.41 billion.**
- Note:**
- The Reserve Bank said India's holding of IMF's Special Drawing Rights (SDR) has gone up to SDR 13.66 billion which is equivalent to USD 19.41 billion as per exchange rate.
13. Which Private sector Bank has launched credit card in partnership with Visa _____ **Federal Bank.**
- Note:**
- The private sector lender has partnered with the global card network Visa for issuing its credit card to its existing customers.
 - Federal Bank has launched three variants of the new credit card - Celesta, Imperio and Signet.
 - All three variants offer various benefits to customers. Each card caters to a different set of customers.
14. How much amount of Line of credit has been extended to Maldives by EXIM Bank _____ **USD 40 million.**
- Note:**
- With this, Exim Bank till date has extended five LOCs to Maldives, on behalf of the Indian government, taking the total value of LOCs to USD 1.33 billion
15. Which payments and financial services company announced the launch of 'Pulse Platform' an an interactive geospatial website, which provides insights and granular data on digital payment trends in India _____ **PhonePe.**
- Note:**
- At present, the data on the platform is from the PhonePe's network, which currently owns 45% market share in India's unified payments interface (UPI) landscape.
16. In September 2021, Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has bought 3.9 per cent equity shares in which State-owned Bank through an open market transaction _____ **Bank of India.**
- Note:**
- LIC has picked up nearly 3.9 per cent (15,90,07,791 shares) of the bank through open market acquisition on September 2, 2021.
 - Before the latest acquisition of shares in the bank, LIC held over a 3.17 per cent stake in the state-owned bank.
17. Which small finance bank has roped in Indian women hockey player, Rani Rampal and cricketer Smriti Mandhana as the brand ambassadors of the company _____ **Equitas Small Finance Bank.**
- Note:**
- The announcement was made during the 5th anniversary of the ESFB on September 5, 2021.
 - Equitas Small Finance Bank (ESFB) headquarter – Chennai.
18. Which petroleum company has unveiled its branded store 'Happy Shop' in Mumbai marking its foray into non-fuel retailing _____ **HPCL.**
- Note:**



- This is the HPCL's latest offering at its Club HP retail outlet.
 - Store will provide home utility products including food, toiletries, healthcare products, bakery products, groceries, medicines and more.
 - Apart from this, customer will be able to browse the merchandise on HPCL's HP-Pay App (available on Play store/App Store).
19. Which general insurance company has received the final nod from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) for its acquisition of Bharti Axa General Insurance _____ **ICICI Lombard General Insurance**.
- Note:**
- The insurance regulator IRDAI's final approval for the merger of the two general insurance businesses comes over a year after ICICI Lombard bought out Bharti Axa in an all-stocks deal that reportedly valued the latter at over Rs 2,500 crore.
20. Which company partnered with Indian Mortgage Guarantee Corporation for mortgage guarantee-backed home loans _____ **Clix Housing Finance**.
- Note:**
- Mortgage Guarantee backed home loans will broaden Clix HFL's coverage of home loan products and customer segments enabling more business while also supporting the flagship mission of Government of India of "Housing for All by 2022."
21. The **Asian Development Bank** (ADB) has approved a \$150 million loan to provide access to inclusive, resilient and sustainable housing for the urban poor in _____ **Tamil Nadu**.
- Note:**
- The state is vital to India's economic growth, contributing 8.54 per cent to the country's gross domestic product.
 - Economic opportunities have increased rural-urban migration in the state, which already has one of the highest urbanisation rates in India.
 - With the help of \$150 million loan approved by the ABD, through the Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board, poor housing project will aid the construction of housing units at 9 different locations.
22. Which bank has launched an all-in-one Point-of-Sales (POS) swiping machine titled as 'WisePOSGo' for its merchant customers to process business payments _____ **Karnataka Bank**.
- Note:**
- It has been launched in collaboration with Mswipe Technologies Pvt Ltd
 - WisePOSGo: compact, lightweight, and user-friendly device, designed keeping in view the specific cost-centric requirements of the bank's MSME customers.
 - Apart from processing payments, merchants can also make calls using the WisePOSGo swiping machine.
23. Which bank has signed MoU with National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) for providing credit support to the micro, small and medium enterprise (MSME) sector _____ **HDFC Bank**.
- Note:**
- HDFC bank branches will extend support to the MSME projects in the areas they are located and to other important industrial sectors across the country.
 - NSIC is an ISO 9001:2015 certified Government of India Enterprise under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).
24. In bid to develop water supply infrastructure and strengthen capacities of urban local bodies for improved service delivery in which state the Government of India and Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a \$112 million loan agreement _____ **Jharkhand**.
- Note:**
- The project will be ADB's first urban project in the state and help establish a model for continuous water supply combined with policy reforms for sustainable operation which can be replicated by other low-income states for providing safe drinking water to urban households as envisaged under national Jal Jeevan Mission.
 - ADB is committed to achieve a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific, while sustaining its efforts to eradicate extreme poverty.
25. Indian government and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have signed a \$300 million loan as additional financing to scale up improvement of rural connectivity to help boost rural economy in _____ **Maharashtra**.
- Note:**
- The additional financing for the ongoing Maharashtra Rural Connectivity Improvement Project will help improve an additional 1,100 rural roads and 230 bridges for a total length of 2,900 kilometers in 34 districts.



26. In September 2021, the Reserve Bank of India has taken which public sector out of Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework (PCA) on improvement in financial and credit profile _____ **UCO Bank.**

Note:

- This decision gives the bank more freedom for lending, especially to corporations and grow the network, subject to prescribed norms.
- The Kolkata-based lender was placed under PCA in May 2017 on account of high Net Net-Performing Assets (NPAs) and negative Return on Assets (RoAs).

27. Which bank has launched the digital banking platform to provide all banking services under one roof _____ **Bank of Baroda.**

Note:

- Bank of Baroda has launched its digital banking platform named 'bob World' to provide all banking services under one roof.
- Pilot test of this platform began on August 23, 2021.
- It will converge more than 220 services with an all-inclusive and seamless virtual banking experience, encompassing all digital banking services under one roof for the convenience of customers.

28. How many merchant bankers have been appointed by the Government of India for managing Initial Public Offering (IPO) of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), which is likely to be launched in January-March quarter 2022 _____ **10.**

Note:

- Role of merchant bankers in the case of IPO is of Issue management, Promotional activities, Credit syndication, Project counselling, and Portfolio management, etc.
- Name of these merchant bankers are Goldman Sachs (India) Securities, Citigroup Global Markets India, Nomura Financial Advisory and Securities India, SBI Capital Market, JM Financial, Axis Capital, BofA Securities, JP Morgan India, ICICI Securities, and Kotak Mahindra Capital Co Ltd.

29. Central government has approved the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme for the textiles sector worth _____ **Rs 10,683 crore.**

Note:

- This PLI scheme was approved in order to boost domestic manufacturing and exports.
- Scheme will help in creating direct additional employment of more than 7.5 lakh people and several supporting activities.
- As a part of incentives approved for textiles sector, the payout will be spread over a period of five years.

30. Which became the first bank in India and Asia-Pacific to launch real-time online tracking for cross-border collections for businesses in India in partnership with SWIFT Global Payments Innovation (GPI) _____ **DBS Bank.**

Note:

- DBS is the first bank in India and Asia-Pacific to offer this service to clients, which is expected to benefit close to 4000 corporate and SME clients in India, with numbers expected to grow further.
- The new DBS SWIFT gpi incoming tracking will arm corporate treasurers with better cash forecasting by receiving the end-to-end tracking information, which was not possible a few years ago.

31. Which payments banks has enabled India's first FASTag based metro parking facility in partnership with the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) _____ **Paytm Payments Bank Ltd.**

Note:

- PPBL, the acquiring bank for the parking facility at Kashmere Gate Metro Station, will facilitate the processing of all FASTag based transactions for cars with valid FASTag stickers.
- Additionally, PPBL has also enabled a UPI based payment solution for 2 wheelers, that enters the parking facility.
- At present, the facility is available at the metro station's gate number 6 and it offers parking space for 55 four-wheelers and 174 two-wheelers.

32. The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has partnered with which payments and financial services technology provider to launch the plug-and-play RuPay credit card stack, nFiNi _____ **Fiserv Inc.**

Note:

- nFiNi: ready stack of services required for fintechs and banks to issue RuPay credit cards and will enable fintech to co-create bank-sponsored credit cards
- It is a BaaS (banking-as-a-service) programme



- It will power RuPay cards including National Common Mobility Card by offering access to needed services through NPCI network.

Obituaries

1. Veteran sportsman Vasudeo Paranjape passed away recently he was associated with which sports _____ **Cricket**.
Note:
 - He played a crucial role in shaping the careers of numerous Indian cricket players
 - He was popularly known as Vasoo.
 - He had played in 29 first-class matches for Mumbai and Baroda cricket team, with 785 runs.
2. Renowned personality Sidharth Shukla passed away recently, he was a veteran _____ **Actor**.
Note:
 - Well known for being the winner of popular reality show Bigg Boss season 13, Sidharth Shukla started his career with the show Babul Ka Aangann Chootey Na.
 - In 2014, Sidharth Shukla also made his Bollywood debut. He featured in Karan Johar-produced and Varun Dhawan-Alia Bhatt starrer, Humpty Sharma Ki Dulhania. He played a supporting role in the film.
3. Two-term Rajya Sabha MP Chandan Mitra passed away recently, he was also a veteran _____ **Journalist**.
Note:
 - Editor and managing director of The Pioneer newspaper, Mitra had been unwell for the past one year.
 - Considered a prominent right-wing intellectual he was first nominated to the Rajya Sabha by the BJP in 2003.
 - Mitra started his journalism career with The Statesman in Kolkata.
4. Separatist leader and pro-Pakistan supporter Syed Ali Shah Geelani passed away recently, he belonged to which separatist group _____ **Tehreek-e-Hurriyat**.
Note:
 - He was well known for spearheaded the separatist movement in Jammu and Kashmir for over three decades.
 - A three-time MLA in the erstwhile state from Sopore, Geelani had virtually become the face of agitation in the 2008 Amarnath land row, 2010 agitation sparked by killing of a youth in Srinagar.
5. Renowned personality Keshav Desiraju passed away recently he was former _____ **Union Health Secretary**.
Note:
 - He was a retired IAS officer and grandson of former President Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan.
 - Desiraju was an IAS officer from the 1978 batch of Uttarakhand cadre.
 - He had a Masters degree in Economics from the University of Cambridge and a Masters degree in Public Administration from the John F Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.
6. Renowned footballer Jean-Pierre Adams held from which country, who had been in a coma for 39 years, has passed away _____ **France**.
Note:
 - Jean-Pierre Adams was injured during a match with Chalon.
 - Operated under anaesthesia at the Hospital de Lyon on March 17, 1982, Jean-Pierre Adams fell into a coma.
 - In a state of coma for more than 39 years, Jean-Pierre Adams lived in the suburbs of Nimes, his wife Bernadette watching by his side.
7. Renowned personality Aziz Hajini passed away recently he was a veteran _____ **Writer**.
Note:
 - Hajini hailed from Hajin Sonawari area of north Kashmir's Bandipora district.
 - He held several positions in academic and literary circles, including as secretary of the Jammu and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, and authored several books.
8. Renowned personality Oscar Fernandes passed away recently, he was a veteran _____ **Actor**.
Note:
 - He was the senior Congress leader and served as the Union Cabinet Minister for Transport, Road and Highways and Labour and Employment, in Manmohan Singh's UPA government.
 - He was five-time Lok Sabha MP from Udupi in Karanataka
 - He also served two terms as a member of the Council of the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.
9. Renowned personality Rajni Kaul passed away recently, she was veteran _____ **News Broadcaster**.
Note:
 - Rajni Kaul who was the first News Broadcaster for BBC Hindi passed away in Faridabad



- She was well-known for her programme Indradhanush.
- Born in Peshawar in undivided India Kaul worked with All India Radio (AIR) in New Delhi before joining the Voice of America (VOA) in Washington subsequently she moved to BBC in London.
- She was married to well-known broadcast journalist Mahendra Kaul and worked together at the VOA and the BBC.

Important Days

1. World Coconut Day is observed every year on which date _____ **2nd September.**

Note:

- The day is especially observed in Asian and Pacific nations, which are home to most of the world's coconut producing areas and production centers.
- World Coconut Day is observed by increasing public awareness about the health and commercial benefits of coconut.
- Coconut is being planted in tropical places for millions of years and has benefited humanity in a variety of ways.

2. Whose death anniversary is celebrated as the International Day of Charity on 05th September every year _____ **Mother Teresa.**

Note:

- After her death, Mother Teresa was granted a state funeral by the government in recognition of her services to the poor of all religions in India. She was sanctified by Saint John Paul II in 2003. Pope Francis canonised her on the eve of her death anniversary on September 4, 2016.
- Widely known during her lifetime as the 'living saint,' Mother Teresa founded the Missionaries of Charity in 1950.

3. As a part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' the Ministry of Food Processing Industries is observing 'Food Processing Week' from _____ **6th to 12th September 2021.**

Note:

- The Ministry launched the 'Food Processing Week' 6th September, 2021, through an official video on social media platforms.
- The success story of the beneficiary of the PMFME scheme, Smt. Radhika Kamat was also published on the Ministry's website in the 'Atmanirbhar Enterprises' series.

4. What is the theme of the International Day of Clean Air for blue skies 2021 _____ **Healthy Air, Healthy Planet.**

Note:

- The International Day of Clean Air for blue skies is observed globally on 7th September.
- The day aims to raise public awareness at all levels individual, community, corporate and government that clean air is important for health, productivity, the economy and the environment.
- The very first International Day of Clean Air for blue skies was held on September 7th, 2020.

5. In India the Teachers Day is celebrated every year on which date _____ **5th September.**

Note:

- This day is celebrated as the teacher's day to mark the birthday of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan who was the former president of our country.
- He was a philosopher, a scholar, and the Bharat Ratna Awardee.
- He was the second President of India (1962 to 1967) and the first Vice President of India (1952-1962).

6. International Literacy Day is observed every year on which date _____ **7th September.**

Note:

- The day was declared by UNESCO on 26 October 1966 during 14th session of UNESCO's General conference.
- It was observed for the first time in 1967.
- Theme of 55th International Literacy Day: Literacy for a human-centred recovery: Narrowing the digital divide.

7. What is the theme of this year's 'Shikshak Parv 2021' conclave being celebrated from September 5 to 17, 2021 _____

Quality and Sustainable Schools: Learnings from Schools in India.

Note:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched key initiatives in the education sector while speaking at 'Shikshak Parv 2021' conclave.



- 'Shikshak Parv 2021' is being celebrated to honour the contribution of teachers, learning during pandemics, new initiatives under NEP 2020 among others.
 - The Shiksha Parv is being celebrated by the Ministry of Education.
8. World Suicide Prevention Day is observed every year on which date _____ **10th September**.
- Note:**
- It was first introduced in 2003.
 - Theme 2021: Creating hope through action.
 - It is hosted by International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP), World Health Organization (WHO) and World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH).
9. International Day to Protect Education from Attack is observed globally on _____ **9th September**.
- Note:**
- In proclaiming the International Day to Protect Education from Attack to be celebrated for the first time in 2020.
 - The purpose of the day is to raise awareness regarding the importance of safeguarding schools as places of protection and safety for students and educators and the need to keep education at the top of the public agenda.
10. The National Mission for Clean Ganga organized Himalayan Diwas on _____ **9th September**.
- Note:**
- This year's theme is 'Contribution of Himalayas and our responsibilities'. The event was part of the ongoing celebration of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'.
 - Himalaya Diwas is celebrated every year on 9th September in the state of Uttarakhand. It is celebrated with the aim to conserve the Himalayan ecosystem and region.
 - It was officially declared as Himalaya Day in 2015 by the then Chief Minister.
11. International Day for South-South Cooperation is observed globally every year on _____ **12th September**.
- Note:**
- The day celebrates the economic, social and political developments made in recent years by regions and countries in the south.
 - It also highlights the UN's efforts to work on technical cooperation among developing countries.
12. World First Aid Day 2021 is observed on _____ **11th September (Second Saturday of September every year)**
- Note:**
- In 2021 the day is being observed on **September 11, 2021**.
 - The day is an annual campaign aimed at promoting the importance of first aid training and increasing its accessibility to save more lives in a crisis.
 - The theme for World First Aid Day 2021 is 'First aid and road safety', according to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).
13. Hindi Diwas or Hindi Day is observed every year on _____ **14th September**.
- Note:**
- The language was adopted under Article 343 of the Indian Constitution.
 - The first Hindi day was celebrated on 14th September 1953.
 - Hindi Divas is celebrated on 14 September because, on this day in 1949, the Constituent Assembly of India had adopted Hindi written in Devanagari script as the official language of the Republic of India.

New Appointments

1. Who took over as the new Director General (DG) of the Border Security Force _____ **Pankaj Kumar Singh**.
- Note:**
- He is considered as the architect of police reforms in the country.
 - He replaced SS Deswal, who was holding the DG post since Rakesh Asthana moved to Delhi Police
 - Apart from him, Sanjay Arora assumed charge of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP).
2. Who has been inducted as an Honorary Member of the International Astronomical Union (IAU) _____ **Dorje Angchuk**.
- Note:**
- He is an Engineer in charge at the Indian Astronomical Observatory of the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) at Hanle in Ladakh region
 - He is the first and only Indian to be inducted in IAU, among 10 members around the world.
3. For the first time in the history of the Supreme Court, how many judges took oath of office _____ **Nine**.



Note:

- This was the greatest number of judges of the top court taking oath in one single day.
- With the latest appointments, the working strength of the top court has risen to 33 judges, against the sanctioned strength of 34.

4. Who has been appointed as the as the new secretary general of Rajya Sabha, the Upper House of Indian Parliament _____ **Parasaram Pattabhi Kesava Ramacharyulu.**

Note:

- Ramacharyulu has been working as secretary in the Rajya Sabha Secretariat since 2018 and succeeds Desh Dipak Verma.
- A Bachelor of Laws and Master of Arts (Political Science) degree holder, Ramacharyulu was awarded Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) by the Jawaharlal Nehru University for his work on 'Committee Systems of Indian Parliament and the US Congress: A Comparative Study' in 2005.

5. Who has been appointed the chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) _____ **J B Mohapatra.**

Note:

- He is a 1985-batch Indian Revenue Service (Income Tax) officer.
- He is currently a member in the board that frames the policy for the Income Tax department.
- He has been holding the additional charge of CBDT chairman since May31.

6. Who has been roped in as the face of 'Stay in Play' campaign of German footwear and accessories major Adidas _____ **Mirabai Chanu.**

Note:

- The new TechFit Period Proof tights, featuring an absorbent layer to help protect against leaks when worn with a tampon or pad.
- Such innovations showcase Adidas' commitment to encourage and support women in sport.
- Adidas found that teenage girls are dropping out of sport at an alarming rate, with one of the key reasons being fear of period leakage.

7. Who took charges as the first woman Chairperson and Managing Director of Engineers India Ltd _____ **Vartika Shukla.**

Note:

- She is graduate in Chemical Engineering from the IIT-Kanpur.
- She joined EIL in 1988 and has extensive consulting experience comprising design, engineering, and implementation of complexes in refining, gas processing, petrochemicals and fertilisers.

8. Who has been unanimously elected as Vice-President of the Asian Squash Federation (ASF), during the 41st annual general meeting of ASF _____ **Cyrus Poncha.**

Note:

- His tenure will be of 4 years.
- He is current serving as the Secretary-General of Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI).
- David Mui of Hong Kong was elected as President of ASF for 2nd term.

9. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) _____ **Suman Sharma.**

Note:

- She is currently serving as the Additional Directorate General of Foreign Trade of Department of Commerce.
- She will succeed Jatindra Nath Swain.
- SECI: It is the only Central Public Sector Undertaking dedicated to solar energy sector.

10. Who has been appointed as the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of United India Insurance Company Limited (UIICL) _____ **SL Tripathy.**

Note:

- He will hold the office of the CMD, UIICL with effect from the date of assumption of charge of the office and up to the date of his attaining the age of superannuation (i.e. 29.02.2024), or until further orders, whichever is earlier.
- The appointment of SL Tripathy was proposed by the Department of Financial Services (DFS) on the recommendation of the Banks Board Bureau (BBB) as a candidate for the Reserve List for the vacancy of CMD, UIICL.

11. Who has been appointed as the as the new Managing Director (MD) of Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank) _____ **Harsha Bhupendra Bangari.**

Note:



- Prior to this, she was posted as deputy managing director at EXIM Bank.
 - She has been appointed for a period of three years or until further orders of the government.
 - She will replace the incumbent MD David Rasquinha, who was holding the office of MD since July 20, 2014.
12. Who has been appointed as India's Sherpa for the G20 which is an influential grouping that brings together the world's major economies _____ **Piyush Goyal**.
- Note:**
- He replaced former Union Minister Suresh Prabhu
 - G20 Summit is scheduled to take place from 30th to 31st October under Italian Presidency.
 - India will be holding the G20 Presidency from 1st December 2022 and will convene the G20 Leaders' Summit in 2023 for the first time.
13. Which state government has appointed former SBI chairman, Rajnish Kumar as its economic advisor _____ **Andhra Pradesh**.
- Note:**
- A former SBI chairman, Rajnish Kumar's tenure in the cabinet rank position is for two years.
 - The appointment comes amid the growing concerns over the state's financial situation which has been badly hit by the Covid pandemic, even as the opposition has been critical over the sops and freebies being distributed by the Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy-led state government.
14. V. Vaidyanathan has been appointed as the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of which bank _____ **IDFC First Bank**.
- Note:**
- His appointment is approved by RBI for a further period of three years.
 - He first took charge as the MD & CEO of IDFC FIRST Bank in December 2018, after the merger of IDFC Bank and Capital First.
15. Who has been appointed as new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Yahoo _____ **Jim Lanzone**.
- Note:**
- Currently he is the CEO of Tinder, Lanzone will succeed Guru Gowrappan, who has been named Senior Advisor to Apollo's private equity business.
 - The move comes around four months after Verizon had announced that it would sell Yahoo to Apollo Management Group for \$5 billion.
 - Apollo completed the acquisition of Yahoo, formerly Verizon Media on September 1.
16. Billionaire Aziz Akhannouch was appointed as the new Prime Minister of which country _____ **Morocco**.
- Note:**
- King Mohammed VI has appointed the businessman "head of the government and tasked him with forming a new government.
 - Akhannouch is the leader of the liberal National Rally of Moroccan Independents (RNI) party which won 102 of parliament's 395 seats.
 - He previously served as Morocco's minister of Agriculture from 2007 to 2021 and is the CEO of Akwa Group.
17. Who has been appointed as the new Acting Chairperson of National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) with effect from September 11, 2021 _____ **Justice M. Venugopal**.
- Note:**
- He is a former judge of the High Court of Madras and was appointed as a Judicial Member of the NCLAT on October 23, 2019
 - This is the third time in a row that an Acting Chairperson is at the helm of the NCLAT, after the retirement of permanent Chairperson Justice S, J. Mukhopadhaya in 2020
 - NCLAT is a tribunal established under Section 410 of the Companies Act, 2013.
18. Who has been sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Gujarat _____ **Bhupendra Patel**.
- Note:**
- He is the first-time sitting MLA who has been named for the post of Chief Minister.
 - He is a BJP MLA from Ghatlodiya assembly constituency.
 - The move was taken after the resignation of Vijay Rupani from the post of CM.
 - He has served as the President of Memnagar Municipality in Ahmedabad and standing committee chairman of AMC.
19. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (USFB) _____ **Sanjeev Barnwal**.



Note:

- Prior to him, Carol Furtado was serving as the interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank, after the outgoing CEO Nitin Chugh resigned last month citing personal reasons.
- USFB was originally incorporated as Ujjivan Financial Services Pvt Ltd on December 28 2004.

20. Who has been elected as the Chairman of Asian Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI) for the period from 2024 to 2027 _____ **G C Murmu**.

Note:

- India will host 16th Assembly of ASOSAI in 2024.
- India will focus on the areas of environmental audit and leveraging emerging technologies for audit.
- ASOSAI is one of the Regional Groups of International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI).
- ASOSAI was established in 1979.

21. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of National Commission for Minorities (NCM) _____ **Iqbal Singh Lalpura**.

Note:

- He replaced Ghayorul Hasan.
- Prior to this, he was serving as the national spokesperson of Bharatiya Janata Party from Punjab.
- NCM was set up under National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992.
- NCM shall consist of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Five Members to be nominated by the Central Government.

22. Who has been appointed as the governor of Tamil Nadu by President Ram Nath Kovind _____ **R. N. Ravi**.

Note:

- Earlier he was governor of Nagaland.
- Jagdish Mukhi, at present governor of Assam, has been appointed to discharge the functions of the governor of Nagaland in addition to his charge till a fresh appointment is made.

23. Who has been appointed as the governor of Uttarakhand _____ **Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh**.

Note:

- Lieutenant General Gurmit Singh is retired as the deputy chief of Army.
- A graduate from the Defence Services Staff Course and National Defence College, Lt Gen Singh has done two M.Phils from Chennai and Indore universities besides being a research scholar on India-China Boundary Issue in the Institute of Chinese Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, during his study leave from the Indian Army.

24. Banwarilal Purohit has been appointed as the new governor of which state _____ **Punjab**.

Note:

- He served as a governor of Tamil Nadu for almost four years.
- He is one of the highly visible and controversial Governors.
- In October 2017, Banwarilal Purohit was appointed the 14th Governor of Tamil Nadu when the state was reeling under a political crisis following J Jayalithaa's death.

Important News - India

1. Lok Sabha speaker Om Birla inaugurated a parliamentary outreach programme in which union territory for the empowerment of Panchayati Raj Institution _____ **Jammu and Kashmir**.

Note:

- The programme was also attended by lieutenant governor Manoj Sinha and Union ministers.
- Empowered panchayats under the programme will help in making democracy stronger and increase confidence of people.
- Parliamentary Outreach Programme for Empowerment of PRIs is a unique initiative of Lok Sabha Speaker, Om Birla.

2. Who has launched E-GOPALA web version to aid dairy farmers _____ **Parshottam Rupala**.

Note:

- It has been developed by National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)
- Along with this, i-MAP web portal has also been launched that provides real-time information to dairy farmers for better productivity of dairy animals.

3. What is the rank of Amul in the Rabobank's 2021 Global Top 20 Dairy Companies _____ **18th**.



Note:

- Amul was placed at 16th spot in 2020.
- French-based dairy company Lactalis has topped the list as the world's largest dairy company with turnover of US \$23.0 billion, followed by Nestle.
- Rabobank's Global Dairy Top 20 Report is released annually to rank the dairy industry upon their sales data and financial statements.

4. The Central government has launched POSHAN Abhiyan in which year to improve nutritional outcomes for children, adolescent girls, pregnant women and lactating mothers, since then, the month of September is observed as POSHAN Maah _____ **2018.**

Note:

- She urged all aspirational districts of the country to make a commitment to establish a 'Poshan Vatika'.
- Irani held a consultation with states and union territories on three key areas – Poshan 2.0, Vatsalya mission and Shakti mission.
- Centre had launched POSHAN Abhiyan in 2018 to combat malnutrition. Since then, the month of September is observed as POSHAN Maah.

5. Which institution has organized the first ever BRICS Film Technology Symposium along with Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and FTII _____ **FICCI.**

Note:

- It is being jointly organized by FICCI, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and FTII.
- It is a step in this direction to bring the people from all member states together.
- The focus of the BRICS Film Technology symposium is to acknowledge the service sector.

6. Under whose chairmanship the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting constituted a committee to review the existing guidelines of Journalist Welfare Scheme and make appropriate recommendations for changes to the guidelines _____

Ashok Kumar Tandon.

Note:

- The committee will be headed by Prasar Bharati Board Member Ashok Kumar Tandon.
- The committee will have nine Members from different print and electronics media and an Additional Director General of PIB as members.
- Director (IP) in the Ministry will be Convener of the committee.

7. Who chaired the 24th meeting of the Financial Stability and development Council in New Delhi _____ **Nirmala Sitharaman.**

Note:

- The meeting deliberated on the various mandates of the FSDC, Financial Stability, Financial Sector Development, Inter-regulatory Coordination, Financial Literacy and Financial Inclusion.
- FSDC is an apex-level body that was set by the government of India in order to create a super regulatory body.

8. Which Railway Station became the fifth one to get 5- star 'Eat Right Station' certification from Food Safety and Standards Authority of India for providing high-quality, nutritious food to passengers _____ **Chandigarh Railway Station.**

Note:

- The certification was awarded by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India.
- The 5-star rating indicates exemplary efforts by stations to ensure safe and hygienic food is available to passengers.
- Others are: Anand Vihar; Delhi, Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus; Mumbai, Mumbai Central, and Vadodara Railway Station.

9. What is India's position as a startup ecosystem in the world _____ **third.**

Note:

- Over the last year, India has added three unicorns every month taking the total count to 51, ahead of the UK (32) and Germany (18).
- A privately held startup company valued at over \$1 billion is called a unicorn.
- The US tops the list with 396 unicorns, while China is at the second spot with 277, showed data from Hurun Research Institute.

10. Which university tops in the Times World University Rankings 2022 for the sixth consecutive year _____ **University of Oxford.**

Note:



- In the overall category, UK's University of Oxford has topped the list, while California Institute of Technology, Harvard University and Stanford University stand at 2nd, 3rd and 4th positions, respectively.
- IISc Bengaluru, at 301-350 position, is the only Indian institute in the top 350, followed by IIT Ropar, JS Academy of Higher Education and Research, IIT Indore, Allagappa University and Thapar University.

11. Which institution emerged as the best institutions in India in the Times World University Rankings 2022 _____ **Indian School of Science, Bengaluru.**

Note:

- In the overall category, UK's University of Oxford has topped the list, while California Institute of Technology, Harvard University and Stanford University stand at 2nd, 3rd and 4th positions, respectively.
- IISc Bengaluru, at 301-350 position, is the only Indian institute in the top 350, followed by IIT Ropar, JS Academy of Higher Education and Research, IIT Indore, Allagappa University and Thapar University.

12. Which institution joined hands with World-Wide Fund for Nature-India (WWF India) to develop a platform, 'India Plastic Pact,' to promote a circular system for plastics _____ **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).**

Note:

- The new platform called, the 'India Plastic Pact,' was launched by British High Commissioner to India, Alexander Ellis.
- The pact works to create a world where Plastic is respected and does not contaminate the environment.
- India generates 9.46 million tonnes of plastic waste annually, of which 40% is not collected.

13. Who inaugurated Nurti Garden at All India Institute of Ayurveda _____ **Smriti Zubin Irani.**

Note:

- Plantation of Shigru (Sahijan) and Amla, saplings were also carried out by the both Ministers.
- All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi (AIIA) under the direction of the Ministry of Ayush initiated the celebration of Poshan Maah - 2021.

14. Which Ministry has launched AYUSH AAPKE DWAR campaign from more than 45 locations across country _____ **Ayush Ministry.**

Note:

- The campaign aims to distribute medicinal plant saplings to 75 lakh households in one year. The medicinal plants include Tejpatta, Stevia, Ashoka, Giloy, Ashwagandha, Lemongrass, Tulsi, Sarpagandha and Amla.

15. Which entity has launched a lab to design and develop a pan-India integrated alert system for disaster management _____ **Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT).**

Note:

- It is being administered by National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)
- C-DOT has been running a pilot to send alerts to people at the time of Cyclone Yaas in affected areas as well as for Covid-19 to manage isolation zones in selected states.
- C-DOT was established in August 1984.

16. Which IIT gets India's first building made of bio-bricks from agro-waste to counter the air pollution caused by stubble burning _____ **IIT Hyderabad.**

Note:

- Sample building is made up of bio-bricks supported by a metal framework, along with roof over PVC sheets to reduce heat.
- It is part of Bold Unique Idea Lead Development (BUILD) project to demonstrate the strength and versatility of the material.

17. Which organization in in collaboration with Ministry of External Affairs will setup an Atmanirbhar Bharat corner in 75 Indian Missions/ Embassies across the world _____ **TRIFED.**

Note:

- First Atma Nirbhar Bharat corner was successfully inaugurated at Indian Embassy in Bangkok, Thailand on August 15, 2021.
- Purpose: It will be an exclusive space to promote GI-tagged tribal art and craft products besides natural and organic products.

18. Who launched the programme 'Bujurgon ki Baat-Desh Ke Saath' to enhance the interaction between the youth and the elder people who are 95 years and above and have spent around 18 years in India before independence _____ **G Kishan Reddy.**

Note:



- Aim: At enhancing the interaction between the youth and elder people who are 95 years and above and have spent around 18 years in India before independence.
- The video of the programme should preferably be kept below 60 seconds and can be uploaded at www.rashtragaan.in

19. The government of India has constituted an expert committee to Prepare Road Map for Coal based Hydrogen Production _____ **R.K. Malhotra.**

Note:

- The Task Force will be headed by Additional Secretary in the Ministry.
- Its broad terms and reference include identification of role to be played by each stakeholder Ministry, monitoring of activities towards achieving coal based Hydrogen production and setting up sub committees to achieve the objective.
- On the other hand, the Expert Committee will be headed by Director General of the Federation of Indian Petroleum Industry, R.K. Malhotra.

20. The Union Cabinet has approved the signing of a MoU with which country for cooperation in the field of geosciences _____ **USA.**

Note:

- The decision was taken at a meeting of the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The main objective of this MoU is to extend mutual cooperation for technological collaboration on exploration for deep-seated and/or concealed mineral deposits, analysis and interpretation of the aero-geophysical data and joint development of the Indian Geoscience Data repository with the Russian state-of-the-art information technology.

21. Who has launched a portal titled as 'PRANA' for regulation of air pollution in 132 cities across India _____ **Bhupender Yadav.**

Note:

- PRANA stands for Portal for Regulation of Air-pollution in Non-Attainment cities.
- It can be accessed at prana.cpcb.gov.in.
- It will cover cities that comes under National Clean Air Programme (NCAP).

22. Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav has launched the first functional Smog Tower in which city of India _____ **New Delhi.**

Note:

- Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav virtually inaugurated the smog tower at Anand Vihar.
- The smog tower is a structure designed as large-scale air purifiers to reduce pollution particles in surrounding areas.
- Built by Tata Company, the tower has a capacity of 1,000 cubic metres per second.

23. Which institution topped in the India Rankings 2021 instituted by the National Institutional Ranking Framework in the overall category _____ **IIT Madras.**

Note:

- The Rankings have been released under various categories, including, Engineering, Pharmacy, Management, Overall, Research etc.
- IIT Madras has topped the Rankings in the overall category, while IISc Bengaluru has come second, which is followed by IIT Bombay at the third place.
- This year NIRF has released the sixth annual ranking list of higher educational institutes of the country.

24. Who will chair the 8-member committee constituted by the ministry health and family welfare for framing new laws for drugs, cosmetics and medical devices _____ **VG Somani.**

Note:

- The new law will replace existing Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 that regulates only import, manufacture, distribution and sale of drugs and cosmetics.
- The new Drugs, Cosmetics and Medical Devices Act will incorporate regulation of medical devices as well.
- It will be chaired by Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) Dr VG Somani.

25. With which country India has launched the 'Centre of Excellence on Offshore Wind' as part of the green strategic partnership between the two nations _____ **Denmark.**

Note:



- It may help provide a push to India's offshore wind power generation plans.
- This assumes significance, given that the ministry of new and renewable energy (MNRE) has set a target of adding 30 gigawatts (GW) of offshore wind energy projects by 2030.
- India plans to leverage scale to lower offshore energy tariffs by harnessing the enormous wind power potential along its 7,600km coastline.

26. Union Minister for Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya Scindia has launched the Medicines from the Sky project to send medicines to Primary Health Care Centres using drones. It is an initiative of which state _____ **Telangana**.

Note:

- The project was launched at Vikarabad in Telangana. Drones carry a payload of vaccines and other medicines to Public Health Centers under the project.
- The first sortie was carried out by a drone built by SkyAir Mobility for its Consortium partner Blue Dart Express and delivered a five-kg box of vaccines to a community Health Care Center located 3 kms away.
- The 'Medicine from the Sky' project is an initiative of the Government of Telangana led by the emerging technologies wing of state IT department in association with World Economic Forum, NITI Aayog, and HealthNet Global.

27. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Sardardham Bhavan through video conferencing at which city of Gujarat _____ **Ahmedabad**.

Note:

- He also laid the foundation stone of Sardardham Phase-II Kanya Chhatralay on this occasion.
- The Sardardham has been constructed at the cost of 200 crore rupees.
- It has modern facilities like a hostel, library, career guidance and training center for boys and girls coming from rural areas and a multipurpose auditorium.

28. Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the setting up of chair in memory of Tamil poet Subramania Bharati at which university for Tamil studies _____ **Banaras Hindu University (BHU)**.

Note:

- The Chair will be established in the faculty of arts at the BHU.
- PM Modi made the announcement on the 100th death anniversary of Subramania Bharati.
- The Tamil poet passed away on 11 September 1921.
- The great Tamil poet fondly called Mahakavi (great poet) has a connection with Varanasi. He had obtained his early education from the city.

29. Which ministry would be responsible for the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojna to be started in 36000 villages of India _____ **Ministry of Tribal Affairs**.

Note:

- Under the scheme, villages having 50 percent tribal population would be given priority.
- This scheme would be started by Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- Around 1700 tribal villages in Assam will be converted into model village under the scheme.
- Apart from model villages, 184 new Van Dhan Kendra will also be set up in Assam in order to benefit 60 thousand people.

30. Union government has revised Transport and Marketing Assistance scheme for specified agriculture products and included dairy products in its purview and increases the rates of assistance. The scheme has been administered by _____ **Ministry of Commerce and Industry**.

Note:

- It included dairy products in its purview and increases the rates of assistance.
- Enhanced assistance under the revised scheme is expected to help Indian exporters of agricultural products to meet rising freight and logistics costs.
- The scheme has been extended till March 31, 2022.



31. Which ministry has organised a webinar on POSHAN Abhiyaan– Sahi Poshan Desh Roshan _____ **Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.**

Note:

- POSHAN (Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nutrition) Abhiyaan is Government's flagship programme to improve nutritional outcomes for children, adolescent Girls, pregnant women and lactating mothers.

32. Central Institute of Tool Design (CITD) is located in which city that has obtained patent for the invention entitled Automatic Machine for Production of Conical Shaped Fireworks (Anaar) for 20 years _____ **Hyderabad.**

Note:

- CITD signed an MOU with Standard Fireworks Pvt Ltd (SFPL) for automation processes
- As a first project, CITD has taken up for Module-1 for flower pot chemical filling-packing
- It consists of 10 different stations like paper cutting, pasting, chemical filling, etc.

Important News – State

1. Which state/union territories has launched Rural Enterprises Acceleration Programme titled 'Saath' for Self Help Group (SHG) women _____ **Jammu & Kashmir.**

Note:

- Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha launched Rural Enterprises Acceleration Programme titled 'Saath' for Self Help Group (SHG) women.
- This Saath initiative will stress on mentoring and market linkages of products created by these women.
- This will transform the lives of these women and make them independent and strong in social and financial aspects.

2. Which state government has decided to rename Rajiv Gandhi National Park as Orang National Park _____ **Assam.**

Note:

- The Assam cabinet passed a resolution regarding this.
- Covering an area of 79.28 sq km, it was declared a wildlife sanctuary in 1985, and a national park in 1999.
- The Orang National Park is often referred to as mini Kaziranga of Assam is also a Tiger reserve.

3. Which state/union territories has declared the black-necked crane and snow leopard as their state bird and animal respectively _____ **Ladakh.**

Note:

- Black-necked crane, only found in Ladakh region was previously the state bird of the former state of J&K, along with Hangul as the state animal.
- The crane was chosen as the state bird since it is only found in the eastern region of Ladakh.
- The snow leopards are mainly found in the western and eastern regions of the Himalayas, including Ladakh, J&K, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand.

4. Which state government has launched two ambitious schemes; 'AtmaNirbhar Krishi Yojna' and 'AtmaNirbhar Bagwani Yojna' _____ **Arunachal Pradesh.**

Note:

- A total amount of 120 cr – 60 crore rupees for each scheme – has been allocated to the two concerned departments of Agriculture and Horticulture.
- These 2 schemes are unique as these are both based on front-ended subsidies.
- Credit link will be provided to the beneficiaries by SBI, Arunachal Pradesh Rural Bank and Arunachal Pradesh Cooperative Apex Bank.

5. Which State has launched an e-ILP platform to regulate entry and exit _____ **Sikkim.**

Note:

- The e-ILP platform will play a vital role in regulating the entry, exit and tracking of visitors who are overstaying beyond the permitted duration.



- The e-ILP tracking system had been developed to mend the loopholes in the procedures adopted to issue the permit and its tracking system.
6. Which state government plan to set up India's first Dugong Conservation Reserve _____ **Tamil Nadu**.
Note:
- The reserve will span the northern part of the Palk Bay from Adiramapattinam to Amapattinam.
 - Marine biologists and conservationists have long demanded a reserve as the population of dugongs, as known as sea cows, in Indian waters has been dropping to dangerous levels.
7. Which state government has launched Vatan Prem Yojana _____ **Gujarat**.
Note:
- The governing body of the Vatan Prem Yojana's society had met in Gandhinagar under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Vijay Rupani.
 - A presentation of details of the scheme was made before Rupani.
 - A project management unit has been formed for the smooth implementation of the scheme
8. Which state government to set up International Education Department _____ **Haryana**.
Note:
- The State Government will fulfill the dream of the youth of the state to study and get job abroad.
 - The International Haryana Education Society has been founded by Rohit Ahlawat a youth from London.
9. Which state govt has decided to celebrate 17th September as Social Justice Day every year the birth anniversary of reformist leader E V Ramasamy Periyar _____ **Tamil Nadu**.
Note:
- Periyar's ideology was all about social justice, self-respect, rationalism and equality, which laid the foundation stone for the Tamil society's growth during the last century and it would also pave the way for the future
10. India's tallest air purification tower has been inaugurated in which Union Territories _____ **Chandigarh**.
Note:
- The tower has been installed at the initiative of the Chandigarh Pollution Control Committee (CPC) at Transport Chowk, Sector 26, by Pious Air Pvt Limited.
 - This is the highest air purifier tower of the country and covers an area of around 500-metre radius and is 24-metre-high.
 - The purification tower will clean 3.88 crore cubic ft of air from the surrounding environment.
11. Which state government has launched the 'Business Blasters' programme for developing young entrepreneurs at the school-level _____ **Delhi**.
Note:
- The programme that will be implemented in all Delhi government schools under the "entrepreneurship mindset curriculum", is aimed at developing young entrepreneurs at the school-level.
 - As part of the programme that was "successful as a pilot project", students of classes 11 and 12 will be provided seed money of Rs 2,000 to start a business.
12. Global port operator DP World has signed a facilitation MoU with which state government for a slew of projects it is establishing in the State at an investment of ₹2,000 crore _____ **Tamil Nadu**.
Note:
- DP World signed an MoU in UAE with the Tamil Nadu Government in September 2019 to invest ₹1,000 crore in establishing a Free Trade Warehousing Zone (FTWZ) and subsequently, Integrated Chennai Business Park (ICBP) in Vallur, Ponneri Taluk, Tiruvallur District was established over an area of 125 acres. DP World's FTWZ was inaugurated on July 20, 2021.
 - These projects are expected to create employment opportunities for 4,500 people (1,500 direct and 3,000 indirect).
13. Which state has been ranked as the first state of India in installation of off-grid solar pumps under PM-KUSUM, as per the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy data _____ **Haryana**.
Note:
- The state has installed 14,418 pumps against 15,000 sanctioned pumps for the year 2020-21.



- PM-KUSUM scheme: It is a centrally-sponsored scheme, that was launched in 2019 with target to install 20 lakh standalone solar pumps.
 - Haryana was given a target of 15,000 pumps for the year 2020-21 with a total cost of Rs 520 crore.
14. Which state government has launched 'Millet Mission' to provide proper price rate to farmers for minor cereal crops _____ **Chhattisgarh**.
- Note:**
- The step is in line with Chief Minister's vision for the state becoming India's millet hub.
 - Other important benefits under Millet Mission to includes input assistance for millet, procurement arrangements, aid farmers in the processing of crops and ensure that the farmers get benefit of the expertise of experts.
15. Which has become the first private company to formally enter into an agreement with ISRO to get access of their facilities and expertise for the development and testing of subsystems and systems of space launch vehicles _____ **Skyroot Aerospace**.
- Note:**
- Skyroot Aerospace is building Vikram series of rockets to carry small satellites into space.
 - First launch vehicle in the series, Vikram-1 is scheduled to be launch in 2022.
 - The agreement will enable Skyroot to undertake multiple tests and access facilities at various ISRO centres and get all help in building the launch vehicle.
16. India's largest open-air fernery has been inaugurated in which state _____ **Uttarakhand**.
- Note:**
- It will serve the dual objective of conservation of fern species as well as creating awareness about their ecological role, promoting further research.
 - It has around 120 different types of ferns, covering an area of over 4 acres of land at an altitude of 1,800m.
 - Fernery has been developed under Govt's Compensatory Afforestation Management Funds Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) scheme.

Important News - World

1. Which country hosted the 8th Meeting of Agricultural Experts of Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) countries _____ **India**.
- Note:**
- Experts of Agricultural Ministries from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Thailand participated in the meeting.
 - The Chairman highlighted the UN Food System Summit 2021 and the transformations that are happening in the agriculture and food systems globally.
2. Which country has declared a state of emergency over food shortages as private banks run out of foreign exchange to finance imports _____ **Sri Lanka**.
- Note:**
- Sri Lanka is suffering from a hard-hitting economic crisis. Following the crisis, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa ordered emergency regulations to counter the hoarding of sugar, rice and other such essential foods.
 - President also named a top army officer as "Commissioner General of Essential Services to coordinate the supply of paddy, rice, sugar and other consumer goods".
3. Which country became the largest startup ecosystem in the world _____ **USA**.
- Note:**
- Over the last year, India has added three unicorns every month taking the total count to 51, ahead of the UK (32) and Germany (18).
 - A privately held startup company valued at over \$1 billion is called a unicorn.
 - The US tops the list with 396 unicorns, while China is at the second spot with 277, showed data from Hurun Research Institute.
4. Which global major has announced the launch of Kisan Store that will enable farmers across India to get access to more than 8,000 agriculture inputs such as seeds, farm tools and accessories, plant protection, nutrition, and more _____ **Amazon India**.
- Note:**



- It is an online platform that will enable farmers across India to get access to more than 8,000 agriculture inputs such as seeds, farm tools and accessories, plant protection, nutrition, and more.
 - Listed by small and medium businesses (SMBs) these products will be available at competitive prices on Amazon India.
5. Pacific Air Chiefs Symposium 2021 (PACS-21) was held in _____ **Hawaii**.
- Note:**
- It provided an opportunity for enhancing mutual understanding and deepening of relationships among participating nations.
 - Participants of PACS-21 included Air Chiefs of countries in Indo-Pacific region.
 - From India, Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhaduria, Chief of the Air Staff (CAS) attended PACS-21. He was nominated as the Dean for the Symposium.
6. World's largest plant designed to suck carbon dioxide (CO₂) out of the air and turning it into rock started commenced its operation in _____ **Iceland**.
- Note:**
- The plan is named as Orca or orka meaning energy.
 - It has been developed by Swiss startup Climeworks AG and Icelandic carbon storage firm Carbfix
 - It consists of four units, each made up of two metal boxes, similar in appearance to the containers used for maritime transport.
7. In association with Denmark, which state planned to create an energy island _____ **Tamil Nadu**.
- Note:**
- This plan was made as Tamil Nadu is looking to expand its footprint in the green energy sector.
 - To achieve this target, Denmark is likely to invest \$5-10 billion in the renewable energy sector in the state. It also includes investment for an energy island in the Gulf of Mannar.
 - With this investment, island would be able to produce 4-10 GW of energy.
8. In September 2021, India holds inaugural 'Two-Plus-Two Dialogue' with which country _____ **Australia**.
- Note:**
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar held the talks with their Australian counterparts Peter Dutton and Marise Payne.
 - In the 'two-plus-two' talks, the two sides vowed to work towards a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific, a region that has been witnessing increasing Chinese assertiveness.
 - India holds such talks with Australia, Japan, USA and Russia.
9. North Korea has tested new long-range cruise missile, which is capable of hitting _____ **Japan**.
- Note:**
- During the test, the missile travelled up to 1,500 kms, suggesting that North Korea is still capable of developing weapons despite food shortages and economic crisis.
 - It is first long-range cruise missile of Korea that could possibly carry a nuclear warhead.
10. With which country India has launched Climate Action and Finance Mobilization Dialogue (CAFMD) to strengthen bilateral cooperation on climate and environment _____ **USA**.
- Note:**
- AFMD is one of the two tracks of the India-U.S. Climate and Clean Energy Agenda 2030 partnership launched at Leaders' Summit on Climate in April 2021.
 - It will demonstrate how the world can align swift climate action with inclusive and resilient economic development, taking into account national circumstances and sustainable development priorities.

Honour & Awards

1. Dr. Firdausi Qadri won Ramon Magsaysay Award 2021 she is noted _____ **Vaccine scientist**.

Note:

- Dr Qadri is an emeritus scientist at the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh.
- Other winners are Muhammad Amjad Saqib (Microfinance pioneer, Pakistan), Roberto Ballon (fisher and community environmentalist, Philippines), Steven Muncy for humanitarian work and refugee assistance (America) and Indonesian torch bearer for investigative journalism, Watchdoc.
- Known as Nobel Prize in Asia Ramon Magsaysay award was established in April 1957.



2. Muhammad Amjad Saqib a microfinance pioneer belong to which country, who won Ramon Magsaysay award 2021 _____ **Pakistan.**

Note:

- Dr. Amjad Saqib has been chosen for outstanding efforts in restoring human dignity, alleviating poverty and helping over 3 million families to come out of poverty through zero-interest lending model.

3. Alejandro Prieto held from which country who has won the Bird Photographer of the Year award 2021 _____ **Mexico.**

Note:

- His photo features a roadrunner at a new section of the border wall between Mexico and the USA.
- Prieto wins the top prize of £5,000 and the prestigious title.
- His image also won Gold Award in the Birds in the Environment category.

4. Name the global leader whose approval rating is the highest among 13 global leaders polled in the survey conducted by The Morning Consult _____ **Narendra Damodar Modi.**

Note:

- In the survey, PM Modi is ahead of Mexican president Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, US President Joe Biden.
- The list also includes Australian PM Scott Morrison, Canada PM Trudeau, UK Prime Minister Boris Jonson, Brazilian President Jaire Bolsonaro etc.

5. An anonymous photographer from which country won the top award at "Visa Pour L'Image" festival the biggest annual festival for photojournalism for his coverage in troubled nation _____ **Myanmar.**

Note:

- The photographer, who remained unnamed for security reasons, scooped the Visa d'Or for News, the most prestigious award handed out at the "Visa Pour L'Image" festival in Perpignan, southwestern France.
- Mikko Takkunen, the Asia photo editor for The New York Times, collected the prize on behalf of the photographer.

6. Who has been named as the 2021 International Young Eco-Hero for his project Conservation and Rehabilitation of Powai Lake _____ **Ayaan Shankta.**

Note:

- He is one of the 25 young environmental activists from across the world honoured as 2021 International Young Eco-Hero by Action For Nature (AFN)
- He stood third in the 8-14 age category
- The award recognizes eco-conscious youth aged 8 to 16 who are taking crucial steps to solve tough environmental problems.

7. Which organization has been awarded 2021 Africa Food Prize for improved food security across 13 countries in sub-Saharan Africa at Africa Forum for Green Revolution (AGRF)-2021 Summit _____ **ICRISAT.**

Note:

- ICRISAT: It is a non-profit, non-political public agricultural research for development in Asia and sub-Saharan Africa with a wide array of partners
- ICRISAT led a collaboration of partners to deliver the Tropical Legumes Project between 2007 and 2019.

8. Who has been selected for Florence Nightingale Award 2021 _____ **Bhanumati Gheewala.**

Note:

- The nurse works at Sir Sayajirao General Hospital in Vadodara.
- She has been handling the delivery of COVID-19 positive pregnant women as well as taking care of newborns.
- The Florence Nightingale Award recognizes exceptional courage and devotion to victims of armed conflict or natural disaster.

9. Which institution has bagged King Sejong Literacy Prize, a global recognition from UNESCO for its innovative approach towards education _____ **National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS).**

Note:

- The recognition is for educating differently-abled people through technology-enabled inclusive learning material.
- The NIOS move has a specific focus on Indian sign language-based content.
- By awarding NIOS the King Sejong Literacy Prize, the jury has recognized the value of providing for the unique educational and language needs of PwD learners by developing teaching content in sign language through digital mode.



Sports News

1. Renowned cricketer Dale Steyn has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. Which country did he play for _____ **South Africa**.
Note:
 - He is regarded as one of the greatest fast bowlers of all time and is fondly known as 'Steyn Gun' among fans for his express pace
 - He made his international debut in 2004 and played 93 Tests, 125 ODIs and 47 T20Is.
2. Para Olympian Mariyappan Thangavelu associated with which sports who won silver medal at Tokyo Paralympics 2020 _____ **High Jump**.
Note:
 - In the same event, Sharad Kumar won the bronze medal, clearing 1.83m mark.
 - Sam Grewe of United States won the gold medal with 1.88m mark.
 - With the two new medals, India's medal tally at the Tokyo Paralympics has now reached to 10.
3. Praveen Kumar associated with which sports who won a silver medal at Tokyo Para Olympic 2020 _____ **High Jump**.
Note:
 - Praveen jumped 2.07 metre while Great Britain's Jonathan Broom-Edwards took the gold with a season-best of 2.10 metre in the event.
 - With the win, India's medal tally at Tokyo Paralympics has risen to 11 with two Gold medals, six Silver and three Bronze medals.
4. Manish Narwal associated with which sports who won a gold medal in Tokyo Olympic 2020 _____ **Shooting**.
Note:
 - The 19-year-old Narwal shot a total of 218.2, a Paralympic record, to claim the gold
 - Shooter Manish Narwal clinched India's third gold at the ongoing Paralympics while compatriot Singhraj Adana bagged the silver in the P4 Mixed 50m Pistol SH1 event.
5. Who won the Dutch Grand Prix 2021 title _____ **Max Verstappen**.
Note:
 - The Red Bull driver's leading seventh win of the season and 17th of his career.
 - Championship leader Lewis Hamilton could only manage second place in his Mercedes F1
 - Hamilton's Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas was third.
6. Para-Olympian Suhas Lalinakere Yathiraj associated with which sports who scripted history by becoming first IAS officer to win Paralympics silver medal _____ **Badminton**.
Note:
 - He lost gold medal match to the top seeded Lucas Mazur of France.
 - The 38-year-old Suhas is currently the District Magistrate (DM) of Noida and became the first-ever IAS officer to win a medal at the Paralympics.
 - Suhas had lost to Mazur, who has won three gold medals in European Championships as well.
7. Who lead India's contingent at the Closing Ceremony of Tokyo Paralympics as the flag-bearer _____ **Avani Lekhara**.
Note:
 - 19-year-old shooter won gold and bronze medals at the Paralympic Games.
 - A total of 54 para-athletes from India across nine sports disciplines participated in the event.
 - Indian contingent finished their campaign at the Paralympic Games at an all-time high by securing a total of 19 medals which includes 5 gold, 8 silver, and 6 bronze medals.
8. Which two sports made their debut in Tokyo Paralympic 2020 _____ **Badminton and Taekwondo**.
Note:
 - Taekwondo will be the first full-contact Paralympic sport ever.
 - Developed in 2006, Para taekwondo has the same rules as its Olympic counterpart with some changes for safety.
 - Most of the rules for Para badminton are the same as the able-bodied version of the sport.
9. Who has won Men's Singles SL3 event badminton gold medal match against Great Britain's Daniell Bethell at Tokyo Paralympics _____ **Pramod Bhagat**.
Note:
 - He defeated Daniell Bethel of Great Britain
 - He is one of the best para-shuttlers of India with 45 international medals under his belt



- This is India's first medal in badminton at the Paralympics Games.
10. The 130th edition of Durand Cup, the oldest football tournament being hosted by which Indian city _____ **Kolkata**.
- Note:**
- 16 teams will be participated in this edition of the oldest club football tournament in Asia while two clubs East Bengal and Mohun Bagan are not participating.
 - Mohammedan Sporting Club started their campaign in the tournament with an emphatic win against the Indian Air Force Football team.
11. Emma Raducanu held from which country who Women's Singles title at 2021 US Open Tennis tournament by defeating Leylah Fernandez of Canada _____ **Britain**.
- Note:**
- Rising British sensation Emma defeated her Canadian opponent in straight sets 6-4, 6-3 in the summit clash held at the Arthur Ashe Stadium in New York.
 - She has become the first British woman to win the title in 53 years.
 - Raducanu has also become the first British woman in 44 years to win a Grand Slam singles title.
12. Who has won 2021 US Open men's singles Tennis Title _____ **Daniil Medvedev**.
- Note:**
- Medvedev, the 2019 US Open runner-up, captured his first Grand Slam title in his third Slam final.
 - Medvedev became the third Russian man to win a Grand Slam title after Yevgeny Kafelnikov at the 1996 French Open and 1999 Australian Open and Marat Safin at the 2000 US Open and 2005 Australian Open.
13. Who has won the won Formula One Italian Grand Prix 2021 title held at Autodromo Nazionale Monza _____ **Daniel Ricciardo**.
- Note:**
- This is the first victory for McLaren in 9 years.
 - Lando Norris (McLaren-Mercedes) came second, followed by Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes)
 - Lewis Hamilton and Max Verstappen crash out of Italian Grand Prix 2021 due to collision.
 - It was the 14th round of 2021 F1 World Championship and second Grand Prix in Italy of the season.
14. International Olympic Committee (IOC) has formally suspended which country from the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics _____ **North Korea**.
- Note:**
- IOC president Thomas Bach said the North Korean national Olympic body will also now forfeit money it was due from the previous Olympics. The unspecified amount — potentially millions of dollars — had been withheld because of international sanctions.
15. Who has been appointed as the Team India's mentor for the upcoming ICC T20 World Cup 2021 by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) _____ **MS Dhoni**.
- Note:**
- MD Dhoni has announced his retirement from international limited-overs cricket on August 15, 2020.
 - Dhoni had last played for India in the 2019 ICC World Cup semi-final against New Zealand.
 - Dhoni, who leads Chennai Super Kings, is a three-time IPL-winning captain and has brought home three major ICC trophies — World T20, Champions Trophy and World Cup.
16. Who has become the first professional golfer in the world to receive the prestigious 10-year Dubai Golden Visa in recognition of his outstanding achievements in the sport _____ **Jeev Milkha Singh**.
- Note:**
- The 49-year-old Jeev has had a long association with Dubai, having featured in several tournaments and making many friends in the city.
 - Jeev, winner of four titles on the European Tour, four on Japan Golf Tour and six on the Asian Tour, has received the 10-year 'Gold card' for being an elite professional athlete.

Books and Authors

1. Who has authored the book titled 'A Rude Life: The Memoir' _____ **Vir Sanghvi**.
- Note:**



- Through this book, the author has shared his views and experience of the most eventful careers in Indian journalism, including his personal life, stories of and about celebrities and politicians, middlemen and behind-the-scene actors.
2. Who has authored the book titled “Know Your Rights and Claim Them: A Guide for Youth” _____ **Angelina Jolie**.
Note:
- Angelina Jolie recently took to her official Instagram handle and informed everyone about the release of her upcoming book, Know Your Rights and Claim Them: A Guide for Youth.
 - She further added pictures of people from different parts of the world with whom she will be interacting with on a Zoom call.
3. Who has authored the book titled ‘Back to the Roots’ _____ **Tamanna Bhatia**.
Note:
- The book is based on intensive research and mentions India’s ancient secrets of health and wellness.
 - All the chapters in ‘Back To the Roots’ are complete with tried-and-tested secrets that have served generations of this country.”
4. Who has authored the book titled ‘Human Rights and Terrorism in India’ _____ **Subramanian Swamy**.
Note:
- He has come out with a book “Human Rights and Terrorism in India” which traces how the combating of terrorism can be harmonised with human and fundamental rights within reasonable restrictions that are permitted by the Constitution and upheld by the Supreme Court.
5. Who has authored the book titled “Bullets Over Bombay: Satya and the Hindi Film Gangster” _____ **Uday Bhatia**.
Note:
- The Book deals with the testimonies from Ram Gopal Varma, Anurag Kashyap, Manoj Bajpayee, Vishal Bhardwaj, Saurabh Shukla.
 - Uday Bhatia is a film critic with Mint Lounge in Delhi. He has previously worked with Time Out Delhi and The Sunday Guardian.
 - His writing has appeared in The Caravan, GQ, The Indian Quarterly, The Indian Express and The Hindu Business Line.
6. Who has authored the book titled “Gita Govinda: Jaydeva’s Divine Odyssey” _____ **Dr Utpal K. Banerjee**.
Note:
- The book is the first-ever fully-rhymed translation of the book GeetaGovindam by great 12th-century poet Jayadeva.
 - Union Minister also launched a programme named ‘BujurgonkiBaat–DeshKeSaath’ that aims at enhancing the interaction between the youth and the elder persons who are 95 years and above and thus have spent around 18 years in India before independence.

Science and Defence

1. Which IIT is in process of developing an online platform called e-Source that will be used to tackle electronic wastes (e-waste) _____ **IIT Madras**.
Note:
- This initiative can become a critical resource by enabling reverse logistics supply chains and can help recycle 53.6 million tonnes of e-waste generated annually around the world and is potentially a \$50 billion market.
 - ‘e-Source’ will be an exchange platform that will serve as an online marketplace for waste electrical and electronic equipment and facilitate a formal supply chain between various stakeholders (buyers and sellers).
2. In a joint venture with National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), which IIT has built an app that can predict natural disasters _____ **IIT Roorkee**.
Note:
- App will alert about possible natural calamities in advance.
 - Uttarakhand cabinet has also formed an expert committee that will tell us about the quantum of rainfall in each area in order to make arrangements in advance.
 - According to minister, Doppler Radar has started functioning at Mukteshwar.



3. The Indian Navy has signed a contract with which defence equipment manufacturer for the supply of the first indigenously developed Naval Anti Drone System (NADS) _____ **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)**.

Note:

- The NADS, developed by the DRDO and manufactured by BEL.
- It is the first indigenously developed anti-drone system to be inducted into the Indian armed forces.
- The NADS can instantly detect micro drones and uses a laser-based "kill mechanism" to terminate the targets.

4. The Scientists at which IITs and the Faculty of Management Studies of Delhi University have developed a living plant-based air purifier, "Ubreathe Life", that amplifies the air purification process in indoor spaces _____ **IIT Ropar and IIT Kanpur**.

Note:

- These indoor spaces can either be hospitals, schools, offices or homes.
- IIT Ropar's startup company, Urban Air Laboratory, has developed the product and claims it to be the world's first state-of-the-art "smart bio-filter" that can make breathing fresh.
- It has been incubated at IIT Ropar, which is a designated iHub - AWaDH (Agriculture and Water Technology Development Hub) by the Department of Science and Technology.

5. Indian Navy Offshore Patrol Vessel, INS Savitri delivered two Mobile Oxygen Plants (MOP) to which country to support its effort to fight the COVID 19 pandemic _____ **Bangladesh**.

Note:

- Each of the MOPs has the capacity to generate 960 litres of Oxygen per minute.
- The MOPS have been developed and manufactured by DRDO in India.
- One MOP is to be set up at the Dhaka Medical College and Hospital and the other plant is for the Bangladesh Navy to be set up at the BNS Patenga.

6. Indian Army participate in the Multi Nation 'Exercise ZAPAD 2021' that was held in which country _____ **Russia**.

Note:

- The 14-day-long activity is aimed at enhancing military and strategic ties amongst the participating nations.
- The ZAPAD is one of the theatre level exercises of the Russian Armed Forces and will focus primarily on operations against terrorists, according to the Ministry of Defence.

7. With which country India has recently signed an agreement for cooperation in development of Air-Launched Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (ALUAV) _____ **USA**.

Note:

- The Project Agreement (PA) for ALUAV was signed under the overall framework of the Defence Tech and Trade Initiative.
- The pact falls under the ambit of the Research, Development, Testing and Evaluation (RDT&E) agreement between the two sides that was first signed in 2006.

8. Indian conducted the 28th edition of bilateral Maritime Exercise (SIMBEX) 2021 with which country in the southern fringes of South China Sea _____ **Singapore**.

Note:

- It took place from September 2 to 4, 2021.
- SIMBEX-2021 is an annual bilateral maritime exercise and was hosted by Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) in the southern fringes of South China Sea.
- Indian Navy was represented by Guided Missile Destroyer INS Ranvijay with a ship borne helicopter, ASW Corvette INS Kiltan and Guided Missile Corvette INS Kora and one P8I Long Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft.

9. DRDO has handed over the first deliverable Firing Unit (FU) of Medium Range Surface to Air Missile (MRSAM) System to Indian Air Force (IAF). The missile has been jointly developed by DRDO and which aerospace manufacturer _____ **Israel Aerospace Industries**.

Note:

- MRSAM is an advanced network centric combat Air Defence System. It was jointly developed by DRDO and Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) in collaboration with Indian industry consisting of private and public sectors as well as MSMEs.
- It is a surface-to-air-missile, 4.5m in length. Contract for MRSAM programme was signed in February 2009. Under the contract, IAF was to buy 450 MRSAMs and 18 firing units at the value of \$2bn.



10. Defense Minister Rajnath Singh and Nitin Gadkari have inaugurated an emergency landing facility for the first time in a National Highway in which state _____ **Rajasthan**.

Note:

- On the occasion, C-130J Super Hercules transport aircraft of Indian Air Force (IAF) landed at the emergency field landing at the National Highway in Jalore, Rajasthan.
- This is the first time; a National Highway will be used for emergency landing of IAF aircraft.
- National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) developed a three kilometres section of the Satta-Gandhav stretch on NH-925A, under the supervision of IAF.
- It is a part of newly developed two-lane stretch of Satta-Gandhav and Gagariya-Bakhasar section in Barmer (Rajasthan).

11. India's first indigenously designed high ash coal gasification based Methanol Production Plant has been inaugurated in _____ **Hyderabad**.

Note:

- The plant was funded by Dept of Science and Technology at the initiative of NITI Aayog, PMO-India and Ministry of Coal.
- It can create 0.25 ton per day (TPD) Methanol from high ash Indian coal using 1.2 TPD Fluidized bed gasifier.
- Purity of the crude methanol produced is between 98 and 99.5%.

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