

# Weekly One-Liners

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Dear readers,

**Weekly One Liners Update** is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the **third week** (15-21st) of **September 2021**. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

### **Banking & Financial Awareness**

1. Union Cabinet approved government guarantee up to how much amount to back Security Receipts to be issued by National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited, NARCL \_\_\_\_\_ **₹30,600 crore**.  
**Note:**
  - The National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL) would be operational soon, and it had to ensure resolving bad loans within five years, beyond which the guarantee to be issued by the government would expire.
  - The NARCL will acquire stressed assets of about Rs 2 trillion in phases, and these soured loans would be transferred by paying 15 per cent cash to lenders and the remaining 85 per cent would be paid through security receipts.
2. Recently Escorts tied up with which bank to provide financial solutions to farmers \_\_\_\_\_ **IndusInd Bank**.  
**Note:**
  - IndusInd Bank will offer farmers easy access to financial assistance in the form of loans in a seamless manner.
  - Given its deep understanding of rural markets and wider penetration, IndusInd Bank will bring forth better accessibility to innovative financial solutions which, in turn, will help Escorts attain its larger goal of fostering the dreams of farmers
3. Which bank has entered into a strategic co-lending alliance with Indiabulls Commercial Credit and Indiabulls Housing Finance (IHFL) for MSME and Priority Sector Housing Loans respectively \_\_\_\_\_ **Punjab and Sind Bank**.  
**Note:**
  - The co-lending model will improve the flow of credit to the unserved and underserved sector of the economy.
  - It will make available funds to the ultimate beneficiary at an affordable cost, considering the lower cost of funds from banks and greater reach of the NBFCs/ HFLs.
4. According to a joint study conducted by ASSOCHAM and CRISIL the gross non-performing assets (GNPAs) of commercial banks are expected to exceed \_\_\_\_\_ **Rs 10 lakh crore**.  
**Note:**
  - The report says that NPAs are expected to rise to 8.5-9% by March 2022, driven by slippages in retail, micro, small and medium enterprise (MSME) accounts, besides some restructured assets.
5. PayNow is a payment system of which country with that the Reserve Bank of India has announced to link its Unified Payments Interface (UPI) to enable users to make instant, low-cost fund transfers on a reciprocal basis \_\_\_\_\_ **Singapore**.  
**Note:**
  - The RBI and the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) announced the project to link the fast payment systems.
  - The linkage is targeted for operationalisation by July 2022.
  - The linkage builds upon the earlier efforts of NPCI International Private Limited (NIPL) and Network for Electronic Transfers (NETS) to foster cross-border interoperability of payments using cards and QR codes, between India and Singapore.
6. What is the theme of the third Cohort under Regulatory Sandbox (RS) announced by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) \_\_\_\_\_ **MSME Lending**.  
**Note:**
  - Third Cohort application will be kept open from October 1 to November 14, 2021.
  - Prior to this, RBI has launched 2 cohort under regulatory sandbox. These are:
  - First Cohort: It was launched in November 2019, with the theme as 'Retail Payments'. Six entities have completed the testing phase of the cohort.

7. Which payments bank has appointed Indian actor Pankaj Tripathi as its first brand ambassador \_\_\_\_ **Fino Payments Bank.**

**Note:**

- During the two-year engagement effective 1st September 2021, Pankaj Tripathi will be the face of Fino Payments Bank's marketing campaigns across various platforms.
- He will work with the brand in promoting its products and services representing through Fino's ever-present and friendly neighbourhood local banker – Hamesha available!

8. According to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) what will the growth rate of Indian economy in FY 2021-22 \_\_\_\_\_ **7.2 per cent.**

**Note:**

- At this rate, India would be the fastest growing economy after China, which is projected to grow by 8.3 per cent.
- Calculations are based on GDP at constant dollars in 2015.
- The report said India's economy, which shrank by seven per cent in 2020, showed strong growth of 1.9 per cent in the first quarter of Calendar 2021, on the back of the momentum of the second half of 2020 and supported by government spending in goods and services.

9. Which finance company has launched its maiden €300 million 7-year Euro Bond issuance \_\_\_\_ **Power Finance Corporation.**

**Note:**

- It is the first ever Euro denominated green-bond issuance from India.
- It is also the first ever Euro issuance by an Indian NBFC and the first Euro bond issuance from India since 2017
- It is an Indian financial institution under Ministry of Power.

10. What is the increased Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the Telecom sector under the automatic route \_\_\_\_\_ **100%.**

**Note:**

- Govt has approved 9 structural and 5 process reforms in Telecom sector to provide relief to ailing telecom service providers, struggling with high levels of debt. They are:
- Definition of Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) has been changed and now all non-telecom revenue will be removed from AGR

11. According to All India Debt & Investment Survey conducted by National Statistical Office (NSO) what is average debt shooting in rural India 2012 and 2018 \_\_\_\_\_ **84%.**

**Note:**

- Number of indebted households: It has risen sharply in rural India with average debt shooting up by 84% between 2012 and 2018, and COVID-19 has likely further doubled all households' borrowings by 2021.
- Rural households' average debt grew from ₹32,522 in 2012 to ₹59,748 by June 2018, while urban households' average debt increased by 42% in the same period to little more than ₹1.20 lakh.

12. Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has declared which airport as a Customs notified airport \_\_\_\_\_ **Kushinagar Airport, Uttar Pradesh.**

**Note:**

- It will facilitate international passenger movements including that of Buddhist pilgrims.
- Kushinagar: Town in Kushinagar district of Uttar Pradesh.
- It is an important Buddhist pilgrimage site, where Buddhists believe Gautama Buddha attained Mahaparinirvana after his death.

13. Which small finance bank has got approval from Reserve Bank of India to form a special committee of directors to oversee operations in the absence of an MD and CEO \_\_\_\_\_ **Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (SFB).**

**Note:**

- The RBI in a letter has approved the constitution of 'Special Committee of Directors' with three independent directors as its members.
- The committee will "oversee the operations and administration of the bank in the absence of the Managing Director and CEO with effect from September 16, 2021.

14. In September 2021, which bank and Paytm announced plans for launching a comprehensive range of credit cards powered by VISA \_\_\_\_\_ **HDFC Bank.**

**Note:**

- In a first-of-its-kind alliance, the partnership aims to provide one of the widest range of offerings across customer segments, with special focus on millennials, business owners and merchants.

- The credit card will offer, EMIs and Buy Now Pay Later options, with the full suite of products to be on offer by the end of December 2021
15. Which bank has agreed to acquire 9.9% stake in KFin Technologies, a leading investor and issuer servicing platform, at an investment of ₹310 crore \_\_\_\_\_ **Kotak Mahindra Bank.**
- Note:**
- Fin provides financial technology solutions across a broad spectrum of asset classes spanning mutual funds, alternatives, insurance, and pension.
  - It serves 25 out of the 44 Indian mutual fund AMCs, which have over \$148 billion in AUM and 35% market share in equity AUM (up from 27% in March 2019).
16. According to latest Global Trade Outlook issued by the UK's Department of International Trade, by which year India will become the world's third largest importer \_\_\_\_\_ **2050.**
- Note:**
- Increasing middle class spending will help the country have a share of 5.9% of global imports
  - At present, India is ranked eighth among largest importing nations with a 2.8% import share and is set to become the fourth largest importer by 2030.
17. In partnership with which bank the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) announced to set up a state-of-the-art Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning (AI-ML) Centre at the IISc campus in Bengaluru \_\_\_\_\_ **Kotak Mahindra Bank.**
- Note:**
- The Centre will offer Bachelor's, Masters and short-term courses in areas such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, deep learning, fintech, reinforcement learning, image processing, computer vision, natural language processing, speech understanding, robotics, computational finance and risk management, cyber security, fraud analytics, blockchain, biomedical engineering and technology, healthcare, etc.
18. Which Non-banking financial company (NBFC) has launched first of its kind digital banking scheme called 'Loan Against Mutual Funds' (LAMF) \_\_\_\_\_ **Tata Capital Financial Services Ltd.**
- Note:**
- Customers can avail of quick and hassle-free loans ranging from ₹5 lakh and ₹2 crore.
  - Tata Capital's digital loan offering is provided against a wide range of equity and debt schemes across mutual funds.
  - The loan amount is customized based on the value of the units in the mutual fund folio and tenure.
19. For who among the following the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has launched new mobile app named as 'PRAGATI \_\_\_\_\_ **Development Officers.**
- Note:**
- PRAGATI stands for Performance Review Application, Growth and Trend Indicator.
  - Pragati app will help Development Officers to get near real-time information about the performance of their agency force in critical areas of business performance like premium collection, agency activation, prospective outperformers, etc apart from monitoring their team on activities such as usage of agents mobile app and NACH validation.
20. The IIFL Home Finance Limited (IIFL HFL) has signed a co-lending agreement with which bank \_\_\_\_\_ **Punjab National Bank.**
- Note:**
- Objective of the agreement is to increase the penetration of affordable housing loans and secured MSME (Micro Small and Medium Enterprises) loans.
  - The co-lending agreement with the PNB, India's 2nd largest public sector bank where 80 percent of loan will be provided by PNB and IIFL HFL will manage the loan sourcing, documentation collection and servicing work
21. Which global motor company has announced to close manufacturing plants in India due to the loss of more than USD 2 billion over the past 10 years \_\_\_\_\_ **Ford Motor.**
- Note:**
- Ford has two integrated manufacturing facilities in India one at Chennai, Tamil Nadu, and another at Sanand, Gujarat.
  - Manufacturing of vehicles for exports in Sanand, Gujarat will be shut by fourth quarter of 2021 and vehicle and engine manufacturing in Chennai will be stopped by the second quarter of 2022.
  - Ford will now only offer high-end cars via Completely Built-Up (CBU) Route.

22. Which CPSE is set to become the 11th Maharatna central public sector enterprise (CPSE) \_\_\_\_\_ **Power Finance Corp. Ltd.**

**Note:**

- The Maharatna dispensation was ushered in by the Union government for mega CPSEs to become global giants.
- PFC, India's largest non-banking financial company (NBFC) and among the 14 Navratna CPSEs, can invest up to ₹5,000 crore, or 15% of its net worth, in a single project apart from being granted enhanced powers by the government for undertaking mergers and acquisitions once it gets the Maharatna status.
- Navratna and Miniratna CPSEs can invest up to ₹1,000 crore and ₹500 crore, respectively.

23. Which Post Payments Bank has announced a strategic alliance with Bajaj Allianz General Insurance to distribute their non-life insurance products across the country \_\_\_\_\_ **India Post Payments Bank.**

**Note:**

- The scope of products will include healthcare and medical products, personal accidents, and motor insurance, amongst other innovative tailor-made products to address the protection needs of Bharat.
- The Gramin Dak Sevaks or postmen have been certified for Point of Sales Person or POSP (under POSP Model) and trained for products allowed for sale through point of sale.

24. Which life insurance company has recently announced the launch of a single premium group credit protection plan that offers customers the opportunity to safeguard their loved ones against a loan liability \_\_\_\_\_ **Bharti AXA Life Insurance.**

**Note:**

- This plan acts as a flexible, convenient and affordable risk solution that offers multiple coverage options:
- Level cover: Under this option, the sum assured will remain constant throughout the coverage term

25. According to the Agricultural minister Narendra Singh Tomar, how much amount of loans have been given under Kisan Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_ **₹14 lakh crore.**

**Note:**

- While addressing the conference of Lt Governors/Administrator of all the Union Territories, Narendra Singh Tomar, emphasizing on KCC drive, said that the Kisan Credit Card cover has been provided to the farmers even under the shadow of Covid.

### Obituaries

1. Renowned personality Yuriy Sedykh passed away recently, he was related to which field \_\_\_\_\_ **Sports.**

**Note:**

- Sedykh won gold at the 1976 and 1980 Olympics, but missed the 1984 Games because of a Soviet boycott.
- He claimed silver at the 1988 Seoul Olympics and won a world title in 1991.
- Sedykh threw a world record 86.74m at the European Championships in Stuttgart, a mark which still stands.

2. Eminent personality Professor Thanu Padmanabhan (64) passed away due to a massive cardiac arrest, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Physicist.**

**Note:**

- A distinguished professor at the Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA), Prof Padmanabhan had authored over 300 research papers and several books, with important contributions in areas of gravitation, quantum gravity, and structure and formation of the universe.
- His research in theoretical physics had the Stanford University name him among the top scientists in the world, with a rank of 24.

3. Jimmy Greaves of England was associated with which sports who passed away recently \_\_\_\_\_ **Football.**

**Note:**

- He scored 266 goals for Tottenham between 1961-1970 & his 37 league goals in the 1962-63 season remains a club record. He began his career with **Chelsea** and netted 124 league goals for the **London club(1957-61).**

4. Renowned journalist and writer Manorama Mohapatra passed away recently, she used to write in which language \_\_\_\_\_ **Odia.**

**Note:**

- She was a former editor of Odia daily '**The Samaja**'.
- She had won the Sahitya Academy Award in 1984, Soviet Nehru Award in 1988, Critic Circle of India Award in 1990, Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar Samman in 1991 and Rupambara Award in 1994.

5. Noted personality Bhabani Roy passed away recently, he was a renowned \_\_\_\_\_ **Footballer**.

**Note:**

- He represented India in the 1969 Merdeka Cup and played in three matches. Bhabani Roy helped Mohun Bagan win the Rovers Cup in 1968, 1970, 1971 and 1972 (Joint Winner).
- At the domestic level, he was part of the West Bengal team that won the Santosh Trophy in 1968 and 1971.

**Important Days**

1. International Day of Democracy is observed globally every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **15th September**.

**Note:**

- The theme for 2021 International Day of Democracy is “Strengthening democratic resilience in the face of future crises”.
- The Day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly through a resolution in 2007 to strengthen national programmes devoted to the promotion and consolidation of democracy.

2. The World Lymphoma Awareness Day (WLAD) is observed globally every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **15th September**.

**Note:**

- The day is dedicated to raising awareness about lymphoma and the particular emotional and psychosocial challenges facing patients and caregivers suffering from different forms of lymphoma.
- World Lymphoma Day was initiated in 2002 by the Lymphoma Coalition(link is external), a worldwide network of 83 lymphoma patient groups based in Ontario, Canada, whose mission is enabling global impact by fostering a lymphoma ecosystem that ensures local change and evidence-based action.

3. What is the theme of the National Engineer’s Day 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Engineering for A Healthy Planet- Celebrating the UNESCO Engineering Report**.

**Note:**

- National Engineer’s Day is observed every year on September 15 to recognise the contribution of engineers in the development of our nation.
- The day marks the birth anniversary of India’s engineering pioneer, Sir Mokshagundam Vishweshvaraya, who was regarded as the Father of Modern Mysore

4. International Day for the Prevention of the Ozone Layer is observed every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **16<sup>th</sup> September**.

**Note:**

- The Ozone layer, also known as the Ozone shield, is a delicate layer of gas in the Earth’s stratosphere that absorbs most of the Sun’s ultraviolet rays, which is harmful to human life and other life forms.
- The layer absorbs about 97 to 99 percent of ultraviolet rays and maintains the ozone-oxygen cycle.
- This year’s theme for the International Day for the Prevention of the Ozone Layer is 'Montreal Protocol Keeping us, our food, and vaccines cool.'

5. World Patient Safety Day (WPSD) is observed every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **17<sup>th</sup> September**.

**Note:**

- It was first observed in 2019 by World Health Organization (WHO)
- The day was adopted at 72nd World Health Assembly on 25 May 2019.
- Theme for 2021 WPSD: ‘Safe maternal and newborn care’.

6. World Bamboo Day is observed every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **18<sup>th</sup> September**.

**Note:**

- The theme for the 12th edition of WBD 2021 is ‘#PlantBamboo: It Is Time To Plant Bamboo’
- World Bamboo Organisation (WBO) declared the day officially on September 18 at the 8th World Bamboo Congress held in Bangkok in 2009.

7. International Equal Pay Day is observed every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **18<sup>th</sup> September**.

**Note:**

- This day draws attention to the gender pay gap-the difference between what a woman earns as compared to a man, for work of equal value.
- The first-ever (IEPD) was celebrated by United Nations in 2020.

8. The International Red Panda Day (IRPD) 2021 was celebrated on \_\_\_\_\_ **18<sup>th</sup> September (third Saturday of September every year)**.

**Note:**

- In 2021, the IRPD is being observed on 18 September 2021.
- The day was launched by the Red Panda Network in 2010. The first international red Panda day was celebrated on 18th September 2010.

9. The World Water Monitoring Day is observed every year on \_\_\_\_\_ **18<sup>th</sup> September**.

**Note:**

- This day is celebrated to increase public awareness and involvement in water monitoring and protecting water resources around the world.
- The theme of World Water Day 2021 is valuing water.

10. International Day of Peace (World Peace Day) is observed every year on \_\_\_\_\_ **21<sup>st</sup> September**.

**Note:**

- This day was established by UN General Assembly in 1981 and was formally designated in 2001.
- Theme 2021: Recovering Better for an Equitable and Sustainable World
- Aim: to spread awareness and preach peace and harmony all across the globe.

11. What is the theme of the International Week of the Deaf (IWD) being observed every year in the full week ending on the last Sunday of September \_\_\_\_\_ **Celebrating Thriving Deaf Communities**.

**Note:**

- International Week of the Deaf (IWD) is observed every year in the full week ending on the last Sunday of September.
- This year, IWD is being observed from September 20 to 26, 2021

12. World Alzheimer's Day is observed globally every year on \_\_\_\_\_ **21<sup>st</sup> September**.

**Note:**

- The day aims to raise awareness about the stigma that runs around Alzheimer disease and related dementia. World Alzheimer's Day was launched at the opening of ADI's annual conference in Edinburgh on 21 September 1994 to celebrate our 10th anniversary.

### **New Appointments**

1. Ravindra Narayan Ravi has sworn-in as the governor of which state \_\_\_\_\_ **Tamil Nadu**.

**Note:**

- He succeeded Banwarilal Purohit who has since been shifted to Punjab.
- Sanjib Banerjee (Chief Justice of the Madras High Court) administered the oath of office to Ravi at an official ceremony held at the Raj Bhavan in Chennai.

2. Who has been re-elected as the president of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) \_\_\_\_\_ **Raninder Singh**

**Note:**

- Kunwar Sultan Singh was elected unopposed as the secretary-general.
- The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) was founded in 1951 with a view to promote and popularize the shooting sports in India.

3. Who has been appointed as the Ombudsman cum Ethics Officer of Delhi and District Cricket Association \_\_\_\_\_ **Indu Malhotra**.

**Note:**

- Malhotra was designated senior advocate by the Supreme Court in 2007.
- She has been appointed amicus curiae by different benches of the Supreme Court in some matters.
- The DDCA's general body, headed by its president Rohan Jaitley.

4. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of Indian National Space Promotion Authorization Centre (In-SPACe) \_\_\_\_\_ **Pawan Goenka**.

**Note:**

- He was the former managing director of Mahindra & Mahindra
- IN-SPACe: It is an independent nodal agency under Department of Space (DOS), ISRO, set up in 2020, for allowing space activities, like developing launch vehicles and satellites, and usage of DOS owned facilities to build them to both public and private firms in India.

5. Who has been sworn-in as the 16th chief minister of Punjab \_\_\_\_\_ **Charanjit Singh Channi**.

**Note:**

- Channi became the first individual from the Dalit community in Punjab to take charge of CM.

- The 58-year-old leader was administered the oath of office and secrecy by governor Banwarilal Purohit.
  - Channi is a three-time MLA from Rupnagar's Chamkaur Sahib.
6. Who has been appointed as the Director of Public Policy of Facebook India \_\_\_\_\_ **Rajiv Aggarwal**.
- Note:**
- Rajiv Aggarwal succeeds Ankhi Das, who quit in October last year.
  - Aggarwal, in this role, will define and lead important policy development initiatives for Facebook in India on an agenda that covers user safety, data protection and privacy, inclusion and internet governance.
7. Who has been appointed as Chairman cum Managing Director (CMD) of the National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) \_\_\_\_\_ **Alka Nangia Arora**.
- Note:**
- She is a Joint Secretary in Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises.
  - NSIC is a Mini Ratna company established in 1955.
  - It falls under Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises of India and serves as a nodal agency for several schemes of Ministry of MSME.

### **Important News – India**

1. According to G. Kishan Reddy, Union Minister of Tourism, Culture and DoNER, how much amount has been sanctioned by the union government under PRASHAD scheme to boost tourism in North East Region \_\_\_\_\_ **Rs 200 crore**.
- Note:**
- G. Kishan Reddy said that under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme, which focuses on integrated development of theme based tourist circuits, the Ministry has sanctioned 16 projects in the North Eastern region.
  - Under the PRASHAD schemes the ministry has sanctioned number of projects in the region.
  - Approximately Rs 200 crore has been sanctioned for these projects
2. Which company has partnered with National Health Authority as service provider for processing the cards issued under Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) scheme \_\_\_\_\_ **BLS International**.
- Note:**
- BLS will start processing Ayushman Bharat cards across India for the people to avail healthcare services at any of the empanelled hospitals in their respective regions, effective immediately.
  - The cover includes cashless and paperless access to healthcare services for the beneficiary at the point of service in any of the empanelled hospitals.
  - The AB-PMJAY scheme offers financial security against medical treatment costs, medicines, diagnostics, and pre-hospitalization expenses.
3. Which Organisation in tie-up with ISRO, CBSE launched 'Space Challenge' \_\_\_\_\_ **NITI Aayog**.
- Note:**
- This challenge has been designed for all the school students, mentors and teachers across the country who not only are associated with schools having Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) labs but for all the non-ATL schools as well.
  - This is to ensure that students of classes 6 to 12 are given an open platform where they can innovate and enable themselves to solve digital age space technology problems.
4. PM Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh State University in which place of Uttar Pradesh \_\_\_\_\_ **Aligarh**.
- Note:**
- Uttar Pradesh govt is establishing the university in the memory and honor of noted Jat figure, Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh, who was a great freedom fighter, educationist and social reformer.
  - University will be spread over an area of over 92 acres at Lodha village and Musepur Kareem Jarouli village of Kol tehsil in Aligarh
  - It will provide affiliation to 395 colleges of the Aligarh division.
5. In collaboration with US-based Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) and RMI India which institution, has launched a campaign named Shoonya, to promote zero-pollution delivery vehicles by working with consumers and industry \_\_\_\_\_ **NITI Aayog**.
- Note:**
- The campaign aims to accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) in the urban delivery segment and raise consumer awareness of the benefits of pollution-free delivery.
  - Industry stakeholders such as e-commerce companies, fleet aggregators, original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), and logistics companies are expanding their efforts to electrify last mile deliveries.



6. Union Cabinet has approved the production linked incentive scheme for auto, auto-component, and drone industries worth \_\_\_\_\_ **₹26,058 crores.**

**Note:**

- The PLI scheme will incentivise the emergence of advanced automotive technologies' global supply chain in India.
- Incentives worth Rs. 26,058 crore will be provided to industry over five years.
- The PLI scheme for automobile and drone industries is part of the overall announcement of PLI schemes for 13 sectors made earlier during the Union Budget 2021-22, with an outlay of Rs. 1.97 lakh crore.

7. Where will India host the first-ever Global Buddhist Conference in November 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Nalanda, Bihar.**

**Note:**

- It is being organized by Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)
- It focuses on making India the center of Buddhism, by promoting Buddhist activities, like academic, cultural, seminars, people traveling for festival like Buddha Purnima, Vesak.
- Theme: Buddhism in Literature

8. Which steel manufacturer has commissioned India's first carbon capture plant that extracts CO<sub>2</sub> directly from the blast furnace gas \_\_\_\_\_ **Tata Steel.**

**Note:**

- With this, Tata Steel has become country's first steel company to adopt such a carbon capture technology.
- It can capture 5 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per day (5-tonne per day (TPD)).
- The company will reuse the captured CO<sub>2</sub> on site to promote circular carbon economy.

9. Union Minister, Nitin Gadkari has launched an Artificial Intelligence-powered project, titled as 'iRASTE' to help reduce road accidents. What is the expanded form of 'iRASTE' \_\_\_\_\_ **Intelligent Solutions for Road Safety through Technology and Engineering.**

**Note:**

- iRASTE has been launched on a pilot basis in Nagpur, Maharashtra with the aim of reducing accidents by 50 percent in the city.
- The project is launched jointly by the Centre, Intel, INAI, IIIT-Hyderabad, CSIR-CRRI (Central Road Research Institute), Mahindra & Mahindra and Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC).

10. Under whose chairmanship the Ministry of Defence has constituted a 15 member High-Level Expert Committee for a comprehensive review of National Cadet Corps (NCC) \_\_\_\_\_ **Baijayant Panda.**

**Note:**

- Chairperson of the committee: Former MP Baijayant Panda
- It will also include Cricketer MS Dhoni and Mahindra Group Chairman Anand Mahindra as members.
- Committee will suggest measures to empower NCC cadets to contribute more effectively towards nation building

11. Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog has signed a Statement of Intent (SoI) with which organization to support various current and future initiatives of AIM programs and AIM beneficiaries in India that will rave up the innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem across the country \_\_\_\_\_ **Dassault Systèmes.**

**Note:**

- Under this SoI, Dassault Systèmes will support and promote AIM beneficiaries including Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs), AIM incubators (AICs and EICs), Atal Community Innovation Centres (ACIC), grantees under Atal New India Challenge (ANIC), and Atal Research & Innovation for Small Enterprise (ARISE).
- It will open a new window for select Indian startups as they get access to the Dassault Systèmes global start up ecosystem.

12. As a part of "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" which ministry has launched "Ek Pahal" drive across the country \_\_\_\_\_ **Ministry of Law and Justice.**

**Note:**

- The initiative will encourage mass registration under Tele-Law.
- The medium of Tele Law effectively provides pre-litigation advice / consultation to beneficiaries by Panel Lawyers through a huge network.

13. NITI Aayog has partnered with which education firm to provide free education to children in 112 Aspirational Districts \_\_\_\_\_ **Byju's.**

**Note:**

- Under this, dedicated working group will be established that will create knowledge, innovation, and strategy support system, as well as actively monitor and evaluate programme implementation to enable efficacy and ensure better scope of delivery.
- It WILL empower the children from underserved communities and locations with tech-enabled learning and access to quality education.

14. Which platform has launched Planetarium Innovation Challenge for Indian start-ups and tech entrepreneurs \_\_\_\_\_

**MyGov.**

**Note:**

- Aim: to bring together the Indian Startups and tech entrepreneurs to develop state-of-the-art technology for Planetariums.
- It will build an indigenous planetariums system software using the latest technologies including Augmented Reality (A.R.), Virtual Reality (V.R.) and Merged Reality (M.R.).

15. Who will chair the group of ministers (GoM) constituted by the central government to look into better implementation of various welfare schemes meant for Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST), Other Backward Classes (OBC), minorities and women \_\_\_\_\_ **Rajnath Singh.**

**Note:**

- It will improve their implementation and effectiveness.
- Aim: to work for empowerment and prosperity of backward classes and minorities.
- Panel comprises of Home Minister Amit Shah, FM Nirmala Sitharaman, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and other Union ministers.

16. What is India's rank in the Global Innovation Index 2021 rankings published by World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) \_\_\_\_\_ **46<sup>th</sup>.**

**Note:**

- India was ranked 48th in GII 2020
- Switzerland topped in the Global Innovation Index 2021 rankings, followed by Sweden, the US, UK and South Korea.
- Among Asian economies, South Korea jumped to the fifth position, up from 10 last year. China was in the 12th position.

17. The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has launched the country's first indigenous cruise liner in partnership with private company \_\_\_\_\_ **Cordelia Cruises.**

**Note:**

- This luxurious cruise will take the passengers on-boards to tourist destinations like Goa, Diu, Kochi, the Lakshadweep islands, and Sri Lanka.
- Cruise will have its base from Mumbai, and will sail to the Indian destinations only in Phase I
- Phase II will start from May 2022, whose base will be shifted to Chennai and it will sail to Sri Lanka

18. Recently which organization has released a report titled 'Reforms in Urban Planning Capacity in India', on measures to ramp up urban planning capacity in India, recommending 'Healthy City for All' by 2030 \_\_\_\_\_ **NITI Aayog.**

**Note:**

- The report has been developed by NITI Aayog, in consultation with concerned ministries and eminent experts in the domain of urban and regional planning. It presents a condensed outcome of the extensive deliberations and consultations conducted over a period of 9 months.
- The report recommends a Central Sector Scheme '500 Healthy Cities Programme', for a period of 5 years, wherein priority cities and towns would be selected jointly by the states and local bodies.

### **Important News – State**

1. Recently SIDBI collaborated with which state government for development of MSMEs \_\_\_\_\_ **Assam.**

**Note:**

- SIDBI has been dovetailing its promotion and development initiatives on soft side with hard infrastructure through its latest offerings such as cluster development fund.
- SIDBI looks forward to deepening its footprint in the state of Assam by contributing to livelihood and micro enterprise value chain as also innovation and startup ecosystem

2. Which state government is celebrating the 143rd birthday of E.V. Ramasamy as Social Justice Day on September 17,2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Tamil Nadu.**

**Note:**

- Tamil Nadu government celebrated the birthday of reformist leader E V Ramasamy Periyar as 'Social Justice Day' in the state.
  - Periyar laid the foundation for the growth of Tamil society in the last century and his teachings will continue to pave the way for the future.
3. Which State Assembly passed a bill making the encroachment of properties belonging to religious institutions a cognisable and non-bailable offence \_\_\_\_\_ **Tamil Nadu**.
- Note:**
- The Bill that seeks to amend the Tamil Nadu Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1959 was tabled in the Assembly and was passed unanimously.
  - The law empowers anyone who is having interest in the affairs of the religious institution matters to lodge a complaint against encroachers and temple land encroachment.
4. Which state/union territories has launched new mission titled as 'One Gram Panchayat-One DIGI-Pay Sakhi' \_\_\_\_\_ **Jammu and Kashmir**.
- Note:**
- Aim: to promote door-to-door digital banking and financial services in remote areas of the Union Territory.
  - Initially, it will be provided in 2,000 remote villages of the UT.
  - First phase will cover 80 women from Self Help Group (SHG) from across Jammu and Kashmir division to promote financial inclusion within UT's SHG ecosystem, and create financial access points with greater transparency even in the remotest of the areas.
5. Sirarakhong chilly and Tamenglong Orange are two agricultural product of which state those have been awarded Geographical Index (GI) tag recently \_\_\_\_\_ **Manipur**.
- Note:**
- GI tag is a name given to certain products that have a specific geographical location or origin and gets global recognition.
  - Hathei chilly: It is a good anti-oxidant and possesses high calcium and Vitamin C levels.
  - Tamenglong mandarin orange: It is bigger in size, weighing 232.76 grams on average. It is a unique sweet and sour flavour.

### **Important News - World**

1. Inspiration4, an ongoing human spaceflight mission of which space company that was launched carrying four amateurs on its first ever private flight to Space on "Earth-circling trip" \_\_\_\_\_ **SpaceX**.
- Note:**
- It was the first time a rocket streaked toward orbit with an all-amateur crew — no professional astronauts.
  - Jared Isaacman is leading the flight. He was joined by Hayley Arceneaux, 29, a childhood cancer survivor who works as a physician assistant.
  - Chris Sembroski, 42, a data engineer in Everett, Washington, and Sian Proctor, 51, a community college educator in Tempe, Arizona are also part of it.
2. India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which country for Cooperation in the field of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management \_\_\_\_\_ **Italy**.
- Note:**
- The MoU on Cooperation in the Field of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management which was signed between the NDMA of the Republic of India and the Department of Civil Protection of the Presidency of the Council Ministers of the Italian Republic.
  - The MoU seeks to put in place a system, whereby both India and Italy will benefit from the Disaster Management mechanisms of each other and it will help in strengthening the areas of preparedness, response and capacity building in the field of Disaster Management.
3. Which group of countries is a part of recently announced new trilateral security partnership called 'AUKUS' for the Indo-pacific \_\_\_\_\_ **USA, UK, Australia**.
- Note:**
- The partnership AUKUS is to further strengthen the existing and strong security cooperation between the three members of the grouping, and deepen ties in Indo-Pacific region.
  - With the development of nuclear-powered submarines, Australia will join an elite group of only 6 countries (India, US, UK, France, Russia and China) that currently operate nuclear-powered submarines.

4. What is the theme of the 15th East Asia Summit Energy Ministers Meeting 2021 held virtually \_\_\_\_\_ **We Care, We Prepare, We Prosper.**

**Note:**

- 15th East Asia Summit Energy Ministers Meeting was held virtually.
- Shri Krishan Pal Gurjar, Union Minister of State for Power, attended the meeting alongwith other senior officials of the Ministry from the Indian side.
- The Minister provided a brief status of the Indian energy transition plans, policies, challenges and efforts towards decarbonisation.

**Honor & Awards**

1. Who has been conferred with the Swami Brahmanand Award 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Anand Kumar.**

**Note:**

- He received the award from professor Roop Kishore Shastri, the vice-chancellor of Haridwar's Gurukula Kangri deemed university, at a function in the Rath area of Hamirpur district of Uttar Pradesh.
- The award carrying Rs 10,000 in cash, a bronze medal, a bronze statue of Swami Brahmanand and a certificate is given every year to people who have done special work in the education sector or for the welfare of the cow.

2. Who has won the has 2021 Women's Prize for Fiction for her second novel 'Piranesi' \_\_\_\_\_ **Susanna Clarke.**

**Note:**

- Women's Prize for Fiction: It is one of the United Kingdom's most prestigious literary prizes. It is awarded annually to a female author of any nationality for the best original full-length novel written in English, since 1996.
- Piranesi is a mystery about a man living alone in a labyrinthine house.

3. Indian President Ram Nath Kovind conferred the National Florence Nightingale Awards 2020. The award is given in which field \_\_\_\_\_ **Healthcare.**

**Note:**

- The Award was instituted by Indian Government in 1973 and are named after Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing.
- World Health Organisation (WHO) declared 2020 as the Year of the Nurse and Mid-wife.
- 2020 also marked 200th birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale.

4. National Mineral Development Corporation works under which ministry that won highest and most prestigious award, Rajbhasha Keerthi Puraskar 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Ministry of Steel.**

**Note:**

- Award was received by Shiva Shanmuganathan, Executive Director (Corporate Affairs) on behalf of NMDC.
- NMDC has been winning this award for the last 3 years in a row, which goes on to show its dedication towards the implementation of Hindi as the Official Language.

5. Along with Narendra Modi and Mamata Banerjee who also included in the Time Magazine's list of '100 most influential people of 2021' \_\_\_\_\_ **Adar Poonawalla.**

**Note:**

- The 100 Most Influential People of 2021', a global list of leaders that includes US President Joe Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, Chinese President Xi Jinping, Duke and Duchess of Sussex Prince Harry and Meghan, and former US President Donald Trump.
- Co-founder of the Taliban Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar is also on the list.
- The Time Magazine 100 most influential people list is considered as one of the most powerful and trustworthy lists.

6. Quality Council of India (QCI) comes under ambit of which ministry that launched country's first-of-its-kind Prof. S.K. Joshi Laboratory Excellence Award \_\_\_\_\_ **Ministry of Commerce and Industry.**

**Note:**

- Award has been instituted to promote Laboratory Quality and performance improvement in India
- S.K. Joshi made a significant contribution by serving as President-INSA, DG-CSIR, Director-NPL and Chairman-NABL.
- QCI is a non-profit organization registered under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860.

7. Which has been conferred with the Outstanding Drama Series award at the 73rd Primetime Emmy Awards 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **The Crown.**

**Note:**

- The 73rd Primetime Emmy Awards ceremony was held in Los Angeles, California to honor the best in U.S. prime time television programming, as chosen by Academy of Television Arts & Sciences.
- List of winners:
  - ❖ Outstanding Drama Series: The Crown
  - ❖ Outstanding Comedy Series: Ted Lasso
  - ❖ Outstanding Variety Talk Show: Last Week Tonight with John Oliver
  - ❖ Outstanding Limited Series: The Queen's Gambit
  - ❖ Outstanding Actor – Comedy: Jason Sudeikis – Ted Lasso
  - ❖ Outstanding Actor – Drama: Josh O'Connor
  - ❖ Outstanding Director – Comedy: Lucia Aniello – Hacks
  - ❖ Outstanding Director – Drama: Jessica Hobbs – The Crown
  - ❖ Outstanding Writing – Limited Series, Movie Or Dramatic Special: Michaela Coel – I May Destroy You

**Sports News**

1. Harmilan Kaur Bains associated with which sports who sets a new National record recently \_\_\_\_ **Sprint**.

**Note:**

- Harmilan, undefeated in eight national-level 1,500 metres races since January 2020.
- With this achievement, the 23-year-old athlete broke the 19-year-old record held by Sunita Rani in 1500m at the 2002 Asian Games in Busan by clocking 4:06.03.

2. Who has won 'Asian Snooker Championship 2021' at Al Messila in Doha, Qatar \_\_\_\_\_ **Pankaj Advani**.

**Note:**

- He emerged victorious in the best of 11 frames final.
- He has won this title for a second consecutive time.
- He is also the winner of the last Asian Snooker Championship held in 2019.

3. R Raja Rithvik held from which state who has become India's 70th and newest chess Grandmaster (GM) \_\_\_\_\_ **Telangana**.

**Note:**

- He has achieved his third and final norm at First Saturday Chess Tournaments in Budapest, Hungary, to enter the GM club.
- Rithvik earned his first GM norm in 2019.
- He touched the magical 2500 Elo mark in the fourth round of the tournament after beating Vaclav Finek.

**Books and Authors**

1. 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.

2. Who is the author of the book titled 'Translating Myself and Others' \_\_\_\_\_ **Jhumpa Lahiri**.

**Note:**

- This book is planned to be out in Spring 2022.
- It will be a collection of essays that reflect Lahiri's experiences on the meaning of translation, translating her own writing, and writing across languages
- She won Pulitzer Prize for Fiction for her debut collection of short-stories Interpreter of Maladies (1999).

**Science and Defence**

1. A team of researchers from which IIT have launched an artificial intelligence (AI)-based software ecosystem 'Project Udan', that translates scientific and technical content from English to Hindi and several other Indian languages \_\_\_\_\_ **IIT Bombay**.

**Note:**

- Project Udaan enables the translation of textbooks and other study material of the engineering and other streams from English to Hindi & other Indian Languages.

- This project was envisaged by Prof. Ganesh Ramakrishnan from Department of Computer Science & Engineering in IIT Bombay.
2. The sixth edition of the military exercise 'Peaceful Mission-2021' organised by the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) was hosted by which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Russia**.
- Note:**
- Also, India participated in the exercise organised by the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO).
  - The aim of the exercise is to foster close relations between SCO member states and to enhance abilities of the military leaders to command multi-national military contingents.
3. With which country, India conducted 15th edition joint military exercise "Surya Kiran" \_\_\_\_\_ **Nepal**.
- Note:**
- The 14th edition of Exercise Surya Kiran was conducted in Nepal in 2019.
  - During the exercise, Indian Army and Nepali Army would share their experiences of various counter-insurgency operations, and familiarise themselves with each other's weapons, etc
4. The researchers at which IIT have designed and fabricated an innovative device, titled as 'Liquid-solid Interface Triboelectric Nanogenerator' that can generate electricity from water drops, raindrops, water streams, and ocean waves \_\_\_\_\_ **IIT Delhi**.
- Note:**
- It can generate electricity from water drops, raindrops, water streams, and ocean waves.
  - It produces power using Triboelectric Effect and Electrostatic Induction, and further stores the energy in batteries for consumption.
  - It can generate power of only a few Milliwatt (mW), which is sufficient to power small electronic devices like healthcare sensors, digital thermometers, watches, radio frequency transmitters, pedometers.

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