

# 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 **second week** (8-14th) of **September 2021**. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

### **Banking & Financial Awareness**

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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).
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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 Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) and negative Return on Assets (RoAs).

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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. 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.
2. 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 Karnataka
- He also served two terms as a member of the Council of the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.
3. 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. 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.
2. 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).
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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).
7. Hindi Diwas or Hindi Day is observed every year on \_\_\_\_\_ **14<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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 Jayalalithaa's death.

### Important News – India

1. 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.

2. 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](http://www.rashtragaan.in)
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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](http://prana.cpcb.gov.in).
  - It will cover cities that comes under National Clean Air Programme (NCAP).
6. 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.

7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.

15. 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.

16. 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 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

2. 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 (CPCC) 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.

3. 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.

4. 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).

5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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. 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 Bhadauria, Chief of the Air Staff (CAS) attended PACS-21. He was nominated as the Dean for the Symposium.
2. World's largest plant designed to suck carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.

### **Honor & Awards**

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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. 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.

2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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 '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 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.
3. 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. 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.

2. 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).

3. 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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