

# Weekly One-Liners

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## Weekly One Liners Updates 15 -21st Januray 2022

**Dear readers,**

**Weekly One Liners Update** is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the third **week** (15-21st) of **January 2022**. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance exams.**

### **Banking & Financial Awareness**

1. Which IT company of India has been selected by the Ministry of External Affairs for the 2nd phase of the Passport Seva Programme, the country's largest mission-critical e-governance programme \_\_\_\_\_ **Tata Consultancy Services**.

**Note:**

- Launched in 2008, the PSP saw TCS transforming the delivery of passport-related services, digitizing the processes, and setting global benchmarks in timeliness, transparency, and reliability.
- In the next phase, TCS will refresh existing facilities and systems, and develop innovative new solutions to enable the issuance of e-passports.

2. Which Regional Rural Bank (RRBs) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Mecwin Technologies Ltd to introduce farmer-friendly solar-powered pump-sets using bank finance \_\_\_\_\_ **Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB)**.

**Note:**

- The MoU will benefit farmers since Mecwin Technologies Ltd is specialised in the production and management of solar irrigation pump-sets.
- Apart from this, the bank has the largest branch network in rural areas.
- KVGB was the first bank to introduce solar loan schemes.

3. Fintech company Lendingkart has entered into a co-lending partnership with which bank to provide low-cost business loans of up to ₹10 lakh to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) across the country \_\_\_\_\_ **Canara Bank**.

**Note:**

- The loans will be provided with fast turnaround time for approvals powered by "Lendingkart 2gthr" platform using 'zero touch' technology.
- Through this alliance it aims to broaden its reach to support MSME borrowers to enhance financial inclusion under the Reserve Bank's Priority Sector initiative.

4. Which fintech firm has collaborated with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) Bharat BillPay to launch ClickPay for its customers \_\_\_\_\_ **MobiKwik**.

**Note:**

- Through ClickPay, MobiKwik customers will be able to pay recurring online bills, such as mobile, gas, water, electricity, DTH, insurance and loan EMIs with ease by eliminating the need to remember individual bill details and due dates.

5. According to the report titled "World Employment and Social Outlook Trends 2022", released by the International Labour Organisation (ILO), what will be the global unemployment in 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **207 million**.

**Note:**

- The International Labour Organization (ILO) has released a report titled 'World Employment and Social Outlook Trends 2022'.
- The report warns of a slow and uncertain recovery, as the pandemic continues to have a significant impact on global labour markets.

6. In association with Equiris Wealth, which bank has launched a "US Dollar offshore fund" exclusively for their customers \_\_\_\_\_ **Federal Bank**.

**Note:**

- This is in collaboration with SCUBE Capital, a Singapore-based global fund management company.
- Both NRI and Resident customers of Federal Bank will be able to invest in this fund.

7. As per the latest RBI data, what is the Digital Payment Index (DPI) in September 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **304.06**.

**Note:**

- RBI-DPI Index continues to demonstrate significant growth in adoption and deepening of digital payments across the country.
  - The Index captures the extent of digitisation of payments across the country.
  - As per latest RBI data, the total volume of digital payments rose about 57.50 per cent year-on-year to 645.84 crore in November 2021 against 410.07 crore in November 2020.
8. As per the latest RBI data, released on January 2022, the total volume of digital payments rose by what percent year-on-year in November 2021 57.50 per cent.
- Note:**
- As per latest RBI data, the total volume of digital payments rose about 57.50 per cent year-on-year to 645.84 crore in November 2021 against 410.07 crore in November 2020.
  - The total value of digital payments was up 32 per cent y-o-y to ₹1,48,03,884 crore in November 2021 against ₹1,11,99,549 crore in November 2020.
9. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) calculate Digital Payment Index (DPI) on basis of which base period March 2018.
- Note:**
- The DPI index comprises five broad parameters that enable us to know the penetration of digital payments in the country over different time periods.
  - The parameters include payment enablers, with a weightage of 25 per cent in the index, followed by demand-side and supply-side payment infrastructure factors, with a weightage of 10 per cent each.
10. As per the latest GDP prediction by Ind-Ra, what is the estimated GDP growth rate for Indian economy in FY 2022-23 7.6%.
- Note:**
- After two years, the Indian economy will show a meaningful expansion, as the real GDP in FY23 will be 9.1 per cent higher than the FY20 (pre-Covid level) GDP level.
  - However, the size of the Indian economy in FY23 will be 10.2 per cent lower than the FY23 GDP trend value
11. Which regulatory body has launched Saa ₹thi mobile app to empower investors with the accurate knowledge of security market SEBI.
- Note:**
- It will create awareness among the investors about the basic concepts of securities market, KYC process, trading and settlement, mutual funds, etc.
  - The app is available in Hindi and English.
12. Which tech-giant is buying video game publisher Activision Blizzard for almost \$69 billion Microsoft.
- Note:**
- This acquisition will accelerate the growth in Microsoft's gaming business across mobile, PC, console and cloud and will provide building blocks for the metaverse.
  - Activision Blizzard is famous of Candy Crush and Call of Duty, Xbox, among other leading video games.
13. How much capital is being infused in Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited, (IREDA) by Union Cabinet Rs 1500 crores.
- Note:**
- It will raise the lending capacity of IREDA to Rs 12,000 crore to the renewable energy sector.
14. NIF's Incubation and Entrepreneurship Council has signed MoU with which entity for online distribution of product of grassroots innovations Amazon India.
- Note:**
- It will make innovations from rural parts of India available universally and will ensure capacity building of grassroots innovators by engaging industry and subject matter experts.
15. Which financial institution has signed MoU with Insurance Institute of India (III) for capacity building of professionals in the insurance sector IFSCA.
- Note:**
- It would design and conduct such examinations and training for professional in IFSC which would aid in having skilled talent in IFSC eco-system.
16. What amount has been sanctioned by the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) for AU SFB and Jana SFB – to provide funds to finance companies and Micro Finance Institutions (MFIs) Rs 650 crore.
- Note:**
- The financial assistance has been extended out of the Special Liquidity Facility sanctioned by the Reserve Bank of India.

- This liquidity line has been provided to SIDBI to meet the challenges being faced by the MSMEs due to the prevailing Covid-19 pandemic situation
17. Which bank has tied up with MinkasuPay, a mobile payments company based in Silicon Valley, California, to offer a smooth net banking payment experience to its customers through biometric authentication solution \_\_\_\_\_ **Axis Bank.**

**Note:**

- The transaction time will reduce from the current 50-60 seconds to just 2-3 seconds with fingerprint or face ID authentication, while increasing success rates significantly.
- Axis Bank through this partnership with MinkasuPay will enable customers to make net banking payments in merchant apps using Fingerprint or Face ID, without the need of usernames, passwords, and OTPs.

18. Yes Asset Management's name has been changed to \_\_\_\_\_ **White Oak Capital Asset Management.**

**Note:**

- Further, Yes Mutual Fund will now be called White Oak Capital Mutual Fund, Aashish P Sommaiayaa, Chief Executive Officer of White Oak Capital.
- Founded by Prashant Khemka, formerly CIO of Goldman Sachs Asset Management's India Equity and Global Emerging Markets Equity businesses, White Oak Capital group provides investment management and advisory services for equity assets of over Rs 42,000 crore.

19. Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd has signed a joint development agreement with Africa50 to develop a transmission project in \_\_\_\_\_ **Kenya.**

**Note:**

- Under a public-private partnership (PPP) framework, the project involves the development, funding, building, and operation of the 400kV Lessos – Loosuk and 220kV Kisumu – Musaga transmission lines.
- When finished, the project will be Kenya's first Independent Power Transmission (IPT) and will serve as a benchmark in Africa as the first PPP-based financing of transmission lines

20. Which motor company has inked a pact with leading on-demand delivery platform Swiggy to bolster the electric commercial mobility segment \_\_\_\_\_ **TVS Motor Company.**

**Note:**

- The partnership highlights TVS Motor Company's commitment to strengthen electrification across diverse mobility segments and align with Swiggy's many efforts to enable the adoption of EVs in its delivery fleet.
- As part of the agreement, TVS Motor and Swiggy will test the implementation of TVS Motor's EV for food delivery and other on-demand services of Swiggy.

21. Marwadi Financial Services (MFS) partnered with which payments bank to allow its clients an integrated 3-in-1 savings account that combines the features of savings, demat and trading accounts \_\_\_\_\_ **NSDL Payments Bank.**

**Note:**

- Using this account, investors will be able to seamlessly transfer funds in real time and execute trades in almost no time.
- Users will also be able to avail margins without actually moving funds between their savings and trading accounts.

### Obituaries

1. Renowned personality Pandit Birju Maharaj passed away recently, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Kathak Maestro.**

**Note:**

- A recipient of the country's second-highest civilian award, Padma Vibhushan was born in a well-known family of Kathak dancers.
- Pandit Birju Maharaj donned several hats during his lifetime.
- While he was best known as a Kathak dancer, he was an equally prolific singer, poet and painter.

2. Renowned personality Prof M K Prasad passed away recently he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Environmentalist.**

**Note:**

- He was a prominent figure in the historic grassroot level movement to save the evergreen tropical rain forests in Kerala's Silent Valley from destruction.
- He had also led the popular science movement, 'Kerala Sasthra Sahithya Parishath'.
- That had undertaken campaigns for popularisation of science in everyday life.

3. Renowned personality Sidney Poitier passed away recently, he was veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **actor.**

**Note:**

- Apart from his successful acting career, Sidney was also a tireless civil rights activist.

- He was awarded the US Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2009 by President Obama for his work.
4. Shanti Devi, also known as Lugdi Devi passed away recently, she was veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Social Worker**.

**Note:**

- Shanti Devi Ji will be remembered as a voice of the poor and underprivileged. She worked selflessly to remove suffering and create a healthier as well as just society.
- In 2021, she was felicitated with the Padma Shri Award by President Ram Nath Kovind.

5. Renowned personality Shaoli Mitra passed away recently, she was a \_\_\_\_\_ **Theater personality**.

**Note:**

- Mitra was the daughter of legendary theatre personalities Shambhu Mitra and Tripti Mitra.
- She received the Sangeet Natak Akademi award in 2003, the Padma Shree in 2009 and the Bengal government's Banga Bibhushan Award in 2012.

6. Renowned personality and Padma Shri awardee, Narayan Debnath passed away recently, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Cartoonist**.

**Note:**

- Debnath is the creator of the popular Bengali comic strips of Handa Bhonda (1962), Batul the Great (1965) and Nonte Phonte (1969).
- He holds the record for the longest running comic by an individual artist for the Handa Bhonda comic series which have now completed 53 years.

7. Saturnino de la Fuente García who claimed the record as the oldest person living (male) passed away in January 2022, belong to which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Spain**.

**Note:**

- Saturnino claimed the record as the oldest person living (male) in September 2021 when he was exactly 112 years and 211 days.
- De la Fuente was a cobbler by trade and started working in a shoe factory at age 13.
- He was born in the Puente Castro neighbourhood of León on Feb. 11, 1909.

8. Renowned personality Major Hari Pal Singh Ahluwalia has passed away recently he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Mountaineer**.

**Note:**

- HPS Ahluwalia was a retired army officer, a trained mountaineer, author and social worker "who has contributed immensely in various fields including adventure, sports, environment, disability and social work.

### Important Days

1. In India, the Army Day is celebrated every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_ 15<sup>th</sup> January.

**Note:**

- This year marks the 74th Indian Army Day.
- The day is marked to commemorate the day when General (later Field Marshal) KM Carriappa took over the command of the Army from General Sir FRR Bucher, the last British Commander-in-Chief in 1949 and became the first Commander-in-Chief of Indian Army post Independence.

2. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has declared the 'National Start-up Day' to be celebrated on \_\_\_\_\_ 16th January.

**Note:**

- The announcement was made on 15th January 2022, via video conferencing during week-long event Celebrating Innovation Ecosystem as a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- During the event, over 150 startups interacted and have been divided into six working groups based on several themes.

3. National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) celebrates its Raising Day every year on \_\_\_\_\_ 19<sup>th</sup> January.

**Note:**

- In 2022, the NDRF is observing its 17th Raising Day.
- There are 12 NDRF battalions located in different parts of the country and comprises as many as 13,000 NDRF personnel who work to build a safer country.

### New Appointments

1. Anup Bagchi has been re-appointed as the Executive Director of which bank for a period of 3 years \_\_\_\_\_ **ICICI Bank**.

**Note:**

- The shareholders of the bank at its Annual General Meeting in August last year had approved Bagchi's re-appointment for five years effective February 1, 2022.
  - ICICI Bank has two more executive directors — Sandeep Batra and Vishakha Mulye.
2. Navrang Saini has been assigned the additional charge of the chairperson of which regulatory body \_\_\_\_\_ **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India.**

**Note:**

- The Centre had in Oct last year assigned additional charge of chairperson of IBBI Saini for a period of three months.
- The IBBI Chairperson is appointed by the center on the recommendations of the selection committee headed by the Cabinet Secretary.
- M S Sahoo, who was the first Chairperson of IBBI since October 1, 2016.

3. Who has been appointed as the chairman of Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) \_\_\_\_\_ **Narendra Kumar Goenka.**

**Note:**

- He succeeded Padma Shri awardee A Sakthivel.
- Prior to this, he was the Vice Chairman of AEPC and has been associated with AEPC for more than two decades

4. Who is present union minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises \_\_\_\_\_ **Narayan Rane.**

**Note:**

- The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, a branch of the Government of India, is the apex executive body for the formulation and administration of rules, regulations and laws relating to micro, small and medium enterprises in India.
- Narayan Tatya Rane is an Indian politician from Maharashtra state and former Chief Minister of Maharashtra.

5. Who has been elected as the 3rd women president of the European Union's parliament \_\_\_\_\_ **Roberta Metsola.**

**Note:**

- Metsola succeeds Italian Socialist David Sassoli, who passed recently.
- She is only the third woman elected to the post.
- She is the European Parliament's youngest president.

6. Who has been appointed as the chairman and managing director of Air India Ltd \_\_\_\_\_ **Vikram Dev Dutt.**

**Note:**

- Dutt, a 1993-batch IAS officer of AGMUT (Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram and Union Territory) cadre, is at present Principal Secretary (Tourism) in Delhi government.
- He has been appointed as the Air India chief in the rank and pay of Additional Secretary.

7. Who has been appointed as the new chief executive officer (CEO) of Adani Power Limited (APL) \_\_\_\_\_ **Shersingh B Khyalia.**

**Note:**

- Shersingh B. Khyalia is a Chartered Accountant (CA) with over 32 years of experience in managing complex business in power industry, including generation, transmission and distribution.
- Earlier, Khyalia has worked as Managing Director in Gujarat Power Corporation, where he got experience of renewable power sector especially development of ultra-mega renewable parks.

8. Ibrahim Boubacar Keita, who passed away recently, was the former President of which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Mali.**

**Note:**

- He ruled Mali for seven years, since September 2013, till he was overthrown in a military coup in August 2020.
- He had also served as Prime Minister of Mali from 1994 to 2000.

9. Who has been elected as the chairman of the Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative (IFFCO) \_\_\_\_\_ **Dileep Sanghani.**

**Note:**

- Its incumbent Chairman Balvinder Singh Nakai passed away recently.
- The elected board of directors of IFFCO unanimously elected Dileep Sanghani as the 17th chairman of the Cooperative.
- He was earlier serving as the IFFCO vice-chairman. Sanghani was elected as the vice-chairman of IFFCO in the year 2019.

**Important News - India**

1. Zojila project, Asia's longest bi-directional tunnel will connect Ladakh with \_\_\_\_\_ **Srinagar.**

**Note:**

- The project of the NHIDCL, being executed by the MEIL, is envisaged to ensure connectivity between Srinagar and Ladakh throughout the year.
- Zojila project, Asia's longest bi-directional tunnel, is a challenging development project in India for strategic reasons too.

2. What is the theme of the 16th India Digital Summit, 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Supercharging Startups.**

**Note:**

- It is the oldest event of the digital industry in India.
- During the summit, Minister unveiled 'LEAP' as the way forward to further strengthen our Startups ecosystem.

3. Union govt has dedicated India's first BHEL-built 'coal to methanol' (CTM) pilot plant to the nation in \_\_\_\_\_ **Hyderabad.**

**Note:**

- The 0.25 TPD capacity CTM pilot plant is currently producing methanol with purity of more than 99% from high-ash coal.
- This conversion of high-ash Indian coal to methanol through the gasification route is the first-of-its-kind technology demonstration in India.

4. Which ministry conducting the open data week from 17th to 21st January 2022, to encourage adoption of open data and promote innovation across India's urban ecosystem \_\_\_\_\_ **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.**

**Note:**

- The Open Data Week is being conducted from 17th to 21st January 2022.
- It is a part of a series of pre-event initiatives leading up to the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav – Smart Cities: Smart Urbanization' conference to be held next month.

5. Which ministry has organized the 26th CISO Deep Dive Training program under Cyber Surakshit Bharat initiative \_\_\_\_\_ **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.**

**Note:**

- The training is aimed to equip participants with better understanding of emerging cyber threat landscape, understand best practices in cyber security.
- It will cover topics such as Governance Risk and Compliance and Data Privacy, Network Security, End Point Security, Application and Data Security, Cloud Security, Mobile Security, Cryptography, Cyber Security related provisions in IT Act.

6. India's Supermom tigress, popularly known as 'Collarwali' passed away at which tiger reserve \_\_\_\_\_ **Pench Tiger Reserve.**

**Note:**

- She was known for giving birth to 29 cubs during her lifetime, which is believed to be a world record.
- Official name given to the tigress by forest department was T-15 but she was fondly called 'Collarwali' by the native people

7. Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship has signed MoU with which institution to further strengthen the vocational and technical training framework \_\_\_\_\_ **IGNOU.**

**Note:**

- Aim: to link vocational education and training with higher education, making India's youth employable by creating avenues for them to access better work opportunities.
- The trainees attached to National Skill Training Institutes (NSTI), Industrial Training Institutes (ITI), PMKK and JSS.

8. On the occasion of the 74th Army Day (15th January), 'Monumental National Flag,' the world's largest national flag made from Khadi, was displayed Longewala. The Longewala is located in which of these states \_\_\_\_\_ **Rajasthan.**

**Note:**

- Longewala, in the western part of the desert state's Jaisalmer district, was the site of the iconic Battle of Longewala in 1971, which was fought during that year's war between the two neighbours.

9. The Amar Jawan Jyoti was erected to honour thousands of Indian soldiers who martyred during \_\_\_\_\_ **Indo-Pak War 1971.**

**Note:**

- The Amar Jawan Jyoti was erected as a memorial to fallen soldiers of the 1971 operations that led to the freedom of Bangladesh.
- It is housed inside the India Gate, a British era memorial to soldiers who lost their lives in pre-independence operations.

10. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched India-assisted Social Housing Units project in which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Mauritius.**

**Note:**

- Civil Service College and 8MW Solar PV Farm projects are being undertaken under India's development support in Mauritius.

**Important News – State**

1. Which state govt will install a statue of Colonel John Pennycuick in the United Kingdom, a British engineer who built the Mullaperiyar dam in 1895 \_\_\_\_\_ **Tamil Nadu**.

**Note:**

- Colonel John Pennycuick was a British engineer who built the Mullaperiyar dam in 1895 in Kerala's Idukki.
- The dam is currently operated by the Tamil Nadu government.

2. Which state/union territories has signed an MoU with UAE's pioneering financial services company, Century Financial that will invest 100 million dollars in the state/UT \_\_\_\_\_ **Jammu and Kashmir**.

**Note:**

- Investment will cover 3 hotels and one commercial cum residential complex in Jammu & Kashmir.
- The owner of Century Financial Sh. Bal Krishen is originally a native of the Doda district of Jammu and has been a forerunner in supporting his home.

3. Which state government has decided to set up an employment mission to create around 15 lakh job opportunities in the state in the next 5 years \_\_\_\_\_ **Chhattisgarh**.

**Note:**

- The mission will be headed by CM Bhupesh Baghel.
- Under the mission, the State government will also leverage expertise of premiere institutions such as the IIT, IIIT, IIM and NIT, in the State to generate employment opportunities.

4. Which state government has approved 'Mana ooru, mana badi' programme aimed at allround development and creation of effective basic infrastructure in schools across the State \_\_\_\_\_ **Telangana**.

**Note:**

- The programme will be implemented in three years with a budget of ₹7,289 crore to benefit 19.84 lakh children of 26,065 schools.
- The amount will be spent on setting up digital classrooms, construction of additional classrooms and taking up repairs to schools.

5. Which state has won the maximum number of awards at the 2nd National Startup Awards 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Karnataka**.

**Note:**

- Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles, Piyush Goyal presented the National Startup Awards 2021.
- This is second edition of the award conceived by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).

6. Which country announced a USD 500 million credit line to help Sri Lanka purchase petroleum products \_\_\_\_\_ **India**.

**Note:**

- India is poised to provide another \$1 billion in credit facility to Sri Lanka for importing food, essential items and medicines.
- India had recently extended foreign exchange support of more than \$900 million to Sri Lanka

7. The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has joined hands with which state to improve the food security of small and marginal farmers by strengthening their resilience to climate change \_\_\_\_\_ **Odisha**.

**Note:**

- In a pilot initiative, advisories will be provided to small farmers of the state, which is particularly prone to cyclones, to help them adapt to impact of the climate crisis.
- The WFP and the Agriculture Department will develop toolkits, modules, and guidelines during the project to provide services to small farmers.

**Important News – World**

1. International Folk Art Festival was held in which city \_\_\_\_\_ **Dubai**.

**Note:**

- Lavani is a genre of music popular in Maharashtra and is a combination of traditional song and dance, which is particularly performed to the beats of Dholki, a percussion instrument.

- It is noted for its powerful rhythm and has contributed substantially to the development of Marathi folk theatre.
2. Which country has discovered huge potential natural gas hydrate deposits of 0.11 to 0.73 trillion cubic feet in its exclusive economic zone (EEZ) \_\_\_\_\_ **Bangladesh**.
- Note:**
- It is equivalent to 17-103 TCF of natural gas reserves.
  - The study undertaken over the last three years was conducted by the Petrobangla, Bapex, local experts and the National Oceanography centre in Southampton, UK.
3. Which country has built an "artificial moon" research facility that will enable them to simulate low-gravity environments using magnetism \_\_\_\_\_ **China**.
- Note:**
- The gravity of this place can be controlled using powerful magnets by scientists to such low levels that it could successfully simulate the moon's gravity.
  - The artificial moon research facility is scheduled for official launch in the year 2022.
4. 'Infinity Bridge' is an impressive construction in which city of world that was opened to traffic for the first time \_\_\_\_\_ **Dubai**.
- Note:**
- Its design resembles mathematical sign for infinity ( $\infty$ )
  - It represents limitless, infinite goals of Dubai.
  - It consists of six lanes in each direction and combined 3-metre track for pedestrians and cyclists
5. In January 2022, which organization has released a report titled 'Inequality Kills' that reveals that COVID-19 pandemic has heightened economic inequalities across the world \_\_\_\_\_ **Oxfam India**.
- Note:**
- Wealth of world's 10 richest men doubled since COVID began.
  - Collective wealth of India's 100 richest people hit a record high of Rs 57.3 lakh crore (\$ 775 billion) in 2021.
  - Number of Indian billionaires grew from 102 to 142 during COVID
6. What is the theme of the World Economic Forum's Davos Agenda Virtual Summit 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **The State of the World**.
- Note:**
- During his speech, he talked about some of the pressing issues like Covid, climate change, cryptocurrency, reforms and initiatives taken by his government for ease of doing business.
  - This is the second consecutive year that the forum has had to host the summit digitally due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
7. Which country decided to make Unique Business ID (UBID) mandatory for all e-commerce entities in the country \_\_\_\_\_ **Bangladesh**.
- Note:**
- According to Zunaid Ahmed Palak(State Minister for IT),all digital commerce operators in the country will be required to register with the government using the UBID.
  - The use of these mechanisms to regulate the e-commerce sector will restore public confidence in the digital business.
8. As per new state capital law, Indonesia is shifting its capital from Jakarta to which of the following cities \_\_\_\_\_ **Nusantara**.
- Note:**
- The new law has been formulated as Jakarta is prone to flooding amid climate change and also suffers from chronic congestion and air pollution.
  - Initial relocation will start from between 2022 and 2024.

## Honor & Awards

1. Who won the Best National Costume award at the prestigious Mrs World 2022 pageant in Nevada, Las Vegas \_\_\_\_\_ **Navdeep Kaur.**

**Note:**

- She is the winner of Mrs India World 2021 and was representing the country at Mrs World 2022.
- She wore a striking gold Avant Garde outfit inspired by Kundalini Chakra and was designed by Eggie Jasmin.

2. Who has won the Best FIFA Men's Player 2021 award \_\_\_\_\_ **Robert Lewandowski.**

**Note:**

- Lewandowski won the Best FIFA Men's Player Award for the second straight year, after getting the first one in 2020.
- Spain midfielder Alexia Putellas Best FIFA Players 2021 award in women's category.
- Cristiano Ronaldo has been awarded the FIFA Special Best Men's award.

3. Who has been awarded the Best FIFA Women's Player 2021 award \_\_\_\_\_ **Alexia Putellas.**

**Note:**

- Cristiano Ronaldo has been awarded the FIFA Special Best Men's award.
- The Best FIFA Football Awards 2021 ceremony was held virtually in Zurich, Switzerland to crown outstanding players for excellent achievement in football.

4. How many startups have been declared the winners of National Startup Awards 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **46.**

**Note:**

- This is second edition of the award conceived by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).
- A total of 46 Startups have been recognized as winners of National Startup Awards 2021 along with 1 incubator and 1 accelerator.

5. Who has been declared the winner of the Mrs World 2022 beauty pageant \_\_\_\_\_ **Shaylyn Ford.**

**Note:**

- Mrs Jordan, Jaclyn Stapp and Mrs UAE, Debanjali Kamstra, were declared as the runner ups, respectively.

6. Name the former cricketer who has been given the knighthood for his service towards the game of cricket \_\_\_\_\_ **Clive Lloyd.**

**Note:**

- The Clive Lloyd knighthood investiture was performed by the Duke of Cambridge at Windsor Castle.
- Along with Clive Lloyd Current England ODI and T20 Skipper Eoin Morgan received a CBE for his services to Cricket.

## Sports News

1. Name the Indian shuttler who won his maiden Super 500 title by winning men's singles at the Yonex-Sunrise India Open \_\_\_\_\_ **Lakshya Sen.**

**Note:**

- In men's singles event he defeated World Champion Loh Kean Yew of Singapore.
- This was the 20-year-old's maiden entry in the final of a BWF World Tour Super 500 event after he came back from a game down to beat Malaysia's Tze Yong Ng.

2. 9th National Ice Hockey Championship-2022 was inaugurated in which state/union territories \_\_\_\_\_ **Himachal Pradesh.**

**Note:**

- Ice Hockey competition and development camp is being organized at the national level for the first time in Himachal Pradesh
- Participants: Himachal Pradesh, Telengana, Ladakh, ITBP Ladakh, Chandigarh and Delhi.

3. Who has been named as the captain of the ICC Men's ODI Team of the Year for 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Babar Azam.**

**Note:**

- He was also named as the captain of the ICC T20I Team of the Year.
- No Indian has featured in the ODI Team of the Year.
- There were no Indians in the ICC T20I Men's Team of the Year but Smriti Mandhana found a spot in the Women's T20I Team of the Year.

4. Name the Indian women cricketer who has been named in the 2021 ICC Women's T20I team of the year \_\_\_\_\_  
**Smriti Mandhana.**

**Note:**

- No Other Indian Player named in Men's as well Women's List.
- Smriti Mandhana is India's highest scorer who scored 255 runs at an average of 31.87 in 2021.
- She scored two fifties in the nine matches with the strike-rate of 131.44.

5. Name the player who beat Andy Murray to lift men's single title at Sydney Tennis Classic 2022 final \_\_\_\_\_ **Aslan Karatsev.**

**Note:**

- The women's single title was claimed by Spanish world number nine Paula Badosa, who defeated Barbora Krejcikova 6-3 4-6 7-6(4), to capture her third career title.

6. Who has won the women's single Indian Open (Badminton) 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Busanan Ongbamrungphan.**

**Note:**

- Busanan Ongbamrungphan of Thailand won the Women's Single title.
- Ongbamrungphan, ranked world no. 12, won the women's singles final 22-20, 19-21, 21-13.

7. Name the Indian tennis player who announced her retirement in 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Sania Mirza.**

**Note:**

- She is a six-time Grand Slam champion, 42-time tour winner, and first Indian woman and third from the country to be the World No. 1 doubles player
- She is the only Indian woman to break into the top 30 in singles, and a two-time Asian Games gold medallist.

8. Who has become the third youngest player to win a Korn Ferry Tour event since the Tour's establishment in 1990 \_\_\_\_\_ **Akshay Bhatia.**

**Note:**

- After this victory, he becomes the third-youngest player to win a Korn Ferry Tour event since the Tour's establishment in 1990.

### Books and Authors

1. Who has released a book titled 'Prakrtik, Vaidik avem Jaivik Kheti- Graameen Udyamita Ka Naya Swaroop' \_\_\_\_\_ **Manoj Sinha.**

**Note:**

- The book was published by Chudamani Sanskrit Sansthan, Basohli, Kathua
- It was released as a souvenir after the successful conduct of the Annual Festival and foundation day celebrations

2. Who has authored the new biography of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose titled "Bose: The Untold Story of An Inconvenient Nationalist" \_\_\_\_\_ **Chandrachur Ghose.**

**Note:**

- The book sheds light on Netaji's thoughts on independent India's development, the problem of communalism, geopolitics his political ideology, and how he negotiated with the revolutionary societies, and the govt.
- It will be published by Penguin Random House India under its Viking imprint.

3. Who has authored the book titled 'The Legend of Birsa Munda' \_\_\_\_\_ **Tuhin A Sinha and Ankita Verma.**

**Note:**

- The has been released by Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari.
- The Book is the story of a lesser-known tribal hero, Birsa Munda, who courageously fought against the oppressive British Raj for the rights of his tribal community.

### Science and Defence

1. In January 2022, the Indian Navy has conducted a passing exercise with which country in the Arabian Sea \_\_\_\_\_ **Russia.**

**Note:**

- Indian Navy's indigenously designed and built guided missile destroyer INS Kochi exercised with Russian Federation Navy's destroyer Admiral Tributs.
- The exercise showcased cohesiveness and interoperability between the two navies and included tactical manoeuvres, cross-deck helicopter operations and seamanship activities.

2. Indian Navy has conducted maritime Partnership Exercise with the navy of which country in the Bay of Bengal \_\_\_\_\_ **Japan.**

**Note:**

- The Indian side was represented by Indian Naval Ships (INS) Shivalik and INS Kadmat while JMSDF Ships Uraga and Hirado participated from Japanese side.
- Strengthening bilateral relations, promoting defence cooperation, enhancing mutual understanding and interoperability, and sharing best practices between IN and JMSDF.

3. Which became the first country to buy the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile system boosting India's efforts to become a major exporter of defence hardware \_\_\_\_\_ **Philippines.**

**Note:**

- The Philippines recently signed the 'notice of award' or the acceptance of India's BrahMos Aerospace Private Ltd \$374.96 million (USD 374,962,800) proposal for supplying the missile system for the Philippine Navy's shore-based anti-ship missile acquisition project.

4. Name the Indian navy ship that participated in the PASSEX exercises with Russian navy ships in the Arabian Sea in January 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **INS Kochi.**

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5. Which Central Armed Police Forces of India has launched Operation Sard Hawa \_\_\_\_\_ **Border Security Force (BSF).**

**Note:**

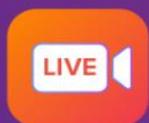
- Under the exercise the BSF will increase surveillance along the Pakistan border in Rajasthan.
- The Operation Sard Hawa is conducted during winters and Operation Garam Hawa is conducted during summers.

6. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has signed a contract with which country for export of one Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH)-MkIII \_\_\_\_\_ **Mauritius.**

**Note:**

- Mauritius already operates a ALH and Dornier Do-228 aircraft built by HAL.
- The ALH Mk III is a multi-role, multi-mission helicopter in the 5.5 tonne category in extensive use by the Indian armed forces and has also been exported.

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