

# Weekly One-Liners

22-31 December 2021



## Weekly One Liners Updates 22-31st December 2021

Dear readers,

**Weekly One Liners Update** is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the **fourth week** (22-31st) of **December 2021**. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

### **Banking & Financial Awareness**

1. Which institution has entered into an agreement with United Nations World Food Program (WFP) to address issues related to inclusion of millets in government programmes \_\_\_\_\_ **NITI Aayog**.  
**Note:**
  - The partnership focuses on mainstreaming of millets and supporting India in taking lead globally in knowledge exchange using the opportunity of 2023 as an International Year of Millets.
  - Further, the partnership will aim at building resilient livelihoods for small-holder farmers and adaptation capacities to climate change and transforming food systems.
2. What amount has been announced by the World Bank to help the poorest countries respond to the raging Coronavirus (Covid-19) crisis and boost economic growth \_\_\_\_\_ **\$93 billion**.  
**Note:**
  - It was the biggest replenishment ever for the International Development Association (IDA), which provides grants for 74 countries
  - The package includes \$23.5 billion of contributions from 48 high and middle-income countries as well as financing raised in the capital markets
  - It will help countries better prepare for future crises.
3. Hero Electric has tied up with which non-banking financial company (NBFC), to offer easy financing options for the purchase of electric scooters \_\_\_\_\_ **HDB Financial Services**.  
**Note:**
  - The collaboration will enable customers to avail hassle-free loans with minimum documentation on their desired electric scooter.
  - The financing option will be available to Hero Electric customers across its widespread network of over 700 dealerships in the country.
4. National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) signed a partnership agreement with which online course provider to encourage innovative learning and skill development for employees of NPCI \_\_\_\_\_ **Udemy Business**.  
**Note:**
  - The 3-year partnership with Udemy Business will offer courses on in-demand skills such as tech, domain, behavioural, and leadership skills to all NPCI employees.
  - Through the mission 'Talent Development for All' of NPCI, it provides capacity building programmes in Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), Blockchain, Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT), Robotic Process Automation (RPA), etc.
5. Which bank has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Care Health Insurance Ltd to market health insurance products for customers of the bank \_\_\_\_\_ **Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank**.  
**Note:**
  - Under the partnership, the bank focuses on its rural customers by covering maximum people, including farmers, artisans and rural population under health insurance.
  - The bank was also working on a tailor-made product to suit farmers and Kisan Credit Cardholders to face challenges arising out of illness and hospitalisation, through products at an affordable premium.
6. Which general insurance company has collaborated with Clove Dental to offer dental insurance \_\_\_\_\_ **ICICI Lombard General Insurance**.  
**Note:**
  - The offering will be covered under the OPD (Out Patient Department) benefit and will be available on a cashless basis to customers.

- This partnership will provide oral health support to Clove Dental's consumers that will encompass all necessary dental treatment expenses under the OPD benefit of ICICI Lombard.
7. Which bank has grabbed the top spot in overall digital transactions among large banks for FY20-21 \_\_\_\_\_ **Bank of Baroda.**
- Note:**
- It was felicitated by the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) at the Digital Payments Utsav which was held to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Independence of India.
- BoB has been conferred with five DigiDhan awards for FY 2019-20 & 2020-21 in various categories.
8. Which bank has acquired a minority stake in JSW Cement Limited for an investment of INR 100 crore through Compulsory Convertible Preference Shares (CCPS) \_\_\_\_\_ **State Bank of India.**
- Note:**
- The SBI is working as a strategic investor at JSW Cement and has invested in the company through CCPS. The conversion of CCPS into common equity will link with the JSW Group to provide valuation determined at the time initial public offering (IPO).
- This amount will support the expansion of JSW Cement from taking its production from the current 14 MTPA (million tonnes per annum) to 25 MTPA.
9. With which public sector bank has the MSME lending fintech platform, U GRO Capital signed a co-lending agreement \_\_\_\_\_ **Central Bank of India.**
- Note:**
- Under this partnership, the two entities aim to disburse up to Rs 1000 crore to U GRO Capital's varied MSME segments under its programmes like Pratham, Sanjeevani, Saathi, GRO MSME and Machinery financing, in the next 12 months.
- The co-lending arrangement with Central Bank of India will work towards providing formal credit to underserved MSMEs at affordable rates across all product categories of U GRO Capital.
10. Which payment bank has partnered with MoneyGram, a peer-to-peer remittance company to enable MoneyGram customers globally to send money in real-time \_\_\_\_\_ **Paytm Payment Bank.**
- Note:**
- Paytm Payments Bank, an associate entity of Paytm, and Nasdaq-listed MoneyGram, a global leader in digital P2P payments, have entered into a partnership to enable MoneyGram customers globally to send money in real-time to a Paytm Wallet user in India.
- With this partnership, MoneyGram users abroad can now conveniently transfer money to full KYC Paytm wallet users in India from the comfort of their homes.
11. Government of India has signed an agreement with which bank for a Finance Contract for the first tranche loan of Euro 250 million for Agra Metro Rail Project \_\_\_\_\_ **European Investment Bank.**
- Note:**
- The Project is working under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) and Uttar Pradesh Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (UPMRCL) is the implementing agency.
- The project aims to provide a safe, reliable, affordable and environment-friendly public Mass Rapid Transit System for Agra city which will improve mobility and support endeavour for planned urban development in Agra.
12. State-owned Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) Ltd has signed a pact with which bank to avail USD 169.5 million to the power finance sector and renewable energy projects \_\_\_\_\_ **KfW Development Bank.**
- Note:**
- Both organisations will jointly undertake various projects in Power sector & Renewable Energy (RE) projects.
- The approval was passed by the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance.
- This is the fifth line of credit signed between KfW Bank and REC Limited to finance power sector projects and the third line of credit for financing renewable energy (RE) projects.
13. What is the tagline of the Akasa Air, which is set for launch next year \_\_\_\_\_ **it's your sky.**
- Note:**
- The proposed ultra low cost carrier has shunned the traditional blue and red colour -- long favoured by Indian carriers -- and opted for 'sunrise orange' and 'passionate purple' colours, which it says, reflect warmth and youthful energy.
- The airline's symbol is a rising A, symbolising "the warmth of the rising sun, the effortless flight of a bird and the dependability of an aircraft wing."

14. Vayana Network, one of India's largest trade finance platforms, and which bank have been awarded the 'Most Effective Bank-Fintech Partnership: Agile and Adaptable' at the IBSi-Global Fintech Innovation Awards 2021 \_\_\_\_\_  
**Federal Bank.**

**Note:**

- The award was conferred in recognition of Vayana Network's partnership with Federal Bank making Supply Chain Finance at ease.
- The 2021 Innovation award includes the participation of 190 participants from 48 countries.

15. Which credit card issuer and Indian Navy have launched a co-branded credit card for Indian Navy personnel \_\_\_\_\_  
**BOB Financial Solutions Limited.**

**Note:**

- The card, offered on the RuPay platform, has contactless features.
- Indian Navy personnel can choose from 3 variants of the co-branded credit card.
- the credit cards will offer uninterrupted payment convenience to the personnel of the Indian Navy.

16. Which becomes the first bank to partnered with the NPCI to offer real-time cross-border remittances to India using UPI IDs, for its Money Transfer Operator (MTO) partners \_\_\_\_\_ **IndusInd Bank.**

**Note:**

- It is the first Indian bank to go live on UPI for cross-border payments/NRI remittances.
- Under this arrangement, the MTOs will be using the IndusInd Bank channel to connect with NPCI's UPI payment systems for validation and cross-border payment settlement into beneficiary accounts.

17. Which bank has entered into a co-lending arrangement with Lendingkart Finance Limited to improve the flow of credit to the unserved and underserved sector of the economy \_\_\_\_\_ **Punjab National Bank.**

**Note:**

- This partnership is part of its efforts to improve the flow of credit to the unserved and underserved sector of the economy.
- This arrangement will focus on digital underwriting and cashflow based lending.

18. MUFG Bank Ltd belongs to which country on which the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of ₹30 Lakh for non-compliance with its directions on 'Loans and Advances – Statutory and Other Restrictions' \_\_\_\_\_  
**Japan.**

**Note:**

- MUFG Bank has the largest network amongst Japanese banks in India, with a presence in five locations.
- MUFG Bank caters to the banking needs of Japanese and global corporates that are establishing or growing their businesses in India.

19. Which bank has been conferred with 'Most Innovative Best Practice' for financial inclusion at the coveted CII Digital Transformation Award 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **HDFC Bank.**

**Note:**

- It has been conferred due to HDFC Bank's efforts in furthering financial inclusion through partnership with Government of India's Common Service Centres (CSC)
- CII instituted digital transformation award to recognize excellence in Digital Transformation in India.

20. IPPB has signed an MoU with which bank for offering banks's various banking products and services to customers of the payments bank in semi-urban and rural areas, focussing on unbanked and underserved segments \_\_\_\_\_ **HDFC Bank.**

**Note:**

- Over 4.7 crore customers of IPPB of whom nearly 90 per cent are residing in rural areas are expected to benefit from this partnership.
- The strategic alliance will enable IPPB to provide affordable and diversified offerings, including access to finance, to its customers through its innovative Doorstep Banking Service.

21. HDFC Life Insurance Company announced a bancassurance tie-up with which bank \_\_\_\_\_ **South Indian Bank.**

**Note:**

- This bancassurance arrangement will enable customers of SIB to avail HDFC Life's life insurance products, including solutions for protection, savings and investment, retirement and critical illness.
- HDFC Life aims to provide SIB's customer base with innovative products and superior levels of service via both the physical and digital routes.

22. Indipaisa, a member of the Nexxo Network signed a partnership agreement with NSDL Payments Bank to launch Financial Technology (Fintech) solutions targeting India's 63 million Small & Mid-sized Enterprise (SME) sector \_\_\_\_\_ **NSDL Payments Bank.**

**Note:**

- Indipaisa, in partnership with NSDL Payments Bank, plans to introduce multiple financial products and services customized from the ground up to match the specific needs of Indian SME owners and operators.
  - Furthermore, Indiapaisa is proud to be part of the Government of India and the Reserve Bank of India's drive to digitize payments, estimated to exceed USD 1.0 Trillion annually by the year 2025.
23. As per the Centre for Economics and Business Research's (CEBR) World Economic League Table 2022, by which year India will become the world's third-largest economy \_\_\_\_\_ **2031**.
- Note:**
- The annual league table also predicted that China will overtake the US to be the largest economy in 2030 (two years later than the forecast in 2021).
  - The world economy is set to surpass \$100 trillion for the first time in 2022.
24. Which bank has announced the launch of 'Green Fixed Deposits' where the deposit proceeds will be used to finance projects and firms supporting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) \_\_\_\_\_ **IndusInd Bank**.
- Note:**
- IndusInd Bank is amongst few banks globally, to bring forth this proposition, thereby integrating SDG into a regular fixed deposit product.
  - IndusInd Bank 'Green Fixed Deposits' shall be offered to both retail and corporate customers.
25. Which public sector lender has entered into a strategic co-lending partnership with MAS Financial Services to offer loans to micro, small and medium enterprise (MSME) borrowers \_\_\_\_\_ **Bank of Maharashtra**.
- Note:**
- This co-lending arrangement will result in greater expansion of portfolio for both the entities.
  - Under this arrangement, MAS Financial Services (a RBI registered non-banking financial company) will originate and process loans to MSME borrowers under priority sector as per jointly formulated credit parameters and eligibility criteria and BoM will take on its book these loans under mutually agreed terms.
26. Which state govt has partnered with the NPCI and SBI for enabling and implementing e-RUPI, a cashless and contactless payment solution for students under the State's scholarship programme \_\_\_\_\_ **Karnataka**.
- Note:**
- e-RUPI will be used to ensure a leak-proof delivery of education fees of eligible students by paying digitally to the college/institute by Karnataka Government.
  - Karnataka government will get e-vouchers delivered to the mobiles of eligible students. The voucher code can be received on the feature phone also.
27. RBL Bank announced the signing of an agreement with which Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) to for the extension of the partnership of co-branded credit cards for 5 years to December 2026 \_\_\_\_\_ **Bajaj Finance Ltd**.
- Note:**
- In FY2018, the Bank had entered into a partnership with Bajaj Finance, launching a series of co-branded credit cards.
  - As per the Bank's FY2019 annual report, FY2019 also saw the RBL Bank - Bajaj Finance co-brand portfolio cross the 10 lakh cards mark, making it one of the largest co-branded card partnerships in the country.
28. Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) has entered into a strategic co-lending partnership with which Non Banking Financial Company to offer loans to micro, small and medium enterprise (MSME) borrowers \_\_\_\_\_ **MAS Financial Services Ltd**.
- Note:**
- The partnership is subject to compliance laws including applicable guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
  - This partnership will support the expansion of the portfolios of both BoM and MAS Financial Services Limited.
29. Which public sector bank has announced its partnership with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to launch 'RuPay Business Platinum Debit Card' for firms/corporates \_\_\_\_\_ **Union Bank of India**.
- Note:**
- This card offers an ATM withdrawal limit of ₹1 lakh along with a purchase of up to ₹3 lakh at POS or E-Commerce, to its users.
  - Further, card users can withdraw up to ₹75,000 at ATMs abroad and perform purchases globally worth up to ₹3 lakh at POS and international online merchants.

### Obituaries

1. Renowned personality Richard Rogers passed away recently, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Architect**.

**Note:**

- He was known for designing some of the world's most famous buildings including Paris' Pompidou Centre in 1977.
- He changed London skyline with distinctive creations such as Millennium Dome and 'Cheesegrater', that won a series of awards for his designs, including the 2007 Pritzker Prize, and is one of the pioneers of the 'high-tech' architecture movement.

2. Nobel Peace Prize Winner Renowned personality Desmond Tutu passed away recently he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_  
**Human Right Activist.**

**Note:**

- Tutu was diagnosed with prostate cancer in the late 1990s and in recent years he was hospitalized on several occasions to treat infections associated with his cancer treatment.
- In 1984 Tutu won the Nobel Peace Prize for his non-violent opposition to apartheid.

3. Renowned personality Karolos Papoulias was former president of which country who passed away recently \_\_\_\_\_  
**Greece.**

**Note:**

- Papoulias, who was also foreign minister in 1985-89 and 1993-96, was a high-ranking member of socialist PASOK party and a close associate of its late leader and former prime minister Andreas Papandreou.
- He served as President during the crisis that plunged the country into the most grave political and economic turmoil of recent decades.

4. Renowned personality T. Mark Taylor passed away recently he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **artist.**

**Note:**

- He-man was the muscled frontman for toy manufacturer Mattel's Masters of the Universe franchise
- He-Man was the epitome of hulking superhero warrior but also became an icon within the LGBTQ+ community, who saw parallels in the secret life of Prince Adam, He-Man's alter ego.

5. Renowned parliamentarian and industrialist Mahendra Prasad passed away recently he was seven time Rajya Sabha MP from which political party \_\_\_\_\_ **Janata Dal (United).**

**Note:**

- Prasad was a seven-term Rajya Sabha MP from Bihar and was also elected to the Lok Sabha once.
- Prasad was first elected to the Lok Sabha on a Congress ticket in 1980.
- He remained associated with the party for a long time and shifted his loyalties later as its fortunes declined in the state.

6. Renowned personality Edward O Wilson passed away recently, he was a noted \_\_\_\_\_ **biologist.**

**Note:**

- He was "called 'Darwin's natural heir,' and was known affectionately as 'the ant man' for his pioneering work as an entomologist.
- He was a true visionary with a unique ability to inspire and galvanize.
- He articulated, perhaps better than anyone, what it means to be human.

7. Renowned personality Keri Hulme passed away recently, she was a note \_\_\_\_\_ **novelist.**

**Note:**

- Hulme worked as a tobacco picker, dropped out of law school and was a charity worker before becoming an unusual literary star when The Bone People, her first novel, won one of fiction's greatest prizes.
- The novel was rejected by several publishers before being picked up by the obscure publisher Spiral, a New Zealand feminist collective.

8. Renowned personality Sabine Weiss passed away recently, she was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **photographer.**

**Note:**

- Weiss was the last of the French humanist photography school of post-World War II that reimagined the evocative powers of images, which included Robert Doisneau, Willy Ronis and Brassai.

### Important Days

1. In India, National Mathematics Day every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **22<sup>nd</sup> December.**

**Note:**

- The day is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of Mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan.
- This year nation celebrates his 134th birth anniversary of Ramanujan.

2. Kisan Diwas or National Farmers' Day is celebrated across the nation on which date to commemorate the birth anniversary of the fifth Prime Minister of India, Chaudhary Charan Singh \_\_\_\_ **23<sup>rd</sup> December.**  
**Note:**
  - Chaudhary Charan Singh brought farmer-friendly policies and worked towards the welfare of the farmers.
  - He was the fifth Prime Minister of India and served the country as Prime Minister from 28 July 1979 to 14 January 1980.
3. What is the theme of the National Consumer Rights Day 2021 \_\_\_\_ **Tackling Plastic Pollution.**  
**Note:**
  - The Day is celebrated to commemorate December 24, 1986, when the Consumer Protection Act received assent of the President of India.
  - The purpose of the day is to make consumers aware of their rights and responsibilities.
  - This year's theme of National Consumer Day is "Tackling Plastic Pollution".
4. In India, Good Governance Day (Sushasan Divas) is observed annually on \_\_\_\_ **25<sup>th</sup> December.**  
**Note:**
  - On this day nation celebrates the birth anniversary of **Bharat Ratna** and former-Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
  - In keeping with this principle, Good Governance Day has been declared to be a working day for the government.
5. International day for Epidemic Preparedness is observe every year on which date \_\_\_\_ **27<sup>th</sup> December.**  
**Note:**
  - Battered by the Covid-19 pandemic, humans have learned about epidemic preparedness the hard way.
  - In a bid to prepare for future outbreaks and sensitise people about epidemics on all levels.

### **New Appointments**

1. Who has been appointed as the as Director General of BrahMos Aerospace \_\_\_\_ **Atul Dinkar Rane.**  
**Note:**
  - He joined DRDO in 1987 and started his initial career at Defence Research and Development Laboratory as System Manager and established modular real-time simulation test mechanisms for Surface to Air Akash Missile System
  - BrahMos Aerospace: Indo-Russian multinational aerospace and defense corporation, with Headquarters in Delhi.
2. Who has been appointed as a member of the Badminton World Federation's (BWF) Athletes' Commission \_\_\_\_ **PV Sindhu.**  
**Note:**
  - She is among the 6 appointed members of the Commission.
  - PV Sindhu was first elected as a member of the BWF's Athletes' Commission in 2017.
  - She is the only member who stood for re-election.
  - PV Sindhu was the 2nd Indian to become a member of the BWF's Athletes Commission.
3. Who has been appointed as new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the IFFCO-TOKIO General Insurance \_\_\_\_ **H O Suri.**  
**Note:**
  - Prior to this, Suri was director of marketing and Chief Investment Officer.
  - He started his professional journey in the year 1982 with Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO), the world's largest fertiliser manufacturer in the Cooperative Sector, and has a professional qualification of chartered accountant.
4. Justice Sanjaya Kumar Mishra has been appointed as the Acting Chief Justice of which High Court \_\_\_\_ **Uttarakhand.**  
**Note:**
  - He has been appointed as per Article 223 of the Constitution of India
  - He was elevated as Judge of the Orissa High Court in 2009 and joined Uttarakhand High Court in October 2021.
5. Who has been appointed as an additional director on the board of RBL Bank by the Reserve bank of India \_\_\_\_ **Yogesh Dayal.**  
**Note:**
  - The private sector lender's Managing Director and CEO Vishwavir Ahuja has proceeded on leave with immediate effect.

- The central bank invoked Section 36 AB (power of RBI to appoint additional directors) contained in Part 2A (Control over Management) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
6. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Punjab National Bank (PNB) \_\_\_\_\_ **Atul Kumar Goel**.
- Note:**
- Goel will serve as PNB chief until December 31, 2024, which is his attaining the superannuation age.
  - He will serve as Officer on Special Duty (OSD) in PNB, which is the country's second-largest public sector bank, until January 31, 2022.
  - Goel will replace Mallikarjuna Rao, incumbent MD & CEO of PNB, who is due to demit office at the end of January 2022.
7. Who has been appointed as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of UCO Bank \_\_\_\_\_ **Soma Sankara Prasad**.
- Note:**
- Currently, he is the Deputy Managing Director at State Bank of India.
  - He will serve as MD & CEO of UCO Bank till the date of attaining the age of superannuation on May 31, 2023.
  - He will replace Atul Kumar Goel, who has been appointed as MD & CEO of UCO Bank, as MD & CEO of Punjab National Bank (PNB).
8. Who has been appointed as interim Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of RBL Bank \_\_\_\_\_ **Rajeev Ahuja**.
- Note:**
- The RBL Bank board has appointed Rajeev Ahuja, who's currently working as the Executive Director at the bank, as interim Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of the bank with immediate effect, subject to the regulatory and other approvals.
  - The board of directors at its meeting has accepted the request of Vishwavir Ahuja, Managing Director and CEO of the bank, to proceed on leave with immediate effect.
9. Who has been appointed as the Deputy National Security Advisor in the National Security Council Secretariat of India \_\_\_\_\_ **Vikram Misri**.
- Note:**
- A career diplomat from the 1989 batch of the Indian Foreign Service, Mr Misri was appointed as India's Ambassador to Beijing in 2019.
  - The Ministry of External Affairs had earlier this month appointed Pradeep Kumar Rawat as the next ambassador to China.
10. Who has been appointed as India's next permanent representative to the UN Conference on Disarmament in Geneva \_\_\_\_\_ **Anupam Ray**.
- Note:**
- Mr. Ray, a 1994-batch Indian Foreign Service officer, is currently serving as a joint secretary in the MEA's headquarters in Delhi.
  - Mr. Sharma, a 1991-batch Indian Foreign Service officer, has been appointed as India's next ambassador to Mexico.
11. Vasudevan Pathangi Narasimhan (PN) has been reappointed as the MD & CEO of which bank \_\_\_\_\_ **Equitas Small Finance Bank**.
- Note:**
- Vasudevan was appointed as the MD of erstwhile Equitas Finance Limited, now a bank, with effect from July 23, 2016.
  - He is a qualified Company Secretary from the Institute of Company Secretaries of India. He has extensive experience in the financial services sector.
12. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of Jammu & Kashmir Bank for three years \_\_\_\_\_ **Baldev Prakash**.
- Note:**
- His appointment will be effective from the date of taking charge or April 10, 2022, whichever is earlier.
  - Apart from him, R K Chhibber has been appointed as an additional director on the board of the bank.

### Important News - India

1. Which ministry has launched the Open Acreage Licensing Programme (OALP) Bid Round-VII for International Competitive Bidding \_\_\_\_\_ **Ministry of Petroleum**.



**Note:**

- Eight blocks are being bid out under the round.
- These include five on-land blocks (four in Category-I Basin and one in Category-III Basin), two shallow water blocks (both in Category-I Basin) and one ultra-deep-water block (Category-I Basin).
- "It is expected that OALP Round VII would generate an immediate exploration work commitment of around \$ 300-400 million.

2. The Central Public Health and Environmental Engineering Organisation (CPHEEO) organized a "Technical Conference cum Exhibition on 24x7 Water Supply Systems" in which city \_\_\_\_\_ **New Delhi.**

**Note:**

- Organized by: Central Public Health and Environmental Engineering Organisation (CPHEEO)
- It will ensure prevention of water contamination, control of NRW, equitable water supply and bring efficiency in terms of financial sustainability by attracting PPP funding.

3. According to Hurun Global Unicorn Index 2021, what is India's rank in having highest number of unicorns \_\_\_\_\_ **third.**

**Note:**

- The report, released shows that Bengaluru has more unicorns than cities like Boston, Palo Alto, Paris, Berlin, Chicago among others, with a tally of 28 such companies--the seventh-highest in the world.
- India has more than doubled the number of unicorns from last year and overtook the UK in the tally.

4. Who has launched India's first of its kind Geographic Information System (GIS) Based 'Automatic Water Supply System' for citizens of Cantonment Boards under eChhawani project \_\_\_\_\_ **Rajnath Singh.**

**Note:**

- It is an easy and fast application with 100% automatic process.
- The module for this system has been developed by Bhaskaracharya Institute for Space Applications and Geoinformatics (BISAG) under the guidance of Defence Secretary and Director General of Defence Estates (DGDE), Delhi.

5. Under which scheme PM Narendra Modi has provided Rs 1000 crore to Community Investment Fund to transfer bank accounts of self help groups to benefit around 16 lakh women \_\_\_\_\_ **Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihood Mission.**

**Note:**

- It is administered under the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) for improving the quality of life and for providing other social needs of the members in the Self Help Group.
- It is intended to encourage innovative community enterprise and also to provide small amounts as loan or grant to those tormented by poverty.

6. In how many languages the Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog has launched the first of its kind Vernacular Innovation Program which enables innovators and entrepreneurs to have access to the innovative ecosystem \_\_\_\_\_ **22 languages.**

**Note:**

- By providing access to learning in one's language and culture, Atal Innovation Mission aims to create equal opportunity for the vernacular innovators.
- AIM will identify and train the Vernacular Task Force (VTF) in each of the 22 scheduled languages to build the required capacity of the VIP.

7. Which university has won the "Digital Innovation of the Year" award at the distinguished Times Higher Education (THE) Asia Awards 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU), Sonapat.**

**Note:**

- JGU was the Only Indian University to be Shortlisted for the "Digital Innovation of the Year"
- JGU's win at the THE Awards is a recognition of JGU's successful digital transformation and impact over the last two years.

8. Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) comes under the ambit of which ministry \_\_\_\_\_ **Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.**

**Note:**

- In March, 1964, a Department of Administrative Reforms was set up within the Ministry of Home Affairs and Organisation and Method (O & M) Division was transferred to its charge from the Cabinet Secretariat.
- On 07th February, 1973, the work relating to Department of Administrative Reforms was transferred to Department of Personnel created under Cabinet Secretariat on 01st August, 1970 and was re-designated as Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms.

9. Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Renukaji Dam project in which state that was pending for around three decades \_\_\_\_\_ **Himachal Pradesh.**

**Note:**

- He will lay the foundation stone of Renukaji Dam project which is lying pending for around three decades.
- Also, he inaugurated the Sawra-Kuddu Hydro Power Project.
- The 111 MW Project has been built at a cost of around ₹2,080 crore

10. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh laid the foundation stone for a Defence Technology & Test Centre (DTTC) in which city of Uttar Pradesh to accelerate the growth of the defence and aerospace manufacturing clusters in Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor \_\_\_\_\_ **Lucknow.**

**Note:**

- A first-of-its-kind DTTC is being set up to accelerate the growth of the defence and aerospace manufacturing clusters in Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor.
- The Brahmos manufacturing centre, announced by BrahMos Aerospace, is a modern, state-of-the-art facility in the Lucknow node of UP DIC.

11. Who will chair the high-level committee constituted by the central government to to examine the possibility of withdrawing the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) in Nagaland \_\_\_\_\_ **Vivek Joshi.**

**Note:**

- Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India Vivek Joshi will head the five-member committee and Additional Secretary in the Union Home Ministry Piyush Goyal will be its Member-Secretary.
- The Chief Secretary and Director General of Police of Nagaland and the DGP of Assam Rifles will be the other members of the committee.

12. According to the NITI Aayog's fourth edition of the State Health Index for 2019–20 titled "Healthy States, Progressive India", which state at the top among the larger states, in overall ranking based on the composite index score in 2019–20 \_\_\_\_\_ **Kerala.**

**Note:**

- Among the 'Larger States', in terms of annual incremental performance, Uttar Pradesh, Assam and Telangana are the top three ranking states.
- Among 'Smaller States', Mizoram and Meghalaya registered the maximum annual incremental progress.

13. According to the Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) 2021, which institute has been recognised as the Most Innovative Educational Institute in India, in the technical ranking \_\_\_\_\_ **Indian Institute of Technology Madras.**

**Note:**

- ARIIA 2021 classifies participating institutions into two major categories; technical and non-technical.
- In the technical ranking, the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) has been recognised as the Most Innovative Educational Institute in India.

14. Which railway station has been renamed as Veerangana Laxmibai Railway Station \_\_\_\_\_ **Indore Railway Station.**

**Note:**

- Earlier the Mughalsarai Railway station was renamed as Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya junction and the Faizabad Railway station as Ayodhya Cantt.
- Since coming to power, Mr Adityanath government has changed names of several establishments including those of Faizabad and Allahabad districts, which were renamed as Ayodhya and Prayagraj, respectively.

### Important News – State

1. Which state government has approved a proposal for the establishment of a "teachers' university" \_\_\_\_\_ **Delhi.**

**Note:**

- Admissions to the new university will start in the 2022-2023 academic session.
- This university is aimed at preparing high-quality and well-trained teachers.
- The Delhi government will place the 'Delhi Teachers University' Bill 2021 in the state assembly in the coming session.

2. Which state government has announced to give 1 per cent reservation to transgenders in Police \_\_\_\_\_ **Karnataka.**

**Note:**

- The notification issued is the first by a government department in Karnataka calling for applications from the transgender community.

- This move will help in changing the perception towards transgenders.
  - It will bring them into mainstream and remove all the prejudices against them in society.
3. Which state/UTs signed an MoU with University College Birmingham (UCB) at India Global Forum, held in Taj Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE) \_\_\_\_\_ **Jammu and Kashmir**.
- Note:**
- The MoU was signed between the Director Industries and Commerce, Jammu, Anoo Malhotra and International Recruitment, University College Birmingham, Eileen Pryer in the presence of Counsel General of India, Aman Puri.
  - For the first time, UCB has decided to set up an office in Jammu and Kashmir to tie up with local educational institutions to facilitate academic exchange programmes and enable students to secure admissions at reduced fees.
4. The Government of India (GoI) and the German development bank KfW signed agreements for a Euro 140 million reduced interest loan and Euro 2 million grant for an energy reform programme in \_\_\_\_\_ **Madhya Pradesh**.
- Note:**
- The project will contribute to a more stable, secure and climate and environmentally friendly energy supply in India by upgrading and strengthening distribution networks in Madhya Pradesh.
  - It will contribute to an effective, technically and economically efficient as well as socially and ecologically sustainable energy supply.
5. Which state has topped the composite ranking in the Good Governance Index 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Gujarat**.
- Note:**
- Delhi topped the Union territories category composite ranking.
  - In the indicators launched by Union home minister Amit Shah, Uttar Pradesh showed an 8.9 per cent incremental growth in the period 2019 to 2021 while the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir registered an improvement of 3.7 per cent in the same period.
6. Which state top among the among the 34 states and Union Territories (UTs) in the implementation of the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM) \_\_\_\_\_ **Telangana**.
- Note:**
- The mission was launched four years ago to stimulate local economic development, enhance basic services and create well planned clusters.
  - Tamil Nadu and Gujarat took the second and third positions respectively.
7. Which state government has launched a health service management centre (HSMC) for monitoring various national and state-level health schemes \_\_\_\_\_ **Gujarat**.
- Note:**
- HSMC aims to monitor the benefits received under various government schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana (PMJAY), Mukhyamantri Amrutam (MA) scheme, nutrition-related schemes, maternal and child health schemes, and other similar government schemes, in addition to tracking the number of beneficiaries enrolled.
8. Which state government recently has launched Kaushal Rozgar Nigam Portal \_\_\_\_\_ **Haryana**.
- Note:**
- A patrika named 'Vyavastha Parivartan Se Susashan' along with the official calendar of year 2022 was also launched.
  - Now all the problems of the public are being solved easily through CM Window. So far, more than 8.5 lakh issues have been resolved.
9. Which state government has launched Digital Life Certificate system for pensioners \_\_\_\_\_ **Odisha**.
- Note:**
- Odisha is the first state in the country to implement such a digital service for pensioners.
  - Under the Digital Life Certificate system, identification and life certificates can be submitted by the pensioners using an Artificial Intelligence-based video-verification process.

### Important News - World

1. Which country has created the world's first dual-mode vehicle (DMV) that can run on both roads and rail tracks \_\_\_\_\_ **Japan**.

**Note:**

- The railbus is set to make its public debut on Saturday in the town of Kaiyo in Japan.

- The DMV looks like a minibus and runs on normal rubber tyres on the road.
  - It also has steel wheels in its underbelly which descend when it hits the rail tracks.
  - The front tyres are lifted off the track and the rear wheels stay down to propel the DMV onto the railway.
2. Which of the following countries set to become the newest member of the New Development Bank (NDB) (BRICS Bank) \_\_\_\_\_ **Egypt**.
- Note:**
- Egypt is the fourth new member admitted into NDB, after Bangladesh, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Uruguay, further expanding the bank's global outreach.
  - Egypt is one of the world's fastest-growing countries, a major economy in the African continent and the Middle East region as well as a key player in development finance institutions.
3. Which country has successfully conducted third test of its Angara A5 space rocket with a full mock payload \_\_\_\_\_ **Russia**.
- Note:**
- The Angara is being developed and built by the Khrunichev State Research and Production Space Center in Moscow, Russia.
  - This marks the 3rd launch of the rocket after its maiden launch in 2014.
4. World's longest Metro line opened in which city \_\_\_\_\_ **Shanghai**.
- Note:**
- With the inauguration of the new Metro lines, the Shanghai subway network will expand largely along 831km.
  - Now, Shanghai city boasts 508 stations.
  - Over 10 million people use the system on an average workday.

### **Honor & Awards**

1. Who has won the UN Women's Award for Leadership Commitment at the 2021 Regional Asia-Pacific Women's Empowerment Principles Awards ceremony \_\_\_\_\_ **Divya Hegde**.
- Note:**
- She has been recognized for her sustained efforts in advancing gender equality through climate action efforts with her organization, Baeru Environmental Services
  - She worked in the areas of waste management, creation of livelihoods for rural women, and developing a circular economy in the region.
2. Who has been awarded the prestigious Global Environment and Climate Action Citizen Award in Dubai \_\_\_\_\_ **Viral Sudhirbhai Desai**.
- Note:**
- Among the 28 personalities from 11 countries (which includes the United Kingdom(UK), the United States(US), New Zealand, France, and Malaysia,) who were honoured with this award, Viral Desai was the only Indian to win the honour for climate change
3. Who has won the Sushila Devi Award 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Anukruti Upadhyay**.
- Note:**
- It has been instituted by Ratanlal Foundation.
  - It was announced by Ratanlal Foundation and organizing Committee of the Bhopal Literature and Art Festival
4. Who has won the Ramnath Goenka award in the "Uncovering India Invisible" category for his 2019 story "Death by Digital Exclusion" \_\_\_\_\_ **Shiv Sahay Singh**.
- Note:**
- It exposed how the Jharkhand government's insistence on digitisation deprived people living on the margins of the benefits of the public distribution system (PDS).
  - The story detailed the Jharkhand government's decision to plug leakages in the PDS by linking all ration cards to Aadhaar.
5. Who has been named as the 2021 Person of the Year by the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) \_\_\_\_\_ **Alia Bhatt**.
- Note:**

- Alia Bhatt is an animal lover and often shares pictures with her pets.
- This year, Alia Bhatt invested in Phool, the company behind Fleather, which is a vegan leather made from discarded temple flowers.
- Her vegan kidswear line, Ed-a-Mamma, also won a 2021 PETA India fashion award for helping to nurture kids' love for animals and nature.

6. Eminent author Namita Gokhale won Sahitya Akademi Award for her novel \_\_\_\_\_ **Things to Leave Behind.**

**Note:**

- Ms. Gokhale was awarded for her novel Things to Leave Behind and Ms. Pujari for Iyat Ekhan Aaronya Asil.
- Seven books of poetry, five of short stories, two plays, one each of biography, autobiography, criticism and epic poetry had won the Sahitya Akademi Awards 2021.

7. Who has been awarded as the 'Journalist of the Year' for 2020 by the Mumbai Press Club \_\_\_\_\_ **Danish Siddiqui.**

**Note:**

- Danish Siddiqui's wife Frederike Siddiqui received the award.
- Senior journalist Prem Shankar Jha, 83, was bestowed with the lifetime achievement award "for his long and distinguished career of incisive and analytical writing".

### Sports News

1. Which country's Under-19 Women's team won SAFF U-19 Women's Football Championship in Dhaka's \_\_\_\_\_ **Bangladesh.**

**Note:**

- Only goal of the game came in the 80th minute when Anai Mogini scored a goal to make Bangladesh victorious.
- 2021 SAFF U-19 Women's Championship:
- It is an international football competition for women's under-19 national teams organized by SAFF
- It was the 2nd edition of SAFF U-19 Women's Championship.

2. Aanchal Thakur associated with which sports \_\_\_\_\_ **Skiing.**

**Note:**

- She finished 3rd with an overall timing of 1:54:30.
- With this, Aanchal has become first Indian Ski athlete to win two medals at international level.
- She has previously won bronze medal in the 2018 FIS Alpine 3200 Cup held in Turkey.

3. Which state has won their maiden Vijay Hazare Trophy beating Tamil Nadu in the final in Jaipur \_\_\_\_\_ **Himachal Pradesh.**

**Note:**

- Himachal Pradesh skipper Rishi Dhawan won the toss and put Dinesh Karthik-led Tamil Nadu to bat.
- Youngster Shubham Arora came out all guns blazing with his maiden List A century as Himachal downed five-time champions Tamil Nadu.
- Tamil Nadu have been the best domestic side in the country in white-ball cricket since the 2019-20 season.

4. Which team has won the Pro Tennis League 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Team Radiant.**

**Note:**

- Davis Cupper Saketh Myneni led the Team Radiant.
- Saketh outclassed reigning National champion Niki Poonacha 5-0 in the third rubber to gain a four-point lead for the team which proved decisive in the eventual analysis.

5. Who has won her maiden 20th edition of the NECC Deccan \$25,000 Women's ITF Championships \_\_\_\_\_ **Moyuka Uchijima.**

**Note:**

- The 20-year-old outlasted Diana Marcinkevica of Latvia 6-2, 7-5 in the singles final.
- With junior Sara Saito winning two back-to-back ITF junior events earlier in December, Uchijima capped the hat-trick for Japan with her victory.

6. Which state has won the 11th Junior National Men's Hockey Championship 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Uttar Pradesh.**

**Note:**

- UP maintained its 100 percent record in the tournament.
- Top scorer of tournament: Sharda Nand Tiwari.
- Hockey Association of Odisha edged out Haryana by 3 - 2 in a closely contested affair to clinch 3rd place in the Championship.

**Books and Authors**

1. Who is the author of the book titled 'Bachelor Dad' \_\_\_\_\_ **Tusar Kapoor.**

**Note:**

- He has shared his journey of being a single father in the new book.
- The actor has shared his journey of the 'slightly unconventional road to fatherhood' in his debut book, Bachelor Dad.
- On the cover of the book, he can be seen carrying his son.

**Science and Defence**

1. The first batch of indigenously developed next-generation armoured engineer reconnaissance vehicles was inducted into the Army. The vehicles were manufactured by \_\_\_\_\_ **Ordnance Factory Medak & Bharat Electronics Limited.**

**Note:**

- The vehicle has been designed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and manufactured by Ordnance Factory Medak and Bharat Electronics Limited, Pune.
- It is capable of carrying out reconnaissance of water obstacles and boggy patches for execution of engineer tasks with capabilities to carry out reconnaissance.

2. What is the strike range of the indigenously developed surface-to-surface missile 'Pralay' \_\_\_\_\_ **150-500 kilometres.**

**Note:**

- The missile is powered with solid propellant rocket motor and many new technologies.
- The missile has a range of 150-500 kilometre and can be launched from a mobile launcher.
- The missile guidance system includes state-of-the-art navigation system and integrated avionics.

3. Minister of Defence Rajnath Singh unveiled indigenously built Multi-terrain Artillery Gun (MARG 155) – BR which is the only 155mm 39 calibre gun system mounted on 4×4 HMV (High Mobility Vehicle) in the world. It is developed by which unit \_\_\_\_\_ **Bharat Forge Ltd.**

**Note:**

- The Made-In-India Multi-terrain Artillery Gun (MARG) 155 – BR is the only 155mm 39 caliber gun system mounted on 4×4 HMV in the world.
- The vehicle weighs 18 ton and has the capability to be deployed even in mountain regions.
- The gun system is equipped with shoot and scoot capability, providing advanced technical performance and high integration.

4. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted the flight test of indigenously developed HEAT Abhyas. What is full form of HEAT \_\_\_\_\_ **High-speed Expendable Aerial Target.**

**Note:**

- During its trial, high subsonic speed trajectory at a very low altitude with high endurance was demonstrated.
- Two boosters provided initial acceleration during launch and small turbojet engine was used to sustain high subsonic speed with long endurance.
- Developed by: Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE), Bengaluru, along with other DRDO laboratories.

5. Indian Navy has decommissioned INS Khukri after 32 years of service at a solemn ceremony held at Visakhapatnam. It is the first of the indigenously built \_\_\_\_\_ **corvettes.**

**Note:**

- It had the distinction of being part of both the Western and Eastern Fleets.

- The corvette was built by the Mazagaon Dock Shipbuilders and commissioned on August 23, 1989.
6. The Indian army, along with the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS), established a Quantum Lab in which institution \_\_\_\_\_ **Military College of Telecommunication and Engineering (MCTE), Mhow.**

**Note:**

- Military College of Telecommunication Engineering (MCTE) is a leading government college based in Mhow which provides an array of academic courses and programmes.
- Indian Army has also established an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Centre at MCTE with over 140 deployments in necessary fields.

-----0-----

# Features :

---



Live Classes by  
Top Faculty



Comprehensive Study  
Material



Daily Study Plan



Latest Pattern Test Series



Complete Doubt  
Resolution



Regular Assessments with  
Report Card

