

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 **January 2022**. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. Which bank has collaborated with Google to fuel the Bank's customer experience strategy and expand its value proposition to serve its rapidly growing customer base through its digital platform, Abacus 2.0 ____ **RBL Bank**.
Note:
 - This collaboration will enable better customer data management, and analytics, enabling effective cross-selling within the Bank's large customer base and subsequently reducing the cost of customer acquisition.
 - Through Abacus 2.0, the Bank aims to provide a superior and holistic one-stop solution to its existing and new customers, to seamlessly deliver its different product offerings across channels.
2. The Vodafone Idea has offered what percent of stake to the Government against outstanding payments related to spectrum auction instalments and AGR dues ____ **30%**.
Note:
 - It is now informed that the Board of Directors, at its meeting held on 1 January 10, 2022, has approved the conversion of the full amount of such interest related to spectrum auction instalments and AGR Dues into equity.
 - The Net Present Value (NPV) of this interest is expected to be about ₹16,000 crore as per the company's best estimates, subject to confirmation by the DoT," Vodafone Idea said in a stock exchange filing.
3. In January 2022, which state-owned power company has been given the category 'I' licence for the inter-state trading of power in the entire country by the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission ____ **SJVN Ltd**.
Note:
 - If the licensee fails to undertake trading in electricity within one year from the date of licence, the licence will be liable for revocation in accordance with the provisions of the Act and Trading Licence Regulations.
4. AIC STPINEXT Initiatives, a special purpose vehicle of Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) has signed two MoUs with which bank to enhance the tech startup ecosystem in India ____ **HDFC Bank**.
Note:
 - These partners would play critical role in supporting and handholding the startups in the growth journey through technical guidance & assistance, mentoring, pitching to investors, funding support, and market connect & access etc.
5. Edelweiss Housing Finance Ltd (EHFL) and ECL Finance Ltd (ECLF) have entered into co-lending partnership with which bank for lending to priority sector areas ____ **Indian Bank**.
Note:
 - Agriculture, micro enterprises and advances to weaker sections of the society are amongst the categories that form the priority sector in lending space.
 - The lenders recently signed a (Memorandum of Understanding) MoU under RBI's Co-Lending Model (CLM), thus significantly expanding their portfolio of lending products available to the target customers, increasing their access to credit.
6. Which bank has launched an online lending platform to facilitate quick and hassle-free credit approvals of up to ₹50 lakh for MSMEs across India ____ **Federal Bank**.
Note:
 - The platform enables borrowers to avail loans in less than 30 minutes digitally by uploading their income tax returns, bank account statement and online verification of GST details, per the private sector bank's statement.
 - The platform also uses algorithms to read and analyse data points from various sources such as I-T returns, GST data, bank statements, Credit Bureau, capturing the borrower's basic details using analytics.

7. Which bank has entered into a partnership with MinkasuPay to offer biometric authentication solution for its customers, whereby the transaction time to execute net banking payment will be reduced from about 50-60 seconds currently, to just 2-3 seconds _____ **Axis Bank**.

Note:

- India's third largest private sector bank said customers' biometric authentication will be done with Fingerprint or Face ID authentication.
 - This will also increase transaction success rates significantly.
8. Partnering with which bank Lazypay, a Buy Now Pay Later solution by PayU Finance has launched LazyCard, a payment instrument backed by a credit line, thus foraying into the card segment _____ **SBM Bank**.

Note:

- The card aims at empowering financially underserved Indians, who struggle with limited credit options, with easy access to credit.
 - Available to the 62 million pre-approved users of LazyPay, LazyCard will empower customers with a credit limit of up to ₹ 5 lakh.
9. Which Indian conglomerate has and South Korean steel major POSCO have signed an agreement to explore opportunities, including setting up of an integrated steel mill at the western state of Gujarat _____ **Adani Group**.

Note:

- POSCO and Adani intend to utilize renewable energy resources and green hydrogen to make it an environmentally friendly integrated steel mill.
 - The company also runs POSCO-Maharashtra, a 1.8-million-ton cold-rolled and galvanized mill, and four processing centres in Pune, Delhi, Chennai and Ahmedabad.
10. India and South Korea set a bilateral trade target of _____ **\$50 billion**.

Note:

- India and South Korea set a bilateral trade target of \$50 billion before 2030, as South Korea's Trade Minister Yeo Han-Koo held talks with Indian Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal in New Delhi.
 - The two ministers held wide-ranging discussions covering the whole gamut of bilateral trade and investment-related aspects.
11. According to the World Bank's Global Economic Prospects Report 2022, released in January 2022, what will be India's annual growth rate in the current fiscal year (2021-22 _____ **8.3%**).

Note:

- As per the report Global economic growth will dip sharply from 5.5% in 2021 to 4.1% in 2022 and 3.2% in 2023.
 - The report also flagged the risks posed by growing inequality and rising inflation.
12. The Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode's Business incubator Laboratory for Innovation Venturing and Entrepreneurship (LIVE) has signed an MoU with which bank to launched a startup funding scheme _____ **Indian Bank**.

Note:

- The inked agreement launched a startup funding scheme, 'IndSpring Board' to support early-stage startups by providing loans up to ₹50 crore.
 - The loan amount disbursed to startups under the IndSpring Board scheme from IIMK LIVE and Indian Bank will be used to meet a startup operational expenditure and capital expenditure which includes working capital, purchase of fixed assets and other expenses.
13. In partnership with the NPCI which bank has launched a 'RuPay Select Contactless Debit Card' with a host of benefits for its premium/HNI (High Networth Individuals) customers _____ **UCO Bank**.

Note:

- This launch was made on the occasion of the 79th Inauguration Day of the bank i.e. January 6, 2022.
 - The card offers an ATM (Automated Teller Machine) withdrawal limit of Rs 50000 along with a purchase of up to Rs 2 lakh at POS (Point of Sale) or E-Commerce.
 - All RuPay Select Contactless Debit cardholders are eligible for the Insurance cover of up to Rs 10 lakhs (Death due to personal accident and permanent disability).
14. NABARD has forged a partnership with which fintech firm for providing end-to-end fintech solution including skilling, micro financial services and forward linkage support to self-help group members _____ **Arthimpact Digital Loans**.

Note:

- ARTH will provide credit, payments and insurance solutions support to micro-MSME enterprises.
- Both organisations will work to provide micro financial services and forward linkage support to SHGs.

- The specialized entities across occupations to 500 enterprises across Uttar Pradesh impacting 2500 households
15. Which bank has been adjudged Best Private Bank in India at the Global Private Banking Awards 2021, organised by Professional Wealth Management (PWM) _____ **HDFC Bank.**
- Note:**
- Professional Wealth Management (PWM) specialises in analysing the growth strategies of private banks and the regional financial centres in which they operate.
 - The award was given for contributing to accelerate key trends, including digitalisation, communication and investment in environmental, social and governance (ESG) strategies.
16. Which becomes the largest and fastest growing UPI beneficiary bank in India _____ **Paytm Payments Bank.**
- Note:**
- It becomes the first beneficiary bank in the country to achieve the landmark of over 926 million UPI transactions in a single month.
 - Beneficiary banks are the banks of the account holder who is receiving money.
 - Paytm Payments Bank has also gained rapid traction as a remitter bank for UPI payments.
17. Which E-Commerce company has joined hands with BOB Financial and NPCI to launch a co-branded contactless RuPay credit card _____ **Snapdeal.**
- Note:**
- This co-branded credit card aims to popularise the adoption and usage of credit cards among the growing number of online buyers from India's smaller cities and towns.
 - The Snapdeal-BoB co-branded contactless card will be rolled out by March 2022.
 - BOB Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bank of Baroda (BoB), one of India's largest public sector banks. Established in 1994, BFSL issues Bank of Baroda credit cards.
18. 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.

Obituaries

1. Renowned personality, Marilyn Bergman (93) passed away recently, she was a veteran _____ **lyricist.**
- Note:**
- Bergman and her collaborator husband Alan, was nominated for 16 Academy Awards over the course of her career, winning three.
 - The song "The Way We Were" from the Barbara Streisand movie of the same name was one of those Oscar wins, which also won two Grammys.
2. Renowned personality Bob Saget passed away recently, he was a veteran _____ **Actor.**
- Note:**
- Saget was in Florida as part of his "I Don't Do Negative Comedy Tour."
 - Following his first round of sitcom fame, Saget worked steadily in film and television roles but became known to a new generation of sitcom fans on CBS's "How I Met Your Mother," acting as narrator and the voice of future Ted Mosby
3. Noted writer Professor Chandrashekhar Patil passed away recently, he used to write in which language _____ **Kannada.**
- Note:**
- He was one of the prominent 'Bandaya sahithi' in Kannada literary school of thought and was an important voice in public discourse of Karnataka for over half a century.
 - His street play Jagadambeya was against the imposition of Emergency by then PM Indira Gandhi.
4. Renowned personality Mihir Das passed away recently, he was a veteran _____ **actor.**
- Note:**
- The popular actor was suffering from renal ailments for years.

- The versatile actor had won the State government's best actor award for his performance in 'Laxmi Pratima' (1998), and 'Pheria Mo Suna Bhauni' (2005).
5. David Sassoli, the President of European Parliament held from which country who passed away recently _____ **Italy**.
Note:
- Sassoli, 65, was first elected at the European Parliament in 2009.
 - He won another term in 2014 and served as the Parliament's vice president.
6. Renowned personality Kamal Khan passed away recently he was veteran _____ **Journalist**.
Note:
- Kamal's reportage over the last decades stood out for its perceptiveness, integrity & the way he delivered hard truths with poetic dexterity.
 - Khan was working as Executive Editor with NDTV.
 - He was a recipient of Ramnath Goenka Award, and Ganesh Shanker Vidyarthi Award from the President of India.
7. 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.
 - A dual citizen of the US and the Bahamas, he served from 1997-2007 as Bahamian Ambassador to Japan.

Important Days

1. As per the announcement made by the union ministry of home affairs on which date every year will be the 'Veer Baal Diwas' observed as a tribute to guru Gobind Singh's four sons who were executed by the Mughals _____ **26th December**.
Note:
- This was announced by PM Modi on the occasion of the 365th birth anniversary of the 10th Sikh guru.
 - Veer Baal Diwas will be on the same day Sahibzada Zorawar Singh Ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh Ji attained martyrdom after being sealed alive in a wall.
2. The Non-Resident Indian Day or Pravasi Bhartiya Divas is celebrated every year on _____ **9th January**.
Note:
- The aim of the event is to strengthen the engagement of the overseas Indian community with the Government of India and reconnect them with their roots.
 - On 9 January 1915, Mahatma Gandhi came to India from South Africa and became the greatest Pravasi who led India's Freedom Struggle and made India free from British or colonial rule.
 - As a Non-Resident Indian or Pravasi, he is presented as a symbol of a change and development that could bring into India.
3. World Hindi Day or Vishwa Hindi Divas is celebrated every year on which date _____ **10 January**.
Note:
- It is celebrated across the world to promote the use of the Hindi language.
 - The first World Hindi Conference was held in Nagpur on January 10 in 1975.
 - First World Hindi Day was celebrated in the year 2006.
4. National Youth Day is celebrated every year on which date _____ **12th January**.
Note:
- The main aim behind this is to make sure that the students across the country can be encouraged to learn about the life, the ideas and philosophy of Swami Vivekananda and apply them in their lives.
 - The theme for National Youth Day 2022 is The Theme of 2022 is "It's all in the mind."
 - In 2022, we are observing the 159th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekanand.
5. Armed Forces Veterans Day is observed every year on _____ **14th January**.
Note:
- The day aims to acknowledge and honour the selfless devotion and sacrifice of our veterans in the service of the nation. 2022 marks the 6th Armed Forces Veterans Day.
 - It is observed as a mark of respect and recognition of the services rendered by Field Marshal KM Cariappa OBE, the first Indian Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Armed Forces who retired on 14 January 1953.

New Appointments

1. Who has been appointed as the head of the newly formed 'fintech department' for financial technology by the RBI to facilitate innovation, and help identify and address challenges & opportunities in the new-age sector _____ **Ajay Kumar Choudhary.**

Note:

- The central bank has appointed Ajay Kumar Choudhary, executive director, to head the department.
 - All matters related to inter-regulatory and international coordination on fintech shall also be dealt with by the department, which will report to the RBI's centralised administration division.
2. Who has been appointed as the Vice President of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) for a three-year tenure _____ **Urjit Patel.**
- Note:**
- He will succeed D J Pandian, who is in charge of sovereign, non-sovereign lending of AIIB in South Asia, Pacific Islands and South-East Asia.
 - He will be one of the five Vice Presidents of the AIIB, which is headed by the President and Chair of the Board of Directors Jin Liqun (China).
3. Who has been appointed as the Secretary General of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) _____ **Haitham Al Ghais.**
- Note:**
- He is appointed for a three year tenure (2022-2025) and will take the charge as the SG from 1st August 2022.
 - Haitham Al Ghais, previously served as the Governor of OPEC between 2017 to June 2021, then as the Director of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPU).
4. Who has been appointed as the Director General of Punjab Police _____ **Viresh Kumar Bhawra.**
- Note:**
- He replaced officiating DGP Siddharth Chattopadhyaya.
 - He was the DGP of Punjab Home Guards.
 - After assuming the charge, Punjab Police will ensure smooth conduct of elections, and will be eradicating drug menace and terrorism from the state.
5. Who has been appointed as the chairman of the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) _____ **Raghuvendra Tanwar.**
- Note:**
- Prof Tanwar who joined KU as a lecturer in August 1977 has an outstanding academic record, with two gold medals in MA History.
 - He was appointed an open selection professor in 1997 and has also worked as the KU's dean of academic affairs and dean of social sciences.
6. In January 2022, who has been appointed as the chief economist of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) _____ **Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas.**
- Note:**
- He will replace Gita Gopinath, who is joining the IMF management team this month.
 - As Economic Counsellor, he will serve as director of the IMF's Research Department.
 - In December, Georgieva appointed Gopinath as the Fund's second-ranking official, putting her in a wide-ranging policy role overseeing IMF surveillance activities, research and flagship publications.
7. Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the three-member inquiry committee by the Supreme Court to look into the alleged security breach of Prime Minister's Punjab visit _____ **Indu Malhotra.**
- Note:**
- Former Justice Indu Malhotra was the first woman judge to be appointed to the Supreme Court Bench directly from the Bar, joining the ranks of six other women who have been appointed as SC judges in India since Independence.
 - She served as judge in SC for close to three years from April 2018 to March 2021.
8. Who has been appointed as the 10th chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) _____ **S Somnath.**
- Note:**
- He replaces Kailasavadivoo Sivan.
 - K Sivan, the outgoing chairperson, will be completing his extended term on 14th January 2022.
 - Before his appointment as the ISRO chief, he was serving as the director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre.
9. 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.
10. 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.

Important News - India

1. Which entity has organized the first ever Startup India Innovation Week from 10th to 16th January 2022 ____ **DPIIT.**

Note:

- This virtual week-long innovation celebration aims to commemorate the 75th year of India's independence 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.
 - This is designed to showcase the spread and depth of entrepreneurship across India.
 - India is emerging as a global innovation hub, boasting the world's third-largest startup ecosystem.
2. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh flagged-in India's first multi-dimensional adventure sports expedition conducted by National Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports in ____ **France.**

Note:

- The expedition was conducted in November last year and the team comprising 12 people - eight Army personnel and four youths of Arunachal Pradesh.
 - Mr Singh interacted with some of the members of the team present in New Delhi.
 - He distributed appreciation certificates and commended the team for completing the expedition without any injuries to the members.
3. Which school has organized 82nd Indian Public Schools' Conference (IPSC) Principals' ____ **Doon School.**

Note:

- It is being organized by Doon School.
 - IPSC started in 1939 with a few residential schools now has a strength of 81 schools including Sainik Schools and Military Schools.
4. Which railway station has been renamed as Ekta Nagar railway station ____ **Kevadiya Railway Station.**

Note:

- Statue of Unity's Kevadiya railway station falls under the Vadodara division.
 - New station code of Ekta Nagar railway station will be EKNR.
 - Numerical code of Ekta Nagar railway station will be 08224620.
5. Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) works under which ministry ____ **Ministry of MSMEs.**

Note:

- Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC), under the Ministry of MSME, has launched two new products- Khadi babywear and handmade paper 'Use and Throw' Slippers
 - Beginning from January 14, Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is starting the sale of Khadi handmade paper "Use & Throw" slippers for the use of devotees and workers.
6. According to the Henley Global Mobility Report 2022, Indian passport has been ranked at what position ____ **83rd.**

Note:

- However, in 2020, its rank stood at 84 while in 2016, India was ranked 85th along with Mali and Uzbekistan.
 - Japan and Singapore top the index.
 - The current rankings are for first quarter of 2022 and India shares the position with Sao Tome and Principe in Central Africa, behind Rwanda and Uganda.
7. In January 2022, an 'MSME Technology Centre' was inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi in which place ____ **Puducherry.**

Note:

- The centre was inaugurated during the inauguration event of the 25th National youth Festival (12th & 13th January 2022) in Puducherry.
 - He also inaugurated the 'Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Manimandapam', a modern auditorium with an open-air theatre in Puducherry.
8. According to the India State of Forest Report (ISFR) 2021, which state recorded maximum forest cover increase in two years _____ **Andhra Pradesh**.
- Note:**
- In 2021, the total forest and tree cover in India is 80.9 million hectares.
 - This is over 24.60 percent of the geographical area of the country.
 - According to the India State of Forest Report (ISFR) 2021, the top five states in terms of increase in forest cover are Andhra Pradesh (647 sq km), Telangana (632 sq km), Odisha (537 sq km), Karnataka (155 sq km) and Jharkhand (110 sq km).
9. According to the biennial India State of Forest Report (ISFR) 2021, what percent of geographical area of the country is under forest and tree cover _____ **24.62%**.
- Note:**
- The top five states in terms of increase in forest cover are Andhra Pradesh (647 sq km), Telangana (632 sq km), Odisha (537 sq km), Karnataka (155 sq km) and Jharkhand (110 sq km).
 - The report is published by the Forest Survey of India (FSI).
 - In the year 2022, 17th edition of the report is released by the environment minister Bhupender Yadav.
10. Who has launched the 'North East on Wheels Expedition' in New Delhi to promote the Culture of Northeastern States _____ **Meenakshi Lekhi**.
- Note:**
- It is scheduled to be held between 8th to 16th April this year to mark the celebrations of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
 - 75 Bikers participating in this expedition will be selected from all over the country and will cover about 9000 km in the North-East Region in 6 groups.
11. Which Indian city will get India's first heli-hub designed to have many aviation facilities like heliport, hangars, repairs, and any other related services _____ **Gurugram**.
- Note:**
- The heli-hub is proposed to be built in Gurugram & would be near the metro facility along with easy connectivity to industrial areas (Noida & Bhiwadi).
12. Which Indian airport has been ranked eight for on-time performance among large international airports globally for 2021 by Cirium — a provider of aviation data to the travel, finance, aerospace and aviation industries _____ **Chennai International Airport, Chennai**.
- Note:**
- In a review conducted by Cirium, an organisation that specialises in offering aviation data to travel, finance, aerospace, and aviation industries, the airport has been ranked 8th for 'on-time performance' for the year 2021.
 - Besides that, Chennai airport is the only Indian airport to figure in the top 10 positions of the list.
13. 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.

Important News – State

1. Five-day National Youth Festival 2022 will be held in which state/union territories _____ **Puducherry**.

Note:

- National Youth Festival will be held to celebrate the 159th birth anniversary of spiritual leader Swami Vivekananda.
- The five-day festival will be held in the Union Territory of Puducherry.
- The festival aims to ignite, unit, motivate and activate the youth of India towards nation building.

2. The 9th edition of the North East Festival was held in which city of North East Region _____ **Guwahati**.

Note:

- The festival aimed to promote and highlight the commercial and tourism potential of the North East Region.
- The festival held in the format of a carnival also discussed the business, economic, socio-political issues of the region.

3. Which state government has announced that a mini Olympics will be organized in order to promote and encourage Olympic sports among the youth _____ **Maharashtra**.

Note:

- Competition will be arranged around 1st May, to mark Maharashtra Day
- This event will be called 'Maharashtra State Olympic Competition'
- 'Olympics Vision Document' will be prepared considering requirements of 2024, 2028, 2032 Olympics

4. Van Vihar National Park and Zoo located in which state where India's oldest sloth bear, named as Gulabo (40 years) passed away recently _____ **Madhya Pradesh**.

Note:

- India's oldest sloth bear, named as Gulabo (40 years) passed away at the Van Vihar National Park and Zoo, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh due to failure of internal organs.
- She was the oldest sloth bear of the country and was one of the star attractions in the park
- She was rescued from a street performer (Madaari) in May 2006.

5. According to biennial India State of Forest Report (ISFR) 2021, has the largest forest cover in the country _____ **Madhya Pradesh**.

Note:

- The report is published by the Forest Survey of India (FSI).
- In the year 2022, 17th edition of the report is released by the environment minister Bhupender Yadav.
- This report was first published in the year 1987.

6. Kachai Lemon Festival is celebrated in which state _____ **Manipur**.

Note:

- Theme: 'Organic Kachai Lemon for Safe Environment and Rural Transformation'
- Kachai Lemon has been accorded Geographical Indication (GI) registration tag and widely grown in Kachai Village of Ukhrul district, Manipur.

7. Which state has topped the medal chart at the recently concluded IndiaSkills 2021 National Competition _____ **Odisha**.

Note:

- This event was organised in New Delhi by the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC).
- From over 150 winners, 59 of them won gold medals with a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh.
- Furthermore, 73 won silver medals with prize money of ₹ 75,000 while 53 received bronze medals and a cash prize of ₹ 50,000.

8. 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 region.

Important News - World

1. The first Colombo Security Conclave Virtual Workshop was conducted by which country _____ **India**.

Note:

- Delegates from Member and Observer States of the of Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) including Sri Lanka, Maldives, India, Mauritius, Seychelles, and Bangladesh participated in the workshop.

2. Alikhan Smailov has been appointed as the prime minister of which country _____ **Kazakhstan**.

Note:

- Smailov, 49, served as first deputy prime minister in the previous cabinet which Tokayev dismissed last week amid violent unrest in the oil-rich Central Asian nation.

- Kazakh security forces have detained 9,900 people over the unrest.
3. Maya Angelou, who become the first Black woman to appear on the US quarter, in a new version of the coin unveiled by the US Mint was a _____ **poet**.
- Note:**
- The poet and writer, who died in 2014, was the author of I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, in which she wrote about the racial discrimination she experienced growing up.
 - The author of 36 books – and the recipient of more than 20 honorary degrees – she read her poem On the Pulse of the Morning at Bill Clinton’s 1992 inauguration, and was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by Barack Obama in 2010.
4. Which two countries passport shares top rank in the Henley Passport Index 2022, released in January 2022 _____ **Japan and Singapore**.
- Note:**
- Germany and South Korea hold onto joint 2nd spot on the latest ranking, with passport holders able to access 190 destinations visa-free, while Finland, Italy, Luxembourg, and Spain share 3rd place, with a score of 189.
 - India’s passport power has improved this quarter compared to 2021.
 - It now ranks at 83rd position in the Henley Passport Index, climbing seven places from 90th rank last year.
5. 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.

Honor & Awards

1. Which film won the 79th Golden Globe Awards 2022 for Best Motion Picture – Drama _____ **The Power of The Dog**.
- Note:**
- The Power of The Dog won the two biggest awards - Best Motion Picture (Drama) and Jane Campion won the Best Director.
 - Will Smith took home his first Golden Globe. He won the Best Film Actor (Drama) for King Richard.
2. Who won the best actress in Motion Picture-Drama award at 79th Golden Globe Awards 2022 _____ **Nicole Kidman**.
- Note:**
- The Power of The Dog won the two biggest awards - Best Motion Picture (Drama) and Jane Campion won the Best Director.
 - Will Smith took home his first Golden Globe. He won the Best Film Actor (Drama) for King Richard.
3. Kenneth Branagh wins 'Best Screenplay Motion Picture' at 79th Golden Globe Awards 2022 for _____ **Belfast**.
- Note:**
- 'Belfast' is a 2021 coming-of-age comedy-drama film written and directed by Kenneth Branagh.
 - The film stars Caitriona Balfe, Judi Dench, Jamie Dornan, Ciaran Hinds, Colin Morgan, and newcomer Jude Hill.
 - The movie centres around a young boy's childhood amidst the tumult of Belfast, Northern Ireland, in the 1960s.
4. Who has been awarded the 12th Bharat Ratna Dr Ambedkar Award 2022 _____ **Harshaali Malhotra**.
- Note:**
- She received the award from Bhagat Singh Koshyari (Governor of Maharashtra)
 - She played the role of Munni, who was mute young girl from Pakistan in Salman Khan starrer Bajrangi Bhaijaan.

Sports News

1. Fourteen-year-old Bharath Subramaniyam held from which state who has become the 73rd Grandmaster of India _____ **Tamil Nadu**.

Note:

- The Chennai-based teenager completed his final GM Norm and crossed the requisite 2500 rating at Vergani Cup Open in Italy.
 - Subramaniyam finished seventh overall in the event held at Cattolica by scoring 6.5 points from nine rounds.
2. Who has won the Men's Singles title in the Melbourne Summer Set ATP 250 event _____ **Rafael Nadal**.

Note:

- It was Nadal's 89th tour-level crown as the Spaniard saved a set point in the first set tie-break and rallied from a game down in the 2nd set against Cressy.
 - The Spaniard, playing his first competitive tournament since August, was largely untroubled as he wrapped up the win in an hour 48 minutes.
3. Who has won the Women's Singles title in the Melbourne Summer Set ATP 250 event _____ **Simona Halep**.

Note:

- Amanda Anisimova of the United States clinched her second career WTA singles title in a three-set thriller final at Melbourne Summer Set 2 after defeating 7-5, 1-6, 6-4 Belarusian qualifier Aliaksandra Sasnovich.
 - 20-time Grand Slam champion Rafael Nadal defeated American Maxime Cressy in the Men's Singles final of the Melbourne Summer Set ATP 250 event.
4. Which country won the ATP Cup title 2022 _____ **Canada**.

Note:

- Denis Shapovalov opened the match for Canada with a 6-4, 6-3 win over Pablo Carreno Busta.
 - Auger-Aliassime and Shapovalov won a deciding doubles against Russia on Saturday in the semifinals to knock out the defending champions.
5. Ramkumar Ramanathan is associated with which sports _____ **Tennis**.

Note:

- The unseeded pair beat top seeds Ivan Dodig and Marcelo Melo in the final to mark a victorious debut on the ATP Tour.
 - This is Ramkumar's first ATP Tour title while Bopanna won his 20th.
 - The Adelaide tournament is a warm-up for the Australian Open, the season's first Grand Slam.
6. Who has won the Adelaide International women single title _____ **Ashleigh Barty**.

Note:

- This was Barty's 14th career singles title and second in Adelaide.
 - He defeated 2020 Australian Open champion Sofia Kenin and 2020 French Open winner Iga Swiatek of Poland en route to the title in Adelaide, without dropping a set or a service game against Rybakina, Kenin or Swiatek.
7. Which corporate group has replaced Chinese mobile maker Vivo as the title sponsor for Indian Premier League _____ **Tata Group**.

Note:

- Vivo had in 2020 pulled out as IPL sponsor after the Galwan Valley military face-off between India and China.
 - At that time, mobile gaming platform Dream11 had stepped in as title sponsor for a year.
 - Vivo was back in 2021 and could have continued this year as well.
8. Who has been appointed as the captain of 18-member Indian squad at the Women's Hockey Asia Cup 2022 to be held in Muscat, Oman _____ **Savita Punia**.

Note:

- Indian women are the defending champions at the continental event.
 - Indian women's hockey team features 16 players who were part of Tokyo 2020 Olympics, where the Indian eves finished fourth.
 - Vice-captain: Defender Deep Grace Ekka.
9. Renowned cricketer Chris Morris who has announced retirement from all forms of cricket, represented which country _____ **South Africa**.

Note:

- Morris, who represented Proteas in 69 games across all formats last played for his country in an ODI against Australia in 2019.
- Since then, he has been plying his trade in franchise leagues around the world.
- Morris in his announcement also mentioned that he has taken up a coaching role with the domestic side Titans.

Books and Authors

1. Who has authored the book titled 'Ratan N. Tata: The Authorized Biography', the authorized biography of Ratan Tata _____ **Thomas Matthew**.

Note:

- The book is set to hit the stands in November 2022.
- It will be published by HarperCollins.
- The book chronicles Ratan Tata's childhood, college years, and early influences, among other things.

2. The book titled "Indomitable: A Working Woman's Notes on Life, Work and Leadership" is an autobiography of _____ **Arundhati Bhattacharya**.

Note:

- Arundhati Bhattacharya is a retired Indian banker and former first-ever woman Chairperson of the State Bank of India.
- Indomitable features the story of Arundhati Bhattacharya's life as a banker and the difficulties she faced in the male-dominated sector.

Science and Defence

1. What is the carrying capacity of the India's first indigenous aircraft carrier (IAC) Vikrant _____ **40,000-tonne**.

Note:

- It is planned to be inducted in August 2022.
- The 40,000-tonne aircraft carrier is the largest and most complex warship to be built in India
- It successfully completed a five-day maiden sea voyage in August and underwent 10-day sea trials in October 2021.

2. multi-national exercise 'Sea Dragon' that focuses on anti-submarine warfare (ASW) training in Indo-Pacific region was led by _____ **USA**.

Note:

- Participating members are Quad nations (United States, Australia, India and Japan), Canada and South Korea
- It includes more than 270 hours of in-flight training, classroom sessions for pilots, flight officers

3. In January 2022, an extended range sea-to-sea variant of which missile was successfully test-fired by India from the Indian Navy's newly commissioned INS Visakhapatnam _____ **BrahMos**.

Note:

- BrahMos, deployed by the Navy on its warships first in 2005, has the capability to hit sea-based targets beyond radar horizon.
- The naval variant was originally tested in October and December 2020 from the Navy's indigenously-built stealth destroyer INS Chennai and Rajput-class destroyer INS Ranvijay, respectively.

4. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully flight tested the final deliverable configuration of MPATGM. What is full form of MPATGM _____ **Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile**.

Note:

- The indigenously developed anti-tank missile is a low weight, 'fire and forget' missile and is launched from a man portable launcher, integrated with thermal sight.
- While the Indian Army has been mainly using various imported anti-tank guided missiles in the past, the DRDO has been working on ATGMs to be launched from different platforms as part of the Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme.

5. In collaboration with which of the following bodies has the NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) recently launched 'ATL Space Challenge 2021' _____ **ISRO & CBSE.**

Note:

- It was launched in collaboration with ISRO and CBSE
- The challenge was designed for all the school students, mentors and teachers across the country
- It witnessed over 2500 submissions from both ATL and Non-ATL students across the country from which 75 top innovators were selected and announced.

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