

Weekly One-liners

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Dear readers,

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

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. How much amount of forex reserves of India was recorded on 7th October 2022 _____ **USD 532.868 billion.**
Note:
 - Reason: An increase in the value of gold holdings.
 - Foreign Currency Assets (FCAs) was decreased to USD 471.496 billion.
 - SDRs has been increased by USD 155 million to USD 17.582 billion.
 - Reserve position of India with IMF increased to USD 4.836 billion.
 - Last week, the overall reserves were dropped by USD 4.854 billion to USD 532.664 billion.
2. Which private lender has been relaunched Suraksha Fixed Deposit (FD) as a festive treat for customers _____ **DCB Bank.**
Note:
 - The bank offers higher interest rates and free insurance as well as other benefits on this FD.
 - Free life insurance coverage up to Rs 10 lakh if the value of FD is more than Rs. 10 lakh.
 - Interest rate: 7.10% p.a.
 - No insurance premium will be paid by Suraksha FD customer.
 - No medical evaluation is required for life insurance coverage.
3. Which alliance had signed an MoU with DAY-National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) to enable financial access for the growth of 10 lakh women entrepreneurs over 3 years _____ **Global Alliance for Mass Entrepreneurship.**
Note:
 - Aim: To strengthen non-farm livelihoods by building the capacity of women entrepreneurs (WEs).
 - Focus: Building capacity of stakeholders and bankers from public sector banks, digitally-led NBFCs and small finance banks.
4. The Indian Army has signed an MoU with how many banks for providing banking facilities to Agniveers on enrollment _____ **11 banks.**
Note:
 - 11 Banks: SBI, PNB, Bank of Baroda, IDBI Bank, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Axis Bank, Yes Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, IDFC First Bank and Bandhan Bank.
 - The features and benefits offered under Agniveer salary package are similar to defence salary package.
 - The banks have also offered soft loans to exiting Agniveers to promote and enhance their entrepreneurial skills.
5. PM Narendra Modi has dedicated how many digital banking units (DBUs) to the nation to promote financial inclusion _____ **75.**
Note:
 - The ceremony was attended by Union Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman and RBI Governor, Shaktikanta Das via virtual mode.
 - The setting up of 75 DBUs in 75 districts of the country was done to commemorate the 75 years of independence of the country.
 - 11 public sector banks, 12 private sector banks and one small finance bank are participating in the endeavour
6. Which bank has launched a Term Deposit Scheme "KBL Centenary Deposit Scheme" with higher rate of interest _____ **Karnataka Bank.**
Note:
 - Aim: To provide an opportunity to bank customers to save and invest for better returns.
 - This deposit will be for a period of 555 days with interest rate of 7.20 % p.a.
 - For Senior Citizens the rate of interest will be 7.60 % p.a.
 - Karnataka Bank MD & CEO: Mahabaleshwara M S; Chairman: P Pradeep Kumar

7. Which insurance company has launched a new scheme 'Dhan Varsha' _____ **Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)**.
- Note:**
- This is a non-linked, non-participating, individual, savings life insurance plan that offers a combination of protection and savings.
 - This is a close ended plan and would be available for sale till March 31, 2023.
 - Premiums can be paid in single (lumpsum) payment mode only.
 - The policy can be surrendered by the policyholder at any time during the policy term.
8. Which general insurance company has joined hands with Gupshup to offer a new insurance policy, renew an existing one, intimate claims and more, through WhatsApp _____ **SBI General Insurance**.
- Note:**
- Customers across the country can buy insurance from SBI General by sending a 'Hi'.
 - The Gupshup's chat bot will guide users through a simple and secure buying process.
 - It also help them to complete the purchase within the WhatsApp chat thread.
9. Which credit provider has partnered with Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) to provide a 'travel now pay later' (TNPL) payment option on its IRCTC Rail Connect app _____ **CASHe**.
- Note:**
- This feature will enable travellers of Indian Railways to book their rail tickets instantly and pay for it later in EMIs, ranging from three to six months.
 - With this option, the booking and paying for rail tickets on the IRCTC travel app, is become easier and hassle-free.
10. Which international bank has appointed neutral expert and chairman of the Court of Arbitration regarding the design features of the Kishenganga (330 megawatts) and Ratle (850 megawatts) hydroelectric power plants _____ **World Bank**.
- Note:**
- Reason: For disagreements and differences between India and Pakistan over the 1960 Indus Water Treaty (IWT).
 - Michel Lino has been appointed as the Neutral Expert.
 - Sean Murphy has been appointed as Chairman of the Court of Arbitration.
11. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has imposed monetary penalties of more than ₹392 crore on MakeMyTrip (MMT), Goibibo, and which hospitality company _____ **OYO**.
- Note:**
- Reason: For alleged unfair business practices.
 - CCI imposed a fine of ₹223.48 crore on Make My Trip-Goibibo (MMT-Go) and ₹168.88 crore on OYO.
 - CCI was investigating the companies since 2019 following allegations by a hotel body that MMT gave special treatment to Oyo on its platform.
 - While, MMT-Go imposed price parity on hotel partners.
12. Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai) has recently approved the launch of which portal for all insurance companies can sell life and non-life insurance on a single platform _____ **Bima Sugam**.
- Note:**
- The portal will be operationalised from 1 January 2023.
 - Aggregators like PolicyBazaar, brokers, banks and insurance agents will act as facilitators or bridges to sell insurance policies through Bima Sugam to individuals.
13. Which payment bank has joined hands with Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) to enhance the reach of financial solutions to large sections of society across India _____ **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)**.
- Note:**
- Under the arrangement, both will plan, design and execute innovative products to bridge the gap by bringing digitalised services at the customer's doorstep.
 - RBIH, a wholly-owned subsidiary of RBI, that promotes and facilitates innovation across the financial sector.
14. As per the government data, PM Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) has crossed the _____ mark on October 5, 2022 _____ **₹1.75 lakh crore**.
- Note:**
- The total number of beneficiaries has reached 47 crore.
 - Women hold a bigger share of 26.16 crore accounts, of which the bulk 31.42 crore accounts were in rural and semi-urban areas.
 - Of the total, PSBs held Rs 1.35 lakh crore, followed by Regional Rural Banks with Rs 34,573 crore.
 - About 18% of total accounts are either dormant or inoperative as on June 2022.

15. Which fintech firm has received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as a non-banking financial company (NBFC) account aggregator _____ **Cygnnet**.

Note:

- Account Aggregator: It is an open financing data-sharing protocols, regulated by the RBI.
- It allows consumers to instantly share their financial data with various financial institutions.
- It also facilitates financial institutions to quick access consumers' consent-based financial data.

16. Mahindra and Mahindra Financial Services Ltd has partnered with which payment bank to enhance credit access to a larger customer base _____ **India Post Payments Bank**.

Note:

- IPPB will provide lead referral services to Mahindra Finance for passenger vehicles, three-wheeler, tractor and commercial vehicle loan categories.
- As a pilot, this scheme would launch in the IPPB branches of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.
- It is expected to spread across other states over the next four-six months.

17. The finance ministry has released the total grant of how much amount to Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, and Uttar Pradesh _____ **Rs 1,764 crore**.

Note:

- Andhra Pradesh (Rs 136 crore), Chhattisgarh (Rs 109 crore), Maharashtra (Rs 799 crore) and Uttar Pradesh (Rs 720 crore).
- The govt has released the grants for Million Plus Cities/ Urban Agglomerations (MPC/UAs) of Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh; Durg Bhilainagar and Raipur in Chhattisgarh; Aurangabad, Greater Mumbai, Nagpur, Nashik, Pune and Vasai-Virar City in Maharashtra.

18. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has imposed a penalty of over 1,337 crore rupees on which tech giant _____ **Google**.

Note:

- Reason: For misusing its dominant position in multiple markets.
- The Commission has also directed Google to modify its conduct within a defined timeline.
- Google has leveraged its position in the app store market for Android OS to enter as well as protect its position in non-OS specific web browser market through Google Chrome App.

19. Which fintech firm has launched its first green data centre in India, leveraging technologies and solutions from Dell Technologies and NTT _____ **PhonePe**.

Note:

- This facility has opened up new opportunities in data management with efficient data security, power efficiency, and cloud solutions.
- This 4.8-megawatt facility will occupy 13740 sqft at Mahape, Navi Mumbai.
- It is built and designed with advanced alternative cooling technologies like Direct Contact Liquid Cooling and Liquid Immersion Cooling.

20. Which financial service company has opened its the first-ever women-only Digital Centre (DC) in India _____ **HDFC Securities**.

Note:

- The centre, staffed with a team of women, will serve both male and female investors.
- The DC will be based in Bengaluru and cater to customers from Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.
- This closely follows the company's announcement regarding the opening of multiple DCs across India to ease access to services and promote digital adoption.

Obituaries

1. Robbie Coltrane, who has been passed away, was an _____ **Actor**.

Note:

- He had played Hagrid in "Harry Potter" movies.
- He was known for his role in a crime-solving psychologist on "Cracker", Bond villain Valentin Dmitrovich Zurovsky in "Golden Eye" (1995) and "The World is Not Enough" (1999).
- He was awarded the Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II in 2006.

2. Renowned physician, Dr. Dilip Mahalanabis, who has been passed away, was known as the father of _____ **Oral rehydration therapy**.

Note:

- During the Liberation War in Bangladesh in 1971, he saved thousands of lives with the oral rehydration solution during an outbreak of cholera while serving in a refugee camp at Bangaon in West Bengal.
- It is a solution used to prevent and treat dehydration.

Important Days

1. Global Handwashing Day is marked on which date with the aim of increasing awareness and understanding about the importance of handwashing with soap _____ **October 15.**

Note:

- 2022 theme: Unite for Universal Hand Hygiene
- The Global Handwashing Partnership has observed the first Global Handwashing Day in 2008 in Stockholm, Sweden.
- 2008 was also marked the International Year of Sanitation.
- Later, the United Nations General Assembly marked it as Global Handwashing Day.

2. The International Day of Rural women is observed across the world on which date to promote gender quality and highlight the important role played by women in rural areas _____ **October 15.**

Note:

- The United Nations General Assembly has established this day on December 18, 2007.
- The theme for 2022 is “Rural Women Cultivating Good Food for All”.
- As per a UN report, approximately 40% of the total agricultural labour force in developing countries comprises women.

3. World Food Day is observed annually on which date to promote global awareness and action for those who suffer from hunger and to highlight the need to ensure healthy diets for all _____ **16 October.**

Note:

- 2022 theme: Leave NO ONE behind
- This day is led by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
- UN's FAO was established on 16th October, 1945.

4. International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is observed every year on which date globally _____ **October 17.**

Note:

- Aim: To raise awareness about the global issue of poverty and how it is a violation of human rights and of human dignity.
- 2022 theme: Dignity For All in Practice
- On December 22, 1992, the United Nations General Assembly, through resolution 47/196 declared 17 October as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

5. On which date International Chefs Day is observed to honour the culinary masters who have protected the value of food and are passing on the same message to future generations _____ **October 20th.**

Note:

- The theme for this year is “Growing A Healthy Future.”
- The idea behind this theme is to ensure a healthy and sustainable planet for future generations.

6. World Statistics Day 2022 is celebrated annually on which date to recognize the importance of statistics in our daily lives _____ **October 20th .**

Note:

- The United Nations Statistical Commission has been at the forefront of advocating for the use of statistics to track progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- The theme of Statistics Day, 2022 is “Data for Sustainable Development”.

7. World osteoporosis day is a global healthcare event observed every year on which date _____ **20 October.**

Note:

- The day is observed to promote the early diagnosis of osteoporosis, its treatment and preventive tips for strong bones.
- This year 2022, the World Osteoporosis Day theme is “Step Up For Bone Health”

8. On which date World Trauma Day is observed to prevent the increasing rate of accidents and injuries causing death and disability across the world _____ **October 17.**

Note:

- The day was created in New Delhi, India, in 2011.

9. October 15 is celebrated as World Students’ Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of which personality _____ **Dr APJ Abdul Kalam.**

Note:

- He was an Aerospace scientist and former President of India. The day is marked to acknowledge his efforts toward students and education.
- Dr Kalam was born on October 15, 1931.

New Appointments

1. Name the Indian personality who has been elected as a member to the executive committee of Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) _____ **Aparajita Sarangi.**

Note:

- She is a Lok Sabha member from Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- She has bagged 12 votes out of total 18, in the election to the post, held at Kigali, Rwanda.
- She will represent India at the 15-member executive committee of the union.

2. Which bank has appointed Sourav Ganguly as its brand ambassador _____ **Bandhan Bank.**

Note:

- He will help amplify the brand message of the Bank and endorse the products and banking services.
- Bandhan Bank was set up in 2001.
- Aim: Financial inclusion and women empowerment through sustainable livelihood creation

3. Abdul Latif Rashid has been appointed as the president of which country _____ **Iraq.**

Note:

- He is a British-educated engineer and served as the Iraqi minister of water resources from 2003-2010.
- He also served as the senior adviser to the President.
- He is a member of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) party.

4. President, Murmu has appointed whom as the 50th Chief Justice of India _____ **Dr. Justice Dhananjaya Yashwant Chandrachud.**

- His appointment will come into effect from 9th Nov, 2022 and continue till 10 November 2024
- He will replace CJI, Uday Umesh Lalit
- He was appointed as the Judge of SC on 13th May 2016.
- Prior to this, he served as Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court.

5. Who has been appointed as India's next ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina _____ **Partha Satpathy.**

Note:

- He is currently as the Ambassador of India to the Republic of Hungary.
- He served as the Hungarian Ambassador for 11 months and then became the Ambassador of India to Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- Meanwhile, Dr Adarsh Swaika, joint secretary in MEA, has been appointed India's next Ambassador to Kuwait.
- Avtar Singh has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Guinea.

6. Yubi (formerly CredAvenue) has appointed whom as the independent chairman of its board _____ **Atanu Chakraborty.**

Note:

- He is also currently serving as the chairman of the board of HDFC Bank.
- He is a 1985 batch officer of the Indian Administrative Service, of the Gujarat cadre.
- He has served as Economic Affairs Secretary of India till his retirement in April 2020.

7. Paytm Payments Bank has appointed whom as the interim chief executive officer (CEO), in addition to his role as chief product & technology officer _____ **Deependra Singh Rathore.**

Note:

- He will replace Satish Gupta, who is presently serving as the bank's CEO and retire in October 2022.
- The bank has also appointed Sunil Chander Sharma, a former IRS officer as chief operating officer (COO).

8. Who has been appointed as the new president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India _____ **Roger Binny.**

Note:

- He has replaced Sourav Ganguly.
- Jay Shah has been re-inducted as the secretary of the board.
- Vice President: Rajiv Shukla ; Joint-secretary: Devajit Saikia
- Treasurer: Ashish Shelar ; IPL Governing Council Chairman: Arun Singh Dhumal
- IPL Governing Council member: Avishek Dalmiya
- Apex Council member: M Khairul Jamal Majumdar

9. Who has been appointed as the 27th Controller General of Accounts (CGA) _____ **Bharati Das.**

Note:

- She has replaced Sonali Singh, who had given the additional charge of CGA, after the superannuation of Dipak Dash.
- Prior to this, she has served as Principal Chief Controller of Accounts (Pr. CCA), CBDT and Ministries of External Affairs, Home Affairs.
- CGA is 'the Principal Advisor' on Accounting matters to the Union Government.

10. Adani Airport Holdings has named which personality as its chief executive officer _____ **Arun Bansal**.

Note:

- He has spent 25 years at the Swedish telecom network company and was most recently its president for Europe and Latin America.
- The appointment will help strengthen digital transformation and the business growth agenda.
- Adani's airports account for 25% of airport footfalls and 40% of air cargo in India.

11. Who has been appointed as the new revenue secretary _____ **Sanjay Malhotra**.

Note:

- He will replace Tarun Bajaj who will retire on November 30.
- Road Transport and Highways Secretary, Aramane Giridhar has been named the new defence secretary. He will replace Ajay Kumar.
- Ministry of Heavy Industries: Kamran Rizvi
- Department of Rural Development: Shailesh Kumar Singh
- Ministry of Corporate Affairs: Manoj Govil

12. ISRO has named whom as the Principal Scientist of the 'Aditya-L1' Mission _____ **Dr Sankarasubramanian K.**

Note:

- He is the head of the Space Astronomy Group (SAG) of ISRO's UR Rao Satellite Centre, Bengaluru.
- He has contributed to AstroSat, Chandrayaan-1 and Chandrayaan-2 missions of ISRO in several capacities.
- Aditya-L1: It is the first observatory-class space-based solar mission from India and it is scheduled for launch in 2023.

13. Who has been appointed Special Rapporteur for United Nations Human Rights Commission _____ **K.P. Ashwini**.

Note:

- She will take over the UNHCR special rapporteur in Geneva on November 1 for a period of six years.
- She is the first Indian and Asian woman to be appointed to this post.
- She hails from Kurabarahalli in Kolar district, Karnataka.
- She has obtained MPhil and PhD from JNU, Delhi.

Important News - India

1. Education and Skill Development Minister, Dharmendra Pradhan has inaugurated IInvenTiv at which institute _____ **Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi**.

Note:

- He has also launched a brochure for IInvenTiv.
- It is the first-ever all-IITs Research and Development Showcase.
- This R&D Fair was organized under the supervision of a Steering Committee.
- The event marks the coming together of all 23 IITs under one umbrella to showcase their respective research and innovation expertise.

2. As per the Logistics Ease Across Different States (LEADS) 2022 report, how many states and Union Territories (UTs) have come out as 'achievers' category _____ **15**.

Note:

- The report has been released by the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal.
- Achievers: Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, UP, TN, Uttarakhand, Telangana, Punjab, Odisha, Karnataka, HP, Assam, Delhi, Chandigarh, and Haryana.
- Fast movers: Kerala, Sikkim, Madhya Pradesh, Tripura, Puducherry, and Rajasthan

3. Union Minister for Railways, Ashwini Vaishnaw has inaugurated India's First Aluminum Freight Rake -61 BOBRNALHSM1 at which Railway Station _____ **Bhubaneswar, Odisha**.

Note:

- It was fully designed and developed indigenously in collaboration with RDSO, HINDALCO and Besco Wagon.
- Aim: To reduce carbon footprint due to lower consumption of fuel.
- A single rake can reduce 14,500 tonnes Carbon dioxide emissions during its lifetime.

4. Union Education Minister, Dharmendra Pradhan has launched the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in higher education for the session 2022-23 in which state _____ **Uttarakhand**.

Note:

- The event was attended by CM, Pushkar Singh Dhami.
- Under the NEP, children will be linked to formal education for three years initially.
- Under this policy, Bal Vatika has been started.
- After learning for three years under the Bal Vatika scheme the child will enter the first class.

5. According to the Public Affairs Index 2022, which state has emerged as the best-governed among 18 big states of the country _____ **Haryana**.

Note:

- Followed by Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, Punjab and Karnataka.
- This report was prepared by a Bengaluru-based think tank.
- The states have been divided into two categories - large and small.
- Union Territories are not a part of the report.
- Sikkim has topped in the category of 10 smaller states.

6. Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Hardeep Singh Puri has inaugurated Asia's largest Compressed Bio Gas (CBG) plant in which state _____ **Lehragaga, Sangrur, Punjab**.

Note:

- The plant has been commissioned with FDI of approximately Rs. 220 crores by Verbio AG (German bioenergy company).
- The present production of plant is about six tonnes per day.
- Soon, it will process 300 tonnes of paddy straw per day to produce 33 TPD of CBG by using eight digesters of 10,000 cubic meters.

7. Which edition of General Assembly of the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) held from 18th - 21st October, 2022 in New Delhi _____ **90th**.

Note:

- The General Assembly is taking place in India after 1997.
- The move was proposed by HM, Amit Shah to Interpol secretary general, Jurgen Stock in August 2019.
- India joined the INTERPOL in 1949.
- Aim of INTERPOL: To promote possible assistance between all criminal police authorities in the prevention and suppression of ordinary law crimes.

8. Who has inaugurated the PM Kisan Samman Sammelan 2022 at Indian Agricultural Research Institute in New Delhi _____ **PM Narendra Modi**.

Note:

- The conference was participated by more than 13 thousand farmers and around 1,500 Agri Startups.
- PM has also released the 12th installment amount of 16,000 crore rupees under the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi through DBT.
- Under the scheme, eligible farmer families are provided a benefit of 6,000 rupees per year in three equal installments.

9. Which Indian state will host 9th World Ayurveda Congress & Arogya Expo from December 8 to 11 _____ **Goa**.

Note:

- The expo will be organised by World Ayurveda Foundation, an initiative of Vijnana Bharti.
- Aims: To create an accessible and affordable healthcare system that is in harmony with modern medical practices.
- The expo would provide a transformational push to ayurveda to bring it into global focus.

10. Global Youth Climate Summit 2022 has been inaugurated in which country _____ **Khulna, Bangladesh**.

Note:

- Aim: To bring together 650 youth in a hybrid format with 150 youth participating in person and 500 online.
- The youth will explore how they can lead the fight against climate change.
- The mission of GYLC is to build the knowledge of youth about climate science.

11. Which edition of World Spice Congress (WSC) will be held on 16-18 February at CIDCO Exhibition and Convention Centre, Maharashtra _____ **14th**.

Note:

- The summit will be organized by Spices Board India in association with various trade and export farmers.
- Theme: Vision 2030: SPICES (Sustainability- Productivity - Innovation - Collaboration- Excellence and Safety)
- It will be organized as a G20 event, after India takes up the presidency from Dec 2022 to Nov 2023.

12. Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has started the distribution of PMJAY-MA Ayushman cards in Gujarat through video conferencing. What is the fullform of PMJAY-MA _____ Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana - Mukhyamantri Amrutam.

Note:

- Fifty lakh Ayushman cards was distributed to all the beneficiaries across Gujarat, at their doorstep.
- In 2012, then CM of Gujarat, Modi had started the Mukhyamantri Amrutam scheme to protect poor citizens from the catastrophic costs of medical treatment and illness.

13. Who has launched the 'One Nation, One Fertiliser' scheme (or PM Bhartiya Jan Urvarak Pariyojana) at the PM Kisan Samman Sammelan 2022 at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute _____ PM Narendra Modi.

Note:

- He has also launched an e-magazine on fertilisers, called Indian Edge.
- Under this scheme, the all type of fertilisers, whether it is DAP, NPK or urea will be sold under the brand name of 'Bharat'.
- This will ensure affordable quality fertiliser of Bharat brand to the farmers.

14. Who has launched an Integrated Pensioners' Portal at the Anubhav Awards Ceremony that was organised by the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare in New Delhi _____ **Union Minister, Jitendra Singh.**

Note:

- This portal provides a single window to address the needs of pensioners.
- SBI has become the first pension disbursing bank which has integrated its portal with the portal of DoPPW.
- Anubhav portal provides a platform to retiring government employees for sharing their experiences.

15. REC Limited and Power Finance Corporation Limited (PFC) have signed an MoU with which thermal private limited to finance the 2x660 MW coal based Buxar Thermal Power Plant (BTPP) _____ **SJVN Thermal Private Ltd (STPL).**

Note:

- The total estimated project cost is ₹12,172.74 crores, with debt requirement of ₹8520.92 crores.
- As per the agreement, the debt requirement will be financed by REC and Power Finance.
- It is a green field project designed on supercritical technology.

16. The first conference on Akash Tatva - Akash for Life, will be held from 5th to 7th November, 2022 in which city _____ **Dehradun.**

Note:

- This event will showcase the blend of traditional and modern knowledge through an extended integration of all schools of thought.
- Aim: To expose the youth of India to the wisdoms of ancient science along with modern scientific advancements.
- The campaign 'Sumangalam' is being organised across the country for finding the solutions to the environmental problems.

Important News – State

1. Which state Wildlife Board has approved a 2,339 Sq km new tiger reserve, will be known as Durgavati Tiger Reserve _____ **Madhya Pradesh.**

Note:

- The new tiger reserve will be spread across Narisinghpur, Damoh and Sagar districts of MP.
- The Board's meeting was chaired by Madhya Pradesh chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, who has approved a proposal to notify 1,414 sq km area as core area and 925 sq km as a buffer in the new tiger reserve.
- The proposal will be sent to NTCA for final approval.

2. Which tech giant has signed an MoU with the Assam government to promote digital growth and development in the State _____ **Google.**

Note:

- Under this new initiative, Google will collaborate with the Skill, Employment & Entrepreneurship Department (SEED) of Assam.
- Aim: To strengthen the school digitization efforts of state with digital learning tools and solution.
- Google will also provide scholarships for Google Career Certificates to youth in collaboration with Assam Skill Development Mission.

Important News – World

- As per the 2022 Global Hunger Index (GHI), what is the rank of India ____ **107th**.
Note:
 - The report was published by the Concern Worldwide (Ireland) and Welt Hunger Hilfe (Germany).
 - Four indicators of GHI: Undernourishment, Child stunting, Child wasting, and Child mortality
 - Top 5: Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Chile, China and Croatia
 - Bottom 5: Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Madagascar, Central African Republic and Yemen
- According to a new Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI), the number of people living below the poverty line in India decreased by 415 million between 2005-06 and which year ____ **2019-21**.

Note:

- The index was released jointly by UNDP and the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI).
- As per the index, India still has the world's highest number of poor at 228.9 million, followed by Nigeria.
- 90% of India's poor people live in rural areas and 10% in urban areas.

- As per the Mercer CFS Global Pension Index 2022, what is the rank of India ____ **41**.

Note:

- Findings: India needs to strengthen its regulatory framework and boost the coverage under private pension arrangements.
- The MCGPI is a comprehensive study of 44 global pension systems, which accounts 65% of the world's population.
- The survey was topped by Iceland, followed by the Netherlands and Denmark.

- As per the report, international investment migration advisory firm Henley & Partners, What is the rank of India in the world's first-ever global study on the rise of centi-millionaires with assets of more than Rs 830 cr (\$100 million) ____

Third.

- The list is topped by USA, followed by China.
- India will overtake China as the fastest growing market for centi-millionaires by 2032.
- Top Cities for Centi-Millionaires: New York, followed by San Francisco Bay Area, London, and Mumbai (15)

Honor & Awards

- Which city of India has been awarded 'World Green City Award 2022' at the AIPH World Green City Awards 2022 held in Jeju, South Korea ____ **Hyderabad city of Telangana**.

Note:

- Hyderabad was awarded in the category of "Living Green for Economic Recovery and Inclusive Growth" for Green Garland to the State of Telangana.
- Mexico City's Environmental and Climate Change Program of Mexico City was also awarded in Living Green for Climate Change.
- Living Green for Social Cohesion: OASIS Schoolyard Project, Paris

- Sri Lankan author, Shehan Karunatilaka has won the prestigious Booker Prize for fiction, for his which book ____ **The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida**.

Note:

- The book is about a war photographer murdered in the country's civil war.
- He received a trophy from Queen Consort Camilla at a ceremony on in London.
- He is the second Sri Lankan to win the award, after Michael Ondaatje's victory in 1992 for The English Patient.
- He has also received a 50,000 pound (\$56,700) prize.

- Who has been awarded the Sir Syed Excellence Award 2022 by the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) ____ **Prof. Barbara Metcalf**.

Note:

- The award ceremony was held on the 205th birth anniversary of the founder of AMU, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan.
- She has written extensively on the history of the Muslim population of India and Pakistan.
- Sir Syed Ahmad Khan established the Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental (MAO) College in 1875, later known as Aligarh Muslim University (AMU).

- Who has won the 2022 Ballon d'Or trophy at the 66th Ballon d'Or ceremony, held at Theatre du Chatelet Paris, France ____ **Real Madrid's Karim Benzema**.

Note:

- While, Barcelona's Alexia Putellas won the women's Ballon d'Or.

- Kopa Award: Barcelona's Gavi (best-performing player under the age of 21).
 - Gerd Muller: FC Barcelona's Robert Lewandowski
 - Socrates Award: Bayern Munich's Sadio Mane
 - Club of the Year Award: Manchester City
 - Yachine Award: Thibaut Courtois (Real Madrid)
5. Which country has awarded the people of Ukraine its annual Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought to honour their fight against Russia's invasion _____ **European Parliament.**

Note:

- The prize money of 50,000 euros (\$49,100), will be distributed to representatives of Ukrainian civil society.
- The prize was named after the late Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov.
- This awarded annually since 1988 to individuals and organizations defending human rights and freedoms.

Sports News

1. Which country's women team has clinched the Women's Asia Cup 2022 title, after defeating Sri Lanka by eight wickets in the final, held at Sylhet International Cricket Stadium, Bangladesh _____ **India.**

Note:

- India has defeated Sri Lanka for the fifth time in an Asia Cup final.
- This is India's record seventh Women's Asia Cup title.
- Deepti Sharma has been adjudged Player of the Tournament.
- While, Renuka Singh adjudged Player of the Match.

2. Name the India shooter who won the gold medal in men's 10m air rifle event at ISSF World Championship held in Cairo, Egypt _____ **Rudrankksh Balasaheb Patil.**

Note:

- He defeated Danilo Dennis Sollazzo from Italy by 17-15.
- This win helped him to secure 2024 Paris Olympics quota for the country.
- He is only the second Indian to achieve this feat, after Olympic champion Abhinav Bindra, who had won the gold in 2006 in Zagreb, Croatia.

3. Who has created history by becoming the first Indian woman to clock a legal sub-13 second time in 100-meter hurdles _____ **Jyothi Yarraji.**

Note:

- She has smashed her own record at the 61st National Open Athletics Championships at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium, Bengaluru.
- Her record of 12.82s made her amongst the top 10 fastest in Asian athletics history.
- She had won the same event in the National Games in Gandhinagar in a time of 12.79 seconds.

4. The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Executive Committee has confirmed the Qatar Football Association (QFA) as the host association for which year AFC Asian Cup _____ **2023.**

Note:

- The AFC Executive Committee has also shortlisted the All India Football Federation (AIFF) and the Saudi Arabian Football Federation (SAFF) as the final two bidders for the AFC Asian Cup 2027.
- Australia withdrew from the AFC Asian Cup 2023™ bidding process on September 1, 2022.

5. Which country's junior women's 10m air pistol team has won Gold medal at the ISSF Rifle/Pistol World Championship 2022 in Cairo, Egypt _____ **India.**

Note:

- The team comprising Esha Singh, Shikha Narwal and Varsha Singh.
- The Indian women team beat China's Zhao Nan, Wang Siyu and Shen Yiyao by a 16-6.
- This was sixth gold medal of India at the ISSF Rifle/Pistol World Championship 2022.
- Presently, China top the list with 32 medals, which include 17 golds, while, India placed second with 15 medals.

6. Name the Indian javelin thrower, who has won Gold medal in the men's javelin with the throw of 81.23m at the National Open Athletics Championships in Bengaluru _____ **DP Manu.**

Note:

- No other athlete could cross the 80 m mark in the final.
- Former national champion, Rohit Yadav has clinched Silver medal with throw of 79.80 metre, and Kishore Kumar Jena has settled for bronze.

- Manu, who represents Services, had won gold at the National Games 2022 with throw of 80.32m.
7. Name the India shooter, who has won gold in the 10-meter Air Rifle Women Junior event at ISSF World Championship Rifle/Pistol in Cairo, Egypt _____ **Ramita Jindal**.

Note:

- She defeated Ying Shen from China by 16-12.
 - In the 50-meter Pistol Women Junior event, India's Divanshi has won gold, Varsha Singh settled for silver and Tiwana won bronze.
 - Rhythm Sangwan won a silver in the 25m Standard Pistol Women.
 - India's Abhinav Choudhary has secured silver in the 50-meter Pistol Men Junior event.
8. What is the official mascot of 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup _____ **Penguin Tazuni**.

Note:

- The event will be held in Australia and New Zealand.
 - The design is based on the Eudypula minor species that found in both host countries.
 - "Tazuni" is the combination of Tasman Sea and the word unity.
 - The 9th edition of FIFA Women's World Cup is due to be held from July 20 to August 20, 2023.
 - FIFA President: Gianni Infantino
 - Headquarters: Zürich, Switzerland
9. Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Anurag Singh Thakur has announced that the 5th Khelo India Youth Games 2022 will be organised in which state from 31st Jan to 11th Feb, 2023 _____ **Madhya Pradesh**.

Note:

- The Khelo India Youth Games will be held at eight locations.
- The sports event would be participated by more than 8,500 athletes and sportspersons.
- This event was started in 2016, to provide a platform to the youth of the country to showcase their performance and talents in sports.

Books and Authors

1. Who has released a book titled 'Pandemic Disruptions and Odisha's Lessons in Governance' _____ **Odisha CM, Naveen Patnaik**.

Note:

- This book was written by Rajya Sabha MP, Amar Patnaik.
 - The book is a collection of the various essays on pertinent contemporary issues that emerged in India during the pandemic years of 2020-21 and 2021-2022.
 - The book also highlights the achievements of Odisha's 5-T framework of governance.
 - 5-T: Team work, technology, transparency, transformation and time limit
2. A book titled 'The Philosophy of Modern Song', written by _____ **Bob Dylan**.

Note:

- The book will be published by Simon and Schuster.
- This book is a collection of essays, is his first book of new writing since 2004, when he released 'Chronicles, Volume One.'
- He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 2016 for having created new poetic expressions within the great American song tradition.

Science sand Defence

1. Which nuclear-powered submarine of India has carried out a successful launch of a submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM) in the Bay of Bengal _____ **INS Arihant**.

Note:

- Reason: To validate the operational and technological parameters of the weapon system.
 - INS Arihant: It is a 6,000-tonne submarine.
 - It is a lead ship of India's Arihant class of nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarines.
 - It is India's first indigenous nuclear submarine that has been inducted in the Indian Navy.
2. Which edition of IBSAMAR, a joint multinational maritime exercise was organised Port Elizabeth, South Africa from 10 - 12 Oct 22 _____ **7th**.

Note:

- In the exercise, Indian Navy has represented the Teg class guided missile frigate, INS Tarkash, Chetak helicopter and personnel from the Marine Commando Force.
 - The harbour phase of 7th edition includes professional exchanges such as damage control and fire-fighting drills, VBSS/cross boarding lectures and interaction among Special Forces.
3. The 12th edition of biennial DefExpo is being organised in Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar, Gujarat from 18th - 22nd, Oct, 2022. What is the theme of 12th DefExpo_____ **'Path to Pride'**.

Note:

- Agenda: Live demonstrations showcasing the equipment and skill set of the Armed Forces, DPSUs and Industry.
 - This also provide an opportunity to showcase their equipment and platforms and to explore the capabilities of the expanse of Indian Defence industry for forging business partnerships.
4. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will launch its third mission to the moon, Chandrayaan-3 in which year_____ **June 2023**.

Note:

- The launch of Chandrayaan-3 (C-3) will be onboard from the Launch Vehicle Mark-3 (LVM3).
- It will be launched with more robust lunar rover onboard which is crucial for future inter-planetary explorations.
- Chandrayaan-3 is the successor to the Chandrayaan-2 mission.
- ISRO also plans to fly Indian astronauts into orbit by the end of 2024

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