

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

Banking & Financial Awareness

- RBI has released a Concept Note on CBDC to create awareness about Digital Rupee. What is the full form of CBDC _____ **Central Bank Digital Currency**.

Note:

- This note explains the objectives, choices, benefits, and risks of issuing a digital currency in India.
- It also discusses issues like technology and design choices, possible uses of the Digital Rupee, issuance mechanisms, and role of RBI in introduction of the CDBT.
- RBI will soon commence the launch of Digital Rupee on a pilot basis for specific use.

- Which bank has launched a "Smart Wire" to help customers with SWIFT-based inward remittances in a faster and hassle-free manner _____ **ICICI**.

Note:

- ICICI Bank becomes the first bank in the country to launch such a service.
- The Smart Wire facility will allow both NRIs and resident customers to undertake inward remittance transactions in an online and paperless way.
- Important features includes: Online submission of details; Digital declarations; Block exchange rates; Online tracking

- The government and LIC will together divest how much percent of stakes in the IDBI Bank _____ **60.72%**.

Note:

- The Centre will divest a 30.48% stake while LIC will offload 30.24%.
- For this, the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) has invited expressions of interest (EOIs) from potential bidders.
- The potential investor should have a minimum net worth of ₹22,500 crore, must report net profit in three out of the past five years, will be eligible for bidding.

- Which bank has bagged a world record for staging and swinging the highest 101 Oonjals (Jhoolas) _____ **South Indian Bank**.

Note:

- The South Indian Bank has organized an event 'Onnichirikkam Oonjaladam'.
- The World Book of Records team has also presented the award to South Indian Bank officials.
- Swings were made using wood and rope in the traditional way.
- MD and CEO of the South Indian: Murali Ramakrishnan

- SEBI has granted its in-principle approval to which stock exchange for introducing a social stock exchange as a separate segment _____ **BSE**.

Note:

- Social stock exchange will enable the listing of non-profit organisations and for-profit social enterprises that are engaged in 15 broad eligible social activities approved by the market regulator.
- These social entities can raise funds through equity, issue of zero-coupons zero-principal bonds, MF, social impact funds and development impact bonds.

- As per the World Economic Outlook 2022 report, what would be the GDP growth forecast of India for 2022-23 _____ **6.8%**.

Note:

- The IMF has also predicted that India will remain on track to become one of the fastest-growing economies in the world.
- While, IMF has projected that global growth will slow from 6% in 2021 to 3.2% in 2022 and 2.7% in 2023.
- IMF has also expected that inflation in India will come down to 4% range next year.

7. Which co-operative bank license has been cancelled by RBI with effect from October 10, 2022 due to lack of adequate capital and earning prospects _____ **Pune based Seva Vikas Co-operative Bank.**

Note:

- As per the data submitted by the bank, about 99% of the depositors are entitled to receive the full amount of their deposits from DICGC.
- RBI has also imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 48 lakh on Kerala State Co-operative Bank Ltd, Thiruvananthapuram for non-compliance of 'Gold Loan - Bullet Repayment'.

8. Which bank has signed an MoU with Vayana Network for end-to-end digitalization services _____ **IDBI.**

Note:

- Aim: To contribute in the growth of the supply chain finance penetration in India, which is less than 1% of gross domestic product (GDP) and contributes only 5% of the outstanding banking assets.
- IDBI Bank has an existing CMS and e-trade platform.
- With this partnership, the bank aims to provide complete digital solutions to corporate banking and small business clients.

9. Which bank has unveiled its next-gen Contact Centre service for an enhanced and more personalized customer experience _____ **State Bank of India.**

Note:

- This revamped Contact Centre will set a new industry benchmark by providing 30+ banking solutions in 12 languages, with the availability of 24x7.
- The bank has introduced easy-to-remember 4-digit toll-free numbers (1800-1234 or 1800-2100) to simplify the process further.
- The contact centre is also helping in early stage collections.

10. The Reserve Bank has raised the minimum capital requirement for setting up an asset reconstruction company (ARC) to how much amount from Rs 100 crore _____ **Rs 300 crore.**

Note:

- Aim: To strengthen the securitisation sector which plays a vital role in the management of distressed financial assets.
- RBI has generally requested all ARCs to gradually increase their minimum net-owned fund to Rs200 crore by the end of March 2024 and Rs300 crore by the end of March 2026.

11. RBL Bank and which ticket company have partnered to launch a new credit card named 'Play' _____ **BookMyShow.**

Note:

- With this card, RBL Bank will be able to reach BMS's wide base of 200 million monthly customer visits.
- This card will be available to select customers on BookMyShow and give them access to offers on transactions.
- While BMS customers can purchase this credit card for an annual fee of Rs 500.
- Earlier in 2016, RBL Bank had partnered with BMS for the launch of Fun Plus credit card.

12. As per the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), what is the retail inflation of India in September 2022 _____ **7.41%.**

Note:

- The number retains above the RBI upper tolerance band (2-6 per cent) for the ninth straight month.
- The food inflation has been surged to a 22-month high of 8.6% while core inflation rose to a 4-month high of 6.3%.
- Meanwhile, industrial growth has been contracted 0.8% in August as compared to 2.4% in July.

13. The World Bank (WB) has extended an unconditional loan of \$250 million to the SALT project. This project was launched by which state _____ **Andhra Pradesh.**

Note:

- SALT refers to Supporting Andhra's Learning Transformation.
- SALT project aims to improve the quality of learning for students in Andhra Pradesh.
- The SALT is the first project in the school education sector to be funded by the World Bank without any precondition.
- It is a five-year result-oriented programme, for which World Bank release funds after key goals are achieved.

14. Which bank has become the first bank in the country to achieve Rs 6-trillion Assets Under Management (AUM) in the home loan segment _____ **State Bank of India (SBI).**

Note:

- SBI has offered a concession of up to 0.25% on Home Loans, 0.15% on Top Up Loans, and 0.30% on Loan Against Property.
- The bank has also waived off the processing fees on home loans up to January 31.

- As per the Crisil, the share of bank in the home loan segment has risen to around 62% as of March 2022.

Obituaries

1. Mulayam Singh Yadav, who has been passed away, was a founder of which political party _____ **Samajwadi Party**.

Note:

- He was born in a small village Saifai in the Etawah district of Uttar Pradesh and was a trained wrestler.
- He had started his political career in 1967 and formed the Samajwadi Party in 1992.
- He served for three non-consecutive terms as the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh.
- He was also served as the Minister of Defence (1996 – 1998) and elected an MLA 10 times and an MP seven times.

2. Veteran Kavignar Subbu Arumugam, who has been passed away, was an exponent of which ancient form of musical story-telling method _____ **Villupaattu**.

Note:

- He was conferred with Padma Shri (fourth highest civilian award of India) in 2021.
- Other awards: Sangeetha Natak Akademi; Kalaimamani Award and Bharathi Award (By Tamil Nadu govt)

3. Padma Shri awardee, Tamsula Ao, who has been passed away, was a _____ **Writer**.

Note:

- She had also served as the Chairperson of the Nagaland State Commission for Women.
- She was conferred with the Padma Shri in 2007 and also won Sahitya Akademi Award, Nagaland Governor's Award for Distinction in Literature.
- Books: 'Books of Songs', 'Poetry Here and There', 'These Hills Called Home', 'The Tombstone in My Garden'

Important Days

1. Indian Air Force Day is observed every year on which date _____ **8th October**.

Note:

- Indian Air Force (IAF) was officially established on 8th October 1932, as an auxiliary air force of the British Empire which honoured India's aviation service during World War II with the prefix Royal.
- First aircraft of IAF came into being on 1st April 1933 with six RAF-trained officers and 19 Havai Sepoys (air soldiers).
- IAF is celebrating the 90th foundation day in 2022.

2. World Mental Health Day is observed on which date to draw attention to mental health issues and their effects _____ **October 10**.

Note:

- The theme for 2022 is "Make mental health & well-being for all a global priority."
- The then World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH) Deputy Secretary General, Richard Hunter had initiated the first celebration of World Mental Health Day on October 10, 1992.
- WFMH is a non-governmental organisation founded in 1948.

3. The International Day of the Girl Child is observed annually on which date to raise awareness about the gender inequality faced by girls worldwide _____ **October 11**.

Note:

- Theme 2022: 'Our time is now - our rights, our future.'
- On December 2011, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has adopted resolution to declare 11th October as this day.
- This day was first celebrated on October 11, 2012.

4. World Arthritis Day is observed globally on which date every year to raise awareness about the existence and impact of rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases _____ **12th October**.

Note:

- The theme for 2022 is "It's in your hands, take action".
- The first World Arthritis Day was observed in 1996, in collaboration with The Arthritis and Rheumatism International Foundation.

5. Which date is celebrated as Indian Foreign Service Day _____ **October 9**.

Note:

- On 9 October 1946, the Indian government established the Indian Foreign Service for India's diplomatic, consular and commercial representation overseas.

6. World Post Day is celebrated each year on which date to mark the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union _____ **9 October**.

Note:

- It was established on 9th October 1874 in the Swiss Capital, Bern.
- It was declared World Post Day by the UPU Congress held in Tokyo, Japan in 1969.
- The theme for World Post Day 2022 is 'Post for Planet'.

7. World Cerebral Palsy Day is observed on which date _____ **October 6**.

Note:

- Cerebral Palsy is a lifelong disability with no known cure.
- The Theme for World Cerebral Palsy Day 2022 is "Millions of Reasons".
- In 1810, Dr. William John Little, the first person to study Cerebral Palsy was born. Harry Jennings built the first modern folding wheelchair in 1932.

8. The International E-Waste Day is held on which date to raise awareness about the impacts of e-waste _____ **14 October**.

Note:

- This day was first observed in 2018 by the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment recycling (WEEE) Forum.
- 2022 Slogan: Recycle it all, no matter how small!
- UN had estimated that in 2019, over 22 million tonnes small e-waste were produced worldwide.

9. World Standards Day is observed every year on which date to raise awareness about the importance of using standardised measurements, technologies, and industries _____ **October 14**.

Note:

- The theme for World Standards Day 2022 is 'Shared Vision for a Better World.'

New Appointments

1. Who has been re-elected as the chairman of the Association of Mutual Funds in India (Amfi) _____ **A Balasubramanian**.

Note:

- He will also continue as the ex-officio chairman of the AMFI Financial Literacy Committee.
- While, Radhika Gupta (MD of Edelweiss AMC) has been re-elected as the vice-chairperson of AMFI.
- Sundeep Sikka (chief of Nippon Life India Asset Management Limited) has been elected as chairman of the Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) committee.

2. Gulf Oil Lubricants has appointed which Indian woman sports personality as its new brand ambassador _____ **Indian cricketer, Smriti Mandhana**.

Note:

- With this association, Gulf Oil became the first company in the lubricant space to appoint a woman cricketer as ambassador.
- She will join the ranks of current brand ambassadors Mahendra Singh Dhoni and Hardik Pandya.

3. SBI General Insurance Company has appointed who as its new Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer _____ **Kishore Kumar Poludasu**.

Note:

- His appointment was came into effect from 4th October 2022.
- He was nominated by SBI (parent company).
- He was associated with SBI since 1991.
- Prior to this, he was the Deputy Managing Director, Head of State Bank of India, Singapore Operations.

4. Who has assumed charge as Whole Time Member of SEBI _____ **Ananth Narayan Gopalakrishnan**.

Note:

- He has an experience of more than 25 years in banking and financial sector.
- He served as the Associate Professor, SP Jain Institute of Management & Research, Mumbai.
- He has completed his post-graduate diploma in Management from IIM, Lucknow and awarded the Director's Gold Medal for standing second in the batch.

5. Who has been sworn in as the new Chief Justice of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh _____ **Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey**.

Note:

- J&K LG, Manoj Sinha has administered the oath of office to Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey.
- He has replaced Justice, Pankaj Mithal, who has been transferred to the Rajasthan high Court.

- He started his career as an advocate after completing his law degree from Kashmir University in 1984.

Important News – India

1. Which organisation has wrapped off their new electric scooter under the sub-brand, titled as 'Vida' ____ **Hero MotoCorp.**

Note:

- Hero Vida V1 is the first electric scooter of the brand, as it looks to catch up with newer firms who have taken the lead in the country's clean mobility push.
- It was first launched at a starting price of Rs 1.45 lakh (ex-showroom) at Jaipur Centre and would be launched in New Delhi, and Bangalore.
- It is available in two variants named Vida V1 Plus and Vida V1 Pro.

2. Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), comes under which ministry that has notified the establishment of Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups (CGSS) _____ **Ministry of Commerce.**

Note:

- It will provide credit guarantees to loans extended by Scheduled Commercial Banks, Non-Banking Financial Companies and Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) registered Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs).
- Credit guarantees cover under the Scheme would be transaction based and umbrella based.

3. Which state has hosted 81st 'Indian Road Congress' from 8th to 11th October 2022 ____ **Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.**

Note:

- It will discuss modern techniques in road construction, and it will have many sessions regarding it.
- Union Minister, Nitin Gadkari along with UP CM Yogi Adityanath has jointly inaugurated 81st annual session of the Indian roads Congress in Lucknow.
- Projects worth Rs 5 lakh crore rupees will start in Uttar Pradesh by 2024

4. As per the latest demographic sample survey, conducted by the Union Home Ministry, the percentage of girls getting married before attaining maturity is highest in which state with 5.8% ____ **Jharkhand.**

Note:

- In Jharkhand, child marriages accounted for 7.3% of marriages in rural areas and 3% in urban areas.
- In West Bengal, more than half of the women are married before attaining the age of 21 years in the state.
- The survey was conducted in 2020 and the report was published late last month.

5. Nitin Gadkari (Road Transport and Highways Minister) has launched first of its kind pilot project of which car manufacturing company on Flex-Fuel Strong Hybrid Electric Vehicles in India ____ **Toyota.**

Note:

- The Toyota Corolla Altis FFV-SHEV, which was imported from Toyota Brazil for the pilot project, was unveiled.
- Flex-fuel:
- It is compatible cars, run on more than one type of fuel and also a mixture.
- These vehicles will run on 100% petrol as well as 20 to 100% blended ethanol and electric power.

6. The first conference of the Agni campaign was organized in which place on the theme of 'Sustainability and Culture' under LiFE (Lifestyle for environment) mission ____ **Leh.**

Note:

- It is organized by Power Foundation of India in association with Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA)
- It witnessed participation from key stakeholders working in the areas of energy, culture, and sustainability.
- Agni Tattva is an element that is synonymous with energy and is amongst the five elements of Panchmahabhoot.

7. Union Minister for Power and New and Renewable Energy, R.K Singh has unveiled the curtain raiser to the Fifth Assembly of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) along with side events to be held in which place from 17th - 20th October, 2022 ____ **New Delhi.**

Note:

- India holds the office of the President of the ISA Assembly.
- The Assembly will be presided over by R.K. Singh.
- The International Solar Alliance is an international organisation with 109 member and signatory countries.

8. Which ministry has organized National Conference on Skilling in Non-Traditional Livelihood for Girls - Betiyan Bane Kushal in New Delhi ____ **Ministry of WCD.**

Note:

- This conference was organized under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao initiative.
- Aim: Convergence between Ministries and Departments to ensure the skill development of girls.

- During the event, MoUs was signed between the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Ministry of Minority Affairs for Skilling of young Girls.
9. Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has addressed which edition of United Nations World Geospatial International Congress (UNWGIC), which being held in Hyderabad _____ **2nd**.

Note:

- The theme of UNWGIC 2022 is Geo-Enabling the Global Village: No one should be left behind.
 - Geospatial technology is used to create intelligent maps and models which help to collect geographically referenced data.
 - It was hosted by the ministry of science and technology of the government of India.
10. Centre has constituted a 9-member task force for monitoring Cheetah introduction in which national park of Madhya Pradesh and other suitable designated areas _____ **Kuno National Park**.

Note:

- National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) will facilitate the working of Cheetah Task Force and render all necessary help.
 - The task force will include Principal Secretaries, Forests and Tourism of Madhya Pradesh, and Inspector General of NTCA, New Delhi Amit Mallick.
 - Tenure: 2 years.
11. Haryana govt delegation, led by Manohar Lal Khattar has finalized an MoU with the which country government for cooperation in various economic activities _____ **Dubai**.

Note:

- To promote the State as a leading investment destination and for marketing key projects of the state.
 - These economic activities include investment promotion and land development
12. All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) has signed an MoU with which country's National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology _____ **Japan**.

Note:

- Aim: For development of capacity, technological cooperation for academic establishment
 - This MoU will help both nations to advance scientific cooperation and capacity building in the area of the Indian Ayurvedic system of traditional medicine
 - AIIA is the apex institute of Ayurveda under the Ministry of AYUSH.
13. Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ) has received an approval from the National Company Law Tribunals (NCLT) to acquire the balance of how much stake in Gangavaram Port Limited (GPL) _____ **58.1%**.

Note:

- Earlier, APSEZ had acquired 31.5% in the company from Warburg Pincus and 10.4% from Andhra Pradesh government.
 - GPL is an all-weather deep-water multipurpose port.
 - APSEZ is the flagship transportation arm of the diversified Adani group.
 - The deal prices GPL at around Rs 6,200 crore.
14. Which giant IT firm has launched its global rewards programme named 'Play Points' in India _____ **Google**.

Note:

- Aim: To allow users to earn points and rewards for using Google Play Store billing for in-app purchases, subscriptions and buying apps, games, movies, and ebooks.
 - This programme was first launched in 2018 and available in 28 other countries.
 - This programme is fully funded by Google.
15. The present five-year Indo-US Vaccine Action Programme (VAP) Joint Statement has been extended till which year _____ **2027**.

Note:

- It is a unique bilateral programme.
 - It is implementing by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), India, and National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), National Institutes of Health (NIH), USA since July 1987.
 - Aim: To improvise the current knowledge of vaccine science to strengthen the scientific basis for future vaccine design.
16. The Union Cabinet has approved PM-DevINE scheme to fund the infrastructure projects in the northeastern states. What is the total outlay of this scheme _____ **Rs 6,600-crore**.

Note:

- PM-DevINE refers to the Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region.
- It will be applicable for the next four years of the 15th Finance Commission from 2022-23 to 2025-26.

- This is a 100% central funding scheme and will be implemented by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER).
17. Name the scheme that has been launched by the Himachal Pradesh government to provide irrigation facilities to farmers _____ **HIMCAD**.

Note:

- As per the data, about 80% of the agricultural area of Himachal Pradesh is rain-fed.
 - This scheme will provide end-to-end connectivity of farmers' fields for better water conservation, crop diversification and integrated farming.
 - It is planned to provide command area development activities to 23,344 hectares of cultivable command area by March 2024.
18. Which state run organisation has signed MoUs with Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) and GAIL (India) for setting up four Surface Coal Gasification (SCG) projects _____ **Coal India Ltd (CIL)**.

Note:

- Aim: To convert coal converted into syngas that can be subsequently processed for downstream production of value added chemicals.
 - Aggregated estimated cost: Rs.35,000 crores
19. NTPC and which organisation have signed an MoU to demonstrate the feasibility for hydrogen co-firing blended with natural gas in V94.2 gas turbines installed at NTPC Faridabad gas power plant _____ **Siemens**.

Note:

- The total installed capacity of Faridabad gas power plant is 432 MW with two V94.2 gas turbines.
- Aim: To explore the pathways to reduce CO₂ emissions from Faridabad gas power plant

Important News – State

1. Union Minister for Science and Technology, Jitendra Singh has inaugurated Science Museum in which state _____ **Chamba, Himachal Pradesh**.

Note:

- It is termed as 'DBT-NIPGR-Pandit Jaiwant Ram Upmanyu Science Museum'
 - This state-of-art institution will inspire young children to discover their potentials and use their innovative skills to find a source of livelihood in later life.
 - It is set up by the National Institute of Plant Genome Research at Government Boys Senior Secondary School (GBSSS)
2. Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Anurag Singh Thakur has inaugurated a Water Sports Center in which state _____ **Koldam Barmana, Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh**.

Note:

- This centre has been dedicated for training of athletes in water sports like Rowing, Canoeing and Kayaking.
 - It is a joint initiated of the Sports Authority of India (SAI) and National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC).
 - During the event, the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was also exchanged between SAI and NTPC.
3. Delhi Lieutenant Governor, VK Saxena has granted an approval to which e-commerce website to operate 24/7 in New Delhi _____ **Amazon India**.

Note:

- The application was submitted by the company around three years back.
 - Now Amazon's products can be delivered round-the-clock in New Delhi
 - Boost employment generation
 - Promote a positive and a favourable business environment.
4. PM Narendra Modi has declared which village in Gujarat as the country's first 24x7 solar-powered village _____ **Modhera**.

Note:

- Modhera, is famous for Sun temple that was built during the Chalukya.
 - The village has a ground-mounted solar power plant, and over 1,300 rooftop solar systems with 1kW capacity have been installed on houses to generate electricity.
 - Both the central and state governments have invested over ₹80 crore in this project in two phases.
5. 'Football for All' an initiative, launched by which state government in partnership with FIFA _____ **Odisha**.

Note:

- Aim to promote football among school children.

- The programme has been initiated by FIFA in partnership with the Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) and the Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS).
 - 2022 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup host: Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar, Odisha/ Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Margao, Goa/ DY Patil Stadium, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra
6. Which state will set up the first Indian sanctuary for Slender Loris, by merging the Karur and Dindigul districts _____ **TN govt.**

Note:

- They will create the Kadavur Slender Loris Sanctuary.
- They will be protected under Schedule I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
- They are endangered species
- Survival: Depends on its habitat improvement

Important News – World

1. The UN's International Civil Aviation Organization has adopted an aspirational goal of making carbon emissions from air travel net zero by which year _____ **2050.**

Note:

- Reason: To reduce the pollution caused by airlines.
- This move could encourage the production of more sustainable aviation fuel.
- Presently, Aviation is a relatively small contributor to climate-changing emissions, but its share is expected to grow

2. Which parliament has passed the new rule to introduce single charging port for electronic gadgets by 2024 _____ **European.**

Note:

- As per the law, it mandates that every manufacturing companies of smartphone, laptop and camera, have to adopt a standard charger rule in Europe.
- As per the new rules, consumers do not need to buy a different charger every time, when they purchase a new device.
- Reason: To minimise e-waste and empower customers to make more sustainable choices.

3. What is the rank of India in the Commitment to Reducing Inequality Index 2022 _____ **123rd.**

Note:

- Findings: India has reduced inequality but continues to be among the lowest performers in health spending.
- Top three: Norway, Germany and Australia
- Prepared by: Oxfam International and Development Finance International (DFI).

4. Which Indian steel industry has joined as the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) network, world's largest voluntary corporate sustainability initiative _____ **JSW Steel.**

Note:

- JSW Steel is the fifth Indian company in the "Industrial Mining and Manufacturing" category.
- Aim: To conduct business responsibly by aligning their operations and strategies with the UN's Ten Principles.

5. As per the WWF's Living Planet Report 2022, the Wildlife populations have been declined by how much percent between 1970 and 2018 _____ **69%.**

Note:

- Latin America and Caribbean regions have seen the largest decline (94%) of monitored wildlife populations globally.
- Wildlife populations have dipped by 66% in Africa and 5% in Asia Pacific.
- While, Freshwater populations have declined by 83% on average as compared to other species groups.

6. Which Indian institute has topped the 2023 Times Higher Education (THE) rankings among 75 Indian institutes _____

IISc

Note:

- IISc Bengaluru is the only Indian university in the top 300 list.
- India has become the 6th most represented country in the list, with featuring 75 institutes in THE's 2023 ranking.
- Other Indian Institute: IIT Ropar (501-600), IIT Indore (601-800), IIT Gandhinagar ((801-1000)

Honor & Awards

1. Name two organisations that has been awarded the 2022 Nobel Peace Prize _____ **Memorial and Centre for Civil Liberties.**

Note:

- Belarusian human rights advocate Ales Bialiatski, Russian human rights organization 'Memorial', and Ukrainian human rights organization 'Centre for Civil Liberties' have been jointly awarded 2022 Nobel Peace Prize.
- This award was announced by the Norwegian Nobel Committee for promoting the right to criticize power and protecting the fundamental rights of citizens.

2. Who has been voted the 2021/22 FIH Player of the Year for the second year running _____ **Harmanpreet Singh.**

Note:

- He becomes the fourth player to win the Player of the Year award in men's category in consecutive years.
- He joined an elite list, that includes Teun De Nooijer (Netherlands), Jamie Dwyer (Australia) and Arthur van Doren (Belgium).
- Felice Albers of Netherlands has been named 2021/22 FIH Player of the Year in women's category.

3. Who has won the ICC Player of the Month awards for September 2022 in women's category _____ **Harmanpreet Kaur.**

Note:

- She beat her deputy, Smriti Mandhana and Bangladesh counterpart, Nigar Sultana.
- This was India's first series win in England since 1999.
- While in men's category, Pakistan wicketkeeper batter, Mohammad Rizwan won the ICC Player of the Month awards for September 2022.

4. The 2022 Nobel Prize for Economics has been awarded to Ben S. Bernanke (USA), Douglas W. Diamond (USA) and Philip H. Dybvig (USA) for their which research _____ **Research on banks and financial crises.**

Note:

- Their research has significantly improved the understanding of the role of banks in the economy, particularly during financial crises.
- Diamond has demonstrated that how banks perform another societally important function.
- While, Ben Bernanke has analysed the Great Depression of the 1930s.

Sports News

1. Who has secured his 25th gold medal after winning the 2022 IBSF World Billiards Championship in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia _____ **Pankaj Advani.**

Note:

- He has defeated Sourav Kothari by 4-0 to defend the title for the fifth time in a row.
- He had won his last world title in Qatar 6Reds World Cup 2021, where he won the IBSF 6-Red Snooker World Cup.
- Pankaj Advani has been awarded Arjuna Award (2004), Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna (2006), Padma Shri (2009) and Padma Bhushan (2018).

2. Who has declared Formula One world champion after winning a 2022 Japanese Grand Prix _____ **Red Bull, Max Verstappen.**

- Sergio Pérez (Red Bulls) finished second in the list, while, the second-place finisher, Charles Leclerc was given a five-second penalty, dropping him to third.
- Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) placed fifth.

3. Who has clinched his 90th ATP title after defeating Greek, Stefanos Tsitsipas by 6-3, 6-4 in the final of Astana Open in Kazakhstan _____ **Novak Djokovic.**

Note:

- He joined Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer in the list of players in Open Era with 90 or more ATP titles.
- In men's doubles, Nikola Pietrangeli and Mate Pavic have captured their fifth tour-level title of the season and beat Adrian Mannarino and Fabrice Martin by 6-4, 6-2.

4. The Indian Olympic Association has announced that the 37th edition of the National Games will be hosted by which state of India in October 2023 _____ **Goa.**

Note:

- The date of the 37th National Games will be decided while keeping in view of the dates of 19th Asian Games that will be held from 23rd September to 8th October, 2022 in Hangzhou, China.
- Goa had received the rights to host the National Games in 2008, failed to host them, due to different reasons.

5. The medal tally of 36th National Games has been topped by which team with a total of 128 medals (61 Gold, 35 silver, and 32 bronze) _____ **Services**.

Note:

- Followed by Maharashtra and Haryana.
- Best female player: Harshika Ramchandran (Karnataka)
- Best Male player: Sajan Prakash (Kerala)

6. The 6th Senior Asian Pencak Silat Championship that is being held in which city _____ **Srinagar**.

Note:

- J&K LG, Manoj Sinha has inaugurated 6th Senior Asian Pencak Silat Championship that is being held in Srinagar.
- Pencak Silat is relatively new to India and was introduced in 2014.
- The event brings together over 150 athletes from different countries.
- Pencak silat: It is an umbrella term for a class of related Indonesian martial arts.

Books and Authors

1. External Affairs Minister, Dr S Jaishankar has participated in the Kiwi Indian Hall of Fame Awards 2022, where he launched which book in Auckland _____ **Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery**.

Note:

- The event was also attended by the New Zealand Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern.
- The event felicitated members of the Indian community in New Zealand for their exceptional achievements and contributions.
- The book originally launched on 11th May 2022.

Science and Defence

1. According to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), the X-ray spectrometer 'CLASS' on the Chandrayaan-2 orbiter has mapped an abundance of which chemical compound on the moon for the first time _____ **Sodium**.

Note:

- Chandrayaan-1's X-ray Fluorescence Spectrometer (C1XS) has detected sodium from its characteristic line in X-rays.
- CLASS was built at the U R Rao Satellite Centre of ISRO in Bengaluru.
- It provides clean signatures of the sodium line due to its high sensitivity and performance.

2. Which company has received India's first micro category drone type certification for its indigenously designed A200 drone from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) _____ **Asteria Aerospace Limited**.

Note:

- The A200 drone was found to be fully compliant with the Certification Scheme for Unmanned Aircraft Systems.
- Asteria's A200 drone has been developed for surveying and mapping applications in GIS, agriculture, construction, mining and other industries.

3. Which country has launched a GLONASS-K navigation system from northern cosmodrome _____ **Russia**.

Note:

- This system was carried by Soyuz-2.1b medium-class launch vehicle.
- GLONASS-K is a navigation satellite intended as a part of the Russian GLONASS radio-based satellite navigation system.
- Russia has spent billions of dollars in the past two decades on developing the GLONASS system.

4. Who has launched a 'made-in-India camera drone named 'Droni' with advanced features _____ **Mahendra Singh Dhoni**.

Note:

- This drone was manufactured by Garuda Aerospace.
- The new drone is useful for surveillance and will be available for purchase towards the end of 2022.
- During the event, it was also announced the launch of Kisan Drone, a battery-powered device, aimed at farmers who want to spray pesticides.

5. As per the report, 'Developing the Space Ecosystem in India: Focusing on Inclusive Growth', India's space economy is expected to touch \$12.8 billion by which year _____ **2025**.

Note:

- The report was released by the Indian Space Association (ISpA) and Ernst and Young.
- Reason: Increasing private participation, increased demand for small satellites

- It was also noted that, India has of over 100 space tech start-ups with investments in the segment touching \$68 million in 2021.
6. Which armed has organised the multinational Joint Anti-Terror Exercise (JATE), “Manesar Anti-Terror 2022” at Manesar Garrison _____ **National Security Guard (NSG).**
- Note:**
- The exercises was conducted under the framework of SCO Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS).
 - It is the second stage of the exercise, as the Stage-1 was conducted from July 27 to August 1 by the National Counter Terrorist Forces of SCO Member Countries in their respective territories.
7. NASA has announced that DART spacecraft has successfully managed to change the motion of the asteroid 'Dimorphos'. What is the full form of DART _____ **Double Asteroid Redirection Test.**
- Note:**
- This is the first demonstration of the “kinetic impactor” method of asteroid mitigation
 - It was launched in November 2021 and crashed into the space rock on September 26, 2022
 - Prior, it took Dimorphos 11 hours and 55 minutes to orbit its asteroid Didymos, now it changed the moonlet asteroid’s orbit by 32 minutes
8. Which energy company has set up a solar-powered charging station for electric vehicles in Ladakh region _____ **Convergence Energy Services Ltd (CESL).**
- Note:**
- The integrated carport was inaugurated by LG of Ladakh, R K Mathur in Leh.
 - He also handed over customised electric cars that was manufactured by Hyundai Motor Company.
 - The EV carport constitutes 100 kW solar PV panels with a 860 kW/hour lithium-ion battery storage system.
9. The President of India, Droupadi Murmu has inaugurated ‘PARAM KAMRUPA’ Supercomputer facility at which institute _____ **IIT Guwahati.**
- Note:**
- This facility will be provided to conduct advanced research in various scientific fields such as weather and climate, bioinformatics, computational, AI, etc.
 - This is a state-of-the-art supercomputer, set up under the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM).
10. Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) in association with which organisation have conducted Cyber Security Exercise named “PowerEX” for 193 power sector utilities _____ **Power-CSIRTs.**
- Note:**
- Aim: To recognize, analyze & respond to Cyber Incident in IT & OT Systems
 - 2022 Theme: Defending Cyber induced disruption in IT & OT infrastructure
11. Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh has launched which website on October 14, 2022 to enable citizens to contribute for the Armed Forces Battle Casualties Welfare Fund (AFBCWF) _____ **Maa Bharati Ke Sapoot.**
- Note:**
- It is a Tri service fund that will be utilised for grant of immediate financial assistance of ex-gratia, to the Next of Kin and dependents of Battle Casualties.
 - The government appoints veteran actor, Amitabh Bachchan as the Goodwill Ambassador.
12. Which armed force has conducted an offshore security exercise, ‘Prasthan’ in the Krishna Godavari Basin Offshore Development Area (ODA) on October 11 and 12 _____ **Eastern Naval Command.**
- Note:**
- The exercise is conducted every six months.
 - It aims to integrate the efforts of all maritime stakeholders involved in offshore defence.
 - The exercise resulted in refining the standard operating procedures (SOPs) and response actions to several contingencies in the Offshore Defence Area, off Kakinada.

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