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Bi-Weekly One Liner Updates **16-31st October 2022**

Dear readers,

Bi-Weekly One-Liners Updates is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the **two weeks** (16-31st) 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.



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➤ 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.

21. Which bank has bagged National Digital Transformation Awards DX 2022 Awards for best practice in digital transformation under BFSI segment _____ Karnataka Bank.

Note:

- The award was instituted by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).
- This award was given in recognition of the "Innovative Excellence" in 'KBL HR NxT - Employee Engagement', 'KBL Operations NxT - Operational Excellence' and 'KBL Customer NxT - Customer Experience'.
- Bank has launched KBL Vikas in 2017, KBL NxT in 2021.

22. Which bank has raised \$150 million loan from the United States International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) to expand its microfinance portfolio _____ IndusInd Bank.

Note:

- The main focus of the loan to boost the access to finance for women borrowers, as well as uplifting the livelihoods of these women and their families.
- The bank will use the proceeds to lend to women borrowers in rural communities of Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, and Bihar.
- IndusInd Bank MD and CEO: Sumant Kathpalia

23. Which stock exchange has launched Electronic Gold Receipt (EGR) on its platform _____ Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE).

Note:

- Aim: Efficient and transparent price discovery of the yellow metal.
- The EGR was introduced in two new products of 995 and 999 purity and trading will be in multiples of 1 gram and deliveries in multiples of 10 gram and 100 gram.
- This platform will lead to greater assurance in the quality of gold supplied, efficient price discovery, and transparency in transacting.

24. IRDAI has set up a committee of 24-member to develop and suggest an affordable and comprehensive cover for the rural population, which will be headed by whom _____ Thomas M Devasia, Member (non-life), IRDAI.

Note:

- While the proposed cover will be a benefit based / parametric structure, called Bima Vistaar.
- IRDAI has asked committee to develop and suggest constitution and operation of women centric distribution channel to focus on reaching rural areas and recommend regulatory framework.

25. CRISIL has upgraded its long-term rating on the bank facilities and debt instruments of which financial company to 'CRISIL AA-' _____ Muthoot FinCorp.

Note:

- It has also upgraded the ratings of Muthoot Microfin Ltd, Muthoot Capital Services Ltd and Muthoot Housing Finance Company Ltd, to A+.
- These upgrades are driven by improvement in the capitalisation profile and expected improvement in the earnings profile of MPG.



➤ Chairman of Muthoot Pappachan Group: Thomas John Muthoot

26. As per the International Monetary Fund (IMF), what would be the economic forecasts of Asia for 2022-23 _____ **4.0%**.

Note:

➤ Reason: Global monetary tightening; Rising inflation (due to war in Ukraine); and Sharp slowdown in China

➤ The IMF has expected that the growth of China to slow to 3.2% in 2022-23.

➤ As per the IMF, the China economy would grow to 4.4% in next year and 4.5% in 2024.

27. Which state government has launched a common credit portal SAFAL (Simplified Application for Agricultural Loans) for the welfare of farmers _____ **Odisha**.

Note:

➤ This credit facility will enable farmers and agri-entrepreneurs to access more than 300 term loan products of over 40 banks.

➤ This portal has been integrated with Krushak Odisha and will have access to 70-plus model project reports.

➤ It will ease the loan application process and provide benefit to farmers and banks significantly.

28. RBI has lifted ban on which bank after three years, which prevented the banker from opening new branches _____ **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (TMB)**.

Note:

➤ The restrictions was rescinded with effect from October 21, 2022.

➤ The restriction was imposed by RBI on TMB in 2019 after the bank's shareholders decided to raise authorized share capital to Rs 500 crore.

➤ The central bank objected to the bank not raising its subscribed capital to at least half of the authorized capital as required.

29. Which bank has launched six new digital initiatives under 'Project WAVE' to enhance customer experience through integrated services on its digital platform _____ **Indian Bank**.

Note:

➤ The bank will provide online vehicle and health insurance through its mobile banking app IndOASIS, in association with Universal Sampo General Insurance.

➤ Bank partnered with Rupeek Capital to offer jewel loan at doorsteps.

➤ The bank has extended pre-approved personal loans to self-employed customers of the bank.

30. IRDAI has set up a 15-member Health Insurance Consultative Committee with an aim to achieve the goal of universalisation of health insurance in the country, that will be headed by _____ **Rakesh Joshi**.

Note:

➤ The panel has been set up for two years.

➤ He will be responsible for identifying the challenges in carrying out the health insurance business smoothly and make recommendations to facilitate ease of doing business.

31. Which payment bank has launched a group accident insurance plan with an accidental death coverage of Rs 10 lakh _____ **IPPB**.

Note:

➤ It has been launched in partnership with TATA AIG and Bajaj Allianz General Insurance companies, will offer the insurance plan at a premium of Rs 399 or Rs 396 p.a.

➤ The policy will be issued digitally in five minutes using a smartphone or a fingerprint sensor carried by the postman under e-KYC (Aadhaar based) method.

➤ Age between 18 and 65 years can join this insurance plan

32. Which FMCG firm has announced that it will acquire 51% stake in Badshah Masala in a Rs 587.52-crore deal _____ **Dabur India**.

Note:

➤ While the balance 49% of the equity share will be acquired after a period of 5 years.

➤ With this acquisition, Dabur India aspires to expand its Foods business to Rs 500 crore in 3 years and expand into new adjacent categories.



➤ This also marks Dabur's entry into the over Rs 25,000-crore branded spices and seasoning market in India.

33. Who rang the opening bell at Bombay Stock Exchange to mark the listing of Non-Convertible Debentures of National Highways Authority of India Infrastructure Investment Trust- NHAI InvIT _____
Nitin Gadkari.

Note:

➤ Minister informed that 25% of Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs) have been reserved for retail investors with minimum investment slab being just Rs 10,000.

➤ NCDs offer an effective yield of 8.05% per annum with highest credibility

34. Which regional rural bank and LIC have renewed their agreement through an MOU for bancassurance tie-up _____
Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank.

Note:

➤ Aim: To increase insurance penetration in rural areas and to provide better deal to customers on service and premium.

➤ The bank will market products of LIC through its 639 branches.

➤ Bancassurance: Selling life Insurance products through the bank branches.

35. SEBI has extended the deadline for implementation of the Rs 25 crore-threshold rule for direct ETF transactions with asset management companies to _____
May 1, 2023.

Note:

➤ This is the second time the Securities and Exchange Board of India.

➤ Rule: To enhance liquidity in units of ETFs in stock exchange platforms, direct transactions with AMCs will be facilitated for investors only when the transaction amount is greater than Rs 25 crore.

36. Which employee insurance platform has partnered ManipalCigna Health Insurance to launch India's first flexi top-up insurance plan _____
Healthsure.

Note:

➤ This plan will allow employees to personalize and upgrade their corporate health insurance plans.

➤ Employees can upgrade their cover, by paying a nominal add-on premium.

➤ With this, they will be able to eliminate the need of buying independent personal health cover and it also save up to 90% of premium spending.

37. BSE Technologies (subsidiary of BSE) has launched of KRA, which maintains KYC records of investors in an electronic form. What is the full form of KRA _____
KYC Registration Agency.

Note:

➤ KRA is a Sebi-regulated intermediary that grants the market participants authorisation for investors' Know Your Client (KYC).

➤ KRAs need to independently validate records of those clients (existing as well as new) whose KYC has been completed using Aadhaar as an Officially Valid Document (OVD).

38. Which life insurance company has tied up with Medix to offer consumers access to a local and global network of accredited medical specialists during serious illnesses _____
Tata AIA Life Insurance.

Note:

➤ This service is complementary for policyholders who have purchased eligible life insurance products across term, savings, and pension plans.

➤ This partnership would also offer the Personal Medical Care Management facility in India, bringing world class, healthcare advice to consumers.

39. Which state government has signed an MoU with the Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGFTMSE), under the Ministry of MSME, to help facilitate flow of credit to MSME borrowers _____
Meghalaya.

Note:

➤ Aim: To implement the Meghalaya Credit Guarantee Scheme

➤ Presently, the loans taken by MSME borrowers are covered under CGTMSE against a risk coverage of 75% of the loan amount under various MSME schemes.



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 Zerkov 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.

3. Anand Mamani, who has been passed away, was Deputy Speaker of which state assembly _____ **Karnataka Assembly**.

Note:

- He was the three-time MLA, who has represented Saudatti legislative assembly constituency in Karnataka.
- In 2020, he was unanimously elected as the deputy speaker of Karnataka legislative assembly.
- He was the son of Chandrashekhar M Mamani, who also served as the deputy speaker in the 1990s.

4. Dietrich Mateschitz, who has been passed away, was a founder of which Formula One racing team _____ **Red Bull**.

Note:

- He was also a co-founder of energy drink company Red Bull.
- He was co-founder of the Wings for Life foundation that supports spinal cord research together with Heinz Kinigadner.
- He has also initiated the World Stunt Awards, an annual fundraiser to benefit his Taurus Foundation.

5. Leslie Jordan, who has been passed away, was a/an _____ **Actor**.

Note:

- He has played roles including Lonnie Garr on Hearts Afire, Beverley Leslie on Will & Grace and American Horror Story.
- He won the Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Guest Actor in a Comedy Series, Will & Grace, in 2006.
- He had published his autobiography 'How Y'all Doing?: Misadventures and Mischief from a Life Well Lived' in April 2021.

6. Pinaki Chaudhuri, who has been passed away, was director of which regional cinema _____ **Bengali films director**.

Note:

- He was suffering from lymphoma, a cancer of the lymphatic system.
- He had been awarded the two national awards for Shanghaath (Conflict) in 1996 and for Ballygunge Court in 2007.
- His other notable films: 'Kakababu Here Gelen?' (Kakababu defeated?), 'Ek Tukro Chand' (A slice of the moon) and 'Arohan' (Ascension).

7. Nipon Goswami, who has been passed away, was an actor of which regional cinema _____ **Assamese actor**.

Note:

- He was an alumnus of the Film and Television Institute of India, Pune.
- He was born in Tezpur, and made his acting debut as a child actor in the Assamese film 'Piyoli Phukan'.
- He has started his film career as the lead actor of the Assamese movie 'Sangra'.
- His last Assamese film was 'Lankakanda', directed by Rajani Barman.



8. Neel Pawan Baruah, who passed away, was a prominent _____ **Artist**.

Note:

- He was a prominent painter and illustrator, who founded the Assam Fine Arts & Craft Society at Guwahati in 1971 to revive the art of Brindabanivastra, famous textile painting associated with Mahapurush Srimanta Sankardev.
- He was awarded the 'Assam Sourabh' award by the Government of Assam in 2021.

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.

10. World Polio Day 2022 has observed every year on which date to raise awareness about the polio vaccination and eradication of polio _____ **October 24.**

Note:

➤ 2022 theme: World Polio Day 2022 and Beyond: A healthier future for mothers and children

➤ This day was established in 1985 by Rotary International to commemorate the birth of Jonas Salk.

➤ Jonas Salk was the lead medical researcher of the team that developed a vaccine against polio.

11. World Day for Audiovisual Heritage is observed on which date every year to promote the importance of such preservation _____ **October 27.**

Note:

➤ Theme 2022: Enlisting documentary heritage to promote inclusive, just and peaceful societies

➤ The Recommendation for the Safeguarding and Preservation of Moving Images was adopted in the 21st General Conference of UNESCO held on October 27, 1980, at Belgrade, Serbia.

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.

14. ICICI Bank's board of directors has reappointed whom as the MD and CEO for a period of 3 years _____ **Sandeep Bakshi.**

Note:

- He was appointed as the bank's MD and CEO since October 15, 2018.
- He has served as Wholtime Director and the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the bank, prior to his appointment as MD and CEO.
- His reappointment will be effective from October 4, 2023 to October 3, 2026.

15. Which bank has appointed C S Rajan as an additional and independent director on the bank's board _____ **Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited.**

Note:

- Rajan's appointment is for a period of five years effective 22 October 2022.
- Rajan has over 40 years of experience across significant government portfolios.
- Rajan is currently serving as a non-executive chairman of Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services Limited, appointed by the government of India.

16. The government has appointed whom as the Chairman of Quality Council of India (QCI) _____ **Jaxay Shah.**

Note:

- He was former Chairman of realty developers' body CREDAI and founder Chairman of Savvy Group.
- He has been appointed for a period of three years with effect from October 21, 2022.
- He succeeds the former McKinsey India Chief Adil Zainulbhai.

17. Indian Banks' Association has re-elected A K Goel as its new chairman, he is currently serving as the MD and CEO of which bank _____ **Punjab National Bank.**

Note:

- He will serve the association for FY 2022-23.
- Generally, the senior most MD of a public sector bank is elected as chairman for a period of one year.
- IBA has also appointed Dinesh Khara (Chairman of SBI), A S Rajeev (MD & CEO of Bank of Maharashtra), and Madhav Nair (CEO of Mashreq Bank) as deputy chairman.
- Honorary secretary: N Kamakodi (CEO of City Union Bank)

18. Who has become the prime minister of United Kingdom _____ **Rishi Sunak.**

Note:

- He has replaced former PM Liz Truss, who had resigned from the post just after 44 days.
- He also the youngest PM of UK in modern history at the age of 42 years.
- While, William Pitt the Youngest PM of UK, who become the PM at the age of 24 in 1801.
- He was born in UK's Southampton area to an Indian family.
- He became a member of Parliament in 2015 after he got elected from Richmond, Yorkshire.



19. The Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) has appointed whom as their brand ambassador for the 3rd T20 World Cup for the Blind _____ **Yuvraj Singh**.

Note:

- While, Ajay Kumar Reddy B2 (Andhra Pradesh) will lead the Indian team and Venkateswara Rao Dunna – B2 (Andhra Pradesh) will be the vice-captain.
- The World Cup matches will be held from December 6 to 17.
- Participants: India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Australia, South Africa, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

20. The government of India has appointed whom as the acting chairperson of the Competition Commission of India (CCI) _____ **Sangeeta Verma**.

Note:

- Her appointment came into effect from 26th October 2022.
- She will remain in office for three months or till appointment of regular Chairperson or till any further orders, whichever is the earliest.
- She has replaced Ashok Kumar Gupta, who relinquished office after a four-year tenure.

21. Who has been elected as the chairperson of UN specialized aviation agency's Air Transport Committee (ATC) _____ **Shefali Juneja**.

Note:

- She is a 1992 batch officer of IRS (Income Tax cadre), served as a Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Civil Aviation before joining the ICAO
- India has secured this position in ICAO after 28 years when she was unanimously elected to the post
- ATC is a standing committee of the ICAO created by the Chicago Convention in 1944

22. Who has become the first turban-wearing Sikh woman to be elected as a city councillor of Brampton in Canada _____ **Navjit Kaur Brar**.

Note:

- She is an Indo-Canadian respiratory therapist.
- She was elected in the recent municipal council polls after she won the race in Wards 2 and 6.
- She is a former Conservative MP candidate for Brampton West.
- Elections for municipal government in Canada held every four years on the fourth Monday of October.

23. Hockey India has named whom as the captain of the 22-member Indian men's hockey team _____ **Harmanpreet Singh**.

Note:

- He has been appointed for the upcoming double-header matches against Spain and New Zealand in the season opener of FIH Hockey Pro League 2022-2023 to be held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- While, Manpreet Singh has been named as his deputy.
- All matches will be held at the Kalinga Hockey Stadium, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

24. The US administration has named whom as the next Charge d'Affaires ad interim in New Delhi _____ **Elizabeth Jones**.

Note:

- She is the sixth interim US envoy in the last 21 months (since January 2021).
- She had worked on NATO's role in Europe vis-a-vis Russia as the US Assistant Secretary of State for Europe and Eurasia.
- Currently, Patricia A Lacina is the Chargé d'Affaires at the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi, who assumed charge on September 9, 2021.

25. Who has been appointed as the Chair of the country's Civil 20 (C20) _____ **Mata Amritanandamayi Devi**.

Note:

- It is an official engagement group of the Group of 20 (G20).
- The C20 is its platform for civil-society organisations (CSOs) to bring forth non-government and non-business voices to the G20 leaders.
- India will hold the Presidency of the G20 from December 1, 2022 to November 30, 2023.
- G20 Leaders' Summit will take place in New Delhi from September 9 to 10, 2023.



26. Who has been elected as new president of Brazil after defeating incumbent president, Jair Bolsonaro
_____ **Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva.**

Note:

- He has secured 50.83% of the votes, whereas his opponent, Bolsonaro got 49.17% votes.
- He was served as the president of Brazil for two terms from 2003 to 2006 and then 2007 to 2011.
- India has had excellent relations with Brazil under his government.

27. Who has been appointed as the next Indian Ambassador to the West African nation of Cote d'Ivoire
_____ **Dr. Rajesh Ranjan.**

Note:

- Presently, he is serving as the High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Botswana.
- Prior to this, he has served in the Indian Embassy in Moscow as Second/Third Secretary dealing with Political and Commercial issues.
- He is expected to take up the assignment shortly.

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.



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- 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 Sannam 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 full form 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 Sannam 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 (BTTP) _____ **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.

17. PM Modi laid the foundation stone of various development projects worth more than Rs. 3400 crore for the state at a program organized in which village of Uttarakhand _____ **Mana Village.**

Note:

- These projects include two road widening projects from Mana to Mana Pass (NH 07) and Joshi math to Malari (NH107B), including two new ropeway projects at Gaurikund-Kedarnath and Govindghat-Hemkund Sahib.
- The Kedarnath ropeway will be around 9.7 km long, connecting Gaurikund with Kedarnath

18. PM Modi has launched Mission LiFE in the presence of UN Secretary General, Antonio Guterres at the Statue of Unity, Ekta Nagar, Kevadia, Gujarat. What is full form of Mission Life _____ **Lifestyle for Environment.**

Note:

- Aim: To protect and preserve the environment



- This global movement will showcase sustainable goals and climate actions taken by countries and individuals around the world.
 - The UN Secretary-General and PM Modi have also launched booklet, logo, and tagline of Mission LiFE.
19. The first 'Migration Monitoring System' of India has been launched in which city with an aim to provide updated information on migrant pregnant women, lactating mothers and children instantly on a single system _____ **Mumbai**.

Note:

- The system was launched by the Maharashtra Women and Child Development Minister, Mangalprabhat Lodha.
- The system was developed by the Department of WCD.
- It will track the movements of vulnerable seasonal migrant beneficiaries through unique identification numbers.

20. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has imposed penalty of how much amount on Google for abusing its dominant position with respect to its Play Store policies _____ **Rs. 936.44 crore**.

Note:

- Google dominance in the markets for licensable OS for smart mobile devices & market for app stores for Android smart mobile OS, in India.
- Earlier, CCI had imposed a penalty of ₹1,337.76 crore on Google for abusing its dominant position in multiple markets in the Android Mobile ecosystem.

21. Which two beaches of Lakshadweep have received the Blue Flag certification and were added to the list of the cleanest beaches in the world _____ **Thundi and Kadmat**.

Note:

- This has taken India's tally of 'Blue Beaches' to 12.
- Golden Beach of Puri is also Asia's first Blue Flag certified beach.
- Blue Flag Certification: It is awarded by a non-profit organisation known as Foundation for Environmental Education.
- It is an eco-label given to the cleanest beaches in the world.

22. Grievance Appellate Committees will be set up within 3 months by the government for resolving which type of grievances _____ **social media users grievances**.

Note:

- For this, gazette notification was issued by Ministry Of Electronics And Information Technology recently to amend the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021.
- Each Grievance Appellate Committee will consist of a chairperson and 2 whole time members appointed by the Central Government.

23. Which company has signed a pact with the Rajasthan government to set up a green hydrogen and green ammonia project in the state at an investment of ₹ 22,400 crore _____ **Jakson Group**.

Note:

- Jakson Green will set up a 3,65,000 tons per annum green hydrogen and green ammonia plant along with an integrated hybrid renewable power complex in phases.
- The project is expected to generate over 32,000 direct and indirect employment opportunities.

24. Dutch arm of which Indian steel company has signed an MoU with the Ford in Europe to supply "green" steel after 2030 _____ **Tata Steel**.

Note:

- Tata has planned to produce green steel (steel made without using fossil fuels) in 2030 at its plant in Ijmuiden, Netherlands.
- Ford has also signed supply MOUs with Tata, ThyssenKrupp (Germany) and Salzgitter (Germany) to supply "low carbon" steel for use in manufacturing the new electric crossover model.
- It would help to meet a target of having zero emissions by 2035.

25. The Technology Development and Acceleration Cell of the Naval Innovation Indigenisation Organisation under the Indian Navy has signed an MoU with which organisation for promoting indigenous



development, manufacturing and testing of a drone, counter-drone, and associated technologies for the Navy _____ **Drone Federation of India.**

Note:

➤ This collaboration will increase the Navy-industry-academia synergy, and source technology development challenges towards component indigenisation.

26. Which state-run organisation has signed MoU with Airport Authority of India (AAI), to facilitate commercial operations at Rourkela Airport under the RCS UDAN scheme _____ **Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL).**

Note:

➤ UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik): regional airport development and "Regional Connectivity Scheme" (RCS) of the Union Government

➤ Implementing Ministry: Ministry of Civil Aviation

27. PM Narendra Modi participated via video conference in which event, that was organised for more than 4.5 lakh PMAY-G beneficiaries _____ **Griha Pravesh.**

Note:

➤ On the occasion of Dhanteras, he dedicated homes constructed under the PM Awas Yojana (Gramin) from Satna, MP.

➤ Under the PMAY-G, in the last 8 years, more than 3.5 crore poor families have got new houses.

➤ The Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana is a ground-breaking social welfare programme that the Indian government introduced in 2015.

28. Who has announced a one-time property tax amnesty scheme named Strengthening & Augmentation of Municipal Revenue for Infrastructure Development in Delhi (SAMRIDDHI) 2022-23 scheme _____ **Delhi LG, Vinai Kumar Saxena.**

Note:

➤ With this scheme, the NCR people will be able to pay only the principal amount of the current and pending tax of past five years for residential properties.

➤ The people can also get a waiver on all pending dues, including penalty and interest through this scheme.

29. The 91st General Assembly of INTERPOL will take place in which country _____ **Vienna, Austria.**

Note:

➤ The 90th INTERPOL General Assembly was held in New Delhi from October 18-21, 2022.

➤ The General Assembly of INTERPOL is a supreme governing body and meets once a year to take key decisions related to its functioning.

➤ The Assembly meeting held in India after a gap of 25 years.

30. The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Counter-Terrorism Committee has hosted in which two cities of India on 28th and 29th of October _____ **Mumbai and Delhi.**

Note:

➤ 2022 Theme: Countering the use of new and emerging technologies for terrorist purposes

➤ The special meeting in India will also be attended by UK foreign secretary, James Cleverly.

➤ Focus of meet: Internet (including social media), new payment technologies and fundraising methods, and unmanned aerial systems (including drones)

31. Election Commission of India (ECI) has hosted a two-day international conference beginning 31st October in which place _____ **New Delhi.**

Note:

➤ Theme: Role, Framework & Capacity of Election Management Bodies.

➤ It will be inaugurated by Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar and concluding session will be chaired by Election Commissioner Anup Chandra Pandey.

➤ ECI leads the Cohort on Election Integrity, which was established as a follow on to the 'Summit for Democracy' held in December 2021.

32. Petroleum minister has attended the opening ceremony of the Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition & Conference (ADIPEC-2022), held in UAE. Who is the current petroleum minister _____ **Hardeep Singh Puri.**



Note:

- He was invited by Suhail Mohamed Faraj Al Mazrouei (Minister of Energy and Infrastructure) and Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber (Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology).
- He will also inaugurate the India Pavilion which is jointly set up by the Federation of Indian Petroleum Industry and CII.

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.

3. Which state/UT government has launched anti-firecracker campaign named 'Diya Jalao, Patake Nahi' _____ **Delhi government.**

Note:

- Aim: To promote a pollution-free festival of Diwali.
- As per the order, those who will be found indulging in storage, production and sale of crackers will have to pay a fine of 5000 rupees and imprisonment of three years as well.
- Those who will be found bursting of firecrackers, will be imposed a fine of 200 rupees and imprisonment for six months.

4. Which state/UT MP, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal has launched "Main Bhi Subhash" campaign _____ **Ladakh.**

Note:

- This event was organised in collaboration with Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose-INA Trust and the Ministry of Culture on the occasion of Netaji's 125th Birth Anniversary on 23rd January, 2023.
- He has also inaugurated an exhibition on Netaji at Boys Higher Secondary School in Leh.
- Aim: To create awareness of Netaji's contribution in the freedom fight.

5. "Honesty shops" has been launched in which district of Kerala for students up to Class 12 _____ **Ernakulam district.**

Note:

- This initiative was launched by the Student police cadet.
- Aim: To cultivate valuable lessons on trust, truth and integrity for students.
- There will be no salesperson in these shops and neither will they have a shopkeeper present.
- Students can choose items they need and drop the money for each item inside the collection box kept on a table.

6. Kerala Chief Minister, Pinarayi Vijayan has launched which mobile application to prevent cyber crimes against children in the state _____ **Kunjapp.**

Note:

➤ He has also inaugurated the training for the newly appointed Child Welfare Committee (CWC) and Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) members at Kovalam.

➤ The duty of the CWC and JJB members is to ensure the safety and security of the children.

7. Bestu Varas has been celebrated a day after Diwali on the Pratipada Tithi in the month of Kartik. Which state observed this day as new year _____ **Gujarat**.

Note:

➤ The day is also called Varsha Pratipada or Padwa.

➤ In 2022, Gujaratis were celebrated their New Year on October 25.

➤ Significance: Gujarati businessmen and traders start new books of account and close the old ones.

8. Upper Bhadra lift irrigation scheme will be the first national project of which state _____ **Karnataka**.

Note:

➤ It will revive the drought-prone districts of Chitradurga, Chikkamagaluru, Davanagere and Tumakuru, as it is expected to irrigate about 2.3 lakh hectares by drawing water from the Tunga and Bhadra rivers.

➤ He has also announced that the Tumakuru-Davanagere railway line has been reviewed.

9. Which state government has launched the “trees outside forests in India (TOFI)” programme in collaboration with US Agency for International Development (USAID) _____ **Assam**.

Note:

➤ Aim: To bring farmers, companies, and private institutions together to expand the tree coverage outside of traditional forests in the State.

➤ The new programme will enhance carbon sequestration, support local communities, and strengthen the climate resilience of agriculture.

10. Which state govt has launched a ‘women-friendly tourism’ project named State Responsible Tourism Mission (RT Mission) _____ **Kerala**.

Note:

➤ Aim: To establish women-friendly tourism centres and empower women.

➤ The project will be implemented to ensure the participation of women from all sections of society.

➤ Under the project, it will create a network of women’s units and tourism centres manned by women.

11. The Union ministry of forest, environment and climate change (MoFECC) has given its nod to establish the Terai Elephant Reserve (TER) in which state _____ **Uttar Pradesh**.

Note:

➤ The area of reserve will be spread in a 3,049 sq km area, which include Dudhwa Tiger Reserve (DTR) and Pilibhit Tiger Reserve (PTR).

➤ It will be the second elephant reserve in UP and 33rd in India.

➤ Project Elephant: It is a centrally sponsored scheme and was launched in February 1992 for the protection of elephants.

Important News - World

1. 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 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

2. 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.



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- 90% of India's poor people live in rural areas and 10% in urban areas.
3. 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.

4. 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).

5. The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has excluded which country from the grey list of the global watchdog on terror financing and money laundering after four years ____ **Pakistan**.

Note:

- Pakistan was put in 2018 for its failure to check the risk of money laundering.
➤ Inclusion to the grey list leads to the inability of Islamabad to get financial aid from IMF, World Bank, ADB & the EU.

6. Name the Chinese-American movie star in Hollywood, who will be the first Asian-American to feature in US currency ____ **Anna May Wong**.

Note:

- This will be the fifth coin in the American Women Quarters (AWQ) Program and its circulation would start on October 24, 2022.
➤ AWQ program: It is four-year program that honors the achievements of women in the United States from 2022 to 2025.

7. Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has added which country to the list of high-risk countries, which is known as 'Black List' ____ **Myanmar**.

Note:

- Reason: Strategic deficiencies in regimes to counter money laundering, terrorist financing, and proliferation financing
➤ Myanmar is the third country to be added in this list along with North Korea and Iran, which have been on the high-risk list since 2020.

8. One Health Joint Plan of Action was launched by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), World Health Organization (WHO), and which international organisation ____ **World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)**.

Note:

- Aim: To create a framework to integrate systems and capacity to collectively better prevent, and respond to health threats
➤ This plan will be applicable from 2022 to 2026 to reduce the health issues at the international, regional, and national levels

9. Pakistan and China have decided to launch how many new corridors besides the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) ____ **3**.

Note:

- China-Pakistan Green Corridor (CPGC): It will focus on agricultural environment, food security and green development
➤ China-Pakistan Health Corridor (CPHC): It will help get efficiency in the medical field
➤ China-Pakistan Digital Corridor (CPDC): It will boost Pakistan's IT industry.

10. Which tech giant has launched the Windows Dev Kit 2023, a new personal computer designed for developers using the ARM chip design ____ **Microsoft**.



Note:

- It is available in eight countries; Australia, Canada, China, France, Germany, Japan, U.K., and U.S.
- It is a part of 'Project Volterra', that was started in May 2022.
- With the help of this new device, developers can build, run, and test Windows apps for Arm on a single compact device.

11. Competition authority of which country has imposed monetary penalty of 346.72 million lira (\$18.63 million) on Meta Platforms (Facebook) _____ **Turkey**.

Note:

- Reason: For violating competition law
- The firm has obstructed its competitors operating in social network services and online advertising markets as it merged data collected through Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp.

12. Which European country has selected US firm, Westinghouse to build its first nuclear power plant _____ **Poland**.

Note:

- Reason: Poland's efforts to burn less coal and gain greater energy independence.
- Poland would use the technology of the Westinghouse Electric Company for the plant in Pomerania province near the Baltic Sea coast.
- The country has also planned to spend 40 billion dollars for the building of two nuclear power plants with three reactors each.

13. External Affairs Minister, S Jaishankar has announced that India will contribute how much amount to the United Nations Trust Fund for Counter Terrorism this year _____ **USD 500,000**.

Note:

- Reason: To aid capacity-building support to member states in combating terrorism.
- India has hosted the two-day anti-terrorism meeting of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC).
- The meeting in Delhi was held under India's chair of the Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC).

14. As per the report of aviation analytics firm OAG, which international airport of India has emerged as world's 10th busiest airport in October 2022 _____ **Indira Gandhi International airport (Delhi)**.

Note:

- Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (Georgia) was the busiest in the world.
- Dubai and Tokyo Haneda airports are at the 2nd and 3rd positions, respectively.
- The rankings by OAG are based on scheduled airline capacity in the current month and compared to the equivalent month in 2019, pre-pandemic.

15. Which organisation has released the Global TB Report 2022 that notes the impact of the COVID-19 on the diagnosis, treatment, and burden of disease for TB all over the world _____ **WHO**.

Note:

- As per the report, India's TB incidence for 2021 is 210 per 100,000 population, compared to the baseline year of 2015 (incidence was 256 per lakh of population in India); there has been an 18% decline which is 7% points better than global average of 11%.
- India is placed at 36th position in terms of incidence rates.

Honor & Awards

1. 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



2. 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.

3. 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).

4. 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.

6. Which masterpiece of Satyajit Ray has been declared the best Indian film of all time by the Indian chapter of the International Federation of Film Critics (FIPRESCI) _____ **Pather Panchali.**

Note:

- Pather Panchali, an adaptation of Bibhutibhushan Bandyopadhyay's Bengali novel of the same name, is widely regarded as one of the greatest films ever made.
- This film is the first film in Ray's Apu trilogy, which is followed by Aparajito and Apur Sansar.

7. Which dish has won the 'Most Popular GI' award after defeating other food items including Rasgulla, Bikaneri Bhujia, and Ratlami Sev _____ **Hyderabadi Haleem of Telangana.**

Note:

- GI tag: It is given to products to ensure that authorised users can only use the popular product name.
- Hyderabadi Haleem has received the GI status in 2010.
- It was expired in December 2019.
- However, later, the registrar of Geographical Indicator renewed the tag for the dish for 10 years.

8. The first prize of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban Awards 2021 has been awarded to which state _____ **Uttar Pradesh.**

Note:

- Followed by Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu.
- Gujarat has been honoured with 5 'Special Category' awards for performance related to Affordable Rental Housing Complexes and 'Convergence with other Missions'.



➤ J&K and Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu have been adjudged 'Best performing UT'.

9. Which movie has won the Best International Film award at the 2022 Saturn Awards _____**RRR**.

Note:

➤ The movie has been directed by SS Rajamouli.

➤ Prior to this, SS Rajamouli had received Saturn Awards for Baahubali: The Conclusion.

10. Which IIT has been awarded the national intellectual property award for 2021 and 2022 _____**IIT-Madras**.

Note:

➤ This award was instituted by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

➤ The criteria for evaluation was patent applications, grants and commercialisation.

➤ The award was presented by Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal

11. Which state was awarded the prestigious SKOCH award for its 'Lakshmir Bhandar' scheme under the women and child development category _____**West Bengal**.

Note:

➤ Lakshmir Bhandar: This scheme was launched the scheme in August 2021.

➤ Aim: To provide financial support to a woman head of a family.

➤ Age group: 25-60 years

➤ Rs 500 per month is being given to general category and around Rs 1,000 per month to SC and ST categories.

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 _____**Rudranksh 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 threwh 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 Tiyana 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 Eudypytula 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.

10. Name the Indian shooter, who has secured the third Paris 2024 Olympics quota for India at the ongoing ISSF World Championship in Cairo, Egypt _____ **Swapnil Kusale.**

Note:

- He finished at the fourth position in the men's 50 meter rifle 3 positions event.
- Other two Paris 2024 quota: Rudranksh Patil (men's 10 meter air rifle), Bhowneesh Mendiratta

11. Which region of IAF has won the Air Force Lawn Tennis Championship 2022-23, held at Head Quarter MC, Vayusena Nagar, Nagpur _____ **Western Air Command of IAF.**

Note:

- The team has defeated Training Command in the finals.
- While, the final of the open singles was played between Corporal Pradeep (Training Command) and Sergeant Manolin (Western Air Command), where, Corporal Pradeep emerged as the winner.

12. Who has won the 2022 United States F1 Grand Prix title, held at the Circuit of the Americas, Texas, USA _____ **Max Verstappen.**

Note:

- Hamilton (Mercedes driver) has finished second and Charles Leclerc (Ferrari driver) came third in the 2022 United States F1 Grand Prix.

13. Who has secured the men's singles title in 2022 Denmark Open after defeating Indonesia's Lee Zii Jia by 21-18, 16-21, 21-12 _____ **Shi Yuqi (China).**

Note:

- Chinese, He Bingjiao has clinched the women's singles title after defeating Chen Yufei by 22-20, 12-21, 21-10.

➤ Men's doubles: Fajar Alfian (Indonesia), Muhammad Rian Ardianto (Indonesia)

➤ Women's doubles: Chen Qingchen(China), Jia Yifan(China)

➤ Mixed doubles: Zheng Siwei (China), Huang Yaqiong (China)

14. Name the Indian wrestler, who has become the first Indian wrestler to win a gold medal at the U-23 World Wrestling Championships in Pontevedra, Spain _____ **Aman Sehrawat.**

Note:

- He has defeated Ahmet Duman of Turkey by 12-4 in the finals.

➤ India has finished with six medals - one gold, one silver, and four bronze at the U-23 World Wrestling Championships 2022.

15. BCCI has announced the implementation of a pay equity policy for contracted Indian women cricketers, which means the the match fee for both, Men and Women Cricketers will be the same. What is the fee of test cricket match _____ **₹15 lakh.**

Note:

➤ One Day International (ODI) match: ₹6 lakh

➤ T20 match: ₹3 lakh

➤ Aim: To promote gender equality in sports

➤ Recently, the Indian women's cricket team won the Asia Cup in Bangladesh, beating the Sri Lankan.



16. Which district administration has started Chenab White Water Rafting Festival under 'Back to Village Phase-4' to promote adventure tourism round the year ____ **Doda district**.

Note:

- It was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner Doda Vishesh Paul Mahajan and SSP Doda Abdul Qayoom at Shibnote area of Prem Nagar, 35 km from Doda town.
- The first day of the festival witnessed more than 1,000 people's participation especially the youth and about 200 participated in the Rafting trip and ATB Ride.

17. Which country has clinched the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2022 after defeating Colombia by 1-0 victory in the finals, held at the D Y Patil Sports Stadium, Mumbai, Maharashtra ____ **Spain**.

Note:

- Vicky Lopez from Spain was adjudged as the player of the tournament.
- While, Spain goalkeeper, Sofia Fuente has won the award for best goalkeeping.
- Earlier, Nigeria beat Germany by 3-2 in a shootout and remained at third placed in the match.

18. An MOU was signed between FIFA, AIFF and which ministry for Football For Schools program in Navi Mumbai in Maharashtra ____ **Ministry For Education**.

Note:

- This program will be run by FIFA and UNESCO, with an aim to contribute to the development, education and empowerment of children worldwide.
- Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan and FIFA president Gianni Infantino signed the agreement.
- Under the program, 700 Navodaya Vidyalayas will be the nodal agency for football in India.

19. In Badminton, which team have won the men's doubles final of the French Open 2022 in Paris ____ **Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy**.

Note:

- The Indian duo has defeated Chinese Taipei's Lu Ching Yao and Yang Po Han in finals.
- Men's singles: Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)
- Women's singles: He Bingjiao (China)
- Women's doubles: Pearly Tan and Thinaah Muralitharan (Malaysia)
- Mixed doubles: Zheng Siwei and Huang Yaqiong (China)

20. Which country's Under 21 men's hockey team has won the 10th edition of Sultan of Johor Cup title, after defeating Australia in 2022 final, held in Johor Bahru, Malaysia from 22 to 29 October 2022. ____ **India**.

Note:

- Earlier, India has won two titles in 2013 and 2014.
- The top-scorer of tournament was Sharda Nand Tiwari from India, with seven goals to his name.
- The Player of the Match: Sudeep Chirmako



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.

3. A new book "The Corbett Papers" has been co-edited by educator Akshay Shah and whom _____ **Stephen Alter.**

Note:

- This book was published by Hachette India.
- This book has brought together lesser known parts of Jim Corbett's life through unpublished letters, documents and a privately-published book.

Science and 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.

5. Which organisation has officially launched 'S1 Air', its most affordable electric scooter in the country _____ **Ola**.

Note:

- The price of the new electric scooter is set at ₹85,000.
- The new Ola electric scooter will compete against Honda Activa, TVS Jupiter, Suzuki Access and Yamaha Fascino.
- The electric scooter comes equipped with the company's latest MoveOS 3 and is said to have a range of 76km.
- The all-new Ola S1 Air packs 2.5KWh lithium-ion battery and takes about 4.5 hours to charge fully.

6. Which IIT and NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory researchers have studied the interactions between microbes in the International Space Station (ISS) _____ **Indian Institute of Technology-Madras**.

Note:

- Finding: A microbe that resides on the ISS, was found to be beneficial to various other microorganisms but hampered the growth of a fungus.
- This study would help devise strategies for the disinfection of space stations to minimise any potential impact of microbes on the health of astronauts.

7. The ISRO is set to launch how many broadband communication satellites on board its biggest rocket, the LVM3-M2 at Sriharikota spaceport in AP _____ **36**.

Note:

- The LVM3-M2 mission was created specifically for a foreign client, OneWeb, by NewSpace India Limited (NSIL).
- It is the first multi-satellite mission, carrying 36 OneWeb satellites to LEO as the largest payload ever for LVM3 (5,796 kg).
- The LVM3-M2 mission represents NewSpace India Ltd's 1st dedicated commercial mission.

8. ISRO has renamed the Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) Mark -III as _____ **Launch Vehicle Mark-III**.

Note:

- Reason: To identify its task of placing satellites into a variety of orbits.
- The rocket is no longer to the geosynchronous orbit.
- This rocket can go anywhere - GEO (Geosynchronous Earth Orbit), MEO (Medium Earth Orbit), LEO (Low Earth Orbit).
- It will be used for India's maiden human space flight, Gaganyaan, which is tentatively scheduled for late 2024.

9. The Indian and which country military force have conducted a three-day joint humanitarian assistance exercise, "Tiger Triumph" exercise at Eastern Naval Command in Visakhapatnam _____ **US military**.

Note:

- Aim: To build strategic cooperation between the two countries.
- Focus: Staff planning, with an emphasis on processes for streamlining diplomatic, operational, and logistical coordination.
- This exercise is the second collaboration between the Indian and US militaries to coordinate disaster relief in the region

10. Prime Minister, Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone of the facility for the aircraft manufacturing unit in which city on 30th October 2022 _____ **Vadodara**.

Note:

- The new plant will manufacture C-295 transport aircraft that are on order by IAF under a ₹21,935 crore deal inked in 2021.



➤ Airbus (European aviation major) and India's TATA group will jointly manufacture at least 40 C-295 transport aircraft in India.

11. Indian Navy is hosting which edition of Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) from 26th to 30th October 2022 at Visakhapatnam _____ **29th.**

Note:

➤ It is being conducted in two phases: Harbour Phase at Visakhapatnam from 26 to 27 October 2022 followed by Sea Phase in Bay of Bengal from 28 to 30 October 2022

➤ SIMBEX exercise began in 1994 and were initially known as Exercise Lion King

➤ RSS Stalwart and RSS Vigilance (Victory Class Corvette) from Singapore will join the exercise

12. Indian Air Force (IAF) and which military force have jointly conducting a bilateral exercise named 'Garuda VII' at Air Force Station Jodhpur from 26 October to 12 November 2022 _____ **French Air and Space Force (FASF).**

Note:

➤ In the exercise, FASF has participated in with Rafale fighter aircrafts, A-330 Multi Role Tanker Transport aircraft and a contingent of 220 personnel.

➤ While the IAF has participated with Su-30 MKI, Rafale, LCA Tejas and Jaguar fighter aircraft, as well as LCH and Mi-17 helicopters.

13. Which country has participated in the first edition of India-Mozambique-Tanzania Trilateral Exercise (IMT TRILAT) commenced at Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania on 27 October _____ **India.**

Note:

➤ Indian Navy has represented the guided missile frigate, INS Tarkash, a Chetak helicopter and MARCOS (Special Forces).

➤ Objectives: (1) Capability development to address common threats through training and sharing of best practices, (2) Enhancing interoperability, and strengthening maritime cooperation

14. India successfully test-fired 'Agni Prime', a new generation of ballistic missiles from which coast _____ **Odisha.**

Note:

➤ The 'Agni Prime', or 'Agni-P', is a nuclear-capable new-gen advanced variant of the Agni class of missiles.

➤ It is a two-stage canisterised missile with a maximum range of 2,000 km.

➤ It weighs 50% less than the Agni 3 missile and has new guidance and propulsion systems. In addition, since it is canisterised, it can be launched from rail or road.

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