

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 **first week** (1-7th) of **November 2022**. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. First Digital Rupee pilot project of India has been launched on which date by RBI for the wholesale segment _____ **November 1, 2022**.

Note:

- Participated Banks: SBI, BoB, Union Bank of India, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Yes Bank, IDFC First Bank and HSBC
- CBDC can be classified into two types: Retail (CBDC-R) and Wholesale (CBDC-W)
- CBDC-R: It would be potentially available for use by all.
- CBDC-W: It is designed for restricted access to select financial institutions.

2. The fiscal deficit of central government from April-September 2022 has touched at what percentage _____ **37.3%**.

Note:

- The fiscal deficit was 35% of BE in last fiscal.
- In absolute terms, the fiscal deficit was Rs 6,19,849 crore during the period.
- The total receipts of govt stood at Rs 12.03 lakh crore or 52.7% of BE for 2022-23.
- The total expenditure was Rs 18.23 lakh crore or 46.2% of the BE 2022-23.

3. The Reserve Bank has imposed fine of Rs 1.76 crore on Vakrangee, for violating which norm _____ **White Label ATM (WLA) directions**.

Note:

- Jammu and Kashmir State Co-operative Bank Ltd: Rs 30 lakh
- The Pratap Co-operative Ltd (Mumbai-based): Rs 6 lakh
- LIC Housing Finance and The Mysore Merchants Co-operative Bank Ltd: Rs 5 lakh
- The Nagar Sahakari Bank Ltd, Maharajganj, Uttar Pradesh: Rs 4 lakh

4. How much gross GST revenues of India has collected by the government in October 2022 _____ **₹1,51,718 crore**.

Note:

- Central GST (CGST) revenues for the month were ₹26,039 crore.
- State GST (SGST) was ₹33,396 crore and IGST revenues were ₹81,778 crore (including Rs 37,297 crore collected on import of goods).
- This mark the second highest monthly collections since the launch of the indirect tax regime.
- The highest GST collections in a month were recorded in April 2022, at ₹1,67,540 crore.

5. Which insurance firm has launched a technology backed farm yield insurance policy for farmers _____ **HDFC ERGO**.

Note:

- In this policy, a satellite-based index will be used to provide localized farm level coverage.
- It will provide comprehensive cover across the crop life cycle from sowing to harvesting, basis satellite-based data.
- The product is targeted at farmers under corporate/farm input company (FIC) contracts.

6. Which bank has launched a special fixed deposit scheme named Star Super Triple Seven Fixed Deposit _____ **Bank of India**.

Note:

- This special scheme is providing 7.25% rate of interest (7.75 per cent for citizens) on a deposit for 777 days, for limited period.
- The bank has raised interest rate on its existing 555-days fixed deposit scheme to 6.30%.

7. Which health insurance company has partnered with IDFC FIRST Bank to provide best-in-class health insurance solutions to the bank's customers _____ **Niva Bupa**.

Note:

- It is the first bancassurance partnership of NBHICL for FY 23.
 - Benefit: With this partnership, NBHIC can expand its reach through bank for their services, and address the healthcare related concerns of the bank's customers.
 - Previously, NBHIC was known as the Max Bupa Health Insurance Company Limited.
8. Which payment bank has conducted First Floating Financial Literacy Camp of India in Srinagar, J&K _____ **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)**.
- Note:**
- Aim: To promote Financial Literacy 'By the women, for the women'
 - It was launched with an initiative called 'Niveshak Didi'.
 - This concept is based on the ideology of women for women as rural area women feel more comfortable to share their queries with a female itself.
9. ADB has approved the funding of what amount to the farm efficiency initiative of Smartchem Technologies Limited (STL) _____ **USD 30 million**.
- Note:**
- The loan facility will be for a tenure of 5 years.
 - The ADB has also given approval for a technical assistance grant of USD 5,00,000 for building capacity for Soil Nutrition Management in India.
 - This loan would be the first agribusiness "Blue Loan" of ADB.
 - STL is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Deepak Fertilisers and Petrochemicals Corporation.
10. Which public lender has revised its credit growth outlook from 11-12% to 14-16% for the current financial year (FY23) _____ **State Bank of India (SBI)**.
- Note:**
- Reason: To driven by strong revival in capex cycle and corporates replacing overseas credit with rupee loans.
 - SBI has a pipeline of corporate loans worth ₹3.5 trillion under sanction.
 - The country's largest lender (SBI) is seeing demand from infrastructure, renewable power, oil and marketing companies, and services sectors.
11. Which bank has launched Shagun 366 (1 year, 1 day) fixed deposit scheme to offer the return of 7.80% p.a _____ **Unity Small Finance Bank Limited**.
- Note:**
- While, 8.30% p.a. return for senior citizens for a 366-day tenure.
 - This scheme is valid for deposits made before November 30, 2022.
 - In addition to this, the Unity Bank has also raised the interest rates on both callable (up to 7.75% interest) and non-callable bulk deposits (up to 7.85%).
12. Which international bank has approved a USD 350 million (about Rs 2,900 crore) loan to Maharashtra for better road connectivity _____ **Asian Development Bank (ADB)**.
- Note:**
- The Connecting Economic Clusters for Inclusive Growth will develop the road network in the Ahmednagar, Hingoli, Jalna, Kohalpur, Nagpur, Nanded, Nashik, Pune, Sangli and Satara districts.
 - It will build on the Maharashtra State Road Improvement Project approved by ADB in April 2020.

Obituaries

1. Jamshed J. Irani, who has been passed away, also known as _____ **Steel Man of India**.
- Note:**
- He was associated with Tata Steel for 43 years and retired from the board of Tata Steel in June 2011.
 - He served as the National President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 1992-93.
 - He was conferred the Padma Bhushan in 2007 for his contribution to the industry; and International Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering in 1996.
2. Elaben Bhatt, who has been passed away recently, was a founder of which association _____ **SEWA**.
- Note:**
- She was the Chairperson of Sabarmati Ashram and recently resigned as the Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi-founded Gujarat Vidhyapith.
 - In 2007, she joined the group of world leaders called the Elders (founded by Nelson Mandela) to promote human rights and peace across the world.
 - Awards: Padma Bhushan (1985), Ramon Magsaysay Award (1977)
3. Vijayakumar Menon, who has been passed away, was a _____ **Critic artist**.

Note:

- He has authored many books such as Adhunika Kaladarsanam; Ravivarma Padanam; Bharathiya Chitrakala-Irutham Noottandil; and Bharathiya Lavanya Darsanavum Kala Parasparyavum.
- He has translated many plays from foreign languages to Malayalam.
- He was awarded with Kerala Lalithakala Akademi Award for best book on art; Kerala Sahitya Akademi's endowment for Scholarly Literature; Kesari Puraskaram.

4. Shyam Saran Negi, who was passed away recently, he was a _____ **First voter of independent India.**

Note:

- He had cast his vote for the 34th time on November 2 for the Himachal assembly polls.
- He would be cremated with full honours at his village in Kalpa.
- In 1951, he was a member of the polling team and vividly remembers that he cast his first vote in Shonthong polling station.
- Negi was also made the brand ambassador by the Election Commission.

Important Days

1. President, Droupadi Murmu has inaugurated 7th edition of India's Water Week in Greater Noida on which date _____ **November 1, 2022.**

Note:

- 2022 theme: "Water Security for Sustainable Development and Equity"
- This event was organised by the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation till the 5th of November.
- Aim: To raise awareness, conserve and use water resources in an integrated manner.

2. The University Grants Commission has declared which date will observe as a 'Bharatiya Bhasha Divas' every year _____ **December 11.**

Note:

- Aim: To create language harmony and develop a conducive environment for learning Indian languages.
- The committee has selected December 11 as Bharatiya Bhasha Divas to mark the birth anniversary of poet Subramania Bharati, who was a pioneer of modern Tamil poetry.

3. Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) was observed Vigilance Awareness Week on _____ **31st October 2022 to 6th November, 2022.**

Note:

- Theme 2022: Corruption free India for a developed Nation
- During the Vigilance Awareness Week, public meetings held at district and block levels in order to raise public awareness against perils of corruption.
- CVC has the mandate under the CVC Act, 2003 to fight corruption and to ensure integrity in public administration.

New Appointments

1. The Board of Directors of Samsung Electronics have approved the appointment of whom as executive chairman of the company _____ **Jay Y Lee.**

Note:

- This appointment was recommended by Independent Director and Board Chairman, Han-Jo Kim.
- He takes over a position previously held by his father, Lee Kun-hee.
- Samsung Electronics is a South Korean multinational electronics corporation headquartered in Yeongtong-gu, Suwon, South Korea.

2. Who has assumed the additional charge of Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) _____ **Vetsa Rama Krishna Gupta.**

Note:

- He has replaced Arun Kumar Singh, who superannuated on 31st October 2022.
- Gupta has joined BPCL in August 1998 and has an experience across Finance functions (Commercial Finance, Corporate Accounts, Risk Management, Budgeting, Treasury operations, etc).

3. Who has been appointed as the CEO of Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) _____ **Vishal Kapoor.**

Note:

- He replaced Arun Kumar Mishra, who hold this position last year.

- He will take charge after completing his tenure as the joint secretary at the Ministry of Power.
 - As joint secretary, he led various government interventions, schemes, and reforms in the distribution sector.
4. The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) has appointed whom as President _____ **Subhrakant Panda**.

Note:

- He is also serving as the Managing Director of Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Ltd. (IMFA).
 - He will succeed Sanjiv Mehta (CEO & Managing Director, Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL)) as President at the 95th Annual General Meeting, scheduled to be held on December 16 and December 17, 2022.
5. Who has been appointed as an Independent Director and non-executive Chairman for Reliance Strategic Investment Limited (RSIL) for 5 years _____ **KV Kamath**.

Note:

- Currently, he is the Chairman of the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development.
 - He was retired from ICICI Bank as MD & CEO in 2009 and continued as chairman till 2015.
 - He was also appointed as the first president of BRICS Countries bank, NBD.
6. Who has been appointed as an Honorary Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AM) for his contribution to the Australia-India bilateral relationship _____ **KV Kamath**.

Note:

- He is a tireless promoter of Australia-India relations, challenging the nations' governments and people to realise the underlying potential of a stronger bilateral relationship.
7. Who has been elected as the new president of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) for two years _____ **Mohammad Tayyab Ikram (Macau)**.

Note:

- He is a CEO of Asian Hockey Federation (AHF).
 - He has succeeded Narinder Batra (India) as its full-time chief.
 - He has defeated Marc Coudron (Belgium) in the 48th FIH Congress.
 - Batra became the FIH president in 2016, resigned from the post in July.
8. Who has been appointed as the interim managing director of Zensar Technologies Ltd _____ **Anant Goenka**.

Note:

- He has been appointed for a term up to the next annual general meeting of the company or 31 July 2023 whichever is earlier subject to requisite approvals.
 - Reason: As the present CEO Ajay Bhutoria is undergoing treatment for an undisclosed health condition.
9. Who has been appointed as part-time Non Official Director and Non Executive Chairman of Canara Bank for three years _____ **Vijay Srirangam**.

Note:

- Other appointments as part-time Non Official Director and Non Executive Chairman:
 - PNB: K G Ananthkrishnan
 - Union Bank of India: Srinivasan Varadarajan
 - Punjab & Sind Bank: Charan Singh
10. Byju's has appointed which football player as the global brand ambassador of its social initiative, "Education For All" _____ **Lionel Messi**.

Note:

- Aim of this initiative: To make education equitable, accessible, and free for underserved kids in India
- Byju's has tied-up with Messi, ahead of the Fifa World Cup 2022 that will be held in Qatar.
- Messi also runs his own non-profit organization Leo Messi Foundation, that deals with issues such as healthcare, education and sports.

Important News - India

1. 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:

- Which initiative was launched by the Income Tax Department has launched on the occasion of National Unity Day, to increase greenery and create micro forests _____ **HARIT Aaykar**.
- HARIT refers to Hariyali Achievement Resolution by Income Tax.
- Under this initiative, the Department resolves to increase the green cover by planting trees and creating micro-forests in and around IT Department's buildings and other public areas.

2. How many newly constructed EWS flats was inaugurated by PM Modi at Kalkaji in Delhi under Phase I of 'In-Situ Slum Rehabilitation' Project _____ **3,024**.

Note:

- He has also handed over keys to eligible beneficiaries at Bhoomiheen Camp, Vigyan Bhawan.
- These flats have been constructed at a cost of about Rs 345 crore.

3. Which ministry has issued a notification to restrict the use of glyphosate as it is hazardous for humans and animals _____ **Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare**.

Note:

- Only authorised Pest Control Operators are allowed to use it.
- The notification was based on a 2019 report by the Government of Kerala on prohibiting the distribution, sale and use of glyphosate and its derivatives.

4. As per the report, by the India EXIM bank, India has emerged as a leading defence exporter of which country's maritime, aerospace and defence requirements with Mauritius, Mozambique and Seychelles _____ **Africa**.

Note:

- These countries has become the major buyers of Indian arms during 2017-2021.
- Report title: 'Reinvigorating India's Economic Engagements with Southern Africa'

5. President Murmu, has launched the Atal Setu viaduct that connects which two states on National Highway 10 _____ **WB and Sikkim**.

Note:

- President, Droupadi Murmu who is on her two day of Sikkim, will inaugurate and lay the foundation for various central and state government projects in the virtual mode from Gangtok.
- Two-lane Chisopani traffic tunnel, which include approach roads in East Sikkim
- Ganju Lama Girls Hostel, Ravangla in South Sikkim under Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram.

6. How many states/UTs have attained the Level -2 grading in 2020-21 that was released by the Ministry of Education in its Performance Grading Index (PGI) for States and UT for 2020-21 _____ **7**.

Note:

- Aim: To promote evidence-based policy-making and highlight course correction for quality education
- Total of seven States/UTs have attained Level -2 grading in 2020-21: Kerala, Punjab, Chandigarh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, and Andhra Pradesh
- Gujarat, Rajasthan, and Andhra Pradesh are the new entrants with the highest achieved level.

7. Which cluster in the Aizwal district of Mizoram has become the first cluster to be completed under the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM) _____ **Aibawk cluster**.

Note:

- SPMRM was launched by the Prime Minister in February 2016.
- Aim of scheme: To provide amenities to rural areas which are perceived to be urban and have the potential to stimulate local economic development.

8. UP government aims to make one of India's largest pilgrimage centres, Mathura-Vrindavan a "net zero carbon emission" tourist destination by which year _____ **2041**.

Note:

- This means that tourist vehicles will be banned from the entire Braj region, which includes famous pilgrim centres such as Vrindavan and Krishna Janmabhoomi.
- Instead, only electric vehicles used as public transport will be allowed into the area.

9. Which state government has launched the flagship scheme 'Ladli Laxmi 2.0' with an aim to encourage girls to pursue higher education and make them independent _____ **Madhya Pradesh**.

Note:

- They will also provide monetary benefits to eligible girl children to ensure quality education.
- The scheme had also ensure that the parents must not marry their girl child before the age of 18.

10. Which ministry has notified India Infrastructure Project Development Fund Scheme (IIPDF Scheme) for Financial Support for Project Development Expenses of PPP Projects _____ **Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs)**.

Note:

- Aim: To improve the quality and pace of infrastructure development in the country.
- Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) are being encouraged to bring private capital and efficiency in execution and operation of infrastructure projects
- Budgetary outlay: Rs. 100 Crore

11. Which state football association has tied up with Reliance Foundation to promote football at the grassroot level in the state _____ **Mizoram Football Foundation**.

Note:

- RFYC academy will provide training support to the young footballers.
- As a part of this partnership, Naupang (Children) League will be introduced in Mizoram.
- Aim of League: To develop local ecosystems and enable aspiring and talented footballers as young as 5-year-olds (both boys and girls).

12. Which aerospace company has signed an MoU with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) for collaborative research operations and services using unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) _____ **Garuda Aerospace**.

Note:

- The Department of Aerospace Engineering (DoAE) at IISc will provide support them for future operations.
- It will provide developments of digital input processing packaging tools, including yield estimation from a given image, diagnoses of crops, and mapping of fields.

13. As per the data, Vortexa (Energy Cargo Tracker), which country has surpassed Saudi Arabia and Iraq, to become the top oil supplier of India in October 2022 _____ **Russia**.

Note:

- Russia, which imported 0.2% of all oil by India in March 2022, has supplied 9,35,556 barrels per day of crude oil to India in October (highest ever).
- It now makes up for 22% of India's total crude imports, ahead of Iraq (20.5%) and Saudi Arabia (16%).
- In June 2022, Iraq was top oil supplier, while Russia was at second.

14. According to the vision document of EPFO, which UT has topped the chart in terms of EPFO coverage _____ **Delhi**.

Note:

- Maharashtra has topped the chart in terms of absolute number of working age population.
- Delhi has topped the chart with 61.5% and Goa with 51.4% of their working population.
- Haryana is place at the third with 35.3% of its working population under EPFO, followed by Karnataka (29.6%) and Uttarakhand (26.7%).
- The EPFO coverage is the lowest in Tripura, Assam, and Meghalaya.

15. Which city has become the second Indian city to issue a municipal bond with assistance from the US Treasury Department's Office of Technical Assistance _____ **Vadodara**.

Note:

- Aim: To provide funds for infrastructure projects in Vadodara.
- The officials from US Embassy and US Treasury joined counterparts from Ministry of Housing, city of Vadodara, and SEBI.
- Pune was the first city to issue municipal bond in 2017.
- The bond was oversubscribed by 10 times and was priced at a low yield of just 7.15%

16. Who will be the chief guest at the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention, organised in Indore, Madhya Pradesh from 8th -10th January 2022 _____ **Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali (President of Guyana)**.

Note:

- While, Australian MP, Zaneta Mascarenhas will be the guest of honour at the Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas, that will be held on 8th January 2022.
- Theme: Diaspora: Reliable Partners for India's Progress in Amrit Kaal.
- Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is celebrated once in every two years.

17. Agriculture Minister has launched a portal on National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) for the benefit of the farming community. Who is the agriculture minister _____ **Narendra Singh Tomar**.

Note:

- The NMNF portal (<http://naturalfarming.dac.gov.in>) is developed by the agriculture ministry.
- It was launched in the first steering committee meeting of the National Natural Farming Mission.
- The portal provides all the information about mission, implementation outline, implementation progress, farmer registration, etc.

18. The Ministry of Education has constituted a committee for strengthening the assessment and accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions, Who will be the head of this committee _____ **Dr. K. Radhakrishnan**.

Note:

- Aim: To prepare a road map for the National Accreditation Council envisioned in the National Education Policy, 2020.
- The committee will be headed by Dr. K. Radhakrishnan, who is a Chairperson of Board of Governors, IIT Kanpur, and Chairperson of Standing Committee of IIT Council.

19. The ministry of health and family welfare will constitute 7 members committee to prepare the national drugs database. Who will be the convener of the panel _____ **AK Pradhan**.

Note:

- Aim: To recommend and prepare a comprehensive database of drug formulations manufactured and marketed in the country.
- The committee will also provide detailed information on a drug, its dosage form, strength, and details of the manufacturer, marketer, or importer of the drug.

Important News – State

1. Who has inaugurated North India's first hyper-scale data centre Yotta Yotta D1 in Greater Noida _____ **CM, Yogi Adityanath (Uttar Pradesh)**.

Note:

- It was built at the cost of Rs 5,000 crore and spread over an area of 3,00,000 square feet.
- Hiranandani Group firm Yotta Infrastructure has also signed MoU with Uttar Pradesh to invest Rs 39,000 crore in over the next 5-7 years.

2. Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has partnered with the WhatsApp to launch _____ WhatsApp chatbot-based QR ticketing service _____ **Namma Metro**.

Note:

- The chatbot is integrated with Unified Payments Interface (UPI) powered payments on WhatsApp.
- It will allow 'Namma Metro' commuters to purchase tickets and recharge their travel pass right within WhatsApp.

3. Which tiger reserve of Uttar Pradesh has become the 53rd tiger reserve of India _____ **Ranipur**.

Note:

- The tiger reserve is spread across over 529.36 sq km, of which the core area is 230.32 sq km and buffer area is 299.05 sq km.
- It is also the fourth tiger reserve in UP.
- Other three tiger reserves of state: Dudhwa, Pilibhit and Amangarh.
- Amangarh is a buffer zone of the Jim Corbett National Park and is located in Uttar Pradesh's Bijnor.

4. Which state of India would get a fish museum, the first of its kind in the Northeast _____ **Arunachal Pradesh**.

Note:

- The museum would be a part of the Integrated Aqua Park (IAP), sanctioned by the Union Ministry of Fisheries.
- The existing Tarin Fish Farm, located at high-altitude Bulla village, would be upgraded as the IAP.

5. Which state has launched the Citizen Engagement and Communication Programme to create awareness about the correct information of schemes to avail benefits to citizen _____ **Meghalaya**.

Note:

- The govt has launched various welfare programmes and information should be spread for the larger benefit of the public.

6. The Greenfield airport at Hollongi, Itanagar has been renamed as _____ **Donyi Polo Airport**.

Note:

- This reflect the people's reverence of the Sun (Donyi) and the Moon (Polo), that symbolize the traditions and rich cultural heritage of the state.
- It is the third airport of state after Pasighat and Tezu airports.
- The airport was developed by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) at a cost of ₹646 crore.

7. Which state has launched the "CM dashboard" to access the real-time data of all departments and decisions taken on major schemes _____ **Haryana**.

Note:

- It will provide live monitoring of every department at the block, district and panchayat levels.
- This will enable tracking of methodology and analysis of reports, and also help the govt in comparing the old data with new data.

8. The first edition of the Tokhü Emong Bird Count (TEBC) was organised by which state from November 4 to 7, 2022 _____ **Nagaland**.

Note:

- Aim: To spread awareness about Nagaland's bird diversity.
- This event was organised in collaboration with the Wokha Forest Division and the Divisional Management Unit, Nagaland Forest Management Project (NFMP), Wokha, and Bird Count India.

- It was held during the Tokhü Emong post-harvest festival of the Lotha Nagas

Important News – World

1. Which country has the world's longest passenger train _____ **Switzerland**.

Note:

- The train has 100 coaches, measures 1910 metres and consists of 4,550 seats.
- The train was seen passing through the mountainous landscape in the Swiss Alps.

2. The 41st edition of the Sharjah International Book Fair (SIBF), that organised from November 2 to 13 at the Expo Centre Sharjah, was inaugurated by _____ **Dr Sultan bin Mohammed Al Qasimi (Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Sharjah)**.

Note:

- Sheikh Sultan bin Ahmed bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Deputy Ruler of Sharjah, was also present at the inauguration of the event, which is organized by the Sharjah Book Authority, under the theme 'Spread the Word.'

3. Which African country has assumed the rotating monthly Presidency of the United Nations Security Council _____ **Ghana**.

Note:

- During the month of November 2022, Ghana shall preside over the meetings of the Council (adoptions, debates and consultations) and, under its authority, shall represent the Security Council in its capacity as an organ of the United Nations.

4. According to which report, published by WTW, on average women are expected to reach retirement with just 74% of the wealth that are accumulated by men _____ **2022 Global Gender Wealth Equity**.

Note:

- Asia Pacific has one of the lower global wealth gaps on average for gender wealth equity.
- The gender wealth gap is the largest in India at 64%.
- Only 3% of women in the workforce occupying senior positions.

5. Ministry of Tourism has participated in World Travel Market (WTM) 2022 that is being organised in which country from 7-9 November 2022 _____ **London, UK**.

Note:

- Theme 2022: The Future of Travel Starts Now
- With this participation, India can showcase the diverse tourism products and services including Medical Value travel, luxury trains and the gamut of tourism products to the international business community.
- The Indian delegation is being led by Arvind Singh (secretary, tourism ministry).

6. According to recent data (2022), published by US News and World Report, India has bagged what position in the overall Best Countries ranking _____ **31st**.

Note:

- In the overall Best Countries ranking, Switzerland has topped the chart, followed by Germany, Canada, US and Sweden.
- India has been ranked as the nation with the cheapest manufacturing cost ahead of China and Vietnam.
- India is also featured at the 37th spot in the 'Open for Business' category.

Honor & Awards

1. Name the Malayalam literary, who has been selected for the Kerala government for its first 'Kerala Jyothi' award _____ **M T Vasudevan Nair**.

Note:

- It was instituted by the Kerala govt on the lines of the Padma awards.
- Aim: To honour individuals who have made priceless contributions to the society.
- Kerala Prabha: Omcheri N N Pillai and T Madhava Menon
- Kerala Sree: Sathyabhama Das Biju, Gopinath Muthukad, Kanayi Kunhiraman, Kochouseph Chittilappilly, M P Parameswaran and Vijayalakshmi.

2. The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has conferred the 'Union Home Minister's Special Operation Medal 2022' to how many officers for four special operations _____ **63**.

Note:

- The special operations was conducted by the security and police forces.

- 63 officers from Punjab (16), Telangana Police (13), Delhi (19), Jammu and Kashmir (4) and Maharashtra (11) have been named for this award.
3. Who has been selected for 2022 Ezhuthachan Puraskaram _____ **A Sethumadhavan**.
- Note:**
- Reason: For his valuable contribution to Malayalam language and literature.
 - He has also served as the chairman of South Indian Bank, director of State Bank of Travancore and chairman of National Book Trust.
 - Ezhuthachan Puraskaram is the highest literary award of Kerala government.
4. Which steel company has received India's first ResponsibleSteel certification for three facilities in its Jamshedpur steel plant _____ **Tata Steel**.
- Note:**
- Three production facilities: Steel Works, Tubes Division and Cold Rolling Mill (Bara)
 - ResponsibleSteel is the first global multi-stakeholder standard and certification initiative of steel industry.
 - Aim: To address challenges including climate change, diversity, human rights and more.

Sports News

1. Which country has conferred the prestigious 'Friends of Liberation War' honour on former US Senator Edward M Kennedy posthumously _____ **Bangladesh**.
- Note:**
- Reason: For his contribution to the liberation of Bangladesh.
 - The honour was handed over to his son Edward M Ted Kennedy Junior.
2. Which Indian batter has become the world's number one batter in T20 Internationals and also become the second Indian player to hold the top T20I batter ranking _____ **Suryakumar Yadav**.
- Note:**
- He has overtaken Pakistan opener, Mohammad Rizwan.
 - In T20I, he has scored one century and 11 fifties from 37 appearances for India.
 - Devon Conway (NZ) has ranked third with 792 points.
3. Which Carnatic vocalist was honoured with the French government's highest honour- Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des award _____ **Aruna Sairam**.
- Note:**
- She was selected for her singing prowess and her contribution towards development of the Indo-France relationship.
 - She has started her classical training under her mother, Rajalakshmi Sethuraman.
 - She is a disciple of legendary vocalist, Sangita Kalanidhi T. Brinda
4. Which state road transport corporation was won the national 'Commentation Award in Urban Transport' in the category of 'City with the best Public Transport System' _____ **Kerala**.
- Note:**
- The 'Grama Vandi' was launched by the KSRTC in association with local self-government institutions, has also won Award of Excellence in Urban Transport.
5. Name the Indian batsman, who becomes the first Indian and second player to score 1,000 T20 International runs in a calendar year _____ **Suryakumar Yadav**.
- Note:**
- He has accomplished this feat in final Super 12 stage match against Zimbabwe at Melbourne.
 - Mohammad Rizwan, who scored the 1326 runs in 2021, was the first player to achieve the feat.

Books and Authors

1. Who is an author of book "De la Nucléarisation de l'Asie"(Nuclearization of Asia) _____ **Rene Naba (French)**.
- Note:**
- The book is bilingual book, and will be available in both French and English.
 - The book discusses the nuclear emergency and threat posed by the nexus of Pakistan and China.
 - The book was published by Golias.

Science sand Defence

1. Which country has successfully launched a second lab module, Mengtian, by using a Long March-5B Y4 rocket _____ **China**.

Note:

- It was launched from the Wenchang Spacecraft Launch Site on the coast of the southern island province of Hainan.
- Scientific equipment will be used for studying microgravity and carrying out experiments in fluid physics, materials science, combustion science, and fundamental physics

2. Royal Australian Navy has sent ships HMAS Adelaide and Anzac for Exercise 'Indo-Pacific Endeavour', that was conducted by Indian Navy at which location _____ **Visakhapatnam**.

Note:

- Meanwhile, the Indian Navy hold the Commanders Conference in New Delhi which was addressed by Rajnath Singh.
- IPE 2022 will see engagements with the Maldives, Timor-Leste, Vietnam, the Philippines, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Laos, Cambodia, India, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei and Indonesia

3. Which organisation has conducted a successful maiden flight-test of Phase-II Ballistic Missile Defence interceptor AD-1 missile from APJ Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha _____ **DRDO**.

Note:

- This flight-test was carried out with the participation of all BMD weapon system elements.
- AD-1 is a long-range interceptor missile.
- It is designed for both low exo-atmospheric and endo-atmospheric interception of long-range ballistic missiles as well as aircraft.

4. The process for registration of Indian army improved new design and camouflage pattern uniform was completed by which city's Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trademark _____ **Kolkata**.

Note:

- The Ministry of Defence has announced that the Indian Army has registered 'Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)' of the new design and camouflage pattern uniform.
- With the IPR, the rights of design and camouflage pattern rests solely with the Indian Army.
- Unauthorized manufacturer will be liable to face legal repercussions.

5. Which has approved project sanction orders of five Make II projects to provide an impetus to India's vision for self-reliance _____ **Indian Army**.

Note:

- Projects: High-Frequency Man Packed Software Designed Radio, Drone Kill System, Infantry Training Weapon Simulator, 155mm Terminally Guided Munitions and Medium Range Precision Kill System
- These are industry-funded projects, that involves design, development and innovative solutions by Indian vendors for development of prototypes.

6. Which edition of the annual Joint Military Training (JMT) between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) will be held at Air Force Station, Kalaikunda, West Bengal _____ **11th**.

Note:

- The six weeks long military training will be conducted from 09 to 18 November 2022.
- The RSAF will participate the JMT-2022 with F-16 aircraft.
- While, the Indian Air Force would showcase Su-30 MKI, Jaguar, MiG-29 and LCA Tejas aircraft.

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