

Weekly One-liners

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Dear readers,

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

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. According to published quarterly numbers of public sector banks (PSBs), which bank has emerged as the top performer among public sector lenders in terms of loan growth in percentage terms during the second quarter of 2022-23 _____ **Bank of Maharashtra (BoM)**.

Note:

- BoM has recorded a 28.62% increase in gross advances at Rs 1,48,216 crore at the end of September 2022.
- It was followed by Union Bank of India, State Bank of India.

2. The RBI has given its approval for opening of how many Vostro accounts of Russians banks with banks in India _____ **Nine**.

Note:

- Aim: To allow bilateral trade to take place in rupee
- Three accounts have already been opened—Gazprom Bank with UCO Bank and VTB and Sber Bank with their own branch offices in India.
- The remaining six are likely to be opened by Indusind bank.
- The RBI has allowed the special Vostro accounts to invest the surplus balance in Indian government securities

3. Which Indian public sector bank has signed a 150 million euro (Rs 1,240 crore) loan agreement with the German development bank KfW for funding solar projects _____ **SBI**.

Note:

- This loan will facilitate new and upcoming capacities in the solar sector and further contribute to the goals announced during the COP26.
- India and Germany had signed an MoU in 2015 to foster solar energy through technical as well as financial cooperation.
- This is the second loan from KfW to SBI as part of the solar partnership with India

4. The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) has signed an MoU with which regulatory body for collaboration in the field of regulation and supervision of regulated entities _____ **RBI**.

Note:

- Aim: To strengthen the safety, stability and soundness of respective financial ecosystems.
- It also aims to ensure the conducive environments for optimal business development and economic growth.
- IFSCA is responsible for development and regulation of financial products, services and institutions

5. Which small finance bank was honoured with the 'Best in Class' rating for ESG practices from CareEdge Ratings _____ **ESAF Small Finance Bank**.

Note:

- ESG practices refers to Environment, Social, and Governance.
- With this recognition, it has become an entity with global ESG standards.
- ESAF is also the first Indian member bank of the Global Alliance on Banking on Values (GAVB).

6. Which life Insurance company has launched Smart Wealth Advantage Guarantee Plan, a non-linked, non-participating individual life insurance savings plan _____ **Max Life Insurance**.

Note:

- It offers guaranteed returns, life insurance cover and financial protection all combined in one product
- One can choose premium payment term, deferment period and income duration.
- Income returns up to 30-40 years with lump sum at maturity.
- Inbuilt 'Additional Accidental Death Benefit' - amount equal to 50% of sum assured

7. Which insurance platform has teamed with Life Insurance Corp of India to provide the latter's products on its platform _____ **InsuranceDekho**.

Note:

- This partnership will help to provide insurance policies and establish 100% penetration in the remotest towns of the country.
- Currently, InsuranceDekho has more than 330 products from 45 insurers on its platform.
- LIC (India's largest life insurer) has been looking to enhance and diversify its distribution mix through partnerships and tie-ups.

8. Which regulatory body has introduced a new option for appointment and removal of independent directors from the boards of companies _____ **SEBI**.

Note:

- Two parameters: (1) threshold for ordinary resolution, (2) threshold for majority of minority shareholders.
- Currently, a special resolution to be passed, in which 75% of 'yes' votes are needed from a company's board.
- Under the alternate mechanism, if the special resolution does not get the requisite majority, then two other thresholds would be tested.

9. The Government of India has raised the maximum tenure of CEO and MD of public sector banks from 5 years to _____ **10 years**.

Note:

- Aim: This move will help the government to retain the best talent in the banking sector.
- This is also applicable for whole-time directors of all Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs).
- The amendment would be called Nationalised Banks (Management and Miscellaneous Provisions) Amendment Scheme, 2022.

10. Which organisation has tied up with Union Bank of India (UBI) to help MSME (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) sector switch to solar solutions _____ **Tata Power Solar Systems Limited**.

Note:

- TPSSL is a wholly owned subsidiary of Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited (TPREL).
- Objective: To improve access to green energy and save on the cost of electricity, thus making MSMEs more profitable.
- The association will be implemented under UBI's solar scheme called 'Union Solar'.

Obituaries

1. Veteran actor Ghattamnaneni Siva Rama Krishna Murthy, known as Krishna has passed away, was belongs to which regional cinema _____ **Telugu**.

Note:

- He was the father of Telugu superstar Mahesh Babu.
- He was active in the Telugu film industry for over six decades and has worked in over 350 films.

2. Actor Kevin Conroy, who has passed away, has given his voice to which animated character of Warner Bros' TV show _____ **Batman**.

Note:

- The acclaimed animated series, which launched in 1992 and continued until 1996, is where Conroy first voiced Batman.
- He also appeared in several DC Universe Animated Original Movies, including Batman: Gotham Knight (2008), Superman/Batman: Public Enemies (2009), and Justice League vs. the Fatal Five (2019).

3. Daljeet Kaur, who has passed away was a famous _____ **Actor**.

Note:

- She was well-known for her lead roles in several superhit Punjabi movies, has been passed away at 69 due to brain tumour.
- She started her career in movies with 'Daaz' in 1976.
- She has starred in several hit movies, including 'Putt Jattan De' (1983), 'Mamla Garbar Hai' (1983), 'Ki Banu Duniya Da' (1986), 'Patola' (1988) and 'Saida Jogan' (1979).

4. Abasar Beuria, who has passed away, was an _____ **Indian ambassador**.

Note:

- He started his career as a lecturer and then as a bank officer before joining IFS.
- He served as the chairman of the Institute of Odia Studies & Research (IOSR).

5. Tabassum Govil, who was popularly known as Baby Tabassum, has passed away, was an _____ **Actress**.

Note:

- She started her career as a child artist in 1947 with Nargis.

- The actress later starred in films like Jogan, Deedar, Bahar, Bari Behen and more.
- Her last movie was Swarg, which released in 1990.
- She was best known for hosting Phool Khile Hain Gulshan Gulshan - India's first talk show.

Important Days

1. Janjatiya Gaurav Divas is observed on which date across the nation, to commemorate the contributions of tribal communities in the nation's history and culture _____ **15th November**.

Note:

- On this day, President Droupadi Murmu has paid tributes to Bhagwan Birsa Munda at Ulihatu village in Jharkhand.
- Birsa Munda was born on 15th November 1875 in a Munda tribe.

2. India has recognized National Epilepsy Day on which date annually to raise awareness about Epilepsy _____ **17th November**.

Note:

- According to the Epilepsy Foundation, 2022 theme is "There is no NEAM without ME".
- November is observed as the Epilepsy Awareness Month to educate and aware people about the signs, symptoms and impact of this disease.
- Epilepsy: A disease that affects the central nervous system of the brain.
- International Epilepsy Day: Second Monday of February

3. National Newborn Week is celebrated every year in which week to reinforce the importance of neonatal health as a priority area of the health sector _____ **15 to 21 November**.

Note:

- Main causes of newborn death: Prematurity; Complications during birth; Severe infections; Causes of newborn deaths in India
- This day is observed by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- The India Newborn Action Plan (INAP) was launched in 2014, in response to global Every Newborn Action Plan (of WHO).

4. World Antimicrobial Awareness Week is observed every year in which week _____ **November 18 to 24**.

Note:

- Aim: To spread awareness about antibiotic or antimicrobial resistance.
- Theme 2022: Preventing Antimicrobial Resistance Together
- According to WHO, Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) occurs when bacteria, viruses, fungi and parasites change over time and no longer respond to medicines.
- This day was first observed in 2015.

5. The United Nations has observed World Toilet Day on which date annually with an aim to raise public awareness of broader sanitation systems such as wastewater treatment, and hand washing _____ **November 19**.

Note:

- World Toilet Day 2022 Theme: Making the Invisible Visible
- This day was established in 2001 by Singaporean philanthropist Jack Sim (Founder of the World Toilet Organization).

6. World Children's Day is celebrated on which date annually to promote international togetherness and awareness among children as well as to improve their welfare _____ **November 20**.

Note:

- This day marks the anniversary of the UN General Assembly adopted a Declaration and Convention on children's rights.
- Theme 2022: Inclusion, For Every Child
- This day was first celebrated as Universal Children's Day, in 1954.

7. National Naturopathy Day is observed in India every year on which date to promote positive mental and physical health through drug-free therapy _____ **18th November**.

Note:

- National Naturopathy Day was established on November 18th 2018 by the Ministry of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy), Government of India.
- The Theme for this year's event is "Naturopathy: an Integrative medicine".

New Appointments

1. Who has been appointed the Chief Executive Officer of Prasar Bharati for five years _____ **Gaurav Dwivedi**.
Note:
 - Presently, he is posted as Principal Secretary, Commercial Tax, in the Chhattisgarh government.
 - Prior to this, he was also served as the CEO of MyGovIndia, which was launched by PM Narendra Modi in 2014.
2. The government of India has appointed whom as a full time member of NITI Aayog with immediate effect _____ **Dr Arvind Virmani**.
Note:
 - He was Chief Economic Advisor in the Finance Ministry from 2007-09.
 - He had also worked as the Executive Director at IMF till 2012.
 - He served as a member of the Technical Advisory Committee of RBI on monetary policy from 2013 to 2016.
3. Who has been nominated by the government as a Director of the central board of RBI, with effect from November 15, 2022, until further orders _____ **Vivek Joshi**.
Note:
 - He is the secretary of the Department of Financial Services.
 - He has also served as joint secretary with the Department of Expenditure from 2014 to 2017, where he was responsible for formulation of public procurement policies for the Centre and appraisal of publicly funded projects and schemes.
4. Which Indian player has become the first Indian to be elected in the Athletes' Commission of the International Table Tennis Federation _____ **Achanta Sharath Kamal**.
Note:
 - He will serve in the Commission from 2022 to 2026.
 - Elected Athletes: Elizabeta Samara, Achanta Sharath Kamal, Daniely Rios, Omar Assar, Melissa Tapper, Stefan Fegerl, Jon Persson, and Liu Shiwen
 - Elected Para-Athletes: Ingela Lundback and Kelly van Zon
5. Meta has appointed whom as the Vice President and Head of Meta India _____ **Sandhya Devanathan**.
Note:
 - She will take charge on January 1, 2023 and will report to Dan Neary (Vice President, Meta APAC).
 - She joined Meta in 2016 and build out the Singapore and Vietnam businesses and teams as well as Meta's e-commerce initiatives in Southeast Asia.
 - Presently, she is working as Vice President - Asia-Pacific, Gaming at Meta.
6. Who has been appointed as the Governor of West Bengal _____ **C V Ananda Bose**.
Note:
 - He is a 1977 batch (retired) Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of Kerala cadre.
 - He has replaced Manipur Governor, La Ganesan, who had taken the additional charge of West Bengal since after the incumbent Jagdeep Dhankhar was nominated as the vice president candidate.
7. Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority (PFRDA) has appointed whom as the chairman of the National Pension System Trust (NPS Trust) with effect from November 12, 2022 _____ **Suraj Bhan**.
Note:
 - He has been a Trustee on the Board of NPS Trust since 2018.
 - He joined the Indian Economic Service in 1983 and retired as Director General of Labour Bureau, Chandigarh, in January 2018.
8. Who has been appointed as the new Election Commissioner of India with effect from the date he assumes the office _____ **Arun Goel**.
Note:
 - Election Commission of India (ECI) is a constitutional body to conduct and regulate elections in the country.
 - It consists of a chief election commissioner (CEC) and two election commissioners (usually retired IAS or IRS officers)

Important News – India

1. Which international airport has received the Aerodrome licence from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) _____ **Jaipur International Airport Limited**.
Note:
 - Earlier, the Airport Authority of India (AAI) was the licence holder.
 - Now the private player, which is operating the Jaipur airport since October 2021, has become the new licence holder.

- The licence is given to an airport operator for ensuring complete management of the airport in accordance with the concession agreement.
2. The Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA), and which international bank are jointly organising “Cities Creditworthiness Academy” workshop _____ **World Bank Group**.

Note:

- Aim: To create an enabling ecosystem for financing future cities of India
 - Theme: Vision of Future Cities and Role of Municipal Financing
 - The workshop was inaugurated by Ajay Seth (Secretary, DEA, MoF); Manoj Joshi (Secretary, MoHUA) and Country Director, World Bank (WB), India.
3. Which country has become the second largest producer of steel at global scale _____ **India**.

Note:

- The per capita steel consumption grew from 57.8 kilogram to 78 kilogram, with a registered growth of 50% in the last 8 years.
 - In case of installed capacity of steel, the country has moved from 100 million tonnes a year to almost 150 million tonnes.
 - China is the biggest steel producing country, which accounted for 57% of world steel production
4. Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has inaugurated Donyi Polo Airport, which is located in which state _____ **Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh**.

Note:

- He has also dedicated 600 MW Kameng Hydro Power Station to the nation.
 - Donyi Polo Airport will be the fourth operational airport for Arunachal Pradesh, taking total airport count in the North-East region to 16.
 - Airport name reflects the traditions and rich cultural heritage of Arunachal Pradesh and its age-old indigenous reverence for the Sun (Donyi) and the Moon (Polo).
5. Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has inaugurated month-long ‘Kashi Tamil Sangamam’ being organized in which state _____ **Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh**.

Note:

- Objective: to celebrate, reaffirm and rediscover the age-old links between Tamil Nadu and Kashi.
 - It will bring together academic exchanges, seminars, discussions, etc. between experts and scholars
 - During the event, PM has also released a book ‘Tirukkural’ along with its translation into 13 languages.
6. What is the rank of India in the Network Readiness Index 2022 (NRI 2022) report _____ **61st**.

Note:

- NRI 2022 Report maps the network-based readiness landscape of 131 economies based on their performances in 4 pillars: Technology, People, Governance, and Impact covering a total of 58 variables.
 - The report is prepared by Portulans Institute.
 - Top performers: United States, followed by Singapore and Sweden.
7. Which tiger reserve has launched ‘jumbo trails’, with the aim to educate visitors to the tiger reserve about elephants, the flora, and fauna of ATR and the aboriginal tribes _____ **Anamalai Tiger Reserve (ATR)**.

Note:

- The tourists will be taken from Sethumadai to Kozhikamuthi elephant camp
 - The programme is organised by the Advanced Wildlife Management Training Centre (Attakatti) and implemented by Keelponnachi Eco Development Committee
 - The income from the initiative will be used to help tribal people
8. A training module for Child Welfare Committees (CWC) has been launched by which state run organisation _____ **National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)**.

Note:

- Aim: To enhance knowledge and skills improvement of its members to deliver effective and timely service for protection and rehabilitation of children.
 - The module is a 15-day programme for training CWCs.
 - NCPCR has also launched the ‘GHAR –GO Home and Re-Unite’ portal for Restoration and Repatriation of Child.
9. With which country India has agreed to enhance partnership in areas such as digital partnership in Future ICT, Future Mobile Technologies and digital education _____ **Finland**.

Note:

- Both countries also emphasised on having institutionalised joint working groups on areas of mutual interest.
- The decision was taken during a meeting between Finland’s Minister of Education and Culture, Petri Honkonen and Minister of Science and Technology, Jitendra Singh in New Delhi.

10. Museum Kolding has signed an MoU with the National Museum in New Delhi, to open the joint exhibition “Silver treasures from Denmark and India” at the beginning of March 2023. Museum Kolding belongs to which country _____ **Denmark**.

Note:

- The exhibition will showcase the finest of the silver collection from the Museum Kolding and the National Museum in New Delhi in March 2023.
- The collaboration is under the agreed cultural exchange program between both countries for the years 2022 to 2026.

11. Along with India, which country has jointly hosted the LeadIT Summit 2022, on the sidelines of COP27 at Sharm El Sheikh in Egypt _____ **Sweden**.

Note:

- The LeadIT (Leadership for Industry Transition) initiative focuses on low carbon transition of the hard to abate industrial sector.
- The summit was attended by Bhupender Yadav (Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change).
- The current phase of LeadIT will conclude in 2023 and the next year is the time to reflect on the performance and achievements so far

12. The first virtual Global Skill Summit was co-chaired by Dharmendra Pradhan (Education Minister) and which minister _____ **Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry**.

Note:

- The summit was jointly organised by Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI), Ministry of Education (MoE) and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE).
- Aim: To facilitate overseas mobility of the skilled workforce.

13. Secretary Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals has inaugurated 4th Indian Chemicals Council (ICC) Sustainability Conclave in New Delhi. Who is he _____ **Arun Baroka**.

Note:

- Theme: Boardrooms to Community-ESG, Carbon Neutrality, Operational Safety, Greener Solutions
- Aim: Promote sustainability in the management of the entire life cycle of chemicals.
- It was jointly organized by UNEP, International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA) in cooperation with MoC&F and MoEF&CC.

14. Which country has invited CEC India, Rajiv Kumar as International Observer for the forthcoming elections to House of Representatives and Provincial Assembly _____ **Nepal**.

Note:

- Elections is scheduled in Nepal on 20th November, 2022.
- It was held for the Federal and Provincial elections to elect 275 members of the Federal Parliament and 550 seats of the seven Provincial Assemblies. C,

15. Which country has assumed the Chair of the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI) from France on 21st November 2022 _____ **India**.

Note:

- Rajeev Chandrasekhar (Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology) has represented the country at the GPAI meeting in Tokyo for the symbolic takeover from France.
- GPAI is an international initiative to support responsible and human-centric development and the use of AI.
- India joined the GPAI in 2020 as a founding member.

16. Which group of nation has launched a plan named 'Global Shield' at the 27th UN Climate Change Conference on November 14, 2022 _____ **G7 nations**.

Note:

- It is a climate fund, and provide funds to disaster-hit countries.
- It is backed by 170 million euros in funding from Germany and 40 million euros from other donors including Denmark and Ireland.
- It is coordinated by Germany and the V20 group.
- The V20 refers to the Vulnerable Twenty Group of Ministers of the Climate Vulnerable Forum.

Important News – State

1. Which state government has launched Mission Basundhara 2.0 with an aim to provide land rights to only natives _____ **Assam**.

Note:

- It is only for the indigenous people with mandatory three generation clear residency.
 - Govt. will verify the residency claims if gov.t have doubts.
 - The doubtful claims will be reviewed later.
 - The first phase of Mission Basundhara was launched last year.
 - During the event, the Assam CM, Hemant Biswa has also launched e-stamping facilities in the State.
2. Which drone delivery startup has organised the world's first vaccine delivery for Animal Husbandry in Arunachal Pradesh, India _____ **TechEagle**.

Note:

- This service was carried out by TechEagle in collaboration with the Animal Husbandry department and EY.
 - Aim: To robust Healthcare ecosystem of the animals
 - The flight took off from Roing to Paglam, which covered aerial distance of 29 km (road distance:120 km) in 20 minutes.
 - It has used its hybrid drone Vertiplane X3 for the maiden flight.
3. Which state Forest Department has introduced, first of its kind initiative in India, an elephant death audit framework _____ **Tamil Nadu**.

Note:

- Reason: Detailed and transparent process for recording and monitoring elephant deaths.
 - The document also help to study the conditions of avoidable and unnatural deaths, while preparing developing preventative strategies.
 - It also specifies a methodical standard process for carrying out an autopsy to ascertain the causes of an elephant's demise.
4. Which state government has launched a new portal, 'Amar Sarkar' with an aim to provide bridge between the people and the government _____ **Tripura**.

Note:

- The portal will help people to register their problems and complaints through village committee officials.
 - A total of 78 departments, including the panchayat department, has been included in the webportal.
 - Earlier, the state government had launched the 'Har Ghar Sushasan' initiative
5. Which edition of IFFI (International Film Festival of India) is all set to open to a colorful opening ceremony at Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium, Taleigão in Goa _____ **53rd**.

Note:

- It will showcase 280 films from 79 countries.
 - The festival will open with Austrian film, Alma and Oskar, directed by Dieter Berner.
 - It will have 25 feature films and 19 non-feature films from India with special section for Asha Parekh.
6. Which state govt has introduced an award scheme to promote good governance and reward innovative human resources _____ **Haryana**.

Note:

- Those officials who have done innovative work in economic, infrastructure and social sector or state flagship programmes can apply for awards under the Haryana Good Governance Award Scheme, 2022 (Haryana Sushasan Puraskaar Yojana, 2022).
 - State level: ₹ 51,000, ₹ 31,000 (2nd) and ₹ 21,000 (3rd).
 - District level: ₹ 31,000, ₹ 21,000, ₹ 11,000
7. Which state government has announced "Mukhyamantri Siksha Purashkar Yojna", an award and scholarship programme _____ **Odisha**.

Note:

- Aim: To encourage healthy competition between different state schools and to recognise excellence in education.
- The award will be given to 50,000 (students), 1,500 (Principals, school management committees, alumni, Gram Panchayats and district administrations).
- This programme will cost Rs 100 crore per year.

Important News - World

1. According to the 'World Population Prospects 2022' report, which was released on World Population Day (11 July), the global population has reached the mark of eight billion on which date _____ **15th November 2022**.

Note:

- It was also projected that India will surpass China as the world's most populous country in 2023.

- The latest projections by UN has also suggested that the global population could grow to around 8.5 billion in 2030 and 9.7 billion in 2050.
2. Which country department of Transportation has fined Air India \$1.4 million (around Rs 11.3 crore) for delaying refunds worth \$121.5 million (around Rs 985 crore) to passengers whose flights were cancelled during the Covid-19 pandemic _____ **The US.**

Note:

- Air India is among the six airlines that were probed by the US government.
 - Totally, over \$600 million in refunds were paid and \$7.25 million penalties imposed against six airlines for “extreme delays in providing refunds”.
3. Which country has received an in-principal approval from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) as the 11th member of the group _____ **East Timor.**

Note:

- The Timor Leste will also be granted observer status at high-level ASEAN meetings.
 - The country would be the first new member of the regional grouping, since Cambodia was admitted in 1999.
 - ASEAN was founded on August 8, 1967 in Bangkok Thailand.
 - Members: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam
4. What is the rank of India, as per the Climate Change Performance Index 2023 (CCPI) _____ **Eighth.**

Note:

- The Climate Protection Performance is assessed in four categories: Greenhouse Gas emissions, Renewable Energy, Energy use, and Climate Policy.
- In Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Energy Use category, India has been rated high, while in Climate Policy and Renewable Energy, nation rated medium.
- The report placed Denmark in fourth place, followed by Sweden and Chile.

Honor & Awards

1. Who will be conferred the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award 2022 at the 53rd edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) at Goa _____ **Carlos Saura.**

Note:

- This announcement was made by L Murugan (MoS, Information and Broadcasting).
 - Carlos was honoured with the Golden Bear for Best Director at Berlin International Film Festival for Deprisa Deprisa in 1981.
 - Spotlight country: France; Opening Film: Alma and Oskar; Closing film: Perfect Number
2. Who has been selected for 2022 Major Dhyana Chand Khel Ratna Award and will be awarded on 30th November by President of India _____ **Sharath Kamal Achanta.**

Note:

- Arjuna Awards: This year 25 sportspersons have been selected for this award.
 - Five coaches have been chosen for Dronacharya Award in the regular category and three coaches in lifetime category.
 - Dhyana Chand Award for Lifetime Achievement: Ashwini Akkunji C, Dharamvir Singh, B.C Suresh and Nir Bahadur Gurung.
3. The Infosys Science Foundation (ISF) has conferred the Infosys Prize 2022 in how many categories _____ **Six.**

Note:

- The award conferred for their contributions to science and research impacting India.
 - Engineering & CS: Suman Chakraborty
 - Humanities: Sudhir Krishnaswamy
 - Life Sciences: Vidita Vaidya
 - Mathematical Sciences: Mahesh Kakde
 - Physical Sciences: Nissim Kanekar
 - Social Sciences: Rohini Pande
4. Who was conferred with the prestigious Deming award for outstanding contribution in dissemination and promotion (overseas) of total quality management (TQM) _____ **Rane Group chairman, L. Ganesh.**

Note:

- He is the third Indian and fifth globally to be bestowed with this prestigious award.

- This award was established in 1951, to pay tribute to W. Edwards Deming, who made a significant contribution to the spread of statistical quality control in Japan, following World War II.
5. Emmanuel Lenain (Ambassador of France to India) has conferred the Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur (Knight of the Legion of Honour) to President of FICCI. Who is he _____ **Sumeet Anand**.
- Note:**
- Reason: For contributions in the fields of business and industry, and promoting Indo-French education ties.
 - Sumeet Anand is a founder of IndSight Growth Partners, and President of the Indo-French Chamber of Commerce & Industry.
6. Minister of State for Education has conferred National Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar 2021-22 in Akashwani Bhawan, Delhi. Who is Minister of State for Education _____ **Subhash Sarkar**.
- Note:**
- The award has been conferred on 39 schools, including 5 in the national category and 34 in the overall category.
 - Rs 60,000 were given to the national category winners and 20,000 rupees were given to the other category.
7. Who has received the prestigious 'Sumitra Charat Ram Award' on 17th November, 2022, organised at Kamani Auditorium by Shriram Bharatiya Kala Kendra (SBKK) _____ **Kathak exponent, Uma Sharma**.
- Note:**
- Reason: For her contribution in the field of Indian classical music and dance.
 - The award was presented by former governor of J&K, Karan Singh and Sarod player, Ustad Amjad Ali Khan.
 - She was also honoured with the Padma Shri (1973) and Padma Bhushan (2001).
 - This award was instituted in 2010.
8. Which organisation QC Team from Unchahar ABHYUDAYA has won the "GOLD" award in the 47th International Convention on Quality Control Circle (ICQCC-2022) _____ **NTPC**.
- Note:**
- The convention was held from 15th-18th November in Jakarta, Indonesia.
 - The theme for ICQCC-2022 was "Built Back Better through Quality Efforts".
 - NTPC QC Team presented on "Frequent Choking of Collecting tanks of AHP-IV".
9. Which country was conferred the Excellence in Leadership in Family Planning (EXCELL) Awards-2022 at the International Conference on Family Planning held in Pattaya, Thailand _____ **India**.
- Note:**
- Reason: For ensuring access to quality family planning choices based on right information & reliable services
 - As per the NFHS-5 data, the overall Contraceptive Prevalence Rate has increased substantially from 54% to 67%
 - Mission Parivar Vikas: To reduce the unmet needs in family planning
10. The book titled "The Paradise of Food" has been awarded the JCB Prize for Literature 2022, is authored by _____ **Khalid Jawed**.
- Note:**
- It was translated into English from Urdu by Baran Farooqi and published by Juggernaut.
 - The literary work is the fourth translation and the first Urdu work to win the JCB Prize.
 - Award: Rs 25 lakh prize and the trophy (a sculpture titled 'Mirror Melting' by Delhi artist duo Thukral and Tagra).

Sports News

1. MC Mary Kom, PV Sindhu, Mirabai Chanu and Gagan Narang were among 10 eminent sportspersons elected as members of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) Athletes Commission. Where is the headquarters of IOA _____ **New Delhi**.
- Note:**
- Other six members: Shiva Keshavan, Sharath Kamal, Rani Rampal, Bhavani Devi, Bajrang Lal and Om Prakash Singh Karhana.
 - All the 10 elected members of the apex body are Olympians.
 - As per the new constitution of IOA, the athletes commission is to have equal representation of male and female members.
2. The Indian pistol team of Singhraj, Manish Narwal and Deepender Singh has bagged a silver medal in which event at the 2022 Para Shooting World C'ship 2022, held at Al Ain, UAE _____ **P4- Mixed 50m Pistol SH1**.
- Note:**

- Indian finished with a total score of 1579-13x.
 - The South Korean team of Sea Kyun Park, Aeekyung Moon and Jungnam Kim, won the gold medal with an aggregate score of 1592-21x.
 - While, the Turkey has secured the bronze medal with a total of 1574-23x.
3. Arjun Babuta and Mehuli Ghosh clinched the gold medal in which category of the mixed team at Asian Airgun Championship 2022, being held in Daegu, South Korea _____ **10 m air rifle**.

Note:

- In the 10 m air rifle mixed team junior event, Divyansh Singh Panwar and Ramita won gold medal against Sri Karthik Sabari Raj Ravishankar and Nancy.
 - Kanishka Dagar clinched bronze in 10 m air pistol youth women's event.
 - While, Sandeep Bishnoi received gold in the 10 m air pistol junior men's event.
4. President of the Paris 2024 Organising Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games, Tony Estanguet has unveiled the mascots for Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games. What is the name mascot for Paris 2024 _____ **The Phryges**.

Note:

- It is a red Phrygian caps, type of hat that has become an enduring symbol of freedom throughout French history.
 - Motto: Alone we go faster, but together we go further
5. Who has clinched the bronze medal at the ongoing ITTF-ATTU Asian Cup tournament at Huamark Indoor Stadium in Bangkok, Thailand _____ **Manika Batra**.

Note:

- She became the first Indian female paddler to win a medal at the event.
 - She defeated World number six and three-time Asian champion Hina Hayata by 4-2 to clinch the bronze medal.
6. Who has clinched title of F1 2022 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, held at Yas Marina Circuit, Abu Dhabi, UAE _____ **Red Bull's driver, Max Verstappen**.

Note:

- He has also set new records for the most race wins (15) and most points in a single season (454) in 2022.
 - Charles Leclerc (Ferrari) placed second in the race, followed by Sergio Pérez (Red Bull).
7. Who has secured the men's single ATP Finals (2022) title, after defeating Norway's Casper Ruud _____ **Novak Djokovic**.

Note:

- Djokovic has defeated his opponent by 7-5, 6-3 in summit clash.
- He has now equalled the record of Swiss legend Roger Federer, who has six ATP title wins.
- He has won ATP finals in 2008, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2022 (Turin, Italy).
- Doubles: Rajeev Ram (United States) and Joe Salisbury (United Kingdom)

Books and Authors

1. Who is the author of the book titled, 'The World: A Family History' _____ **Simon Sebag Montefiore**.
- Note:**
- The book will be published by Hachette India.
 - This book tells the story of humanity from prehistory to the present day.
 - Through this book, the author takes the readers on an epic journey through the families that have shaped the world, including the Caesars, Medicis, Incas, Ottomans, Mughals, Bonapartes.

2. Name the book, authored by Michelle Obama, was released in November 2022 _____ **The Light We Carry**.

Note:

- This book is a collection of practices and perspectives to deal with challenging times.
 - The book will be published simultaneously in 14 languages and 27 countries around the world.
 - Her memoir, "Becoming" was one of the best-selling books of all time, that was released in 2018.
3. Who is the author of the book titled, 'Nalanada – Until we meet again' _____ **Gautam Borah**.

Note:

- It was launched by legendary writer Ruskin Bond.
- The book is a gripping story of romance, vengeance, and an age-old mystery.

Science and Defence

1. Which space agency has successfully took off the Artemis 1 mission from Launch Pad 39B at Kennedy Space Center in Florida, US _____ **NASA**.

Note:

- The project, comprising the Space Launch System (SLS) rocket and Orion spacecraft.
- It carries a toy called Shaun the Sheep, and two dummies, Helga and Zohar which pack 5,600 radiation sensors.
- Ten payloads, including Lunar IceCube and Lunar Polar Hydrogen Mapper, are also onboard.
- The Artemis 1 project will be followed by the Artemis 2 and Artemis 3 missions.

2. Name the India's first ever private Suborbital rocket has been launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota _____ **Vikram-S**.

Note:

- This rocket reached an altitude of 89.5 km with three payloads weighing 83 kilogram and safely splashed in the Bay of Bengal at around 115 km after the lift-off from Sriharikota.
- It is built by Skyroot Aerospace.

3. Which edition of India-US joint military training exercise 'Yudh Abhyas 22' has been started in Auli, Uttarakhand _____ **18th**.

Note:

- Focus: High altitude and extremely cold climate warfare
- The exercise has been participated by US Army soldiers of 2nd Brigade of the 11th Airborne Division and Indian Army soldiers from the Assam Regiment.
- This joint military exercise is conducted annually between India and US with the aim of exchanging best practices, Procedures, Tactics, Techniques.

4. Which edition of the 'Pan-India' Coastal Defence Exercise 'Sea Vigil-22' has organised from 15th -16th November 2022 _____ **Third**.

Note:

- The exercise held along the entire 7516 km coastline and Exclusive Economic Zone of India.
- It is also involved all the Coastal States and UTs along with other maritime stakeholders, including the fishing and coastal communities.
- It is conducted by the Indian Navy, Coast Guard and other ministries entrusted with the task of maritime activities.

5. Annual show, 'Air Fest 2022' showcasing maneuvers of planes & helicopters in the arsenal of Indian Air Force (IAF) is organized in which city _____ **Vayusena Nagar in Nagpur**.

Note:

- It is being conducted as a part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.
- Objective: to showcase various facets of Indian Air Force (IAF) and motivate the youth of Nagpur to choose Indian Air Force for an exciting career.

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