

# Bi-Weekly Current Affairs (16-30 Nov 2022) English PDF

## Bi-Weekly One Liner Updates

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Dear readers,

**Bi-Weekly One-Liners Updates** is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the **two weeks** (16-30th) of **November 2022**. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

#### **Banking & Financial Awareness**

1. As per the Crisil rating agency report published in November 2022, what would be the India growth forecast for 2022-23 \_\_\_\_\_ **7%**.

**Note:**

- Reason: The slowdown in global growth and its impact on India's exports and industrial activity.
- As per the Crisil, the growth of country's gross domestic product (GDP) will slow considerably to 6% (FY24) from 6.5%.

2. As per the Goldman Sachs report published in November 2022, what would be the economic growth forecast of India in 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ **5.9%**.

**Note:**

- Reason: As the boost from the post-COVID reopening fades and monetary tightening weighs on domestic demand.
- Goldman Sachs has also expected that inflation will drop to 6.1% in 2023, from 6.8% in 2022.
- Recently, RBI has also pegged the domestic growth rate at 7% for 2022-23.
- India economist at Goldman Sachs: Santanu Sengupta

3. Which Payments Bank has launched face authentication-based savings bank account opening for customers \_\_\_\_\_ **Airtel Payments Bank**.

**Note:**

- Aim: To ease the account opening process and provide better customers experience.
- It is the first payments bank in the country to offer this facility.
- It will also help business correspondents of the bank to open an account just by undertaking face authentication e-KYC.
- The authentication is processed by using a newly developed mobile application by UIDAI.

4. As per the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), what would be the India's gross domestic growth forecast for the current financial year (FY23) \_\_\_\_\_ **6.6%**.

**Note:**

- Reason: Higher medium-term global uncertainty and slowing domestic economic activity.
- As per the OECD, the headline inflation remains above 6% mostly due to the trend increase in the price of food.

5. Which government owned organisation has recommended Reserve Bank of India to limit the volume cap of UPI \_\_\_\_\_ **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**.

**Note:**

- Currently, there's no cap on volume and Google Pay and PhonePe, which hold the market share of about 80 per cent.
- The NPCI had proposed a 30 per cent volume cap for third-party app providers (TPAP).
- NPCI in 2020 came up with a directive to cap the share of transactions TPAP.



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6. As per the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the overnight balances under the SDF will be eligible as 'Level 1 High Quality Liquid Assets (HQLA)' for computation of the Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR). What is the full form of SDF \_\_\_\_\_ **Standing Deposit Facility**.

**Note:**

- Reason: To enhance the ability of banks to achieve LCR.
  - LCR promotes short-term resilience of banks to potential liquidity disruptions.
  - It also ensures that banks have sufficient HQLAs to survive an acute stress scenario lasting for 30 days.
7. As per the recent RBI data, the CD ratio of the Northern and Western Regions have been declined in 2022. What is the full form of CD ratio \_\_\_\_\_ **Credit-Deposit**.

**Note:**

- While the North-Eastern, Eastern, Central and Southern Regions improved.
- CD ratio indicates that how much of each rupee of deposit goes towards credit markets in a particular region.
- Low CD ratio: It suggests relatively poor credit growth compared with deposit growth.
- High CD ratio: Strong demand for credit, relatively slower deposit growth.

8. Which payment organisation has launched TapTap, a wearable device that enables contactless payments \_\_\_\_\_ **BillBox**.

**Note:**

- This card was launched in association with NSDL Payments Bank and Visa.
- Aim: To simplify payments and offer users convenience.
- It has been launched with silicon band, silicon strap and silicon loop which will be available in white, black and blue colours

9. Which has launched a sticker-based debit card named FIRSTAP \_\_\_\_\_ **IDFC First Bank**.

**Note:**

- It was launched in association with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- Aim: To facilitate transactions by simply tapping the sticker on a Near Field Communication (NFC) enabled point-of-sale terminal.
- The sticker-based debit card is one third the size of a regular debit card.

10. Which bank has launched an Electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG) in partnership with National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL) \_\_\_\_\_ **Canara Bank**.

**Note:**

- With this, bank can offers an API based digital workflow of Bank guarantees.
- It will eliminate physical issuance, stamping, verification and paper-based record maintenance of Bank Guarantees paving the way to augment integration of Environmental and Social Governance (ESG) framework into Business.

11. As per the data of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), how much Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) equity inflows into India has been recorded during the April-September 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **\$26.9 billion**.

**Note:**

- Singapore emerged as the top investor with USD 10 billion FDI.
- It was followed by Mauritius (USD 3.32 billion), UAE (USD 2.95 billion), USA (USD 2.6 billion), the Netherlands (USD 1.76 billion), and Japan (USD 1.18 billion).

12. How much amount has been released by the central government to states and UTs towards the balance Goods and Services Tax compensation for the April-June 2022 period \_\_\_\_\_ **₹17,000 crore**.



**Note:**

- The total amount of compensation released to states and UTs so far this fiscal is ₹1.15 trillion (including the latest tranche).
- This is despite the fact that total GST cess collection till October 2022 was only ₹72,147 crore.
- And, the balance of ₹43,515 crore is being released by the Centre from its own resources.

13. IRDAI has approved the amendments to rules on registering insurance companies and investing in them, to enable the Insurance for All by which year \_\_\_\_\_ **2047**.

**Note:**

- Private equity (PE) funds can now directly invest in insurance companies and investment by PE through special purpose vehicles (SPVs) has been made optional.
- Investment up to 25% of the paid up capital by single investor will now be treated as 'investor' and above 25% single investor will be treated as promoter".

14. Which regulatory body has amended norms to bring buying and selling of mutual fund units under the insider trading rules and became effective from 24th November 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **SEBI**.

**Note:**

- Any person who is connected with a fund house and comes into possession of unpublished, price-sensitive information shall not be permitted to trade in MF units.
- AMCs will have to disclose the details of holdings in the units of its MF schemes (trustees and their immediate relatives on the platform of stock exchanges).

15. Hyundai Construction Equipment India has signed an agreement with which bank to broaden the Bank's MSME funding prospects \_\_\_\_\_ **Karnataka Bank**.

**Note:**

- This MoU will allow both Hyundai and Karnataka Bank to provide consumers with customised financial solutions.
- With this tie up, Bank will be designated as a financial partner and will be able to meet the needs of customers by providing loans at competitive interest rates for purchase of equipments from Hyundai Construction Equipments India.

16. As per the S&P Global Ratings report, published in November 2022, what would be the India's economic growth forecast of India for current fiscal year (FY23) \_\_\_\_\_ **7%**.

**Note:**

- The firm has also announced that the domestic demand-led economy will be less impacted by the global slowdown.
- S&P had in September (2022) projected the Indian economy to grow 7.3 per cent in 2022-23 and 6.5 per cent in next fiscal year (2023-24).

17. The RBI will launch the first pilot for the retail digital Rupee on \_\_\_\_\_ **1st December 2022**.

**Note:**

- Presently, eight banks have been identified for phase-wise participation.
- First phase: SBI, ICICI, Yes Bank and IDFC First
- Subsequent phase: BoB, Union Bank of India, HDFC and Kotak Mahindra.
- This pilot project would initially cover Mumbai, New Delhi, Bengaluru and Bhubaneswar.
- Later, it is extended to Ahmedabad, Gangtok, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Indore, Kochi, Lucknow, Patna and Shimla.

18. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a penalty of Rs 1.25 crore on Zoroastrian Co-operative Bank, Mumbai for the non-compliance of \_\_\_\_\_ **Discounting of bills**.



**Note:**

- The RBI has imposed penalty of Rs 20 lakh on Indian Mercantile Co-operative Bank, Lucknow for non-compliance with the certain norms related classification of non-performing assets.
- The central bank also imposed penalties on five other cooperative banks.

19. SEBI has set up a high-level panel to review the takeover norms in a move to simplify and strengthen the current rules by adopting appropriate global practices. Who is the head of this panel \_\_\_\_\_ **Shiavax Jal Vazifdar**.

**Note:**

- Members: 20-member committee
- The SEBI regulator will also assess the current rules in the light of past judicial pronouncements and various informal guidelines issued by the capital markets regulator.

20. Which insurance company has launched Star Out Patient Care Insurance Policy, which aims at providing complete health and wellness benefits to customers at an affordable cost \_\_\_\_\_ **Star Health and Allied Insurance**.

**Note:**

- The claims processing procedure will be entirely digital.
- The policy is available on individual or floater basis and cover up to six family members
- Age: 18 - 50 years (adults) and 31 days to 25 years (dependent children)
- Four sum insured (SI) options: ₹25,000, ₹50,000, ₹75,000 and ₹1 lakh

**Obituaries**

1. Areez Khambatta, who has been passed away, was a founder and chairman of which drink company \_\_\_\_\_ **Rasna group**.

**Note:**

- Khambatta had established the popular orange-flavoured beverage brand in 1976.
- He was awarded the President of India's Home Guard and Civil Defence Medal, as well as the Paschimi Star, Samarseva, and Sangram Medals.
- He was honoured with the National Citizen's Award for his outstanding contribution in the field of commerce.

2. Golak Bihari Naik, who has been passed away, was a \_\_\_\_\_ **Politician**.

**Note:**

- He started his political career with BJP and later joined the Biju Janata Dal.
- He was elected to Odisha Assembly thrice, twice as BJP candidate from Khunta and once as BJD nominee from Udala constituency.
- He served as a minister in the Naveen Patnaik-led government from 2000 to 2009.

3. Vikram Gokhale, who has been passed away, was a/an \_\_\_\_\_ **Actor**.

**Note:**

- Vikram Gokhale was made his film debut in 1971 with Amitabh Bachchan's Parwana.
- He was known for his on-screen roles in films like Hum Dil De Chuke Sanam.
- In 2010, he received the National Award for Best Actor for his work in the Marathi film Anumati.
- He also forayed into direction with the Marathi film Aaghaat.
- The actor was last seen in the Marathi film 'Godavari'.



4. Vikram S Kirloskar, who has been passed away, was a vice chairman of which motor company \_\_\_\_\_ **Toyota Kirloskar Motor Pvt Ltd.**

**Note:**

- He became the vice chairman of Toyota Kirloskar in 1998.
- He has also served as president of the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers from 2013-15.
- He also served as the President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2019-20.

**Important Days**

1. The Constitution Day is celebrated every year on which date to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India \_\_\_\_\_ **November 26.**

**Note:**

- On this day, PM Modi has launched various initiatives
- Virtual Justice Clock: To exhibit vital statistics of the justice delivery system at the Court level
- JustIS Mobile App 2.0: Tool for judicial officers for effective court and case management by monitoring pendency and disposal
- Digital court: The court records available to the judge in digitised form

2. The International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women has been observed every year on which date to pay tribute to the Mirabal sisters, the Dominican Republic activists who were murdered at the order of Rafael Trujillo in 1960 \_\_\_\_\_ **November 25.**

**Note:**

- 2022 theme: UNITE! Activism to End Violence against Women & Girls
- On 7 February 2000, the General Assembly has adopted the resolution 54/134 to officially designate 25 November as day for Elimination of Violence against Women

3. International Jaguar Day is observed annually on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **November 29.**

**Note:**

- Aim: To raise awareness about the increasing threats facing the jaguar and the critical conservation efforts ensuring its survival.
- International Jaguar Day celebrates the Americas' largest wild cat as an umbrella species for biodiversity conservation.
- It is an icon for sustainable development and the centuries-old cultural heritage of Central and South America.
- This is the third largest Cat Predator of the World and an important species of Amazon Rainforest.

4. Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare is commemorated on which every year \_\_\_\_\_ **November 30.**

**Note:**

- It was adopted by the United Nations to remember the victims of chemical warfare.
- Aim: To encourage efforts for eliminating the use of chemical weapons and remember those who have suffered because of such warfare.

**New Appointments**

1. Kassym-Jomart Tokayev has secured a second term in snap presidential election after winning 81.31% of the vote. He became the president of which country \_\_\_\_\_ **President of Kazakhstan.**

**Note:**

- He came to power in 2019, before that, he has served as acting president after the resignation of president, Nursultan Nazarbayev.
- During his tenure, he had changed the name of capital from Nur-Sultan (2019) back to Astana.



- He has also approved a constitutional amendment to increase the presidential term from five years to seven.
- 2. Who has been appointed chairman of the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) for three years or till he attain the age of 65, whichever is earlier \_\_\_\_\_ **T G Sitharam.**

**Note:**

- He will replace UGC chairman, Jagadesh Kumar, who was holding the interim charge of the AICTE chairman after the retirement of Anil Sahasrabudde on September 1, 2021.
- Sitharam tenure as an IIT director will expire in July 2024.

- 3. Who has been appointed executive director of the Bank of India with effect for three years \_\_\_\_\_ **Subrat Kumar.**

**Note:**

- He has an experience of 27 years in commercial banks and asset management companies.
- Other ED appointments (by govt):
- Lalit Tyagi (BoB); Binod Kumar (PNB); Ashok Chandra (Canara Bank); Ramasubramanian (Union Bank)
- Mahesh Bajaj (Indian Bank); M Paramasivan (PNB); Malladi Venkat Murali Krishna (CBI); Rahendra Saboo (UCO); Sanjay Mudaliyar (Indian Overseas Bank)

- 4. Who has taken charge as the chief executive officer of Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC) \_\_\_\_\_ **Vinit Kumar.**

**Note:**

- He is an IRSEE officer of 1993 batch, has served as the Chairman of Syama Prasad Mukherjee Port, Kolkata from 2018-2020.
- He has also served as Chief Electrical Engineer in Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation Ltd. and looked after World Bank funded MUTP project.

- 5. Who has been elected as a member of the International Committee for Weights and Measures (CIPM) \_\_\_\_\_ **Prof. Venu Gopal Achanta (Director of CSIR-National Physical Laboratory (CSIR-NPL)).**

**Note:**

- He is the 7th Indian to be elected to the CIPM.
- The 27th General Conference on Weights and Measures (CGPM) meeting was held on 15-18 November, 2022 at Paris, France.
- The first Indian to be elected as a member of CIPM was Dr. K.S. Krishnan (Founder Director of CSIR-NPL).

- 6. Who has been sworn-in as the 10th Prime Minister of Malaysia, by King Sultan Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah at the palace in Kuala Lumpur \_\_\_\_\_ **Anwar Ibrahim.**

**Note:**

- Neither Anwar nor ex-premier Muhyiddin Yassin had won the simple majority (112 seats) needed to form a government.
- Anwar started his political career as a student leader before joining United Malays National Organisation (UMNO), where he rose to become deputy PM and finance minister.

- 7. Who has been appointed as the national ambassador of TB Mukht Bharat campaign \_\_\_\_\_ **Deepa Malik.**

**Note:**

- She has also extended her support to the campaign by becoming a Ni-Kshay Mitra to provide aid to TB afflicted patients.
- She has adopted 5 TB patients herself as a Ni-Kshay Mitra.
- The TB Mukht Bharat campaign was launched by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi in March 2018.

- 8. Who becomes the first woman President of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) \_\_\_\_\_ **PT Usha.**



**Note:**

- She is a multiple Asian Games gold medallist and a fourth-place finisher at the 1984 Olympics 400m hurdles final.
  - Usha will also become the first Olympian and first international medallist to head the IOA in its 95-year-old history.
9. BSE Ltd has received an approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for whom as the MD & CEO \_\_\_\_\_ **Sundararaman Ramamurthy**.

**Note:**

- The top position was vacant since July when Ashishkumar Chauhan, who stepped down as the chief executive of BSE.
  - His appointment is subject to the approval of the shareholders.
  - At present, he is the chief operating officer of the India arm of Bank of America Corp, and has previously worked as a senior vice president at NSE.
10. Who has been elected as the President of the Advertising Agencies Association of India (AAAI) for 2022-23 \_\_\_\_\_ **Prasanth Kumar**.

**Note:**

- While, Rana Barua (Group CEO of Havas Group India) has been elected as the Vice-President of the Association.
- Immediate Past President, Anupriya Acharya has been appointed as the ex-officio member of the AAAI Board for 2022-23.
- AAAI is a national advertising agencies, which was formed in 1945.

**Important News – India**

1. Who has launched the India's first National Centre of Excellence for Green Port & Shipping (NCoEGPS) \_\_\_\_\_ **Sarbananda Sonowal (Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways)**.

**Note:**

- The announcement was made by minister at the recently concluded "INMARCO 2022" in Mumbai.
  - Aim: To develop a regulatory framework and alternate technology adoption road map for Green Shipping to foster carbon neutrality and circular economy (CE) in shipping sector in India.
2. According to the seventh edition of RBI statistical publication titled 'Handbook of Statistics on Indian States 2021-22', which state has topped the total installed capacity of grid-interactive renewable power of all the states of the country \_\_\_\_\_ **Karnataka**.

**Note:**

- The state had a total installed capacity of 15,463 megawatts (mw).
  - TN (15,225 mw) placed second, followed by Gujarat (13,153 mw), Maharashtra (10,267 mw).
3. Which edition of the Indian Film Festival in Busan was held from Nov 18-20, 2022 in South Korea \_\_\_\_\_ **10th**.

**Note:**

- It was organized by the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Embassy of India Seoul and supported by the Directorate of Film Festival, Ministry of I&B.
  - This Film Festival is a part of the ongoing annual flagship cultural programme of Embassy of India (Seoul) 'SARANG- The Festival of India in Republic of Korea'.
  - The first was screened on this platform was Padmavat (Hindi movie).
4. The Ministry of Ayush has established the Ayurveda Academic Chair at Western Sydney University's NICM Health Research Institute for how many years \_\_\_\_\_ **Three years**.



**Note:**

- The Ministry has selected All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi's Associate Professor Dr. Rajagopala S. for the post of Academic Chair in Ayurvedic Science at Western Sydney University.
  - Aim: To strengthen India's collaborations in promoting academic and collaborative research activities in Australia.
5. Department of Civil Engineering (IIT Madras) and which shipping port authority have developed a Continuous Marine Water Quality Monitoring Station (CMWQMS) and launched Electric Environmental Monitoring Vehicle (EV) \_\_\_\_\_ **Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA).**

**Note:**

- The monitor station and vehicle were inaugurated by Chairman of JNPA, Sanjay Sethi.
  - Aim: To assist in managing the marine water and air quality in the port area.
  - With this, JNPA will be able to reduce the greenhouse gas footprint of vehicles.
6. The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has launched startup applications for registration on the MAARG portal. What is the full form of MAARG \_\_\_\_\_ **Mentorship, Advisory, Assistance, Resilience and Growth.**

**Note:**

- Purpose: To provide further boost the startup ecosystem by catalysing the startup culture and building a strong and inclusive ecosystem for innovation and entrepreneurship in India.
  - The MAARG is National Mentorship Platform by Startup India.
7. As per the NSO 16th Periodic Labour Force Survey, what is the unemployment rate of India for people aged 15 years and above in urban areas in the fiscal second quarter (July - Sep 2022) \_\_\_\_\_ **7.2%.**

**Note:**

- Indication: Sustained economic recovery following the coronavirus pandemic.
  - The survey also showed that the unemployment rate among females (aged 15 years and above) in urban areas slowed to 9.4% and among males in urban areas eased to 6.6% (July-September).
8. Which city is ready to host the first G20 Sherpa Meeting in India from 4 to 7 December 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Udaipur.**

**Note:**

- Aim: To foster growth and build bonds amongst the twenty nations.
  - The G20 Sherpa meeting is expected to be held at the Darbar Hall at the City Palace Udaipur.
  - The Sherpa Meeting of the G20 Summit is a preliminary meeting of the government representatives before the main G20 Summit.
9. Nitin Gadkari (Minister for Road Transport and Highways) has approved the 4-Laning of Bhiwani-Hansi road section of which national highways under Bharatmala Pariyojana in Bhiwani and Hisar districts on HAM in the state of Haryana with a budget of Rs.1322.13 Crore \_\_\_\_\_ **NH-148B.**

**Note:**

- The project would provide fast movement & good inter-district connectivity in Haryana.
  - It would also improve the overall efficiency of the long route traffic and freight movement that would ensure smooth traffic flow.
10. The Indian Railways has planned to introduce 'tilting trains' by which year \_\_\_\_\_ **2026.**

**Note:**

- Aim: To maintain higher speed on curvy stretches.
- According to the officials, 100 new units of the semi-high speed Vande Bharat trains are being manufactured using this technology.



- Tilting trains: Mechanism enables higher speed on regular broad-gauge tracks, which tilt while undergoing a curve on the track.
- Such locomotives operate in the UK, Italy, Portugal, Slovenia, Finland, Russia.

11. As per the Ministry of External Affairs, India has invited Abdel Fattah Al Sisi as the chief guest on 2023 Republic Day. He is a president of which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Egyptian President.**

**Note:**

- It would be the first time that an Egyptian president would be the chief guest at the Republic Day celebrations.
- This year, both countries are celebrating the 75th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations.

12. The Clean-a-thon 2022 has been organized at which beach of Goa \_\_\_\_\_ **Miramar Beach.**

**Note:**

- The event is a collaborative effort by Government of Goa, IFFI, Divyaj Foundation and Bhamla Foundation.
- Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Anurag Singh Thakur and Goa CM, Pramod Sawant will be flagging off the clean up drive.
- Aim: To make the entire coastline of Goa pristine again.

13. The Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI) has approved which animal as a 'food animal' \_\_\_\_\_ **Himalayan Yak.**

**Note:**

- Reason: To help check decline in the population of the high-altitude bovine animal
- Food Animals are those that are raised and used for food production or consumption by humans.
- The decision comes after the latest census (2019), showed that India has 58,000 yaks.

14. R.K. Singh (Minister of Power) has inaugurated REC's CSR initiative for procurement, operation and maintenance of ten Mobile Health Clinics (MHC) in which state \_\_\_\_\_ **Bhojpur, Bihar.**

**Note:**

- Total cost of project: Rs. 12.68 crore
- Out of 10 MHCs, three are exclusively for women, that will provide door-step primary health care service to the underprivileged population across all 14 blocks of Bhojpur, Bihar.
- Each MHC will organize over 20 camps per month and check 50-70 patients every day.

15. Which ministry has launched a scheme for procurement of aggregate power of 4500 MW for five years under SHAKTI Policy \_\_\_\_\_ **Ministry of Power.**

**Note:**

- Aim: To help states that are facing power shortage and help generation plants to increase their capacities.
- PFC Consulting Limited has been designated as the nodal agency.
- Under the scheme, PFC Consulting Ltd has invited bids for the supply of 4,500 MW.
- Supply of electricity will commence from April 2023.

16. KVIC Chairman, Manoj Kumar has inaugurated the ambitious Re-Hab Project (Reducing Human Attacks using Honey Bees) by Khadi and Village Industries Commission in which city \_\_\_\_\_ **At village Chausla, District Nainital, Uttarakhand.**

**Note:**

- He has also distributed 330 Bee-boxes, bee-colonies and toolkits along with the honey extractors to the rural beneficiaries in Chausla village, free of cost.
- As a new initiative, the Re-Hab project will be run by KVIC at selected locations for a period of one year.

17. Nai Chetna' campaign was launched by which ministry \_\_\_\_\_ **Ministry of Rural Development.**



**Note:**

- It involves sensitizing women, especially in rural areas.
- Aim: To enable women to acknowledge, prepare, and take support in situations of comprise.
- This campaign was launched on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against women on 25th November 2022.

18. Which organisation has launched the report title, 'carbon capture utilisation and storage (CCUS) policy framework and its Deployment Mechanism in India' \_\_\_\_\_ **Niti Aayog.**

**Note:**

- The report explores the importance of CCUS as an emission reduction strategy, to achieve the deep decarbonization from the hard-to-abate sectors.
- The report was launched by Vice Chairman of Niti Aayog, Suman Bery.

19. Which university has launched a Financial Support Scheme (FSS) for those students who come from an economically weaker background and have enrolled in full-time undergraduate and postgraduate courses at the university \_\_\_\_\_ **Delhi University.**

**Note:**

- Category 1: Students whose family annual income is less than Rs 4 lakh will get up to 100% of fee relaxation.
- Category 2: Candidates whose family income is between Rs 4 and 8 lakh will get a fee waiver of 50%

20. Which state government has launched the Har Ghar Gangajal project \_\_\_\_\_ **Bihar.**

**Note:**

- This project was launched in Rajgir with an aim to provide Ganga water on tap in the parched areas of the state
- The scheme will help to harvest the excess water of the Ganga during the monsoon season.
- The water will be stored in reservoirs in Rajgir and Gaya before being channelled to three treatment-and-purification plants.
- This scheme is part of the Jal, Jeevan, Hariyali scheme of Bihar govt.

21. India and which organisation have signed a pact for cooperation in high-performance computing in areas of bio-molecular medicines, Covid therapeutics, mitigating climate change and predicting natural disasters \_\_\_\_\_ **EU.**

**Note:**

- The agreement was signed by Alkesh Kumar Sharma (MeitY secretary) and Roberto Viola (DG, Directorate General of Communication, Networks, Content and Technology).
- It allows the two sides to explore the frontiers of quantum technologies jointly.

22. Which Singapore Airlines has agreed to merge with Tata-owned Air India by March 2024, subject to regulatory approvals \_\_\_\_\_ **Vistara airlines.**

**Note:**

- Singapore Airlines will invest 250 million Dollars (Rs 2,000 crore) into Air India, as soon as this integration is completed.
- After the merger, Singapore Airlines shall hold 25.1 per cent shareholding in Air India.

23. ICAI has hosted the 21st World Congress of Accountants 2022 from November 18-21, 2022 in which state \_\_\_\_\_ **Mumbai, Maharashtra.**

**Note:**

- The 4-day event was inaugurated by Om Birla (Speaker of Lok Sabha) and attended by the Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal
- Theme 2022: "Building Trust Enabling Sustainability"



- WOCA has been organised in every four years since 2002
24. Which edition of the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) is being organised in New Delhi, India from 23rd-25th November 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Fourth**.

**Note:**

- IPRD is an apex level international annual conference of the Indian Navy.
- The theme of IPRD-2022 is the 'Operationalising the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative'.
- The National Maritime Foundation (NMF) is the Navy's knowledge partner and chief organiser of each edition of the event.

25. Uttar Pradesh CM, Yogi Adityanath has inaugurated the UNESCO-India-Africa Hackathon event at the Gautam Buddha University (GBU) campus in which city \_\_\_\_\_ **Greater Noida**.

**Note:**

- Aim: To conceptualise innovative technology-based solutions for the daunting problems faced by humanity.
- The students from 22 countries will engage themselves in coding to find technology-based solutions for issues in education, agriculture, health, energy and drinking water, among others.

26. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has announced that this city will host a meeting of G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors in February 2023. Name the city \_\_\_\_\_ **Bengaluru**.

**Note:**

- She made announcement at the Vananam Startup Inclusivity Summit in Bengaluru.
- She has also encouraged the Start ups to utilise this event to showcase their profile to the visiting international guests.

27. Which India's Public Service Broadcaster is hosting the 59th Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) General Assembly 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Prasar Bharati**.

**Note:**

- The conference was started in New Delhi on 25th November and will continue till 30th November 2022.
- 2022 Theme: Serving the People: Media's Role in Times of Crisis.
- The event coincides with Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to mark the 75th year of the India's Independence.

28. Which edition of Global Technology Summit has been organised from 29th Nov - 1st Dec 2022 in New Delhi in a hybrid format \_\_\_\_\_ **7th**.

**Note:**

- This summit is India's annual flagship event on Geotechnology and is co-hosted by the Ministry of External Affairs and Carnegie India.
- 2022 theme: Geopolitics of Technology

### Important News – State

1. Which state govt has declared the Arittapatti and Meenakshipuram villages near Melur in Madurai district as a biodiversity heritage site under Section 37 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 \_\_\_\_\_ **Tamil Nadu**.

**Note:**

- The site is situated in an area of 193.21 hectare.
- It is the first Biodiversity Heritage Site (BHS) to be notified in the state.
- The Arittapatti village is surrounded by a chain of seven barren granite hillocks.
- The site also features various megalithic structures.



2. Which state government has launched AMLAN- 'Anemia Mukta Lakhya Abhiyan' programme to ensure complete eradication of anemia problem among women and children \_\_\_\_\_ **Odisha**.

**Note:**

- The programme will be implemented with joint efforts of departments including Health and Family Welfare, School and Mass Education, Women and Child Development, Mission Shakti and ST and SC Development Department.
  - The state has formulated a multi-pronged approach for accelerated reduction of anaemia.
3. SIPCOT Industrial Park has been launched by which state government \_\_\_\_\_ **Tamil Nadu**.

**Note:**

- He has also laid the foundation stone for the Phoenix Kothari Footwear Park.
  - SIPCOT (State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited) industrial park in the industrially backward district of Perambalur.
  - The park established on 243.49 acre in Eraiyur on the Chennai-Tiruchy national highway.
4. Which state government has become the first state in the Northeast to pass first-ever Mental Health and Social Care Policy \_\_\_\_\_ **Meghalaya**.

**Note:**

- After Kerala and Karnataka, Meghalaya becomes the third state in India to have such a policy.
  - Aim: To promote overall mental health and well-being and facilitate appropriate access and care pathways.
  - This policy will ensure that proper attention is given to mental health, particularly for our youth and adolescents.
5. Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology (KSCST) is developing an app-based networking platform for commercialisation of Intellectual Property Rights. What is the name of app \_\_\_\_\_ **Patentkart**.

**Note:**

- It will benefit patent holders and their clients in commercialising their IP.
- In the past three years, more than 700 patents have been filed by KSCST-assisted IP cells.
- Patent Facilitation Centre has supported setting up of a Patent Information Centre at KSCST, IISc.

**Important News - World**

1. Name the special fund that was created at the UN's COP27 climate summit, with an aim to cover the damages suffered by vulnerable nations battered by the impacts of global warming \_\_\_\_\_ **Loss and damage fund**.

**Note:**

- The expected monetary compensation from the L&D fund is estimated to be nearly \$500 billion and rising by \$200 billion annually.
- The committee will provide recommendations on few subjects at the COP28, which is set to be held in UAE in 2023.

2. India's steel, mining, and Infrastructure Company, Jindal Steel and Power (JSPL) has won the tender to build a 300-megawatt (MW) coal-fired power plant in which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Botswana**.

**Note:**

- It is the only fossil fuel-based power plant the Southern African country plans to procure in the next 20 years.
- Under the project, Jindal will finance the plant and recouping its investments from selling electricity to the Botswana Power Corporation (BPC).



3. Which country's proposal to strengthen the protection of Leith's Soft-shelled Turtle has been adopted by the Conference of Parties to CITES in its 19th Meeting at Panama \_\_\_\_\_ **India**.

**Note:**

- Proposal: Transferring Leith's Softshell Turtle from Appendix II to Appendix I of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of wild fauna and flora
  - Reason: To ensure that legal international trade in the species does not take place for commercial purposes.
4. Which country has won the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) Vice Presidency and Strategic Management Board (SMB) Chair for the 2023-25 \_\_\_\_\_ **India**.

**Note:**

- India has secured the 90% of votes cast by full members of IEC during its General Meeting in San Francisco, USA.
  - India's Vimal Mahendru will be the IEC Vice President representing India.
  - IEC: International standard-setting body, that publishes international Standards for all electrical, electronic, and related technologies.
5. A UN panel has suggested to put the Great Barrier Reef as a world heritage site that is in danger. This is world heritage site of which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Australia**.

**Note:**

- Reason: It was significantly impacted by climate change and warming of oceans.
  - Frequent bleaching events are threatening the reef, which include the first during La Nina phenomenon, which typically brings cooler temperatures.
  - Bleaching: When the water warms too much, causing corals to expel the colourful algae living in their tissues and turn white.
6. Which word has been selected as the 2022 word of the year by the Merriam-Webster \_\_\_\_\_ **Gaslighting**.

**Note:**

- Merriam-Webster has defined Gaslighting, "The act or practice of grossly misleading someone especially for one's own advantage".
  - Interest in the term was up by 1,740% over the previous years according to searches of the online dictionary.
  - Other popular words 2022: Oligarch, Omicron, Codify, Queen Consort, Raid
7. As per the US based consulting firm, 'Morning Consult', in November 2022, who remains the world's most popular leader with an approval rating of 77% \_\_\_\_\_ **PM Modi**.

**Note:**

- Andrés Manuel López Obrador (Mexico President) stands at second position followed by Anthony Albanese (Australian PM)
- While, the US President Joe Biden is placed at 9th position followed by Rishi Sunak (UK Prime Minister) among the 22 world leaders.
- The latest ratings are based on data collected from 16th to 22nd November.

**Honor & Awards**

1. Who was conferred the Gandhi Mandela Award 2022 at Thekchen Choeling McleodGanj, in Dharamshala \_\_\_\_\_ **14th Dalai Lama**.

**Note:**

- The award was presented by Himachal Pradesh governor, Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar.
- The Tibetan spiritual leader is the recipient of the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize.



2. The 2022 Edition of UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize has been given to Franca Ma-ih Sulem Yong, belongs to which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Cameroon.**

**Note:**

- She is a President of the NGOs #Afrogiveness and Positive Youths Africa.
  - Reason: For the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence.
  - The Prize is named after its benefactor, former Indian artist, writer and diplomat Madanjeet Singh (1924-2013) who was also a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador.
  - This award is awarded every two years to individuals.
3. Which ministry has announced the 2021 Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award and awarded on 30th November 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.**

**Note:**

- The National Selection Committee was constituted under the chairpersonship of Secretary (Youth Affairs).
- Winners: Naina Dhakad (Land Adventure category); Shubham Dhananjay Vanmali (Water Adventure), and Group Captain Kunwar Bhawani Singh Samyal (Life Time Achievement)

4. The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) has honoured the Chairman & Founder of NIIT with 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award 2022. Who is he \_\_\_\_\_ **Rajendra Singh Pawar.**

**Note:**

- The award ceremony held at the 8th FICCI Higher Education Excellence Awards in New Delhi.
- Reason: For his contribution and exemplary work in the field of education as well as creating the IT Training industry.

5. Who has been conferred with the most prestigious Dr. Abdul Kalam Seva Puraskar 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Ravi Kumar Sagar.**

**Note:**

- Reason: For his persistent service to society
- Dr. Kalam Seva Purasakar is hosted every year by Vandhe Bharat Foundation and LeadIndia Foundation.
- The award is conferred on the birth anniversary of Dr. Kalam for recognizing various people who have been doing extraordinary work for society.

6. Film 'Dear Diary' has won the 53-Hour Challenge for '75 Creative Minds of Tomorrow' in best movie category, at International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa. This movie was created by which team \_\_\_\_\_ **Team Purple.**

**Note:**

- The competition was launched by Union Information & Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur.

7. National Gopal Ratna Awards 2022 has awarded on 26th November. This award is honoured by which ministry \_\_\_\_\_ **Fisheries, Animal Husbandry Ministry.**

**Note:**

- Award Categories: Best Dairy Farmer Rearing Indigenous Cattle and buffalo Breeds, Best Artificial Insemination Technician and Best Dairy Cooperative, Milk Producer Company, Dairy Farmer Producer Organization

- Award: Rs 5 lakh (1st), Rs 3 lakh (2nd) and Rs 2 lakh (3rd)
- It is one of the highest National Awards in the field of livestock and dairy sector.

8. Which project of Ministry of Panchayati Raj has won the GOLD AWARD 2022 under the National Awards for e-Governance \_\_\_\_\_ **e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (eGramSwaraj and AuditOnline).**



**Note:**

- Category: Excellence in Government Process Re-engineering for Digital Transformation
  - It is a recognition of the excellent and exemplary work done by Team eGovernance and supported by Team NIC-MoPR.
9. The highest Award of Excellence at the Unesco Asia Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation 2022 has been awarded to which Indian museum \_\_\_\_\_ **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya.**

**Note:**

- The Stepwells of Golconda in Hyderabad won the Award of Distinction.
  - While Domakonda Fort in Telangana, and Restoration work of 169 years old, Byculla Railway station (Mumbai) received the Award of Merit.
10. Who has been awarded the 2022 Para Sports Person of the Year \_\_\_\_\_ **Avani Lekhara.**

**Note:**

- While Shrey Kadyan was recognized as the Special Sportsperson of the Year at the Turf 2022 and India Sports Awards of FICCI.
  - Former Ranji cricketer, Sarkar Talwar has been honoured with the Lifetime Achievement of the Year award.
  - Odisha was recognized as the best state for promoting sports.
  - The All India Chess Federation won the National Sports Federation of the Year Award.
11. Indian snow leopard experts, Charudutt Mishra and Koustubh Sharma, along with Chyngyz Kochorov (Kyrgyzstan) have received the Madrid-based BBVA Foundation's Worldwide Biodiversity Conservation Award on behalf GSLEP, which is group of how many countries \_\_\_\_\_ **12.**

**Note:**

- The Global Snow Leopard Ecosystem Protection Program (GSLEP) is a 12-nation intergovernmental alliance.
  - 12 countries: Afghanistan, Bhutan, China, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan
12. Which Iranian film, directed by Payam Eskandari has won the ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal at the 53rd edition of IFFI \_\_\_\_\_ **Nargesi.**

**Note:**

- This award conferred to a film that best reflects Mahatma Gandhi's ideals of peace, tolerance and non-violence.
  - Other awards:
  - Indian Film Personality of the Year – Chiranjeevi
  - Best Film (Golden Peacock)- I Have Electric Dreams
  - Best Actor (Female)- Daniela Marin Navarro (for I Have Electric Dreams)
  - Best Actor (Male)- Vahid Mobasheri (for No End)
13. The pavilion of which ministry has won the Outstanding Contribution towards Public Communication and Outreach award at 41st India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2022 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi \_\_\_\_\_ **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.**

**Note:**

- 2022 theme of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare: Heal in India, Heal by India.
- The Health Pavilion has showcased various initiatives, schemes and achievements of the Union Health Ministry.
- IITF 2022 Theme: Vocal for Local, Local to Global



14. Who has been selected by Rashtrakavi Kuvempu Prathishtana Kuppali for the Kuvempu National award for the year 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **V Annamalai aka Imayam (Tamil poet).**

**Note:**

- Kannada National Poet Kwembu Rashtriya Puraskar Award is presented annually in memory of the late poet Kwembu.
- The award carries a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh, a silver medal and a citation.
- A committee headed by BL Shankar, acting president, Rashtrakavi Kuvempu Trust.

**Sports News**

1. Which team has won the 72nd Inter Services Volleyball Championship 2022-23 title, after defeating the Army Green \_\_\_\_\_ **Army Red Team.**

**Note:**

- The closing ceremony of the Championship was conducted at Eagles Indoor Volleyball Stadium in Secunderabad.
- The event provided an opportunity to outstanding sportsmen for getting selected to the Services Volleyball team.
- The trophy was presented by Telangana and Andhra Sub Area officiating GoC, Brigadier K Somashankar.

2. Which country has clinched their first 2022 Davis Cup title defeating Australia by 6-3, 6-4 in Malaga, Spain \_\_\_\_\_ **Canada.**

**Note:**

- In final, Felix Auger-Aliassime (Canada) had defeated Alex de Minaur (Australia).
- The Davis Cup is the premier international team event in men's tennis and run by the International Tennis Federation (ITF).
- Most titles: United States (32 titles)

3. Vishwanath has won the medal after defeating Ronel Suyom (Philippines) in which category of men's, IBA Youth Men's and Women's World Championships 2022, held in La Nucia, Spain. \_\_\_\_\_ **48kg.**

**Note:**

- Devika (Pune) won gold after defeated England's Lauren Mackie in the women's 52kg.
- Bhawna Sharma won silver in the women's 48kg category.
- Ashish (54kg) won silver medal.

4. Which club has clinched the Adyar trophy 2022 in women's category at the 81st Annual Madras-Colombo Rowing Regatta at Colombo, Sri Lanka \_\_\_\_\_ **Madras Boat Club.**

**Note:**

- While, The Colombo Rowing Club (men) has lifted the Deepam trophy at the event.
- The first-ever Madras-Colombo Regatta was held in 1898 and is considered to be the second oldest sporting event next only to Oxford - Cambridge Regatta.
- The two rowing clubs, the Madras Boat Club and the Colombo Rowing Club organise the regatta alternately.

**Books and Authors**

1. Dharmendra Pradhan (Union Education & Skill Development Minister) has released the new book title, 'India: The Mother of Democracy', this book was published by which organisation \_\_\_\_\_ **Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR).**

**Note:**

- The event was also attended by Prof. Raghuvendra Tanwar, (Chairperson, ICHR) and Prof. Umesh Ashok Kadam (Member Secretary, ICHR).
- The book is an attempt to showcase the democratic ethos ingrained in India since the dawn of civilisation.



**Science and Defence**

1. Which command of the Indian Army has organised Integrated Fire Power Exercise named "SHATRUNASH" at MFFR in Thar desert, Rajasthan \_\_\_\_\_ **South Western Command.**

**Note:**

- During the exercise, Indian army has used multi farious firing platforms in an integrated manner involving both ground & aerial manoeuvres.
  - Various actions included ion of troops, offensive ground actions involving comprehensive coordination incorporating contemporary technologies in a multi domain environment.
2. Which edition of joint military exercise between India and Indonesia, "Garuda Shakti" has been organised in Sangga Buana Training Area, Karawang, Indonesia \_\_\_\_\_ **Eighth.**

**Note:**

- The exercise was commenced on 21 November 2022.
  - Aim: To enhance understanding, cooperation and interoperability between the Special Forces of both armies
  - It also focus on a high degree of physical fitness, tactical drills, and techniques.
3. India has successfully launched Agni-3 from APJ Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha. It is an \_\_\_\_\_ **Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile.**

**Note:**

- It is a routine user training launch, carried out under the aegis of the Strategic Forces Command.
  - Agni series missiles: Agni-1 (700km), Agni-2 (2,000km), Agni-3 (3,000 km), Agni-4 (4,000 km) and Agni - 5 (longest striking range of 5,000 km).
  - With Agni and BrahMos (tactical cruise missile), India can easily take care of targets between 30 to 5,000 kms.
4. Indian Air Force has conducted the annual Joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise 'Samanvay 2022' from 28th-30th November 2022 in which city \_\_\_\_\_ **Agra.**

**Note:**

- Aim: To assess the efficacy of institutional Disaster Management structures and contingency measures.
  - The exercise will also see participation by representatives from the ASEAN countries.
  - Rajnath Singh will be Chief Guest for the Capability Demonstration events on 29th Nov 2022.
5. Which edition of bilateral exercise between the Indian navy and the Royal Oman navy, Naseem Al Bahr-2022 was organised on the coast of Oman \_\_\_\_\_ **13th.**

**Note:**

- The exercise was conducted from 19 to 24 Nov 22.
  - The exercise organised in three phases: harbour phase, sea phase and debrief.
  - The Indian Navy's guided missile stealth frigate, INS Trikand, offshore patrol vessel, INS Sumitra, and Maritime Patrol Aircraft, (MPA) Dornier were participated in the exercise.
6. The bilateral training exercise between Indian and Australian Army, "AUSTRALIA HIND 22" has started at Mahajan Field Firing Ranges in which state \_\_\_\_\_ **Rajasthan.**

**Note:**

- It is the first exercise in the series of AUSTRALIA HIND with participation of all arms and services contingent.
  - The Australian Army contingent comprised soldiers from the 13th Brigade of the 2nd Division.
  - The Indian Army is represented by troops from the DOGRA Regiment.
7. A joint military exercise between India-Malaysia, Harimau Shakti-2022 has been started in which city of Malaysia \_\_\_\_\_ **Pulai Klang in Malaysia.**



**Note:**

- The military exercise will culminate on the 12th December 2022.
  - Aim: To enhance the defence cooperation between Indian Army and the Malaysian Army.
  - The combat troops of the Garhwal Rifles Regiment of the Indian Army and the Royal Malay Regiment of the Malaysian Army participated in the exercise.
8. ISRO has conducted the 200th consecutive successful launch of which sounding rocket from Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station, Thiruvananthapuram on 24th November 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **RH200**.

**Note:**

- Sounding Rockets: It is used for the scientific community for carrying out experiments on meteorology, astronomy and similar branches of space physics.
  - RH-200: It is a two-stage rocket capable of climbing to a height of 70 km bearing scientific payloads.
  - The '200' in the name denotes the diameter of the rocket in mm.
9. ISRO's PSLV has successfully injected Earth observation satellite 'Oceansat' into a sun-synchronous orbit, from Satish Dhawan Space Centre on 26th November 2022. What is the full form of PSLV \_\_\_\_\_ **Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle**.

**Note:**

- The Earth Observation Satellite or the Oceansat successfully separated from the rocket and was placed into orbit.
  - The Earth Observation Satellite-6 is the third-generation satellite in the Oceansat series.
  - ISRO Headquarters: Bengaluru; Chairman: Sreedhara Somanath
10. Which space-tech startup has set up India's first private launchpad and mission control centre at Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota \_\_\_\_\_ **AgniKul Cosmos**.

**Note:**

- The launchpad is designed and operated by AgniKul.
  - It has incubated at the Indian Institute of Technology-Madras, plans to guide and control its upcoming launches from this facility.
  - In its first launch, a two-stage launch vehicle, 'Agnibaan' is intended to carry a payload of up to 100 kg to around 700 km altitude.
11. Which space craft of NASA has set a new space flight record for spacecraft designed to carry humans by travelling 401,798 km from Earth \_\_\_\_\_ **Artemis 1 Orion capsule**.

**Note:**

- The previous record was held by Apollo 13 on April 14, 1970 by travelling 400,171 km.
  - Apollo 13 was not designed to travel that far and the spacecraft was only made to complete a moon landing.
- Since the Orion was not staffed, the Apollo 13 crew still holds the record for the farthest distance from Earth reached by humans.



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