

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

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. India's insurtech platform, TurtleFin has collaborated with which bank to develop a complete technological platform, 'EasyNsure' _____ **YES BANK**.
Note:
 - Turtlefin's innovative API will enable the platform to provide a slew of holistic insurance solutions at the push of a button.
 - EasyNsure: It is a first-of-its-kind proposition for YES BANK, that will bring multiple insurance partners onto a single platform.
2. According to the World Bank's Migration and Development brief, by how much percentage the remittance flows to India will be increased to \$100 billion in 2022 _____ **12%**.
Note:
 - While Mexico is placed second, followed by China, and the Philippines.
 - Remittances to India were enhanced by wage hikes and a strong labor market in the United States and other OECD countries.
 - Remittances to low and middle-income countries increased by about 5 percent to over \$626 billion in 2022.
3. Which payments bank has tied up with Protean eGov Technologies (formerly NSDL e-Governance Infrastructure Limited) to expand PAN card issuance services in India (especially in rural areas) _____ **Fino Payments Bank**.
Note:
 - With this, Fino become the first payments bank to act as PAN Service Agency (PSA) of Protean and facilitate paperless PAN issuance services.
 - At Fino Bank, people can apply for PAN card through Aadhaar based authentication, without the need to submit or upload any documents.
4. RBI has announced a four-tiered regulatory framework for categorisation of which type of banks _____ **Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs)**.
Note:
 - It is based on size of deposits of the UCBs and came into force with immediate effect.
 - The extant regulatory framework classifies UCBs into two tiers -- Tier I and Tier II.
 - Tier 1: Deposits up to Rs 100 cr
 - Tier 2: More than Rs 100 cr and up to Rs 1,000 cr
 - Tier 3: More than Rs 1,000 cr and up to Rs 10,000 cr
 - Tier 4: More than Rs 10,000 cr
5. NSE Indices, Subsidiary of National Stock Exchange has launched new Index under which Index series _____ **Nifty Bharat Bond Index**.
Note:
 - The Bharat Bond Index series follows a target maturity date structure wherein each index in the series measures the performance of a portfolio of 'AAA' rated bonds issued by government owned entities maturing in a specific year.
 - Nifty Bharat Bond Index — April 2033 - has been launched within the Nifty Bharat Bond Index series.
6. The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has extended the deadline for Unified Payments Interface (UPI) players to limit to a market cap of 30% till which date _____ **December 31, 2024**.
Note:
 - The deadline given by NPCI was of December 31, 2022.
 - In November 2022, the NPCI had proposed a 30% volume cap for third-party app providers (TPAP).
 - Currently, there is no cap on volume of transactions and about 80% share of market hold by the private players.

7. How much amount has been approved by the World Bank to Bangladesh to strengthen the environment management and promote private sector participation in green investment _____ **USD 250 million.**

Note:

- Bangladesh Environmental Sustainability and Transformation (BEST) Project will help the country tackle key pollution issues.
- The project will help to construct four vehicle inspection centres using private-public partnership modality to inspect about 46,000 vehicles annually.

8. SEBI has cleared Bandhan-led consortium's proposed acquisition of which Asset Management Company _____ **IDFC AMC.**

Note:

- Earlier, a consortium of Bandhan Financial Holdings, GIC, and ChrysCapital have signed an agreement to buy IDFC AMC and IDFC AMC Trustee Company from parent IDFC (Deal: Rs 4,500 crore).
- After the transaction, BFHL will own about 60% and GIC and ChrysCapital will hold 20% each in IDFC AMC.
- Consequently, each scheme of IDFC MF will be renamed to replace the word 'IDFC' with the word 'Bandhan'.

9. Nifty 50 Tax Saver Index Fund (IN50) has been launched by which financial service company _____ **IIFL Mutual Fund.**

Note:

- A passive scheme allows investors to simply think of their investment as a split between FDs, PPFs, insurance, and 'equity' – without having to worry about deep analysis.
- Being an index fund, the scheme will try to mirror the Nifty 50 and generate returns in line with the movement in the index.

10. India's first Gold ATM and world's first real-time Gold ATM has been launched at which city _____ **Begumpet, Hyderabad.**

Note:

- The ATM was set up by the Goldsikka in collaboration with Opencube Technologies (Technology support).
- In this ATM, people can insert their debit or credit cards into the Goldsikka and buy gold coins.
- The ATM has a capacity of storing 5kgs of gold.
- There are 8 available options for the quantity of gold starting from 0.5 grams to 100 grams.

11. In December 2022, which general insurance company has signed an agreement with the AU Small Finance Bank for bancassurance _____ **ICICI Lombard General Insurance.**

Note:

- Aim: To diverse bank's customers access to the Non-life insurer's portfolio and enhance penetration across India
- With this partnership, the general insurance's suite of ICICI Lombard products will be offered across over 980 banking touchpoints of bank.
- AU Small Finance Bank has been expanding its distribution footprints across India.

12. As per the report, released by the Wordline India, how much digital payment transactions (worth Rs 38.32 lakh crore) were carried out in July-September 2022 _____ **More than 23 billion.**

Note:

- UPI based transactions dominated the segment both in terms of value and volume.
- UPI has clocked over 19.65 billion transactions (worth Rs 32.5 lakh crore).
- The average ticket size of transactions done through credit cards was highest at Rs 4,833 and the lowest in the case of mobile wallets at Rs 382.

13. World Bank has upgraded the GDP growth forecast for India to _____ for 2022-23 from 6.5% earlier _____ **6.9%.**

Note:

- The Bank has trimmed its expectation for next fiscal year to 6.6% from 7% earlier.
- It also expects the inflation at 7.1 per cent in current fiscal year.
- It has also said that the government is expected to meet the fiscal deficit target of 6.4% of the GDP in 2022-23
- In India Development Update, World Bank said India is affected by spillovers from the US, Euro area and China.

14. In December 2022, RBI has increased the repo rate by 35 basis points (the fifth increase since May 2022) to which percent _____ **6.25%.**

Note:

- Aim: To bring down the inflation to a tolerable limit.
- While, RBI has lowered the GDP growth projection of India for the current fiscal at 6.8% from 7%.
- CPI inflation forecast for FY23 retained at 6.7%.
- Size of forex reserves has increased to 561.2 billion as on Dec 2.

- FDI inflows rose to \$22.7 billion in Apr to Oct 2022
 - SDF : 6.00%, MSF : 6.50%, Bank Rate : 6.50%
15. Which bank has surpassed the Rs 5 lakh crore mark in the personal banking advances as on November 30, 2022 _____ **State Bank of India (SBI)**.

Note:

- The lender has marked the first Rs 1 lakh crore mark in January 2015, followed by Rs 2 lakh crore (January 2018), Rs 3 lakh crore (August 2020), and the Rs 4 lakh mark (November 2021).
- Personal banking advances mainly comprise personal loan, pension loan, auto loan, education loans, personal-gold loan, and other personal loan products.

16. Spice Money has partnered with which bank to facilitate opening of instant, zero balance savings or current accounts for rural citizens through its Adhikari network _____ **Axis Bank**.

Note:

- Aim: To bridge the rural-urban divide and bring financial inclusivity by providing access to banking products to the last mile at their doorstep
- A regulated entity under RBI, the fintech firm delivers various financial services such as cash deposit and withdrawal, and insurance premium to the rural masses.

Obituaries

1. Jiang Zemin, who has been passed away at 96 due to leukaemia and multiple organ failure, was a former leader of which country _____ **China**.

Note:

- He was the Communist Party general secretary for 13 years.
- As the general secretary, he has guided China's rise to global economic power as he welcomed capitalists into the Communist Party.
- He had also helped pulling in foreign investment after China joined the WTO.

2. Julia Reichert, who has been passed away, was a veteran _____ **Documentarian**.

Note:

- She who won an Oscar in 2020 for her feature 'American Factory'. She has received four Academy Award nominations and one win, two Primetime Emmys, a Director's Guild Award and two Peabody Awards nods.
- Her documentaries including: Union Maids, Seeing Red: Stories of American Communists, and The Last Truck: Closing of a GM Plant.

3. Jharana Das, who has been passed away at the age of 77 due to old age-related ailment, was veteran actress of which Indian region cinema _____ **Odia**.

Note:

- She was awarded the state government's prestigious Jaydev Puraskar for her lifetime contribution to Odia film industry.
- Her films - Shree Jagannath, Nari, Adinamegha, Hisabnikas, Pujafula, and Heera Nella.
- She had also worked as a child artist with AIR, Cuttack.
- She was also honoured with Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra Award for lifetime achievement in 2016.

4. Dominique Lapierre, the author of best-selling books like "Freedom at Midnight" and "City of Joy", has been passed away. He was associated with which country _____ **France**.

Note:

- His notable work: Is Paris Burning?, O Jerusalem!, Five Past Midnight in Bhopal, Freedom at Midnight
- In 2008, he was awarded the Padma Bhushan (India's third highest civilian award).
- He had donated the bulk of his royalties from "City of Joy" to support humanitarian projects in India.

5. Kumble Sundar Rao, who has been passed away at the age of 88, was a famous artist of which dance form _____ **Yakshagana**.

Note:

- He was an exponent of Thenkuthittu style of Yakshagana.
- He had performed as a member of Surathkal, Dharmasthala and Ira Yakshagana Melas.
- He served as an MLA of Surathkal (present Mangalore City North) constituency from 1994 to 1999.
- Sundar Rao had served as president of Karnataka State Yakshagana Academy.

6. Yoginder K Alagh, who has been passed away, was an eminent _____ **Economist**.

Note:

- He taught economics at prestigious Indian and foreign universities, including IIM-Calcutta.
- He was an associate professor at Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research, Ahmedabad.
- He has also worked as the vice-chancellor of JNU, Delhi.
- From 1996-98, he also served as minister of power, planning, and programme and served as a member of Planning Commission.

Important Days

1. Which state has observed its 60th Statehood day on 1st December 2022 _____ **Nagaland**.

Note:

- It became the 16th State of the Union of India on 1st December 1963.
- On the occasion, the Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio has launched 'SAHYOG project' of Nagaland Police and also flagged off Nagaland Police Special Operation Group Vehicles.
- Nagaland has also hosted the 23rd Hornbill Festival 2022 at Naga Heritage Village Kisama from 1st-10th December 2022.
- Chief guest of this festival(2022): VP Jagdeep Dhankhar

2. World AIDS Day is observed annually on which date to raise awareness and encourages progress in HIV and AIDS prevention, treatment and care _____ **December 1**.

Note:

- Theme 2022: 'Equalize'
- Focus of theme: To highlight the particular inequalities faced by HIV patients and to press for the actions needed to address them.
- WHO has founded this day on December 1 in 1988.
- In August 1988, James W. Bunn and Thomas Netter have conveyed the idea of AIDS day to the Director of AIDS Global Program.

3. World Soil Day is observed annually on which date to highlight the value of healthy soil and to promote the sustainable management of soil resources _____ **December 5**.

Note:

- 2022 theme: Soils: Where food begins
- In 2002, the International Union of Soil Sciences (IUSS) has proposed to celebrate Soil Day.
- In June 2013, the FAO Conference endorsed the day and requested UN to adopt the day.
- This day was officially adopted by UNGA and December 5, 2014 celebrated as the first World Soil Day.

4. International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development is observed ever year on which date _____ **December 5**.

Note:

- International Volunteer Day (IVD) 2022 celebrates the theme of solidarity through volunteering.
- The international observance was mandated by the United Nations (UN) General Assembly in 1985. The day commemorates 80 countries in the world.

5. Navy Day in India is observed annually on which date to recognise the contributions and accomplishments of Indian Naval forces _____ **December 4**.

Note:

- In 2022, Navy Day was celebrated outside Delhi.
- The Eastern Naval Command at Visakhapatnam hosts numerous activities and events.

6. Which date is celebrated as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, worldwide _____ **December 3rd**.

Note:

- The day is observed to highlight issues that affect people with disabilities and to champion their well-being, their dignity and fundamental rights.
- The theme of International Day of Persons with Disabilities, this year, is “Transformative solutions for inclusive development: the role of innovation in fuelling an accessible and equitable world”.

7. International Civil Aviation Day is observed on every year on which date to promote the importance of international civil aviation _____ **December 7**.

Note:

- 2022 theme: Advancing Innovation for Global Aviation Development
- The theme will remain the same until the year 2023.
- In 1996, the UN General Assembly has formally recognised December 7 as International Civil Aviation Day.
- Safety standards in international aviation are maintained by the ICAO (an autonomous UN body).

New Appointments

1. Wearables technology company, NOISE has roped in which cricketer as its new brand ambassador for its smartwatch range _____ **Virat Kohli**.
Note:
 - Kohli was earlier the brand ambassador of Bolt Games Pvt. Ltd owned Fire-Bolt.
 - The former Indian cricket captain saw his brand value drop by 21% to \$185.7 million in 2021.
 - However, he still topped the rankings in a survey of most valuable Indian celebrities by consultant Kroll Inc.
2. Who has been appointed as part-time chairperson of National Statistical Commission of India (NSCI) for three years _____ **Rajeeva Laxman Karandikar**.
Note:
 - He has joined CMI as a visiting professor in 2010.
 - He served as director CMI from Jan 2011 to April 2021.
 - It is an autonomous body, was formed in June 2005 after the recommendation by Dr C Rangarajan Commission.
 - The chairperson of the Commission enjoys the status of a MoS.
3. Who has assumed charge as Chairperson of the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) _____ **Hansraj Gangaram Ahir**.
Note:
 - He is an Agriculturist by profession.
 - He had been elected four times Member of Parliament from Parliamentary Constituency Chandrapur, Maharashtra and also he was Member of the Maharashtra Legislative Council.
4. Who has been elected as the president of Institute of Cost Accountants of India _____ **Vijender Sharma**.
Note:
 - While, Rakesh Bhalla as vice-president for 2022-23.
 - The institute, which is a statutory body set up under an Act of Parliament, comes under the administrative control of Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
5. Who has assumed charge as Secretary of the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education in Shashtri Bhawan in New Delhi _____ **Sanjay Kumar**.
Note:
 - He is a 1990-batch Bihar cadre IAS officer, was a former Secretary, Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
 - He replaced Anita Karwal IAS upon her superannuation.
6. Who has assumed charge as Chairman and Managing Director of Bharatiya Nabhikiya Vidyut Nigam Limited (BHAVINI) at Kalpakkam for three years _____ **K.V. Suresh Kumar**.
Note:
 - He completed his graduation in Chemical Engineering and joined Department of Atomic Energy at BARC Training School in Mumbai (29th batch) in 1985.
 - He joined in the operations of Fast Breeder Test Reactor (FBTR) in 1986.
7. Who has been appointed by the Government of India as the Acting Chief justice of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh _____ **Justice Tashi Rabstan**.
Note:
 - He has replaced incumbent Chief Justice Ali Mohd Magrey, who retired on 7th December 2022.
 - Justice Rabstan had enrolled as an Advocate on 6th March 1990 in Bar Council of J&K.
 - He remained as Standing Counsel for Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, Leh from 1997 till 2005.

Important News - India

1. According to the Special Bulletin released by the Registrar General of India, Maternal Mortality Ratio(MMR) of India has been declined from 130 in 2014-16 to how much per lakh live births in 2018-20 _____ **97 per lakh live births**.
Note:
 - MMR: The number of maternal deaths during a given time period per one lakh live births.
 - With this, the country has accomplished the National Health Policy target for MMR of less than 100 per lakh live births.
 - Target: SDG target of MMR of less than 70 per lakh live births by 2030
2. A first of its kind, Tribal Winter Festival was organised in which district of Jammu and Kashmir _____ **Bandipora district**.

Note:

- This festival was organised by the district administration in collaboration with various departments at Ketson.
 - Aim: To attract tourists and boost employment opportunities.
 - People from Gujars and Bakerwals (Kashmiri community) have danced together to the beats of dhol (drum).
3. Amara Raja Batteries Ltd will be setting up a state-of-the-art research and manufacturing facility for lithium-ion batteries in which district of Telangana _____ **Mahbubnagar**.

Note:

- It intends to invest over ₹9,500 crore over the next 10 years in the lithium cell giga factory.
 - The facility will be set up with an ultimate capacity up to 16 GWh and a battery pack assembly unit up to 5 GWh.
 - The upcoming facilities are expected to provide employment opportunities to about 4,000 people.
4. Who has inaugurated the Divya Kala Mela in Kartavya Path at India Gate, Delhi _____ **Dr. Virendra Kumar (Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment)**.

Note:

- The Divya Kala Mela was started on 2nd and will continue till 7th December.
 - Aim: To provide a great platform for the products and craftsmanship of Divyang artisans, craftsmen and artisans from across the country.
 - The four finance corporations under this ministry, NHFDC, NBCFDC, NSFDC and NSKDFC will provide financial assistance.
5. The govt of India has organised the 'Millets-Smart Nutritive Food' Conclave in which city on December 5, 2022 _____ **New Delhi**.

Note:

- This conclave is a pre-launch event of the International Year of Millets - 2023.
 - This event was organised by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry through the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA).
 - The government has also released e-catalogue on 30 potential importing countries and 21 millet producing states of India.
6. India's first Dark Night Sky Reserve will soon establish in which village of Changthang region, Ladakh _____ **Hanle**.

Note:

- In about eighteen locations in Hanley, powerful telescopes will be installed for stargazing.
 - Hanle is home for the 2nd highest optical telescope in the world, was established in 2001 by Indian Institute of Astrophysics.
 - After an MoU between UT Administration, Leh Hill council and Indian Institute of Astrophysics, necessary approvals were received from Department of S&T.
7. Which beverage company has partnered with Adani Digital Labs (subsidiary of Adani Group) for product sampling and develop deep consumer insights _____ **Coca-Cola India**.

Note:

- Under this, new products 'Fanta Apple Delite' and 'Charged by Thums Up' will be made available for sampling at some of India's top airports.
 - Adani Digital Labs allows brands to interact with large numbers of travellers and target customers with high spending and purchasing power.
8. During the Make in Odisha Conclave 2022, Government of Odisha has signed an MoU with BSE and which stock exchange to enable local MSMEs to access the capital markets _____ **NSE**.

Note:

- As per the agreement, BSE and NSE shall provide handholding to MSME to impart training and education required for listing and improving financial credibility.
 - During the session, a few initiatives were announced including, the launch of electronic Bank guarantees in collaboration with National EGovernance Services Ltd.
9. Which ministry has notified the operational guidelines for the PLI scheme for drones and drone components in India _____ **Ministry of Civil Aviation**.

Note:

- This will fulfill India's aim of becoming a prominent drone manufacturing hub by 2030.
- The govt has approved the PLI scheme with an outlay of Rs 120 crore and the scheme which will be in force till March 31 2025.
- Under the PLI scheme, the total incentive per manufacturer is capped at Rs 30 crore.

10. Which institute researchers have developed and deployed a system that could generate electricity using energy from seawaves _____ **IIT Madras**.

Note:

- The system named Sindhuja-I, which was deployed by the researchers about six kilometres from the coast of Tuticorin in Tamil Nadu, where the sea has a depth of about 20 metres.
- Currently, Sindhuja-I can produce 100 watts of energy.
- It will be scaled up to produce one megawatt of energy in the next three years.

11. India has inked an agreement on a Comprehensive Migration and Mobility Partnership with which country to help the citizens of both the nations to study, do research and work in each other's country _____ **Germany**.

Note:

- The agreement was signed between S Jaishankar (External Affairs Minister) and his German counterpart Annalena Baerbock in New Delhi.
- This agreement also facilitates the mobility and employment opportunities for fostering the exchange of skills and talents.

12. India will provide technical support to which country to enhance its dairy industry and milk output with an aim to reduce the dependence on imported milk products _____ **Sri Lanka**.

Note:

- NDDDB and the Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation have taken steps to provide necessary technical support for the production of milk in Sri Lanka.
- Sri Lankan President, Ranil Wickremesinghe has also appointed a panel to prepare a short, medium and long-term plan to increase local milk production.

13. Which telecommunication company has signed an agreement with the Facebook parent Meta to develop undersea cable infrastructure _____ **Bharti Airtel**.

Note:

- Aim: To support high-speed internet in the country and boost data-carrying capacities between geographies.
- The two companies (Airtel and Meta), along with Saudi Telecommunication Company, will bring the world's longest subsea cable system 2Africa Pearls to India, at Airtel's landing station in Mumbai.

14. India's premier show on Technical Textiles, 'Technotex 2023' will be held in which city from 22nd to 24th February 2023 _____ **Mumbai**.

Note:

- Focus: To provide access and networking opportunities to meet top CEOs, manufacturers, industry peers, purchase managers and suppliers from India and around the globe.
- The event will be organized by the Ministry of Textiles in collaboration with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce Industry, under National Technical Textiles Mission (NTTM).

15. The National Small Industries Corporation Limited has signed an MoU with which organisations on 6th December, 2022 to extend the NSIC schemes and other services to MSMEs _____ **Walmart Global Sourcing India Private Limited**.

Note:

- The MoU was signed by Gaurang Dixit (Chairman, NSIC) and Prameela Mallaiah (Director and Hub Leader, Walmart) in the presence of Union Minister of MSME, Narayan Rane.
- Through this MoU, NSIC will extend the NSIC schemes and other services to MSMEs who would participate in various Vridhhi program.

16. Which renewable energy company has commissioned a 450 MW wind-solar hybrid power plant in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan _____ **Adani Green Energy Limited (AGEL)**.

Note:

- With the new hybrid plant, AGEL has become the largest operational hybrid power generation capacity of 1,440 MW.
- AGEL has a total operational generation capacity of 7.17 GW, making it the largest wind-solar hybrid power farm developer.
- According to the company, the plant has Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) with SECI at Rs 2.67/kwh for 25 years.

Important News – State

1. Which state government has named Praseon Joshi (CEO and CCO of McCann Worldgroup India) as the state's brand ambassador _____ **Uttarakhand**.

Note:

- He is a native of Uttarakhand.
 - He is a prominent and highly awarded member of the Indian advertising and media fraternity.
 - He was appointed as the Chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) on 11 August 2017.
2. Which state government has Nirogi project across the state _____ **Haryana**.
- Note:**
- Initial phase: The project has begun in the District Hospital, Sector 6, Panchkula.
 - The project was inaugurated by Gian Chand Gupta (Haryana Speaker) and Kulbhushan Goyal (Panchkula Mayor).
 - Under this project, the urban enlisted Antyodaya population would be covered under this scheme.
 - The enlisted beneficiaries will receive 'amantran patra' to visit their health facilities on the date as informed.
3. Which state government has launched One District One Sport (ODOS) on the lines of One District One Product (ODOP) scheme of the state government _____ **Uttar Pradesh**.
- Note:**
- Objectives: (1) Promoting sports culture and keeping the younger generation healthy, and (2) Providing a platform for sportspersons to nurture talents and skills
 - Under this scheme, one sport will be identified in each of the 75 districts of UP.
 - State govt will take necessary steps to find district-wise sport-specific talents.
4. Which state government has announced to transform the SHGs into Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) and turn them into vibrant financial hubs _____ **Odisha**.
- Note:**
- It is to be noted that six lakh SHGs are working in Odisha.
 - The government's decision to provide interest-free loans of up to Rs 5 lakh to the women under Mission Shakti will benefit lakhs of women.
 - Mission Shakti initiative started in 2001 has now become a huge force of 70 lakh empowered women in Odisha.

Important News – World

1. In December 2022, India has provided financial assistance of 100 million US dollars to which country in the form of budgetary support to tide over the difficult economic situation _____ **Maldives**.
- Note:**
- The assistance is in the form of budgetary support to tide over the difficult economic situation in the archipelago nation.
 - The assistance is being extended without any conditions and Maldives is free to use it in its economic recovery as it deems fit.
 - The financial assistance has extended by India to showcase the resilience and reliability of the India-Maldives relationship.
2. According to the MEA, India will take chairmanship of the Wassenaar Arrangement for a year on which date _____ **January 1, 2023**.
- Note:**
- At the 26th annual plenary of the Wassenaar Arrangement held in Vienna from Nov 30- Dec 1, 2022, Eoin O'Leary (Ireland's ambassador) has handed over the chairmanship to Jaideep Mazumdar (India's ambassador).
 - Jaideep Mazumdar is the permanent representative to the UN and international organisations in Vienna.
 - India joined the Wassenaar Arrangement in Dec 2017.
3. Paris Club creditor nations (group of 22 countries) has proposed 10-year moratorium on debt and another 15 years of debt restructuring as a formula to resolve the debt crisis of which country _____ **Sri Lanka**.
- Note:**
- The Paris club aims to find sustainable solutions for challenges faced by debtor countries
 - Earlier this year, Sri Lanka had defaulted on its 51 billion dollar external debt in the midst of spiralling political and economic crisis
 - India has provided emergency aid to Sri Lanka.
4. How many India-origin women have been selected as Australia's Superstars of STEM 2022 _____ **3**.
- Note:**
- Neelima Kadiyala: She is an IT Program Manager at Challenger Limited and has over 15 years of experience delivering extensive transformation programmes.
 - Dr Ana Baburamani: She is a scientific advisor in the Department of Defence - Science and Technology Group.
 - Dr Indrani Mukherjee: She is a deep-time geologist at the University of Tasmania.

5. As per the Forbes India Rich List 2022, what is the present combined wealth of India's 100 richest _____ **\$800 billion.**

Note:

- The top 10 richest Indians are worth a cumulative \$385 billion.
- Adani Group chairman, Gautam Adani has bagged the top spot on the list with a net worth of \$150 billion.
- He is also the third richest billionaire globally.
- After Adani, Mukesh Ambani (\$88 billion) placed second, followed by Radhakishan Damani, Cyrus Poonawalla, and Shiv Nadar

6. Which country has taken charge as the President of the UN Security Council for December 2022 ____ **India.**

Note:

- This is the second time in its two-year tenure as an elected member of the UNSC that India has assumed the Presidency of the Council.
- Earlier, India had assumed the Presidency of the UNSC in August 2021
- The presidency of the Council is held by each of the members in turn for one month (English alphabetical order of member states)
- Permanent Representative of India to UN: Ruchira Kamboj

7. According to the US think-tank 'Early Warning Project' (EWP) report, which country has topped the list of countries at the highest risk of experiencing mass killings ____ **Pakistan.**

Note:

- While, Yemen and Myanmar in placed second and third spots respectively in the list.
- Afghanistan and India were placed in the seventh and eighth spots respectively.
- Syria and Iraq were placed in the 11th and 12th spots respectively and China was placed 23rd in the list.

8. What is the rank of India in the 2022 global aviation safety ranking, published by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) _____ **48th.**

Note:

- In 2018, India was ranked at the 102nd position.
- In the ranking (2022), Singapore has topped the list, followed by the UAE and South Korea at the second and third positions, respectively.

9. Name the three Indian billionaires, who were listed in the 16th edition of Forbes Asia's Heroes of Philanthropy list _____ **Gautam Adani, Shiv Nadar, and Ashok Soota.**

Note:

- Gautam Adani (Adani chairman): For having pledged ₹60,000 crores (\$7.7 billion) when he turned 60 in June 2022.
- Shiv Nadar (HCL co-founder & chairman): For having channelled close to \$1 billion of his wealth to various social causes.
- Ashok Soota (Happiest Mind chairman): Pledged ₹600 crore to the medical research trust

10. Which word has been selected by the Oxford University Press (OUP), publishers of Oxford English Dictionary as the 2022 Oxford word of the year _____ **Goblin mode.**

Note:

- It refers to a type of behavior which is an unapologetically self-indulgent, lazy, slovenly, or greedy, typically in a way that rejects social norms or expectations.
- For the first time, a group of lexicographers at OUP gave people a choice of: "Goblin mode," "metaverse," and "#IStandWith".

Honor & Awards

1. Which platform of government of India has won NSEIT the Best Tech Initiative of the Year at the Dun & Bradstreet Business Excellence Awards 2022 _____ **Manthan.**

Note:

- Reason: For building the technology infrastructure to support Manthan
- Manthan is a platform that promotes collaboration at scale between industry and the scientific research and development ecosystem.
- The development of the platform was conceptualized and implemented by the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA), GoI.

2. Which institute has conferred the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar 2022 _____ **Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT).**

Note:

- The award was presented by President Draupadi Murmu to Dr Achyuta Samanta (Founder of KIIT and KISS).
 - The award presented to KIIT in recognition of KIIT's sustained focus towards the development of sports since its inception.
 - The University has sponsored the education and training of hundreds of sportspersons (including: Dutee Chand, Olympian CA Bhavani Devi).
3. Which start-up has won Climathon-2022 prize, under the category Life On Land _____ **Tree Tag**.
- Note:**
- This hackathon was organized by the Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM) in collaboration with EY Global Delivery Services, UNDP, Startup India, Global Shapers Kochi, NASSCOM and TiE Kerala.
 - The winners has received a prize money of Rs 5 lakh.
 - Climathon-2022 has focused on climate change with the theme of securing a sustainable and climate-resilient future.
4. Which bank has won the "Banker's Bank of the Year Award 2022" for the Indian segment of the Global Banking Summit _____ **Canara Bank**.
- Note:**
- The public sector lender has been adjudged as the Best Bank in India for 2022.
 - The event was held in London where the bank's MD and CEO L V Prabhakar received the award from the organisers.
 - The Bankers' Bank of the year awards are considered to be like Oscar awards for the banking sector.
5. Name the personality, who has won the Best Director Award for his film, RRR at the New York Film Critics Circle _____ **SS Rajamouli**.
- Note:**
- The group is one of the first critics' groups to weigh in on the awards season.
 - At the New York Film Critics Circle, Todd Field's Tar has won the Best Picture of the year, also nabbing Best Actress for Cate Blanchett's leading performance.
 - Colin Farrell won Best Actor for two of his performances this year — After Yang and The Banshees of Inisherin.
6. Which organisation has won Earthshot Prize 2022 for providing sustainable solution for small farmers _____ **Greenhouse-in-a-Box**.
- Note:**
- The solution has been devised by Telangana startup Kheyti.
 - The 1 million pounds Earthshot Prize has been founded by Britain's Prince William and dubbed the Eco Oscars'.
 - Kheyti, one of the five winners at a gala green carpet awards ceremony in Boston, won the prize in the Protect and Restore Nature category.
 - Kheyti offers shelter from unpredictable elements and destructive pests.
7. NHA and Maha-Metro have achieved a Guinness world record, to construct the longest double-decker viaduct on the Wardha Road in Nagpur, Maharashtra. What is the length of this double-decker viaduct _____ **3.14 km**.
- Note:**
- The project has already bagged records from Asia Book and India Book.
8. Which Indian-origin teacher was honoured with the 2022 Prime Minister's Prize for Excellence in Science Teaching in secondary schools in Australia _____ **Veena Nair**.
- Note:**
- She is ViewBank College's Head of Technology and STEAM project leader
 - She was awarded for demonstrating practical application of STEAM to students, and how they can use their skills to make a real impact in the world.
 - She started her teaching career in Mumbai, where she provided computers to low socio-economic schools.

Sports News

1. Who has become the first female referee at the men's 2022 FIFA World Cup Qatar _____ **Stephanie Frappart**.
- Note:**
- She has taken charge of the group stage game between Costa Rica and Germany, held on December 2, 2022.
 - Neuza Back (Brazil) and Karen Diaz Medina (Mexican) are the other women officials who have been designated for the same fixture.
 - In 2021, she became the first woman to referee a men's World Cup qualifying match (Netherlands against Latvia).

2. Which edition of T20 World Cup Cricket Tournament for the Blind organised from December 5 to 17, 2022 in India _____ **Third.**

Note:

- The participating nations for World Cup 2022 are Australia, Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka and the host, India.
- The tournament is being organised to mark the World Disability Day celebrations universally.
- Former India batter Yuvraj Singh is the brand ambassador of the tournament.

3. Name the Indian shooter has clinched gold at the ISSF President's Cup held in Cairo, Egypt from 28th Nov to 4th Dec 2022 _____ **Rudranksh Patil.**

Note:

- He has defeated Danilo Sollazzo (Italy) in the 10-metre rifle by 16-8.
- He had also bagged India's first quota for the 2024 Paris Olympics in October 2022.
- Olympian, Anjum Moudgil (world No. 4) had secured silver after losing to Anna Janssen (Germany) in the women's 50m rifle 3 positions final.

4. Which cricket team has defeated Maharashtra cricket team by 5 wickets in the final to win the 2022 Vijay Hazare Trophy at the Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad, Gujarat _____ **Saurashtra cricket team.**

Note:

- Player of the match: Sheldon Jackson (Saurashtra, 133 runs in 135 Balls)
- Player of the tournament: Ruturaj Gaikwad (Maharashtra, Games: 5; Runs: 660)
- Most Runs: N Jagadeesan (TN): 830runs, 8 innings
- Highest Score: N Jagadeesan
- Most Fours: N Jagadeesan
- Most Sixes: Ruturaj Gaikwad

5. Team of Manu Bhaker and Sarabjot Singh won the gold in which category of mixed team at the 65th National Shooting Championship Competitions (NSCC), held at the MP Shooting Academy range, Bhopal _____ **10m air pistol.**

Note:

- Duo of Manu and Sarabjot defeated Karnataka pair, Divya T.S. and Imroz by 16-4 in the gold medal encounter.
- While, in the junior mixed team pistol, Uttar Pradesh's Anjali and Sagar defeated Uttarakhand's Yashsavi and Abhinav to win the final.

6. Name the Indian shuttler, who has clinched a silver medal in the Men's single under-15 category at the Badminton Asia Junior Championships, held in Nonthaburi, Thailand _____ **Anish Thoppani.**

Note:

- Anish lost the men's singles final against Chung-Hsiang Yih (Chinese Taipei) by 8-21, 24-22, 19-21.
- While, India's under-17 men's duo Arsh Mohammad and Sanskar Sraswat won silver medal.
- Unnati Hooda won silver at the U-17 (women's singles category), she lost to Sarunrak Vitidsarn of Thailand.

7. Tokyo Olympic medallist, Mirabai Chanu has secured the silver medal in which women category, at the ongoing 2022 World Weightlifting Championships, held in Bogotá, Colombia _____ **49kg.**

Note:

- She managed to lift a total weight of 200kg (87kg in snatch and 113kg in 'clean and jerk').
- She lost to Jiang Huihua from China, who won the gold with a total effort of 206kg (93kg+113kg).
- While Hou Zhihua settled for bronze medal with the total lift of 198kg (89kg+109kg).

8. Name the footballer who has signed two-and-a-half year agreement for 200 million euros each season with Saudi Arabian club Al-Nassr Football Club _____ **Cristiano Ronaldo.**

Note:

- Manchester United has terminated his contract after a controversial bombshell interview with broadcaster Piers Morgan.
- Al Nassr Football Club was formed in 1955.
- The club plays its home games at the Mrsool Park.
- Al-Nassr FC Chairman: Musalli Al Muammar
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Books and Authors

1. A book titled, 'The Chipko Movement: A People's History' has won 2022 Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize. Who is the writer of this book _____ **Shekhar Pathak.**

Note:

- This book was translated from Hindi by Manisha Chaudhry and published by Permanent Black & Ashoka University.
- Prize: Rs 15 lakh, a trophy and citation
- The fifth edition of this award was instituted by the New India Foundation in 2018 to recognise powerful works of non-fiction about contemporary India.

Science sand Defence

1. Which corps of Indian Army has conducted Exercise Sudarshan Prahar in the deserts of Rajasthan on 30th November 2022 _____**Sudarshan Chakra Corps.**

Note:

- Focus: On the synergised application of combat power through the integration of force multipliers & practising new battle techniques
 - The exercise was attended by Lt Gen AK Singh, Goc-in-C, Southern Command.
2. Which edition of a bilateral exercise between the Singapore & Indian Army, 'Agni Warrior' has been concluded on 30 November 2022 ____**12th.**

Note:

- Location: Field Firing Ranges, Devlali, Maharashtra
- During the exercise, both armies have showcased the joint firepower planning, execution and use of New Generation Equipment by the Artillery arm of both armies.
- Aim: To enhance the mutual understanding of drills & procedures and improving interoperability between the two armies.

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