

# Weekly One-liners

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8-14 December 2022



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Dear readers,

**Weekly One Liners Update** is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the second **week** (8-14th) of **December 2022**. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

### Banking & Financial Awareness

- The RBI has extended the trading hours of all/notice/term money market to 5pm (Present) for various markets regulated by it. The new timings will come into effect from which date \_\_\_\_\_ **December 12, 2022**.

**Note:**

- The central bank changed the timings in April 2020 in view of the operational dislocations and elevated levels of health risks posed by COVID-19.
- The call/notice/term money market will close at 5 pm.
- The market for Commercial paper and Certificates of Deposit will close at 5 pm.

- How much amount has been invested by the government of India in the SWAMIH Investment Fund I and marking its final close at ₹15,530 crore \_\_\_\_\_ **₹5,000 crore (Approx)**.

**Note:**

- SWAMIH I refers to Special Window for Completion of Construction of Affordable and Mid-Income Housing Projects.
- This project aims to provide priority debt financing for the completion of stressed, brownfield and RERA registered residential projects.
- It is sponsored by the finance ministry, and managed by SBICap Ventures Ltd.

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has signed a Currency Swap Agreement of 200 million dollars with which country under the SAARC Currency Swap Framework \_\_\_\_\_ **Maldives Monetary Authority**.

**Note:**

- This agreement has enabled the Maldives authority to make drawals in multiple tranches up to a maximum of 200 million dollars from the RBI.
- The agreement will provide swap support as a backstop line of funding for short-term foreign exchange liquidity requirements.

- How much amount of loan has been provided by the ADB to build new lines for Chennai's metro rail \_\_\_\_\_ **\$780 million**.

**Note:**

- Focus: Improve the network's connectivity with bus and feeder services.
- The project will construct an elevated section between Sholinganallur to SIPC, underground section between Lighthouse and Meenakshi College and system component (between Chennai Mofussil Bus Terminus to Okkiyam Thoraipakkam).
- The ADB was established in 1966.

- According to the data, released by the Finance Ministry, what is the retail inflation of India for the November 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **5.88%**.

**Note:**

- It is first time in this FY, when the inflation rate came within the tolerance band of RBI i.e. 2-6%.
- While, the food inflation has been eased at 4.67% in November 2022 from 7.01% in October 2022.
- Retail inflation is measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI).
- To Control the inflation, the RBI has raised the repo rate by 2.25 percentage points in this year (2022).

- On 12th December 2022, the Reserve Bank of India has imposed penalties on how many cooperative banks for contravention of various regulatory norms \_\_\_\_\_ **13**.

**Note:**

- The penalties range between Rs 50,000 and Rs 4 lakh.
- The maximum penalty of Rs 4 lakh has been imposed on Shri Kanyaka Nagari Sahakari Bank, Chandrapur due to non-compliance with the directions issued by the RBI to Urban Co-operative Banks on KYC.

- While, the bank has imposed Rs 2.50 lakh fine on Vaidyanath Urban Co-operative Bank, Beed.
7. Which organisation has signed a binding agreement to sell its cement business to Dalmia Cement (Bharat) Ltd for Rs 5,666 crore \_\_\_\_\_ **Jaypee Group.**

**Note:**

- It was signed by Jaiprakash Associates and Jaiprakash Power Ventures.
  - The divestment includes cement plants (9.4 million tonne capacity), clinker assets (capacity of 6.7 million tonne), and Thermal power plant (280 MW capacity)
  - The cement and clinker capacities currently being sold to the Dalmia are situated in MP, UP, and Chhattisgarh
8. Which state-owned bank has approved the divestment of its majority shareholding in Nainital Bank Limited (NBL) \_\_\_\_\_ **Bank of Baroda.**

**Note:**

- Presently, the bank holds 98.57% of the total equity share capital Nainital Bank Limited.
  - The Bank of Baroda had taken over Nainital Bank in 1973 on the directions of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
  - Nainital Bank has about 150 branches across Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Haryana and Rajasthan.
9. Which life insurance company has launched new 'Guaranteed Fortune Plan', a non-linked, non-participating individual savings scheme \_\_\_\_\_ **Canara HSBC Life Insurance.**

**Note:**

- It offers life cover and a lump sum amount on outliving the policy term.
  - The product was launched in two variants: (1) Guaranteed Savings Option, and (2) Guaranteed Cash Back Option
  - The first option provides a lump sum on outliving the policy term.
  - The second option offers customers guaranteed cashback at the end of every fifth policy year.
10. According to the recent data, what is the Wholesale price inflation (WPI) for November 2022 has been recorded \_\_\_\_\_ **5.85%.**

**Note:**

- It is a 21-month low WPI.
- On a yearly basis, WPI inflation went down from 14.87% in November 2021 to 5.85 per cent in November 2022.
- Reason: To fall in prices of food items, basic metals, textiles, chemicals and chemical products, and paper and paper products compared to the same period last year.

## Obituaries

1. Manohar Devadoss, who has been passed away, was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Artist and writer.**

**Note:**

- In his 30s, he was diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa (a progressive, incurable degenerative eye disease) which leads to total blindness.
  - In 2020, he was honored with the Padma Shri award for his contributions to art.
  - He authored many books such as - A poem to courage, Multiple facets of my Madurai, Mahe and Mano: Challenges, Green Well Years, etc.
2. Sulochana Chavan, who has been passed away, was a veteran singer of which regional folk music \_\_\_\_\_ **Lavani singer.**

**Note:**

- She was known as 'Lavani Samradnyi' (Queen of Lavani) for her singing contribution to the art genre.
  - She was awarded the Padma Shri in March 2022.
  - In 2012, she was also awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award.
  - She was honoured with the Lata Mangeshkar Award for the year 2010 instituted by Government of Maharashtra.
3. Pravrajika Bhaktiprana, who has been passed away, was a President of which math \_\_\_\_\_ **Sri Sarada Math.**

**Note:**

- She was born in Calcutta in 1920 as Kalyani Banerjee.
  - In 1950, she has joined Ramakrishna Sarada Mission Matri Bhavan, Tollygunge, as a nurse.
  - She accepted sannyas in 1959.
  - In 1998, she was made the vice-president of Sri Sarada Math and Ramkrishna Sarada Mission and became the fourth president of the order in 2009.
4. Mirosław Hermaszewski, who has been passed away, was a first and only astronaut of which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Poland.**

**Note:**

- He was a part of manned space flight for the USSR on June 27, 1978
- Along with Mirosław Hermaszewski, Pyotr Klimuk (Soviet cosmonaut) circled the Earth in the Soyuz 30 spaceship that docked at the Salyut 6 orbital space station.
- They went around the globe 126 times.
- He was the 89th human to reach outer space.
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### Important Days

1. International Anti-Corruption Day is observed annually on which date to raise public awareness on malpractice of corruption and its effects \_\_\_\_\_ **December 9.**

**Note:**

- 2022 Theme: Uniting the world against corruption
- The UN General Assembly has adopted the UN Convention against Corruption on October 31, 2003 and designated Dec 9 as International Anti-Corruption Day.
- According to the UNDP, the approximately US\$13 trillion that governments spend on public spending, up to 25% is lost to corruption.

2. Human Rights Day is observed every year on which date marking the day when United Nations General Assembly adopted Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) in 1948 \_\_\_\_\_ **10th December.**

**Note:**

- Theme 2022: Dignity, Freedom, and Justice for All
- UDHR: It is a milestone document, which proclaims the inalienable rights that everyone is entitled to as a human being regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political, national or social origin, property, birth, or other status.

3. Nobel Prize Day is observed every year on which date to honor the achievements of Alfred Bernhard Nobel, a Swedish engineer, chemist, entrepreneur, and philanthropist \_\_\_\_\_ **10th December.**

**Note:**

- Five Nobel Prize in physics, chemistry, physiology or medicine, literature, and peace are awarded annually on 10th December since 1901.
- Every year, a ceremony is held in Stockholm, Sweden on 10 December on the anniversary of Alfred Nobel's death

4. International Mountain Day is celebrated annually on which date to raise the awareness of the value of mountains to both life and climate \_\_\_\_\_ **December 11.**

**Note:**

- The theme of this year's International Mountain Day (IMD) is 'Women Move Mountains.'
- The UN Conference on Environment and Development has accepted Chapter 13 of Agenda 21: Managing Fragile Ecosystems: Sustainable Mountain Development in 1992.
- This day was celebrated in 2003.

5. International Universal Health Coverage Day is celebrated annually on which date to promote the importance of building robust healthcare systems globally \_\_\_\_\_ **12th December.**

**Note:**

- 2022 Theme: Build the world we want: A healthy future for all
- The UNGA has passed a resolution on December 12, 2012, to encourage nations worldwide to put efforts into the advancements of Universal Healthcare.
- In 2017, the UN has declared 12th December to observe International Universal Health Coverage day.

6. Which date has been observed as the National Energy Conservation Day by the Ministry of Power \_\_\_\_\_ **14th Dec, 2022.**

**Note:**

- The ministry has organised an event to celebrate this day in New Delhi.
- Aim: To showcase the achievements of the nation in energy efficiency and conservation.
- President Droupadi Murmu is the Chief Guest of the event and has felicitated the winners of the National Energy Conservation and National Energy Efficiency Innovation Awards.
- During the event, the she has also launched EV Yatra Portal and Mobile application.

### New Appointments

1. Who has been assumed the charge as the first female and sixth president of Peru \_\_\_\_\_ **Dina Boluarte.**

**Note:**

- Her term has been extended to July 2026.
- Her oath came, when her predecessor being detained by police and impeached by lawmakers.
- The ceremony took place hours after a majority of 101 members in the 130-person legislative body voted to impeach Pedro Castillo (former president of Peru).

2. Who has been appointed as the chairman and managing director of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) for a three-year tenure with effect from the date of his assumption of charge of the post \_\_\_\_\_ **Arun Kumar Singh**.

**Note:**

- He is a mechanical engineer from National Institute of Technology, Patna.
- He was Director (Marketing) of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) from October 2018 to September 2021, then he was elevated as chairman and managing director of the company.

3. Name the Indian-origin who has been appointed as the First Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York with effect from March 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ **Sushmita Shukla**.

**Note:**

- Her appointment was approved by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.
- It is one of 12 regional Reserve Banks which, together with the Board of Governors in Washington, DC, make up the Federal Reserve System.
- It is the largest Reserve Bank in terms of assets and volume of activity.

4. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of American furniture retailer, Pottery Barn to promote the company's international expansion \_\_\_\_\_ **Deepika Padukone**.

**Note:**

- She will also work with the company's in-house design team in San Francisco to co-create a capsule collection, that will be launched in 'Fall 2023'
- In July 2022, Pottery Barn launched its online retail website for India, in partnership with Reliance Brands.
- It has launched its first retail store in Ambience Vasant Kunj, New Delhi.

5. Who has been appointed as the Chair of Business 20 (B20) India by the government \_\_\_\_\_ **Tata Sons Chairman, N Chandrasekaran**.

**Note:**

- He will lead the business agenda during India's G-20 presidency.
- The B20 is the official G-20 dialogue forum with the global business community.
- The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has been appointed as the B20 India Secretariat by the Indian government to lead the B20 India process.
- CII has assumed charge of B20 India Secretariat on 1 December 2022.

6. Who has been named Chairman of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) \_\_\_\_\_ **K V Shaji**.

**Note:**

- He had served as NABARD's Deputy MD till May 21, 2020.
- Prior to joining NABARD, he worked with Canara Bank, National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Kerala Gramin Bank (country's largest regional rural bank).
- From 2013 until 2017, he served as the Chairman of Kerala Grameen Bank.
- He is an agricultural graduate with a PGDM in Public Policy from IIM Ahmedabad.

7. Who has been unanimously elected as the new Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh and took the oath on 11th December 2022, succeeding Jai Ram Thakur \_\_\_\_\_ **Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu**.

**Note:**

- He served as the president of the Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee from 2013 to 2019.
- Apart from this, Mukesh Agnihotri (leader of the opposition in the outgoing Assembly) has been appointed as the deputy chief minister of Himachal Pradesh.

8. Who has been elected as the President of the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) with former stalwart Kamlesh Mehta, who has been elected as secretary general \_\_\_\_\_ **Meghna Ahlawat**.

**Note:**

- She is the first women president and succeeded Dushyant Chautala.
- Apart from this, Patel Nagender Reddy was elected as treasurer.
- TTFI is the governing body for table tennis in India and was established in 1926
- It includes 32 state units and 37 institutions

9. Who has been officially elected as the first woman president of Indian Olympic Association (IOA) \_\_\_\_\_ **P T Usha**.

**Note:**

- She is a multiple Asian Games gold medallists and a fourth-place finisher in the 1984 Olympics 400m hurdles final.
- Apart from her, Ajay H Patel has been elected as senior Vice President, Rajlaxmi Singh Deo and Gagan Narang as Vice Presidents of Indian Olympic Association.
- Headquarters of IOA: New Delhi.

**10.** Name the Indian origin, who has been named interim CEO of international publishing group, Penguin Random House and will assume the role from January 1, 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ **Nihar Malaviya.**

**Note:**

- He has succeeded current CEO, Markus Dohle, who has stepped down from the role.
- Earlier, Nihar Malaviya served as the President and Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the publisher's American division Penguin Random House US.
- He will report to Bertelsmann CEO Thomas Rabe

**11.** Who has been unanimously elected as the Chief Minister of Gujarat for the second consecutive term and took oath on 12th December 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Bhupendra Patel.**

**Note:**

- He has administered oath as 18th Chief Minister of the state by Governor Acharya Devvrat in Gandhinagar.
- The BJP has created history in Gujarat with a landslide victory in the 2022 election and its 7th consecutive win.
- The BJP has bagged 156 seats in the 182-member Assembly, its highest-ever poll tally in the state.

**12.** Dipankar Datta has sworn-in as Supreme Court judge by CJI, D.Y. Chandrachud on 12th December, 2022. He was a Former Chief Justice of which high court \_\_\_\_\_ **Bombay High Court.**

**Note:**

- With his appointment, the strength of the SC judges increased to 28, out of a total sanctioned strength of 34 judges for the court.
- He will have a nearly eight-year tenure in the court until his retirement in February 2030 at the age of 65.
- His name was recommended by SC Collegium led by Justice U.U. Lalit on September 26.

**13.** Who has been formally elected as the president of the Cardiological Society of India (CSI) for one year (2023-24), in an annual meeting held in Chennai \_\_\_\_\_ **Dr PC Rath.**

**Note:**

- He is currently working as a senior consultant cardiologist and head of department of Cardiology at Apollo Hospitals, Jubilee Hills.
- CSI is a national body of cardiologists within India and those settled abroad.
- It was formed in 1948 under the supervision of Bharat Ratna Dr Vidhan Shankar Roy.

**14.** Who has been appointed as a new chief scientist of the World Health Organization (WHO) and will join WHO in the second quarter of 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ **Jeremy Farrar.**

**Note:**

- He has replaced Soumya Swaminathan, who had served as chief scientist from 2019 to 2022.
- Role: To ensure that WHO, its member states and our partners benefit from cutting-edge, life-saving science and innovations
- Presently, he is serving as the Director of the Wellcome Trust.
- WHO DG: Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

### Important News - India

**1.** Which edition of International Film Festival of Kerala has been started at Nishagandhi auditorium in Thiruvananthapuram on 9th December, 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **27th.**

**Note:**

- The event was inaugurated by Kerala CM, Pinarayi Vijayan and presided by Minister, VN Vasavan.
- Iranian director Mahnaz Mohammadi, who fights for women's freedom in Iran has bagged the Spirit of Cinema Award 2022.
- It is one of the distinguished film festivals of India, which is hosted by the Kerala Chalachitra Academy.

**2.** The Central Government has permitted Work From Home till \_\_\_\_\_ to 100% of employees of the Special Economic Zones (SEZ) units \_\_\_\_\_ **31st of December, 2023.**

**Note:**

- This decision was made after duly noting the genuine needs of the industry and the scope of benefits to economies of Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities.

- Government has also issued a Standard Operating Procedure to streamline the implementation of amended rules across SEZs.
3. Which commission has announced Four-Year Under-Graduate Programme (FYUP), that will be adopted in higher education institutions from 2023-24 academic session \_\_\_\_\_ **University Grants Commission (UGC)**.

**Note:**

- FYUP will split 4-year UG degree into parts and provide different entry and exit options to students
  - This will enable student to study one or more specialized areas of interest at a deep level and also develop capabilities in different disciplines.
4. CM of Kerala, Pinarayi Vijayan has dedicated the charter gateway for private chartered flights to the nation at which airport on 10th December \_\_\_\_\_ **Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL)**.

**Note:**

- This facility would be the country's largest business jet terminal, helping the growth of tourism in the State and will be comparatively cheap.
  - After this, CIAL will also become one of the five airports in the country serving private jets.
5. Name the cyclone which hit the southern peninsula in December 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Cyclone Mandous**.

**Note:**

- Chennai and several other parts of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh have witnessed heavy rain and strong winds as cyclonic storm Mandous crossed the states after landfall, as per the India Meteorological Department (IMD).
  - The name Mandous has been suggested by the United Arab Emirates.
6. Name the three himalayan medicinal plant species have been listed in the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, after a recent assessment \_\_\_\_\_ **Meizotropis pellita, Fritilloria cirrhosa, and Dactylorhiza hatagirea**.

**Note:**

- Reason: The biodiversity hotspot shows deforestation, habitat loss, forest fires, illegal trade and climate change
  - Meizotropis pellita has been assessed as 'critically endangered', Fritilloria cirrhosa as 'vulnerable', and Dactylorhiza hatagirea as 'endangered'.
7. PM Modi has inaugurated Mopa International Airport which state of India, that has been named after former CM of Goa, Manohar Parrikar \_\_\_\_\_ **Goa**.

**Note:**

- This international airport was built at a cost of 2,870 crore rupees.
  - It is about 35 km from capital city Panaji and can handle 44 lakh passengers annually.
  - It is also capable of handling large aircraft such as the Airbus A380.
  - The capacity of this airport can be raised to over 3 crore passengers per year, after expansion plans in the future.
8. How many Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) have been set up by the Ministry of Culture to protect the art and culture \_\_\_\_\_ **Seven**.

**Note:**

- Headquarters: Patiala, Nagpur, Udaipur, Prayagraj, Kolkata, Dimapur and Thanjavur.
  - Reason: To conserve and develop art, culture and crafts across the nation.
  - The government has provided regular annual grant-in-aid for conducting various activities and programmes to ZCCs.
  - The ministry has also announced that ZCCs organize a minimum 42 Regional Festivals for promotion of art and culture every year.
9. Which edition of the World Ayurveda Congress was inaugurated at Panaji, Goa on 8th Dec 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **9th**.

**Note:**

- The event was attended by the Minister of State for Tourism and Shipping, Ports and Waterways, Shripad Naik.
  - Aim: To showcase the efficacy and strength of the AYUSH systems of medicine at the Global level.
  - The third edition of the 'Ayushman' comic book series was also released at the event.
  - The market size of AYUSH in the country has grown from \$3 billion in 2014 to over \$18 billion now.
10. The 4-day meeting of G20 Development Working Group (DWG) has started in which city of India on 13th December, 2022, under the India's Presidency \_\_\_\_\_ **Mumbai**.

**Note:**

- Agenda: To discuss developmental issues in Developing Countries, Least Developed Countries and Island Countries.
- In the meeting, sessions on Data For Development, Role of G-20 in Advancing the 2030 Agenda, Infusing New LiFE into Green Development and Accelerating Progress on the Sustainable Development Goals are organised.

11. The Department of Tourism, Goa has signed an MoU with which vacation rental company to promote Goa Tourism \_\_\_\_\_ **Airbnb**.

**Note:**

- This partnership aimed at encouraging travel to unique destinations that are lesser-known and enabling economically regenerative community-led tourism in the state.
- Both joined hands to scale homestay capacity across the state and provide support to Goan homestay Hosts in delivering quality tourism experiences to guests, both domestic and international.

12. Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has participated in the inaugural function of Pramukh Swami Maharaj Shatabdi Mahotsav, that is organised in which city on 14th December, 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Ahmedabad**.

**Note:**

- It will be a month-long celebration which will take place from 15th December 2022 to 15th January 2023 in Ahmedabad.
- The festival was hosted by BAPS Swaminarayan Mandir, Shahibaug.
- BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha was established in 1907 by Shastriji Maharaj.

13. The Union Ministry of Home Affairs has formed a special committee to look into the demands of a separate state for the member tribes of the Eastern Nagaland People's Organization (ENPO). This committee is headed by \_\_\_\_\_ **A K Mishra (Advisor of the Ministry of Home Affairs)**.

**Note:**

- The committee also includes Mr Mandeep Singh Tull (Joint Director of the Intelligence Bureau) and A K Dhyani (Director of the North East Division of MHA).

14. India has signed a joint declaration of Intent with which country on migration and mobility between the two countries \_\_\_\_\_ **Finland**.

**Note:**

- It was signed by V. Muraleedharan (Mos, External Affairs) and Tuula Haatainen (Minster of Employment of Finland).
- Aim: To facilitate the mobility of researchers, and professionals and to combat irregular migration.
- The declaration underlines the resolve of both countries to work jointly towards developing a common framework of arrangement and cooperation.

15. Which country has hosted an International conference "Standing with the Ukrainian People" on 13th December 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **France**.

**Note:**

- Aim: To coordinate international support for civilian resilience in Ukraine and address the Ukrainian people's urgent humanitarian needs.
- The conference was organised at the initiative of French President Emmanuel Macron and co-organised with Ukraine.
- The conference was virtually attended by Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

### Important News – State

1. Which state cabinet has approved a bill to set up a Safai Karamchari Commission \_\_\_\_\_ **Assam**.

**Note:**

- The cabinet has also renamed the Dergaon Police Academy as Lachit Barphukan Police Academy.
- In addition to this, cabinet has also approved decisions related to providing maternity benefits, monitoring drug prices, protecting Safai Karmacharis' rights and filling up vacancies in the Forest Department.

2. Which ministry has organized a two days conclave on Universal Coverage Day 2022 at Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh on 10th December 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Union Health and Family Welfare Ministry**.

**Note:**

- The conclave will be inaugurated by the Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Anandiben Patel.
- Universal Health Coverage aims to provide promotive, preventive, curative and rehabilitative access of health services.
- It also ensures that people do not suffer financial hardship while paying for these services.

3. Which state/UTs has been awarded with first position in the category for Ayushman Bharat health account ID generation and 2nd prize in the category for Teleconsultation conducted during Universal Health Coverage Day 2022 (10th and 11th December) at International Cooperation and Convention Centre, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh \_\_\_\_\_ **Jammu and Kashmir**.

**Note:**



- Universal Health Coverage Day is celebrated every year to ensure quality healthcare closer to the people without any financial hardships.
4. Which state government has launched Sanitation Workers' Development Programme across the state and distributed safety equipment to a few workers \_\_\_\_\_ **Tamil Nadu**.

**Note:**

- Aim: Improve the living standard of sanitation workers and economy
  - A survey will be carried out to identify sanitation workers and details will be uploaded on a mobile application.
  - Initially, the first phase of this scheme will be implemented in five urban local bodies.
  - He has also unveiled the statue of Dr BR Ambedkar at Perangudi.
5. Kerala CM, Pinarayi Vijayan has declared a seed farm as the first carbon neutral farm in the country. This seed farm is located in which town of Kerala \_\_\_\_\_ **Aluva**.

**Note:**

- The total amount of carbon emission from the seed farm in the last one year was 43 tons but its overall procurement was 213 ton.
  - Compared to the emission rate, as many as 170 tons of more carbon have been procured at the farm, which helped it to be declared as the first carbon neutral seed farm in the country.
6. Which state has launched the Climate Change Mission to protect the natural resources in the state besides restore them on a long-term basis \_\_\_\_\_ **Tamil Nadu**.

**Note:**

- The state has also aimed to achieve carbon neutrality much ahead of 2070 target set by PM Modi.
  - The state is first to launch its own Climate Change Mission to make Tamil Nadu a climate smart state.
  - The state has roped in former director of UNEP, Erik Solheim to advise it on matters relating to climate action.
7. How many Namma clinics has been inaugurated by the Karnataka Health Minister, Dr K Sudhakar in all the districts of Karnataka on 13th December 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **114**.

**Note:**

- Aim: To provide elderly care, emergency medical services, health check-ups and medicines to urban poor
- In the initial phase, 114 clinics has launched simultaneously across the state.
- The government is working to operationalise all 438 Namma clinics across the state soon and all the remaining ones will be operational by January 2023.

### Important News - World

1. Who has been named as the 2022 person of the year by Time magazine \_\_\_\_\_ **Volodymyr Zelensky (Ukraine President)**.

**Note:**

- Reason: He has put up a feisty resistance against the Russian invasion (2022)
  - Since the invasion of Russia (February 24), Zelenskyy has delivered daily speeches that are followed by Ukrainians, and governments around the globe.
  - Zelenskyy has shared the 2022 title with "the spirit of Ukraine".
  - Time magazine has presented its first Person of the Year award in 1927.
2. How many Indian women have been listed in the 2022 Forbes' annual list of The World's 100 Most Powerful Women \_\_\_\_\_ **Six**.

**Note:**

- FM Nirmala Sitharaman has ranked at 36 for fourth time in a row.
  - Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw (Biocon Executive Chairperson) ranked 77, Falguni Nayar (Nykaa founder) ranked 89.
  - Roshni Nadar Malhotra (HCL Chairperson) ranked 53, Madhabi Puri Buch (SEBI Chief) ranked 54, and Soma Mondal (SAIL Chief) ranked 67.
  - Top: Ursula von der Leyen (Belgium), European Commission President
3. How many Indian women have been listed in the British Broadcasting Corporation list of 100 most influential women in the world 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Four**.

**Note:**

- The list has included women from several areas such as politics, science, entertainment and literature
- In this list, four Indian women have also included - Actress Priyanka Chopra Jonas, Geetanjali Shree (Author), Sirisha Bandla (engineer and astronaut), and Sneha Jawale (social worker).
- The list also included European Commission President, Ursula von der Leyen.

4. According to the Forbes, Bernard Arnault and Family has replaced Tesla CEO, Elon Musk to become the world richest person. He is a CEO of which company \_\_\_\_\_ **LVMH**.

**Note:**

- As of December 9, 2022, the personal wealth of Bernard Arnault is \$186.1 billion and net worth of Elon Musk is \$185.0 billion.
- But as per the Bloomberg's Billionaires Index, the Tesla CEO is still estimated to be the world's wealthiest person with a net worth of \$171 billion (As of 9th Dec 2022).

5. According to the 2022 Hurun Global 500 list, released by the Hurun Research Institute, What is the rank of India \_\_\_\_\_ **5th**.

**Note:**

- Among 20 most valuable firms of India, 11 are based in Mumbai, four in Ahmedabad and one each in Noida, New Delhi, Bengaluru and Kolkata.
- Reliance Industries has topped the list of Indian companies with the valuation of \$202-billion, while it ranked 34th in the world.
- It was followed by TCS (\$139 billion) and HDFC Bank (\$97 billion).
- The US has topped the list.

6. Which country has passed a new anti-smoking laws, which banned the future generation (born on or after Jan. 1, 2009) of nation from purchasing tobacco \_\_\_\_\_ **New Zealand**.

**Note:**

- This law has banned the selling tobacco to anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 2009 and punishable by fines up to NZ\$150,000 (\$95,910).
- The ban will remain in place for a person's whole life.
- It will also reduce the amount of nicotine, that allowed in smoked tobacco products.
- Retailers licensed to sell tobacco will be cut to 600 by the end of 2023 from 6,000.

### Honor & Awards

1. Who has conferred with the 25th Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award (SIES) \_\_\_\_\_ **Former VP, Venkaiah Naidu**.

**Note:**

- The awards are given in the fields of public leadership, community leadership, science and technology, and social thinkers.
- Awardees: Arif Mohammed Khan (Governor of Kerala), Ratan Tata (Industrialist), Dr Marthanda Varma Sankaran Valianathan (Cardiologist), Ajay Sood (Scientific Advisor to the Govt) and Vishakha Hari (Harikatha artiste)

2. Which state government has been awarded for its initiative 'jan andolan' (people's movement) against Tuberculosis at a national workshop on ACSM to end TB in India \_\_\_\_\_ **Meghalaya**.

**Note:**

- The award was presented in the category of Best Practice in Advocacy, Communication and Social Mobilisation in Tuberculosis control to representatives of state's health department.
- PM Modi had put a national target to eliminate the disease by 2025.
- Meghalaya CM: Conrad Sangma

3. Who has been named ICC Men's Player of the Month award for November 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Jos Buttler (England captain)**.

**Note:**

- Reason: For his remarkable performance to triumph the T20 World Cup in Australia.
- While, Pakistan opening batter, Sidra Ameen has become the second successive winner of the women's Player of the Month award from Pakistan.
- Reason: For posting mammoth scores in the recent successful ODI series against Ireland on home soil.

4. Which airline has been awarded the 'Safety Performer of the Year' award by GMR Delhi Airport Awards 2022 for being the top performer among the self-handling airlines \_\_\_\_\_ **SpiceJet**.

**Note:**

- Recently, SpiceJet was audited by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and its operations, safety processes, and systems were found to be strong and at par with the global best practices and safety standards.
- ICAO Headquarters: Montreal, Canada; Founded: 7 December 1944

5. Who has been selected for the 2022 WTA Player of the Year by the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) \_\_\_\_\_ **Iga Swiatek (Polish tennis player).**

**Note:**

- While, Barbora Krejčíková (Czech Republic) and Katerina Siniakova (Czech Republic) have been named the WTA 2022 Doubles Team of the Year.
- Most Improved Player of the Year: Beatriz Haddad Maia (Brazilian)
- Newcomer of the Year: Zheng Qinwen (Chinese)
- Comeback Player of the Year: Tatjana Maria (German)

### Sports News

1. Who has become the 77th chess Grandmaster of India, during an ongoing Ellobregat Open tournament, Spain \_\_\_\_\_ **Aditya Mittal.**

**Note:**

- He had secured three GM norms, crossed live rating of 2,500 ELO points mark during the sixth round of the ongoing tournament.
- He drew the game against Francisco Vallejo Pons to achieve the feat
- He won his maiden GM norm at Serbia Masters 2021.
- Subsequently, he obtained his second GM norm at Ellobregat Open 2021 and third at Serbia Masters 2022

2. Eden Hazard has announced his retirement from international football, is associated with which team \_\_\_\_\_ **Belgium.**

**Note:**

- He was the captain of Belgium in the 2022 FIFA World Cup.
- He made his debut against Luxembourg in 2008
- He moved to Real Madrid from Chelsea for an estimated £150m in 2019
- In 2018 World Cup, he helped Belgium to reach semi-finals, where they lost to eventual champions France

3. Along with Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone, who has been honored with the 2022 World Athletes of the Year at the World Athletics Awards \_\_\_\_\_ **Mondo Duplantis.**

**Note:**

- McLaughlin-Levrone (USA): She had broken the world women's 400m hurdles record twice.
- She became the first American to win Athlete of the Year since fellow 400m hurdler Dalilah Muhammad in 2019.
- Duplantis: He broken the world pole vault record on three occasion and became world champion indoors and outdoors.

4. Who has won his eighth title for men's single BWF World Tour Finals 2022 in Bangkok, Thailand \_\_\_\_\_ **Viktor Axelsen (Denmark).**

- In this tournament, he defeated Anthony Ginting from Indonesian.
- While, Akane Yamaguchi of Japan has defeated Taiwanese, Tai Tzu Ying to win her women's singles title.
- Men's doubles: Liu Yuchen and Ou Xuanyi (Chinese)
- Women's doubles: Chen Qingchen and Jia Yifan (Chinese)
- Mixed doubles: Zheng Siwei and Huang Yaqiong (Chinese)

5. Who has scored fastest double century in the history of ODI cricket \_\_\_\_\_ **Ishan Kishan.**

**Note:**

- He has scored 210 against Bangladesh in the 3rd game of the series at the Zahur Ahmed Chowdhury Stadium, Bangladesh.
- He has broken seven-year-old record, created by the West Indies' Chris Gayle.
- He has achieved the feat in just 126 balls while Gayle took 138 balls to achieve the milestone
- He also surpassed Sourav Ganguly's score and became India's highest individual run-scorer opener batter.

6. Who has secured her first women's 10m air pistol national title at the 65th National Shooting Championship Competitions in Pistol events, held in Bhopal from 20th Nov to 12th Dec 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Divya T.S.**

**Note:**

- She defeated Sanskriti Bana from Uttar Pradesh by 16-14 and Rhythm Sangwan from Haryana has settled for bronze.
- Olympian, Manu Bhaker has won the junior women's air pistol, after defeating Esha Singh (Telangana).
- Rhythm Sangwan has won the gold in the Youth category.

7. Who has become the third cricketer in history to score 10000 runs and pick up 50 wickets in Test cricket \_\_\_\_\_ **Joe Root (Former England captain).**

**Note:**

- He has achieved the milestone during the ongoing second Test against Pakistan in Multan.
- He has joined the Jacques Kallis (South African) and Steve Waugh (former Australian skipper) in scoring 10000 runs and claiming 50 wickets in the longest format.
- Presently, Waugh has 10927 runs (92 wickets) and Kallis has 13289 runs (292 wickets).

8. Lionel Messi, who has confirmed his retirement after Qatar FIFA 2022, is associated with which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Argentina.**

**Note:**

- He is playing at his fifth World Cup (FIFA 2022) and has surpassed Diego Maradona and Javier Mascherano.
- With his fifth goal in Qatar FIFA 2022, he has also surpassed Gabriel Batistuta as the top Albiceleste scorer at World Cups, netting 11 times.
- He led Argentina to the final in the 2014 edition as well.
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### Books and Authors

1. 'Miracles of Face Yoga' book has been released recently, this book is authored by \_\_\_\_\_ **Mansi Gulati (Founder of Manasvani).**

- This book was appreciated by the President of India Droupadi Murmu.
- Mansi Gulati, an international Yogi, celebrated author, and thought leader, devoted her efforts to learning everything possible about yoga practices and philosophy.
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### Science sand Defence

1. ISRO has signed an MoU with which organisation to launch SpaceTech Innovation Network (SpIN) \_\_\_\_\_ **Social Alpha.**

**Note:**

- It is the India's first dedicated platform for innovation curation and venture development for the burgeoning space entrepreneurial ecosystem.
- It will primarily focus on facilitating space tech entrepreneurs in three categories - Geospatial Technologies and Downstream Applications; Enabling Technologies for Space & Mobility; and Aerospace Materials, Sensors, and Avionics.

2. ISRO has signed an MoU with which private space firm for its human and cargo transportation capsule program \_\_\_\_\_ **Vyom Space Exploration and Services Private Limited.**

**Note:**

- It was facilitated by India's nodal space authorization body, Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Center (In-Space).
- In space mission, 'Capsule' is the module inside which any cargo is placed for being carried to space.
- In manned missions, the capsule is what hosts the astronauts.

3. Name the Japanese space startup, which has launched the world's first commercial moon lander, HAKUTO-R on 11th December 2022 after several delays \_\_\_\_\_ **ispace.**

**Note:**

- This mission was took off from Cape Canaveral, Florida, after two postponements caused by inspections of its SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket.
- HAKUTO refers to the white rabbit that lives on the moon in Japanese folklore.
- The national space agencies of the United States, Russia and China have already achieved the soft landings on moon.

4. After completing how many days, NASA Orion capsule has returned to the Earth from the moon on December 11, 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **25 Days.**

**Note:**

- NASA has launched the Orion capsule from Kennedy Space Center on November 16, 2022.
- This capsule was hit the atmosphere at 32 times the speed of sound, and endured reentry temperatures of 5,000°F (2,760°C) before splashing down west of Baja California near Guadalupe Island.
- The space agency needed a successful splashdown to stay on track for the next Orion flight around the moon.

5. Name the Indian TV actor, who has confirmed that he will be joining the "dearMoon CREW" and taking a week-long trip around the moon in a SpaceX rocket in 2023 \_\_\_\_**Dev Joshi**.

**Note:**

- He is best known for his role in TV show 'Baal Veer'.
- The 'dearMoon' project was first announced in 2017 and it is the first civilian mission to the Moon.
- Japanese billionaire, Yusaku Maezawa, who has purchased all the seats in 2018, has revealed the name of the eight people who will be joining him for this trip.

6. Along with INS Kochi, and Kavaratti, which Indian Navy Ship has participated in the maiden International Fleet Review (IFR), organised at Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh \_\_\_\_**Sumedha**.

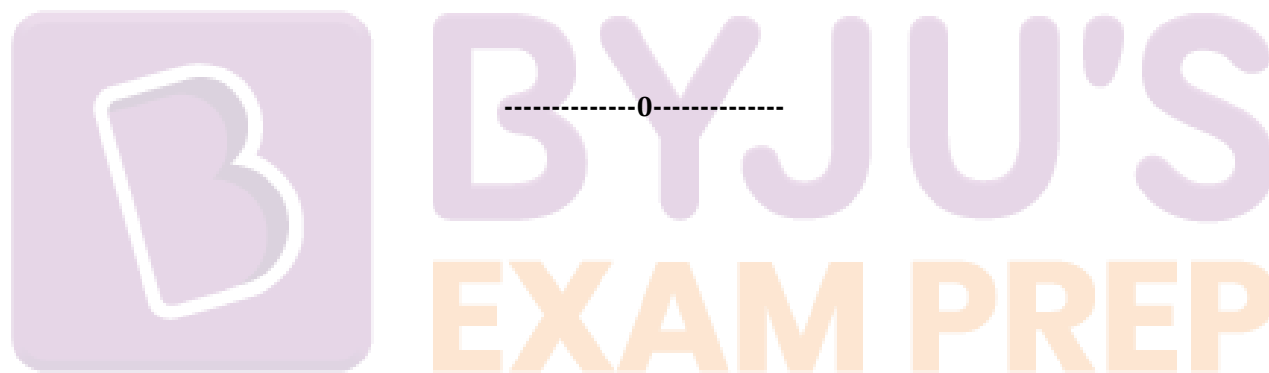
**Note:**

- The ships has taken part in a variety of activities that was conducted as a part of BN IFR-22 from 06 to 09 December 2022.
- In 2022, the IFR-22 was organised by Bangladesh Navy, to commemorate the Birth Centenary of Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and to celebrate Golden Jubilee of Independence of Bangladesh.

7. Which edition of India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (IND-INDO CORPAT) between the Indian Navy and the Indonesian Navy is being conducted from 08 – 19 December 2022 \_\_\_\_**39th**.

**Note:**

- INS Karmuk, an indigenously built Missile Corvette participated in the pre-deployment briefing at Belawan, Indonesia
- Along with India's INS Karmuk, L-58 and Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft are participating in the CORPAT.
- India and Indonesia have been carrying out CORPATs twice a year since 2002.



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