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

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. Which public sector company has begun India's maiden project of mixing hydrogen into the natural gas system at Indore _____ **GAIL (India) Limited**.
Note:
 - This is a first-of-its-kind project in the country.
 - The hydrogen blended natural gas will be supplied to Avantika Gas Limited, one of GAIL's Joint Venture (JV) company with HPCL, operating in Indore.
2. Which e-wallet company has introduced "India's first" intelligent messenger called 'Pops' _____ **Paytm**.
Note:
 - 'Pops' Messenger will allow its user to receive specific information related to their stocks, analysis about their portfolio, market news, and important market movements, all in one place.
 - It will also serve as a marketplace to offer sophisticated stock recommendations, new insights and new services.
3. Direct to Home (DTH) platform, Tata Sky has rebranded itself with a new name and identity and will now be called as _____ **Tata Play**.
Note:
 - The DTH company has joined hands with Netflix to offer new OTT (over the top) content centric channel packs as well.
 - With the OTT combo packs, Tata Play users will be able to get a subscription to both the OTT platforms in the Binge service as well as the normal TV channels. Tata Play Binge will hosts content from 13 leading OTT apps through a single User Interface while offering the flexibility of single subscription and payment.
4. Which bank has launched a dedicated centralized processing cell - Surya Shakti Cell in collaboration with Tata Power Solar Systems _____ **State Bank of India**.
Note:
 - The Surya Shakti Cell will process all the loan applications for Solar Projects (capacity up to 1 MW) sourced from across India, for installation by business entities as well as households.
 - With this digital initiative, SBI will offer a complete solution at competitive rates for Solar projects.
5. Which entity has acquired 5% equity stake in Power Exchange of India Ltd (PXIL) _____ **NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Ltd**.
Note:
 - NVVN has purchased the shares of PXIL from NSE Investment, a co-promoter shareholder of PXIL.
 - NVVN is one of the top power traders in India and the acquisition of an equity stake in PXIL would enable a strategic opportunity for NVVN to achieve and maintain a good position in the power trading market.
6. Which petroleum company has marked its foray into non-fuel retailing sector by inaugurating its Retail Store under brand name HaPpyShop _____ **Hindustan Petroleum Corporation**.
Note:
 - Located at the company-owned retail outlet at the upmarket Nepean Sea Road near Malabar Hills, this is the company's latest offering at its "Club HP" retail outlet.
 - The store will provide home utility products including food, toiletries, healthcare products, bakery products, groceries, medicines and more.
7. With what initial authorized capital the Government of India sets up a National Land Monetisation Corporation _____ **₹5000 crores**.
Note:

- So far, CPSEs have referred 3,400 acres of land and other non-core assets for monetisation from CPSEs including MTNL, BSNL, BPCL, B&R, BEML, HMT Ltd, Instrumentation Ltd.
 - Top five sectors including roads, railways, power, oil and gas pipelines and telecom account for around 83 per cent of the aggregate value.
8. In Phase I of its operation the National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL) or bad bank what aggregate amount of about 15 accounts will be transferred to NARCL in the current financial year _____ **Rs 50,000 crore.**
- Note:**
- A total of 38 NPA accounts worth Rs 82,845 crore have been identified to be transferred to NARCL initially.
 - In the Phase I 15 accounts worth Rs 50,000 crore will be transferred to NARCL in the current financial year.
9. Vedanta Ltd has tied up a facility of ₹8000 crore with which bank to take over majority of the syndicated facility after discussions with lenders _____ **Union Bank of India.**
- Note:**
- During 2020, amid the COVID-19 pandemic, Vedanta Ltd had tied up a syndicated facility of ₹10Kcr with State Bank of India as the lead bank at a running cost of 10.5 per cent.
 - This replacement facility was availed on Dec 2021 to take over the existing Syndicated facility to reduce the overall interest cost of the company.
10. Union Government has approved the continuation of the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs) with an outlay of _____ **Rs. 1875 crore.**
- Note:**
- It is the main source of funding for the preparation of national teams for all major national, international competitions.
 - Funding will be used by National Sports Federations to conduct national coaching camps and provide training of international standards to athletes.
11. Which public sector and Patanjali Ayurved Limited (PAL) have launched co-branded credit cards in partnership with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) _____ **Punjab National Bank.**
- Note:**
- The co-branded credit cards are offered on NCPI's RuPay Platform and is available in two variants – PNB RuPay Platinum and PNB RuPay Select.
 - Both the co-branded cards offer a hassle-free credit service to purchase day-to-day Patanjali products, along with cash backs, loyalty points, insurance cover and more.
12. Which online platform has partnered with Simpl, a marquee buy-now-pay-later platform to provide BNPL services to its merchants _____ **Dukaan.**
- Note:**
- Simpl is a marquee buy-now-pay-later platform.
 - Dukaan is a Bangalore-based startup that enables D2C and SMB merchants to set up online stores and sell products digitally.
13. According to domestic rating agency CRISIL, what will be the real GDP growth in FY 2022-23 _____ **7.8 per cent.**
- Note:**
- This estimate is owing to Budget proposals focused on loosening the purse strings by boosting capital expenditure and going slow on fiscal consolidation.
 - The agency said global growth is expected to slow this year as major economies see a withdrawal of monetary and fiscal stimulus.
14. According to the London-based Brand Finance, the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) is ranked as _____ most valued insurance brand globally _____ **10th.**
- Note:**
- Also, LIC is ranked third in brand strength globally after Poste Italiane of Italy and Mapfre of Spain and is also the 10th most valued insurance brand globally.
 - The market value of LIC will become Rs 43.40 lakh crore or \$59.21 billion by 2022, and Rs 58.9-lakh crore or \$78.63 billion by 2027.
15. In February 2022, the Reserve Bank of India has cancelled the licence of which co-operative bank _____ **Independence Co-operative Bank Ltd.**
- Note:**
- Consequently, the bank ceases to carry on banking business, with effect from the close of business on February 03, 2022.
 - The bank does not have adequate capital and earning prospects.

16. Which bank has signed a tripartite MoU with the Indira Gandhi Centre for the Arts and National Culture Fund for Development of Atmanirbhar Bharat Centre for Design (ABCD) at L1 Barrack, Red Fort, in Delhi _____ **SBI**.

Note:

- The main objective of Project ABCD is to highlight, promote and celebrate the products that have the Geographical Indication sign to give a boost to Economic Value Addition to GI products from India.
- The ABCD project will be implemented by IGNCA, an autonomous organization under Ministry of Culture through ministry's NCF fund.

17. Ping An Insurance is an insurance company of which country that has been designated as the top most valuable insurance company globally as per the latest Brand Finance report of 2022 _____ **China**.

Note:

- 5 Chinese insurance companies are among the top ten ranking.
- The US has two companies in the top 10, while France, Germany, and India have one each in the list.
- This has Life Insurance Corporation becoming the only domestic insurer to rank in the top 10 list strongest brands and top 10 most valuable insurance brands.

18. What amount of sovereign loan has been provided by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to India in 2021 including USD 1.8 billion towards coronavirus response _____ **USD 4.6 billion**.

Note:

- This included USD 1.8 billion towards coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic response.
- The agency extended a USD 2.2-billion support for 12 state projects, committed to its geographically balanced programming.
- The ADB's India portfolio comprised 69 projects worth USD 15.5 billion as of 31st December 2021.

19. Which payments bank has partnered ICICI Lombard General Insurance to offer Cyber Insurance Solutions to customers _____ **Airtel Payments Bank**.

Note:

- The cyber insurance solution from ICICI Lombard provides financial protection to customers against potential financial fraud relating to banking, credit or debit card; identity theft; phishing or email spoofing, and more.
- Airtel Payments Bank customers can purchase this cyber insurance policy using the Airtel Thanks app.
- This insurance comes with a ZERO waiting period and allows users to make multiple claims multiple times during the policy tenure, within the limits of the insured amount opted for.

20. As per the recently presented Economic Survey 2021-22, which state tops the list of newly recognised startups and unicorns _____ **Maharashtra**.

Note:

- Maharashtra alone recognised 11,308 of the fourteen thousand startups that began operations in the current financial year.
- Out of the 44 companies that achieved the unicorn status, 11 are based in the state

21. Ministry of Finance has released the monthly Post Devolution Revenue Deficit (PDRD) Grant of what amount to 17 States _____ **Rs. 9,871 crore**.

Note:

- The Fifteenth Finance Commission has recommended a total Post Devolution Revenue Deficit Grant of one lakh 18 thousand 452 crore rupees to 17 States in the financial year 2021-22.
- An amount of over one lakh 8 thousand crore rupees has been released to the eligible States so far.

Obituaries

1. What is the profession of Rupinder Singh Suri who passed away recently _____ **Advocate**.

Note:

- Suri was appointed the ASG in June 2020.
- Suri was designated as senior advocate in 2009 and also served as the President of the Supreme Court Bar Association and the Supreme Court Advocates on Record Association.

2. Renowned personality Amitabh Dayal passed away recently, he was a veteran _____ **Actor**.

Note:

- Dayal has worked in films like Kagaar: Life on the Edge (2003) with Om Puri, Bhojpuri film Rangdari (2012) and Raj Babbar's Dhuaan (2013), Amitabh Bachchan's Virrudh (2005).

3. Legendary playback singer Lata Mangeshkar awarded the nation's highest civilian honour in which year, who passed away recently _____ **2001**.

Note:

- Mangeshkar began singing in her teens, and in a career spanning 73 years sang more than an estimated 15,000 songs in 36 languages.
 - She is known as the 'Nightingale of India'.
 - She was awarded the nation's highest civilian honour, the Bharat Ratna in March 2001.
4. Renowned personality Chandupatla Janga Reddy passed away recently, he was a veteran _____ **Politician**.
- Note:**
- Reddy was one of the only two BJP Lok Sabha MPs elected in the 1984 general elections, conducted after the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.
 - The other BJP MP was A K Patel, who was elected from Mehsana in Gujarat.

Important Days

1. The NPCI and the UPI ecosystem have announced the UPI Safety and Awareness initiative under which NPCI and the ecosystem will observe UPI Safety and Awareness Week from _____ **February 1 to 7**.
- Note:**
- NPCI and the ecosystem comprising leading banks and fintech will observe Feb 1 to 7 as UPI Safety and Awareness Week.
 - Whole month of Feb will be UPI Safety and Awareness Month.
2. In February 2022, which Indian Para Military force has celebrated its 46th Raising Day _____ **Indian Coast Guard**.
- Note:**
- From just 7 surface platforms in 1978, the ICG has grown into a formidable force with 158 ships and 70 aircraft in its inventory.
 - It is the 4th largest Coast Guard in the world.
3. What is the theme of the World Wetland Day 2022, being observed every year on 2nd February _____ **Wetlands Action for People and Nature**.
- Note:**
- World Wetlands Day is observed every year on 2nd February globally.
 - The objective of the day is to raise awareness about the crucial role played by wetlands for people and our planet.
4. World Interfaith Harmony Week is an annual event observed every year from _____ **February 1 to 7**.
- Note:**
- The celebration of this event spreads the message of mutual respect, love, and tolerance among the followers of all the world's religions, faiths, and beliefs.
 - This week is especially important to celebrate in today's time as interfaith harmony is central and essential to take the human race forward.
5. What is the theme of the World Cancer Day 2022 _____ **Close the Care Gap**.
- Note:**
- World Cancer Day is celebrated every year on February 4.
 - It is a global uniting initiative led by the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC).
 - Cancer is the second leading cause of death globally
6. The 'International Day of Human Fraternity' is celebrated across the world on _____ **4th February**.
- Note:**
- The annual event designated by the United Nations honours the religious and cultural diversity present in our world.
 - Amidst rising religious intolerance in parts of the world, International Day of Human Fraternity seeks to showcase how diverse religions and cultures enrich our life and progress as humankind.
7. What is the theme of the International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation 2021 _____ **Accelerating Investment to End Female Genital Mutilation**.
- Note:**
- The International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation is observed on 6th February to create awareness about ending the practice of female genital mutilation (FGM).
 - The day has been marked since 2012 by the United Nations (UN).

New Appointments

1. Who assumed charge as the new Vice Chief of the Indian Army staff _____ **Manoj Pande**.

Note:

- Lt Gen Pande was serving as the Eastern Army Commander before assuming the new role.
- Lt Gen RP Kalita has been appointed as the new chief of Kolkata-headquartered Eastern Army Command.
- Lt Gen Pande was commissioned in the Bombay Sappers in Dec1982.

2. Who has been appointed as the Director-General of the Defence Intelligence Agency _____ **GAV Reddy**.

Note:

- General Reddy would be succeeding Lt Gen KJS Dhillon. The Director-General of the Defence Intelligence Agency is the head of the organisation and is among the principal advisors on intelligence to the Minister of Defence and the Chief of Defence Staff.

3. Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) _____ **Ravi Mittal**.

Note:

- The appointment comes little over four months after the post fell vacant following the retirement of M S Sahoo who completed his five-year term on September 30, 2021.
- In October 2021, IBBI Whole Time Member Navrang Saini was given the additional charge as the chairperson.

4. Who has been appointed as Chairman of University Grants Commission (UGC) _____ **M Jagadesh Kumar**.

Note:

- This is the second time he has been given the charge of chairman of UGC. Kumar held the charge of Chairman, UGC from 14 January 2017 to 2 February 2017.
- He was a member of UGC for three years (24 June 2016 to 23 June 2019).

5. In February 2022, who has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador of 'RummyCircle' by Games24x7 _____

Hrithik Roshan.

Note:

- As part of the partnership, Roshan will be seen in multimedia campaigns by RummyCircle, spanning across TV, digital and social media platforms.

6. Which airline has recently appointed Rahul Bhatia as its Managing Director _____ **IndiGo**.

Note:

- The company is the parent of the country's largest airline IndiGo.
- Bhatia is the Co-founder and Promoter of InterGlobe Aviation.
- Ronojoy Dutta is the CEO of the Indigo.
- IndiGo is India's biggest airline by market share.
- It is headquartered at Gurgaon, Haryana.

7. In February 2022, who has been appointed as the Vice Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) _____

Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit.

Note:

- She is currently the Vice Chancellor (VC) of Savitribai Phule University.
- Ms. Pandit will be the first woman Vice Chancellor of JNU.
- Her appointment is for a period of five years.

Important News - India

1. Services e-Health Assistance and Teleconsultation (SeHAT) is scheme implemented by which ministry under which home delivery of medicines has been started _____ **Ministry of Defence**.

Note:

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh had launched SeHAT scheme in May 2021.
- SeHAT is the tri-services teleconsultation service of the Ministry of Defence designed for all entitled personnel and their families.

2. Which historical monument has been finalised for nomination for the UNESCO World Heritage sites for the year 2022-2023 _____ **Hoysala temples**.

Note:

- 'Sacred Ensembles of Hoysala' have been on UNESCO's tentative list since April 15, 2014.

- The Hoysala temples represent human creative genius and stand testimony to the rich historical and cultural heritage of our country.
3. Which Biodiversity Park of India has been declared as India's first "other effective area-based conservation measures" (OECM) site by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) _____ **Aravalli Biodiversity Park, Gurugram.**
- Note:**
- The OECM tag does not bring any legal, financial or management implications, but designates the area as a biodiversity hotspot on the international map.
 - The OECM tag is given by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) to areas that are not protected but support rich biodiversity.
4. Government has approved the Indian Footwear and Leather Development Programme (IFLDP) for continuation from 2021-22 to till _____ **31 March 2026.**
- Note:**
- IFLDP has been approved by the cabinet for continuation till March 31, 2026, or till further review, whichever is earlier.
 - The programme aims at development of infrastructure for the leather sector, address environmental concerns specific to the leather sector, facilitate additional investments, employment generation and increase in production.
5. Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the 'Statue of Equality' to commemorate the 11th-century Bhakti saint Sri Ramanujacharya in _____ **Hyderabad.**
- Note:**
- The statue will encourage youth and will be a symbol of knowledge, detachment, and ideals.
 - PM Modi landed in the city earlier this afternoon where he also attended the 50th-anniversary celebrations of ICRISAT.
6. The world's third-largest cricket stadium is going to be built in which city of India _____ **Jaipur.**
- Note:**
- Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and BCCI president Sourav Ganguly laid the foundation stone of the project virtually.
 - This stadium is being built on the Jaipur-Delhi bypass.
7. Which is set to become the first station to be ready between Mumbai – Ahmedabad Bullet Train route for India's first futuristic High Speed Rail project _____ **Surat.**
- Note:**
- The MAHSR corridor will cover 12 stations in total- Surat, Vadodara, Anand, Ahmedabad, Sabarmati, Bilimora, Bharuch, Mumbai, Thane, Virar, Boisar, Vapi stations.
 - Once the Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train Project is ready, the journey time between Mumbai and Ahmedabad will be 2.07 hours (limited stops), 2.58 hours (halting at stations) vis a vis existing train journey duration of seven-eight hours.
8. PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission will provide support for how many rural Health and Wellness Centres in 10 High Focus States _____ **17,788.**
- Note:**
- PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission which was earlier known as Prime Minister Atmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana, is one of the largest pan-India scheme for strengthening healthcare infrastructure across the country.
 - The scheme was announced in the Budget speech of Financial Year 2021-22 on 1st February last year with an outlay of 64 thousand 180 crore rupees over six years till the year 2025-26
9. Which IIM will establish the country's first research chair in ESG in collaboration with the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited (NIIF) _____ **IIM, Ahmedabad.**
- Note:**
- The newly formed 'NIIF Chair in ESG at IIMA' will work closely with the Arun Duggal ESG Centre for Research and Innovation at IIMA.
 - It will function as the principal hub of knowledge and insights that allows businesses and policy makers to incorporate ESG principles in their long-term business and governance decisions.
10. The Central Government has decided to continue the Scheme of "Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram, RYSK for another _____ **five years.**
- Note:**

- The decision was taken with a view to achieving the objectives of developing the personality and leadership qualities of the youth and to engage them in nation building activities.
- Government of India also decided to continue the NSS(National Service Scheme) over the 15th Finance Commission Cycle (2021-22 to 2025-26) at an outlay of Rs. 1,627 Crore.
- NSS is implemented in Senior Secondary Schools, Colleges and Universities in all States and UTs across the country.

Important News – State

1. Which state government has promulgated an ordinance to enhanced the retirement age for its employees by 2 years to 62 _____ **Andhra Pradesh.**

Note:

- Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan promulgated the AP Public Employment (Regulation of Age of Superannuation) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2022 to this effect.
- On January 21, the state Cabinet approved the proposal to amend the AP Public Employment (Regulation of Age of Superannuation) Act, 1984 in line with the announcement made by Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy.

2. Spituk Gustor is an annual celebration of culture and traditional heritage of which state/union territories _____ **Ladakh.**

Note:

- It is a two-day annual celebration of Ladakhi culture and traditional heritage celebrated every year.
- The main attraction of the festival was the colourful mask dance locally called Chams performed by the monks of the monastery in their best robes depicting different deities such as Mahakala (Gonbo), Paldan Lhamo (Shridevi), White Mahakala, Protector Deity.

3. India's first 'geological park' will be set up in which state _____ **Madhya Pradesh.**

Note:

- Approval for the park has been granted by Geological Survey of India, under ministry of mining, Government of India for construction of the park with an investment of Rs 35 crores.
- The geological park will be built in Lamheta, because this place is among significant places in the world, from the geological point of view.

4. Khijadia Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state that has been declared Ramsar sites recently _____ **Gujarat.**

Note:

- Khijadia Wildlife Sanctuary (Ramsar site No. 2464), a freshwater wetland near the coast of the Gulf of Kutch, was formed following the creation of a bund (dike) in 1920 by the then ruler of the erstwhile princely state of Nawanagar to protect farmlands from saltwater ingress.
- The sanctuary is now part of Marine National Park, Jamnagar, the first marine national park in the country.

5. Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state that has been designated as Ramsar sites on the occasion of World Wetland Day 2022 _____ **Uttar Pradesh.**

Note:

- With this, the total number of Ramsar sites in India goes up to 49 covering an area of 1,093,636 hectares.
- Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary (site no. 2465), a freshwater marsh in the Sant Kabir Nagar district, is the largest natural floodplain wetland of eastern Uttar Pradesh.

6. The traditional Torgya Festival celebrated in which state _____ **Arunachal Pradesh.**

Note:

- The traditional Torgya Festival is celebrated in Arunachal Pradesh by Monpa community.
- The objective of the festival is to welcome a healthy and prosperous new year and ward off any kind of external aggression and protect people from natural disasters.

7. Which state's tableau selected as the best state tableau at the Republic Day parade in 2022 _____ **Uttar Pradesh.**

Note:

- The tableau of Uttar Pradesh was based on the theme 'One District One Product' and Kashi Vishwanath Dham'.
- The second place went to Karnataka for its tableau based on 'Cradle of Traditional Handicrafts'.
- The third position went to Meghalaya for its tableau on 'Meghalaya's 50 years of Statehood and its tribute to women-led cooperative societies & SHGs'.

8. Which state tops India's list in the number of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) owned by entrepreneurs from the Scheduled Castes _____ **Maharashtra.**

Note:

- Tamil Nadu with 42,997 enterprises and Rajasthan with 38,517 units occupy the second and third slots, according to the data furnished by the Office of the Development Commissioner in the Union Ministry of MSME.
 - The fourth, fifth and sixth slots belong to Uttar Pradesh (36,913 units), Karnataka (28,803 enterprises) and Punjab (24,503 units) respectively.
9. In a bid to spread voter awareness among voters which state's Chief Electoral Officer has unveiled its Election Mascot – 'Shera' _____ **Punjab**.

Note:

- The Election Mascot, 'Shera' represents the rich cultural heritage of Punjab.
- Promoted under the Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) project, the Mascot aims to increase voter awareness and participation in the elections to increase voter turnout and promote ethical voting.

Important News – World

1. 11th meeting of India and which country's Joint Military Cooperation Committee (JMCC) was held in New Delhi _____ **Oman**.

Note:

- The meeting was co-chaired by Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar and Mohammed Bin Nasser Bin Ali AL Zaabi, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Defence of Oman.
 - The JMCC is the highest forum of engagement between India and Oman in the field of defence.
2. India and Nepal signed a Memorandum of Understanding with (MoU) for the construction of a motorable Bridge over which river _____ **Mahakali**.

Note:

- It will connect Dharchula in India to Darchula in Nepal.
 - It will be constructed under Indian grant assistance.
 - The newly announced project to build a bridge over the Mahakali river would strengthen Nepal-India relations.
3. Which country was India's top most trading partner in 2021 _____ **USA**.

Note:

- The US is followed by China on second. The value of trade between India and China was \$110.4 billion.
 - In 2020, China was India's top trading partner and the US was in the second rank. In 2019 USA was India's top trading partner and China was on second.
4. Which country has tested fired Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile (IRMB) named "Hwasong-12" _____ **North Korea**.

Note:

- The launch was the seventh missile test that Pyongyang has conducted since the start of 2022. It is also the longest-range missile that North Korea has launched since 2017.
 - The launch of the "Hwasong-12-type surface-to-surface intermediate- and long-range ballistic missile" was organised by the Academy of Defence Science (ADS), the Second Economic Committee.
5. Which global IT Services and Technology Solutions Company, has partnered with Microsoft for its launch of 'Microsoft Cloud for Retail' _____ **ITC Infotech**.

Note:

- The company has been a partner with Microsoft for over three decades.
 - The 'Microsoft Cloud for Retail' collaboration is expected to further strengthen the relationship.
 - Sonata Software delivers solutions for retailers world-wide, leveraging world-class IPs, in-house migration and modernisation tools.
6. Which country scored the highest in the Salesforce Global Digital Skills Index 2022, that measures global employee sentiments and readiness to acquire the key digital skills needed by businesses today and over the next five years _____ **India**.

Note:

- India had the highest digital readiness score of 63 out of 100, with 72% respondents saying they were actively learning digital skills to prepare themselves for the future of work.

- The index is based on a survey of more than 23,500 workers in 19 countries, with an average global readiness score of 33 out of 100.
7. World's first hydrogen-powered flying boat is all set to be manufactured and launched in _____ **Dubai**.
- Note:**
- Swiss startup THE JET ZeroEmission has signed an agreement with UAE-based Zenith Marine Services and US-based DWYN to manufacture and operate 'The Jet'.
 - THE JET' features cutting-edge characteristics and technologies, making it capable of flying in silence over the waters at a cruising speed of 40 knots.
8. Which company surpassed U.S chipmaker Intel to become the world's leading chipmaker by revenue in 2021 _____ **Samsung Electronics**.
- Note:**
- While Intel posted relatively flattish results, Samsung took the lead with a strong DRAM and NAND flash market performance in 2021. Samsung also saw solid momentum in logic chips this year.
 - In terms of semiconductor sales in 2020, Samsung was at the second position behind Intel (approximately \$62 billion revenue versus Intel's \$76 billion).
9. Sergio Mattarella has been re-elected as President of which country _____ **Italy**.
- Note:**
- The 80-year-old emerged as the most popular choice after six days of often tense voting in Rome.
 - Mattarella was reconfirmed with a broad majority, namely 759 votes in favor from a total of 983 lawmakers and regional representatives actively taking part in the ballot.
10. Which country will procure 420 broad-gauge wagons from India _____ **Bangladesh**.
- Note:**
- The agreement worth Tk. 231 crore will be implemented within 27 months of the signing of the contract.
 - This project is being implemented with the joint funding of the Government of Bangladesh and Asian Development Bank (ADB) under the Rolling Stock Operation Improvement Project.

Honor & Awards

1. Name the Indian hockey player who won the prestigious World Games Athlete of the Year 2021 for his 2021 performances _____ **PR Sreejesh**.
- Note:**
- He becomes 1st Indian man and only the second Indian to receive the accolade.
 - In 2020, Indian women's hockey captain Rani Rampal became the first Indian to win the honour.
 - Sreejesh was part of the Tokyo Olympics-bronze medal winning side.
2. Name the sports person who has been nominated for the prestigious 2022 Laureus World Breakthrough of the Year Award _____ **Neeraj Chopra**.
- Note:**
- The other 5 nominees are Daniil Medvedev (Australian Open runner-up), Emma Raducanu (British tennis star), Pedri (Barcelona and Spain footballer), Yulimar Rojas (Venezuelan athlete) and Ariarne Titmus (Australian swimmer)
 - The winners will be revealed in April following a vote by the Laureus World Sports Academy, made up of 71 sporting greats.
3. Who has been named the recipient of the ICC Spirit of Cricket Award _____ **Daryl Mitchell**.
- Note:**
- As a result, Mitchell has become the fourth New Zealand player to win the award, following the footsteps of Daniel Vettori, Brendon McCullum and Kane Williamson.
 - Mitchell won the award for refusing to take a single in the high-pressure T20 World Cup semi-final against England in Abu Dhabi on November 10, 2021.
4. In popular choice category award, which state has won first position for Best Tableau among 12 states/UTs category for 2022 _____ **Maharashtra**.

Note:

- “The second place went to Uttar Pradesh [popular choice], while the tableau of Jammu and Kashmir on theme ‘Changing face of Jammu & Kashmir’ finished third.”

Sports News

1. Who won the Tata Steel Masters chess 2022 _____ **Magnus Carlsen.**

Note:

- Indian Grandmaster Vidit Gujrathi lost to Shakhriyar Mamedyarov of Azerbaijan in the 12th and penultimate round of the tournament.
- The Norwegian, who will get a win by forfeit (over Daniil Dubov) in the final round, is a full point ahead of his closest competitors — Richard Rapport and Mamedyarov.

2. India defeated which country to win bronze medal at 2022 Women’s Hockey Asia Cup tournament _____ **China.**

Note:

- Sharmila Devi and Gurjit Kaur scored goals from India’s side.
- It was held from 21st to 28th Jan 2022 at the Sultan Qaboos Sports Complex in Muscat, Oman.
- Meanwhile, Japan defeated South Korea to win gold at Women’s Hockey Asia Cup tournament.

3. Which Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise have become the first-ever sports Unicorn in the country _____ **Chennai Super Kings.**

Note:

- CSK is four-time Indian Premier League (IPL) winners.
- MS Dhoni-led Chennai Super Kings (CSK) defeated mighty Kolkata Knight Riders last year to win their record-extending fourth IPL title in Dubai.

4. In February 2022, who got selected as the Torchbearer of Winter Olympic 2022 by the China Government _____ **Qi Fabao.**

Note:

- The Winter Olympics was opened in a lavish ceremony to be attended by President Xi Jinping and more than a dozen world leaders, including Russia’s Vladimir Putin, five Central Asian Presidents and Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan.
- He “took the flame from Wang Meng, China’s four-time Olympic short track speed skating champion, at Winter Olympic Park.

5. Arif Khan is associated which sports, who is the lone Indian athlete to attend the opening ceremony of the 2022 Winter Olympics _____ **Skiing.**

Note:

- The 31-year-old Arif will be the lone Indian competitor at the Games, having qualified in Slalom and Giant Slalom events. India sent a six-member contingent to the Games including a coach, a technician and a team manager.
- Arif is the first Indian to secure qualification in two events of the same edition of the Games.

6. Which Country won the African Cup of Nations title in football _____ **Senegal.**

Note:

- Sadio Mané scored the winning spot kick to start the celebrations and make up for missing a penalty in the seventh minute of the game.
- The final had ended 0-0 after extra time.
- Senegal had lost two finals previously, including at the last African Cup in Egypt in 2019, when Mané was left inconsolable.

7. By defeating which country India has won the record fifth time ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup title _____ **England.**

Note:

- India lifted a record fifth ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup title after beating England by four wickets in the summit clash at Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in Antigua.
- Earlier, India had won the U19 World Cup in 2000, 2008, 2012, and 2018.

Books and Authors

1. Who is the author of the biography of the Tokyo Olympic Gold Medalist Neeraj Chopra titled “Golden Boy Neeraj Chopra” _____ **Navdeep Singh Gill**.

Note:

- The biography on Tokyo Olympics-2021 gold medalist Neeraj Chopra was released by chairperson of Punjab Kala Parishad Surjit Patar and president of Punjabi Sahit Akademi Lakhwinder Singh Johal, amid the presence of the author and his family members.
- It is the seventh book written by Navdeep and the sixth placing focus on the sports as well as the sportspersons.

2. Who is the author of the graphic novel titled ‘Atharva - The Origin’, in which Cricketer Mahendra Singh Dhoni has been portrayed as the superhero Atharva _____ **Ramesh Thamilmani**.

Note:

- Dhoni unveiled the first look of his upcoming graphic novel Atharva - The Origin.
- The project is created by Virzu Studios in association with MIDAS Deals.
- The graphic novel has been written by Ramesh Thamilmani.

3. Who has authored the book titled ‘India, That is Bharat: Coloniality, Civilisation, Constitution’ _____ **J Sai Deepak**.

Note:

- The book is the first part of a comprehensive trilogy, which examines the far reaching impact of European ‘colonial consciousness’ on Bharat. Upon a thorough reading of the book, what really lingers is the well-researched arguments put forth.

Science and Defence

1. A Global Center of Excellence in Affordable and Clean Energy has been launched at which IIT _____ **IIT Dharwad**.

Note:

- The center is supported by the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) donation from Honeywell Hometown Solutions India Foundation (HHSIF).
- The first phase of the CSR project with HHSIF is to establish equipment for the GCoE-ACE mainly as skill development, fabrication, and R&D equipment.

2. What would the name of the fifth submarine of Project 75, of the Scorpene class that has commenced her maiden sea trials _____ **INS Vagir**.

Note:

- The submarine, launched in November 2020 from the Kanhoji Angre Wet Basin of Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL), would be named Vagir, after commissioning.
- Last year, INS Vela, the fourth submarine in the series of six submarines of Project-75, was inducted into the Navy.

3. Which defence PSU signed a contract worth ₹3131.82 crores for the manufacture and supply of Konkurs anti-tank missiles for the Indian Army _____ **Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)**.

Note:

- Bharat Dynamics will manufacture and supply Konkurs anti-tank missiles to the Indian Army
- Konkurs - M is a second generation, mechanized infantry anti-tank guided missile, to destroy armored vehicle equipped with explosive reactive armour.

4. Param Pravega, one of the most powerful supercomputers in India has been installed and commissioned in which institutions _____ **Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru**.

Note:

- The system, which is expected to power diverse research and educational pursuits, has a total supercomputing capacity of 3.3 petaflops (1 petaflop equals a quadrillion or 1,015 operations per second), the premier science research institution based in Bengaluru.
 - It has been designed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC).
5. Which IIT has launched the beta version of 'Swarajability', a job portal powered by AI that helps people with disabilities acquire relevant skills and find jobs _____ **Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad.**
- Note:**
- The project is funded by Kotak Mahindra Bank, while IIT-H provided AI expertise, Visual Quest developed the platform, and Youth4Jobs skilling services.
 - The platform will analyse the profiles of the job seekers and suggest the skills they would require to become eligible.
6. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will make its third venture to the Moon through the Chandrayaan-3 mission in _____ **August 2022.**
- Note:**
- This was stated by Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh in a written reply to Lok Sabha.
 - This year is expected to be quite busy for ISRO as major projects such as Gaganyaan and Aditya solar mission are also in the pipeline. ISRO will conduct 19 missions till December this year.

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