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Dear readers,

Weekly One Liners Update is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the **fourth week** (22-31st) of **January 2022**. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. Which of the following is the most valued company in terms of Mcap _____ **Reliance Industries**.
Note:
 - This is due to the domestic equity benchmarks witnessed heavy selling in line with the global market.
 - Benchmark indices witnessed nearly a 4% cut last week as FPIs booked profits across large-caps and select mid-caps.
2. Which bank has signed an MoU with GIFT SEZ enabling both to work together towards greater enhancement of the financial services eco-system for alternative investment funds and global custody services _____ **Kotak Mahindra Bank**.
Note:
 - The MoU will enable both to work together towards greater enhancement of the financial services eco-system for alternative investment funds and global custody services.
 - Both KMBL and GIFT SEZ will cooperate towards wide-ranging activities to improve overall financial services.
3. In January 2022, which food delivery company has become a Decacorn by almost doubling its valuation to \$10.7 billion _____ **Swiggy**.
Note:
 - Swiggy's latest valuation is almost double that of Zomato before the latter went for its initial public offering.
 - Zomato was valued at \$5.4 billion before its IPO.
4. Which Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFCs) has partnered with Paytm to provide lending products to merchant partners and consumers _____ **Fullerton India**.
Note:
 - With this partnership, the fintech users will get Paytm Postpaid (buy-now-pay-later) feature on the Paytm platform.
 - Besides, the partnership is set to offer lending products like merchant loans.
5. India Mortgage Guarantee Corporation (IMGC) partnered with housing finance company to offer mortgage guarantee-backed home loan products to later's customer _____ **Muthoot Homefin**.
Note:
 - Muthoot Homefin aims to leverage mortgage guarantee as a risk mitigation tool as demand for affordable and mid-income housing increases.
 - The tie-up with IMGC will help Muthoot Homefin deepen its penetration in existing markets across its 108 branches/locations.
6. Which multilateral development bank, will spend \$150 million in the creation of data centres that will primarily serve emerging Asia _____ **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank**.
Note:
 - This project is being AIIB's 1st data centre project.
 - The Keppel Data Centre Fund II (KDCF II), a private equity company managed by Alpha Investment Partners Limited (Alpha), will route funds through the Beijing-based AIIB, of which India is a significant founding member.
7. According to Brand Finance's Global 500 study for 2022 which has retained its title as the world's most valuable brand _____ **Apple**.
Note:
 - The brand valuation of Apple was recorded at \$355.1 billion in 2022, which is an increase of 35% from last year.
 - This is the highest brand value ever recorded in the Brand Finance Global 500 ranking history.

8. According to the World Economic Outlook report released in January 2022, what will be India's economic growth rate in the fiscal 2021-22 (FY22) _____ **9.0 percent**.

Note:

- Earlier this was estimated at 9.5%
- IMF has projected the growth forecast for India in 2022-23 (FY23) at 7.1%
- IMF has projected the global growth rate in 2022 to 4.4%, and in 2023 to 3.8%.

9. Which PSU has signed a contract with Hyperion Global Group, LLC, to develop, manufacture and supply Internet of Things (IoT) devices for the US market _____ **Bharat Electronics Limited**.

Note:

- BEL will manufacture and supply IoT devices worth \$73 million to Hyperion during the first year of commencement of supply with a provision to negotiate and supply upgrades of the products, worth \$365 million, in the next five years.
- Hyperion's next generation global telecommunications infrastructure is said to be the key to unlocking unprecedented levels of performance and speed made possible by the combination of IoT and 5G. Hyperion would accomplish this by strategically implementing a six-phase strategy to meet its customer demands.

10. In association with which General Insurance Company, the Agri-tech start-up FAARMS has introduced customized digital insurance solutions for the rural population especially the farmers _____ **Reliance General Insurance Company Ltd.**

Note:

- The partnership is aimed at offering comprehensive financial protection to the uninsured individuals of the country.
- Faarms is a single point e-commerce platform for farmers for all farming related inputs from seeds, agrochemicals, machinery and animal feed in India.

11. CVC and Ministry of Finance have extended the scope of the existing Advisory Board for Banking and Financial Frauds (ABBFF) to cover all fraud cases involving an amount of _____ **Rs. 3 Crore and above**.

Note:

- The probity watchdog had issued an order in this regard to the chief executives and CVOs of all public sector banks and insurance companies.
- The CVC had on January 6 expanded the ambit of the Advisory Board for Banking and Financial Frauds (ABBFF), which conducts first level examination of large bank frauds, to cover all such cases involving amounts of Rs 3 crore and above besides examining the role of all levels of officials.

12. Which payment infrastructure company has signed an MoU with NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) that will allow Indian customers with an active UPI ID to receive real-time, international payments into their bank accounts _____ **TerraPay**.

Note:

- NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) is the International arm of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- TerraPay is Headquartered in The Netherlands.

13. Which Indian motor company has announced the acquisition of 75 percent stake in the Swiss e-Mobility Group (SEMG) for \$100 million _____ **TVS Motor Company Ltd.**

Note:

- The valuation of the company (SEMG) is \$100 million. So, the acquisition cost is \$100 million.
- The acquisition has been made in an all-cash deal through TVS Motor's Singapore Subsidiary TVS Motor (Singapore) Pte Ltd.

14. At what value the Tata Group has regained control of Air India after 69 years _____ **Rs 18,000 crore**.

Note:

- The total value of the deal is Rs 18,000 crore (US\$2.4 billion).
- The strategic disinvestment transaction of Air India includes transfer of 100 percent stake of GoI in Air India to Tata Sons, along with management control.

15. With which bank the Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative Bank is merged with _____ **Unity Small Finance Bank**.

Note:

- The amalgamation came into force with effect from the date of the notification of the scheme i.e. January 25, 2022.
- According to the press release, the scheme of amalgamation notified envisages taking over of all the assets and liabilities of PMC Bank, including deposits, by the USFBL in terms of the provisions of the scheme.

16. Which bank has launched a wearable payment solution called CUB fitness watch debit card, in association with smart-tech-enabled preventive healthcare platform GOQii and powered by the NPCI _____ **City Union Bank.**

Note:

- Customers need to hold this wristwatch in front of the PoS device during payment like tapping the card on PoS. For payments above Rs 5,000, customers need to tap and enter their PIN.
- The introductory price of a smartwatch debit card is Rs 3,499, as compared to an actual cost of Rs 6,499).

17. Which technology company has will invest \$1 billion in the Bharti Airtel as part of its India Digitization Fund _____

Google.

Note:

- Google and Bharti Airtel will partner on a long-term, multi-year agreement to accelerate the growth of India's digital ecosystem.
- Google will make an equity investment of \$700 million for a 1.28% stake in Bharti Airtel at a price of Rs 734 per share.

18. Which bank has issued \$300 million Formosa bonds and listed the issuance on India INX GIFT IFSC _____ **State Bank of India.**

Note:

- The lender is the first Indian entity to raise money through Formosa Bond, which is a bond issued in Taiwan.
- SBI was the first issuer whose Green bonds were dually listed in November 2021 on Luxembourg Stock Exchange through a MOU that has been entered into by both Exchanges.

19. According the date released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, what per cent of growth has been registered in the export of the marine products during April to Dec 2021 _____ **35%.**

Note:

- The exports of Marine Products touched over \$ 720 mn, registering a growth of over 28 per cent.
- The overall exports of Marine Products in the last Financial Year was \$ 5.96 bn.
- Top 5 export destinations: USA, China, Japan, Vietnam, Thailand.

20. Where is the headquarter of the Indian Mercantile Cooperative Bank Ltd located on which RBI has imposed certain restrictions regarding conducting of banking business, for six months _____ **Lucknow.**

Note:

- These restrictions came into force from the closure of business hours on January 28, 2022. The restrictions would remain in force for six months.
- The withdrawal limit has been fixed at a sum not exceeding Rs. 100,000 of the total balance across all savings bank or current accounts or any other account of a depositor.

Obituaries

1. Renowned personality Thich Nhat Hanh passed away recently, he was veteran _____ **Buddhist monk.**

Note:

- He was one of the world's most influential Zen masters, spreading messages of mindfulness, compassion and nonviolence.
- A prolific author, poet, teacher and peace activist, Thich Nhat Hanh was exiled from Vietnam after opposing the war in the 1960s.

2. Renowned sports person Subhash Bhowmick passed away recently, which sports he was associated with _____ **Football.**

Note:

- He was Suffering from diabetes and kidney disease since a long time.
- Popularly known as 'Bhombol da' in Kolkata, Bhowmik was a successful footballer as well as coach.

3. Noted personality Ramachandran Nagaswamy passed away recently. He belongs to which of the following field _____ **Archaeology.**

Note:

- He was the first director of Tamil Nadu government's Department of Archaeology and was known for his work on temple inscriptions and art history of Tamil Nadu.

4. Former sports person Charanjit Singh passed away recently, he was associated with which sports _____ **Hockey.**

Note:

- Charanjit was also a member of the team which won silver at the 1960 Rome Olympics.

- He represented India in two Asian Games as well and was honoured with the Arjuna Award in 1963 and the Padma Shri the next year.
5. Renowned personality Anil Awachat passed away due to a prolonged illness, he was a veteran _____ **author**.
- Note:**
- Awachat was the founder-director of the Muktangan Rehabilitation Centre in Pune and associated with several social causes.
 - Known for his books including Purnia, Awachat regularly wrote for Marathi magazines and other publications. He also had a stint as a journalist and was known for his reportage.
6. Renowned classical dancer Milena Salvini from France passed away recently, she was associated with which dance form _____ **Kathakali**.
- Note:**
- Italian-born Salvini was a regular visitor to India, especially Kerala where she learnt Kathakali, and ran 'Centre Mandapa', a school for Indian dance forms, in Paris.
 - The Government of India conferred the Padma Shri award on Salvini in 2019 for her contribution in the field of performing arts.
7. Renowned personality Iqbal Singh Kingra passed away recently, he was a veteran _____ **Spiritual Leader**.
- Note:**
- He was conferred with the Padma Shri in 2022 for his contributions in the field of social work.
 - He established Eternal University in 2008 and Akal University, Guru ki Kashi in 2015.

Important Days

1. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's birth anniversary falls on which date that has been decided to celebrate as National Parakram Diwas every year _____ **23rd January**.
- Note:**
- The central govt has decided to celebrate his birthday on the 23rd January every year as Parakram Diwas to inspire people of this country.
 - On this occasion, Narendra Modi unveiled the hologram statue of Netaji at India Gate.
2. In India, the National Girl Child Day (NGCD) is observed annually on _____ **24th January**.
- Note:**
- The day aims to focus on the inequalities faced by girls, to promote the education, health & nutrition of the girl child, and to spread awareness about the rights of a girl child.
 - The day was observed for the first time in 2008 as an initiative by the Ministry of Women and Child Development and the Government of India.
3. The International Day of Education is marked every year on _____ **24th January**.
- Note:**
- The first-ever International Day of Education was celebrated on **24 January 2019** as per the resolution passed by the United Nations General Assembly.
 - The theme of 4th International Day of Education in 2022 is Changing Course, Transforming Education.
4. What is the theme of National Voters Day, which is being observed on 25th January in India _____ **Making Elections Inclusive, Accessible and Participative**.
- Note:**
- The main objective behind the celebration is to encourage, facilitate, and maximise enrolment, especially for new voters.
 - The day has been celebrated since 2011 across the country to mark the foundation of the Election Commission of India, i.e. 25th January 1950.
5. In India, the National Tourism Day is celebrated every year on which date to promote tourism and raise awareness about the importance of tourism for the country's economy _____ **25th January**.
- Note:**
- Theme: 'Rural and Community Centric Tourism'.
 - Indian government established National Tourism Day to cultivate awareness among the global community on the importance of tourism
 - The day demonstrate tourism affects on social, political, financial, cultural worth and economic values worldwide.
6. The International Customs Day (ICD) is observed every year on _____ **26th January**.
- Note:**

- The day is celebrated to recognise the role of customs officials and agencies and focus on the working conditions and challenges that customs officers face in their jobs.
 - This year, the theme chosen by WCO for ICD is 'Scaling up Customs Digital Transformation by Embracing a Data Culture and Building a Data Ecosystem'.
7. International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust (International Holocaust Remembrance Day) is observed on _____ **27th January**.
- Note:**
- In 2022, the theme guiding the United Nations Holocaust remembrance and education is "Memory, Dignity and Justice".
 - The objective of the day is to commemorate the anniversary of the tragedy of the Holocaust that occurred during the Second World War.
8. Data Privacy Day is celebrated every year across the world on _____ **28th January**.
- Note:**
- The objective of the day is to sensitize individuals and disseminate privacy practices and principles.
 - It encourages everyone to own their privacy responsibilities to create a culture of privacy.
 - The theme for this year is 'Privacy Matters'.
9. World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day (World NTD Day) is observed every year on _____ **30th January**.
- Note:**
- 2022 theme is 'Achieving health equity to end the neglect of poverty-related diseases'. The 2022 slogan is "From neglect to care".
10. World Leprosy Day is observed globally every year on _____ **last Sunday of January every year (30th January 2022)**.
- Note:**
- The day is celebrated to raise global awareness of this deadly ancient disease and call attention to the fact that it can be prevented, treated and cured. In India, World Leprosy Day is celebrated every year on 30 January, the anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's death.
 - This year theme of World Leprosy Day 2022 is "United for Dignity".

New Appointments

1. Who has been appointed as the independent Chairman of Unity Small Finance Bank (Unity SFB) _____ **Vinod Rai**.
- Note:**
- He is a former IAS officer, with experience in Ministry of Finance, Commerce, Defence as well as with Federal and State Governments and Private Institutions.
 - Unity Small Finance Bank has commenced operations as a small finance bank with effect from November 1, 2021 under Section 22 (1) of Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
2. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) Adjudicating Authority _____ **Vinodanand Jha**.
- Note:**
- Jha is a 1983-batch retired IRS officer, who was serving as the Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax in Pune before this.
 - The PMLA Adjudicating Authority is a three-member body whose mandated is to adjudicate the cases of attachment of assets orders issued under the **Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA)**
3. Who has been selected by the PESB as the new chairman and managing director of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) _____ **Pushp Kumar Joshi**.
- Note:**
- Joshi is currently Director - Human Resources at HPCL.
 - The recommendation will now go to the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
4. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director of Wipro Limited for Southeast Asia _____ **Badrinath Srinivasan**.
- Note:**
- He will focus on Wipro's vision for business growth, revenue expansion, client and influencer relationships, talent development and brand building.

- He will also strengthen the key markets of Southeast Asia, focusing on large deals and strategic transformational engagements.
5. Who has been elected as new Chairman of the International Zinc Association (IZA) _____ **Arun Misra**.
Note:
- Incidentally, Misra is the first Indian as well as Asian to hold a position of acting chairman of the IZA.
 - Hindustan Zinc is India's largest and the world's second largest zinc-lead miner.
 - The IZA is a non-profit organisation that represents the global zinc industry.
6. Who is the chairman of the Life Insurance Corporation of India _____ **MR Kumar**.
Note:
- Besides, the government has also extended the tenure of one of the managing directors, Raj Kumar, for one year.
 - With the extension, M R Kumar will continue as chairman of LIC till March 2023.
 - This is the second extension for the LIC chairman.
7. Who has been appointed as Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) to the government of India _____ **V Anantha Nageswaran**.
Note:
- Prior to his appointment, Nageswaran has also been a part-time member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India from 2019 to 2021.
 - He has replaced Krishnamurthy Subramanian, who returned to academia in December after a three-year tenure as CEA.

Important News – India

1. India's first state-of-the-art, high-performance para-badminton academy with advanced equipment and facilities has been set up in _____ **Lucknow**.
Note:
- The centre has been launched by Dronacharya awardee and head national coach of Indian para-badminton team, Gaurav Khanna, in association with Ageas Federal Life Insurance.
 - Khanna also unveiled the Ageas Federal 'Quest for Fearless Shuttlers' programme to spot and nurture new talent for the 2028 and 2032 Paralympics.
2. Which organization has released a report titled 'Banking on Electric Vehicles in India' in collaboration with Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI), and RMI India _____ **NITI Aayog**.
Note:
- Report provides considerations and recommendations to inform inclusion of EVs in RBI's PSL guidelines.
 - Banks and NBFCs in India have the potential to achieve an electric vehicle financing market size of Rs 40,000 crore (USD 5 billion) by 2025.
3. The Gujarat government named an under-bridge in Rajkot after _____ **General Bipin Rawat**.
Note:
- General Rawat died on December 8 when his military helicopter crashed near Coonoor in Nilgiris district in Tamil Nadu.
 - All 14 on board, including the general's wife, perished in the incident.
4. What is India's rank in the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2021 released by the Transparency International _____ **85th**.
Note:
- The ranking has been topped jointly by three countries- Denmark, Finland and New Zealand (Score of 88).
 - This ranking measures how corrupt each country's public sector is perceived to be. The results are given on a scale of 0 (highly corrupt) to 100 (very clean).
 - 180 countries are ranked in it.
5. In association with Amar Chitra Katha, which ministry has prepared the comic book titled 'India's Women Unsung Heroes' _____ **Ministry of Culture**.
Note:
- The unique book has been prepared by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India in partnership with Amar Chitra Katha.
 - It beautifully portrays the tales of valor of our forgotten women freedom fighters.
6. Shivangi Singh held from which state who became the first woman fighter pilot to fly Rafale as part of the Indian Air Force tableau at the Republic Day parade _____ **Uttar Pradesh**.
Note:

- Shivangi is from Varanasi and is part of the IAF's Golden Arrows squadron based out of Ambala in Punjab.
 - Shivangi Singh joined the Indian Air Force in 2017 and was commissioned in the IAF's second batch of women fighter pilots.
7. How much amount has been allocated under PLI scheme for drones and drone components _____ **Rs 120 crore.**
Note:
- The PLI scheme came as a follow-through of the liberalised Drone Rules, 2021, released by the MoCA on August 25, 2021.
8. Which tiger reserve has been awarded the prestigious international TX2 Award for doubling its tiger population since 2010 _____ **Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve, Tamil Nadu.**
Note:
- Nepal's Bardia National Park was also jointly conferred the award, for doubling its population of wild tigers.
 - The Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve is located in Erode district, and now houses 80 tigers in its 1408 sq. km campus.
9. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Pandit Jasraj Cultural Foundation on the 92nd birth anniversary Pandit Jasraj, who was a legendary _____ **Vocalist.**
Note:
- During the launch PM called for the globalization of Indian Music.
 - He also urged people to take Indian music to the world and said that people should be setting up startups based on music.
10. India Innovation Centre for Graphene (IICG) will be setup in which place _____ **Thrissur, Kerala.**
Note:
- This will be a joint venture between Pune-headquartered Centre for Materials for Electronics Technology (CMET), Digital University Kerala (DUK), Tata Steel Limited and other industries.
 - Earlier this week, the MeitY gave IICG an 'in-principle' approval.
11. With technical assistance of which country, the union government has decided to convert as many as 150 villages into 'Villages of Excellence' in 12 states _____ **Israel.**
Note:
- Already, the Israeli government has established 29 Centre of Excellence (CoEs) in 12 states.
 - The 150 villages that are located around CoEs will be converted into 'Villages of Excellence.'
12. What is the theme of the 30th Foundation Day celebration of National Commission for Women (NCW) _____ **She The Change Maker.**
Note:
- "The theme of the programme is 'She The Change Maker', aimed at celebrating the achievements of women in different fields.
 - The State Commissions for Women and Department of Women and Child Development in State Govt will participate.
13. The govt has mandated storage of international calls, satellite phone calls, conference calls and messages made over normal networks as well as on the internet for a period of at least _____ **two years.**
Note:
- The move follows an amendment made in the unified licence (UL) in Dec by the DoT.
 - UL holders are telecom companies like Bharti Airtel, Reliance Jio, Vodafone Idea, BSNL for providing all kinds of telecom services, except satellite phone services.
14. India's largest 100-point electric vehicle charging station for four-wheelers was inaugurated in which city _____ **Gurugram.**
Note:
- The station is bound to attract city residents to switch to electric vehicles in the near future
 - The project was launched by the National Highway for Electric Vehicle.
 - It is a private entity which has expertise in carrying out pilot projects and is working with government agencies and the NITI Aayog.
15. The year 2022 marks which death anniversary of the Father of Nation _____ **74.**
Note:
- The day is also observed as Martyrs' Day.
 - Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated on this day in 1948.

1. Which state government has decided to establish an Infrastructure Financing Authority on the occasion of its Golden Jubilee Celebrations _____ **Arunachal Pradesh.**

Note:

- This was decided during the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Arunachal Pradesh as an independent state
- The state of Arunachal Pradesh was created in 1972.
- In 2022, the state has celebrated its 50th anniversary.

2. With which another state govt the Himachal Pradesh govt has signed MoU to revive the Saraswati river _____ **Haryana.**

Note:

- Under this, Haryana Government will construct a dam and a reservoir in Adi Badri area near Yamunanagar district, which is situated on the border of Himachal Pradesh.
- Cost of the project is estimated at Rs 215.33 crore and will be borne entirely by Haryana govt.

3. Which state government has set up India's first Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming and Comics (AVGC) Center of Excellence recently _____ **Karnataka.**

Note:

- Karnataka was the first Indian state to introduce an AVGC policy in 2012.
- The state is now home to the country's first to set up such a centre, which is also said to be the biggest in Asia, the government said in a release.

4. Which state/UT's women's team has won the ninth national women's ice hockey championship organised by the Ice Hockey Association of India in Himachal Pradesh _____ **Ladakh.**

Note:

- The championship was held in Kaza area of Himachal Pradesh from January 15-21. Six teams from Delhi, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Telangana and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police participated in the championship.

5. Which state govt has launched 'Grama One', a technology-driven programme that would offer services of various government departments in rural areas _____ **Karnataka.**

Note:

- It would offer services of various government departments in rural areas of 12 districts.
- The services will be extended to all districts across Karnataka by the end of March.

6. Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state which is among the proposed five sites in the country, is expected to be formally notified as Tiger Reserve (TR) _____ **Rajasthan.**

Note:

- The Centre also announced the development during the 4th Asia ministerial conference on tiger conservation.
- The Centre has already given its approval of granting tiger reserve status to Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary, along with MM Hills in Karnataka, Guru Ghasidas National Park in Chhattisgarh.

7. Which state government has established its own drone manufacturing corporation _____ **Tamil Nadu.**

Note:

- The corporation will design, manufacture and trade all types of drones and allied systems.
- Drones were used by the State police department and later by the Disaster Management Department to conduct surveys in mines and for aerial photography.

8. Which state government has formed 13 new districts _____ **Andhra Pradesh.**

Note:

- Parliamentary constituencies were used to construct the districts.
- With this, the state of Andhra Pradesh now has a total of 26 districts.

9. In which state Social activists have built a temple for Mahatma Gandhi and freedom fighters _____ **Andhra Pradesh.**

Note:

- Aim: to inculcate patriotism among the youth by remembering the sacrifices of freedom fighters.
- Statues of freedom fighters and social activists were erected in the park with the help of donors.

Important News - World

1. Which country has inaugurated the 'India-assisted social housing units project' _____ **Mauritius.**

Note:

- They also launched the Civil Service College and 8MW Solar PV Farm projects in Mauritius that are being undertaken under India's development support.

- Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister Modi said, India and Mauritius are united by history, ancestry, culture, language, and the shared waters of the Indian Ocean.
2. Which of the following countries is not a participant in the 1st India-Central Asia Summit _____ **Afghanistan**.
Note:
- Presidents of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan will participate.
 - Apart from regional security and the Afghanistan issue, the key focus will be trade and connectivity, development partnership, culture, and people-to-people ties.
3. India has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with which country with a scope for cooperation in health research _____ **France**.
Note:
- The MoU was signed between Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, CSIR and Institut Pasteur, France.
 - CSIR and Institut Pasteur will jointly research and focus on emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases and inherited disorders and enable delivery of effective and affordable healthcare solutions not only for the people of India and France but for the global good.
4. The "clinker boats" of which of the following groups of countries has been inscribed in Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) _____ **Nordic countries**.
Note:
- For thousands of years, wooden sailboats have allowed northern Europeans to spread influence, trade, and even conflict across continents and seas.
 - The UNESCO designation was requested jointly by Denmark, Iceland, Finland, Sweden, and Norway.
5. World's-largest canal lock was unveiled in which country _____ **The Netherlands**.
Note:
- Canal lock was inaugurated by Dutch King Willen-Alexander.
 - The 500-meter long and 70-meter wide sluice replaces a smaller, nearly 100-year-old one at Ijmuiden.
 - Ijmuiden is a small port city connecting the North Sea Canal to the port of Amsterdam.
6. With which intergovernmental organization, India has recently approved a Digital Work Plan 2022 _____ **ASEAN**.
Note:
- It includes a system for combating the use of stolen and counterfeit mobile handsets and WiFi Access network interface for nationwide public internet.
 - It also includes capacity building and knowledge sharing in emerging areas in Information and Communication Technologies such as Internet of Things, 5G, Advanced Satellite Communication and Cyber Forensics.

Honor & Awards

1. Who has been bestowed with the highest civilian award of Assam 'Asom Baibhav' _____ **Ratan Naval Tata**.
Note:
- Assam governor Jagdish Mukhi will confer the award to the former chairman of Tata sons on 24 January, 2022.
 - The Assam government is conferring 'Asom Baibhav' to Ratan Tata for his contribution to setting up cancer treatment facilities in the state.
2. Who has become India's first UN Development Programme (UNDP) Youth Climate Champion _____ **Prajakta Koli**.
Note:
- The title has been conferred to her following her contribution towards mental health, women's rights and girl child education through various global social campaigns
 - UNDP aims to eliminate poverty, achieve sustainable growth and scale up human development in countries where it is required the most.
3. A new species of frog discovered in Panama's tropical rainforest has been named after _____ **Great Thunberg**.
Note:
- The new species of the frog is named *Pristimantis gretathunburgae*.

- The team, which discovered the new species, was led by Abel Batista from Panama and Konrad Mebert from Switzerland.
4. Who has been honoured with International Association of Working Women Award at Washington DC South Asian Film Festival (DCSAFF) 2021 ____ **Sushmita Sen**.
Note:
- She has been felicitated for outstanding performance by a female actor in TV series for her show 'Aarya 2'.
 - Aarya 2 series is created by Ram Madhvani and had released on Disney+Hotstar.
 - DCSAFF 2021 is organized virtually from 16 to 30 January, to showcase the best in alternative cinema.
5. Who has been conferred with Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy for ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year 2021 ____ **Smriti Mandhana**.
Note:
- Apart from her, Shaheen Afridi (Pakistan) has been conferred with Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year.
6. Which India film has been nominated for best feature film in Oscar 2022 ____ **Jai Bhim**.
Note:
- It is inspired by a real-life incident from the 1990s in Tamil Nadu.
 - Jai Bhim is the fourth Indian film to get nominated for Oscars after Mother India, Salaam Bombay, and Lagaan.
7. Which PSU has been conferred with Global Healthy Workplace Award 2021 in 'Large Scale Industry' category ____ **Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)**.
Note:
- Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has emerged as the first Indian PSU to win Global Healthy Workplace Award 2021 in 'Large Scale Industry' category for upholding best healthy practices at the workplace.
8. Who has been awarded the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year award 2021 ____ **Shaheen Afridi**.
Note:
- Afridi had an unforgettable 2021, claiming a total of 78 wickets in 36 international matches at an average of 22.20.
 - England captain Joe Root, New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson and Pakistan's wicketkeeper-batter Mohammad Rizwan were the other nominees for the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy.
9. Which film has won Best Film award at Dhaka International Film Festival ____ **Koozhangal**.
Note:
- Apart from this, four more Indian entries were included among the 17 awards given away for the films during the concluding session of the film festival.
 - The 9-day long international festival featured over 225 films drawn from 70 countries around the globe.
10. The Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (PMRBP) for the year 2022 has been conferred to 29 children. The award carries a cash prize of ____ **Rs.1,00,000**.
Note:
- Award is presented in Innovation (7), Social Service (4), Scholastic (1), Sports (8), Art & Culture (6) and Bravery (3) categories.
 - Digital certificates was given to winners of PMRBP 2021 and 2022 using Block Chain-driven technology developed by IIT Kanpur under National Blockchain Project
11. Sandhya Mukherji who has refused to accept Padma Shri award is a noted ____ **Singer**.
Note:
- On the eve of India's Republic Day this year, Mukherjee, now 90, was conferred with Padma Shri, the fourth-highest civilian honour in the country, for her contribution to music.
 - She, though, has refused to accept the honour, calling it "insulting and demeaning".
12. Prabha Atre is associated with which field who has been awarded the Padma Vibhushan in January 2022 ____ **Vocalist**.
Note:
- She established the 'Swarmayee Gurukul' to teach students all over the world in both the 'guru-shishya parampara' and as well as the institutional tradition.
13. How many people have been conferred with the Padma Awards in 2022 ____ **128**.
Note:
- This year, the President has approved conferment of 128 Padma Awards -- 4 Padma Vibhushan, 17 Padma Bhushan and 107 Padma Shri Awards.

- Of them, 34 are women, 13 awards are posthumous, and 10 awards are for persons from the category of Foreigners/NRI/PIO/OCI.

14. How many Gallantry awards have been conferred by the President of India in 2022 _____ **384**.

Note:

- These include 12 Shaurya Chakras, three Bar to Sena Medals (Gallantry), 81 Sena Medals (Gallantry), two Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry), 29 Param Vishisht Seva Medal, four Uttam Yudh Seva Medal, 53 Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and 13 Yudh Seva Medal.

Sports News

1. Who has won the Women's singles title at the Syed Modi International tournament _____ **PV Sindhu**.

Note:

- Sindhu defeated compatriot Malvika Bansod 21-13, 21-16 in the summit clash in Lucknow.
- Earlier in the day, the Men's singles final of the tournament was declared as a 'No Match' after one of the finalists tested positive for Covid-19.

2. Which city will host the 2024 Summer Paralympics Games _____ **Paris, France**.

Note:

- Paris 2024 will be the largest event ever organised in the country and it promises to be an inclusive, interactive and sustainable celebration of sport.

3. Who has been roped-in as the captain of Lucknow Super Giants IPL team 2022 _____ **KL Rahul**.

Note:

- Lucknow team roped-in KL Rahul as their captain and also roped in Australia all-rounder Marcus Stoinis and leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi.
- Lucknow's IPL franchise has been renamed Lucknow Super Giants ahead of Indian Premier League (IPL) 2022 mega auction.

4. Which company will be the sponsor of the Tata Open Maharashtra tennis tournament for the fourth consecutive year _____ **Tata Motor**.

Note:

- The tournament, scheduled from 31 January to 6 February at the Balewadi stadium.
- It is South Asia's only ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals) tournament and India's oldest international sporting event.

5. Who has won 2022 Australian Open women's singles title _____ **Ashleigh Barty**.

Note:

- She defeated Danielle Collins of US.
- Barty ended a 44-year drought for Australian women at their home Grand Slam tournament.
- Barty is the first Australian women's singles champion since Chris O'Neil in 1978.

6. Who has won the Men's Single title at Australian Open 2022 _____ **Rafael Nadal**.

Note:

- It was his record 21st Grand Slam title and first Grand Slam major since the 2020 French Open triumph.
- He created history by becoming the only player to win the most Grand Slam titles.

7. Unnati Hooda is associated with which sports _____ **Badminton**.

Note:

- She beat compatriot Smit Toshniwal by 21-18, 21-11.
- The 14-year old Unnati is the youngest Indian to win the US\$75,000 tournament.

8. Which country has won the 2022 Women's Pan American Cup Field Hockey Tournament _____ **Argentina**.

Note:

- The Women's Pan American Cup is the quadrennial international championship of the Americas organized by Pan American Hockey Federation.
- The 2022 Women's Pan Am Cup was the sixth edition of the championship. It was held from January 19 to 29, 2022 in Santiago, Chile.

Books and Authors

1. Who has authored the book titled “Last among Equals: Power, Caste, and Politics in Bihar’s Villages” _____ **MR Sharan.**

Note:

- The book is an account of the author’s field study in a group of villages in Bihar.
- The book lays bare how the best of policies, crafted with the best of intentions, get subverted by local village-level power structures.

2. Who has authored the book titled “The \$10 Trillion Dream” _____ **Subhash Chandra Garg.**

Note:

- The book claims to explore the critical policy issues that India faces today and suggests reforms for it to become a USD 10 trillion economy by the mid-2030s.
- The book scheduled to publish by end of Feb 2022.
- It is published by Penguin Random House India (PRHI).

3. Who has authored the book titled ‘Fearless Governance’ _____ **Kiran Bedi.**

Note:

- Dr. Kiran Bedi is the former Lt Governor of Puducherry and IPS (retd).
- This book is based on the ground realities of nearly five years of service of Dr. Bedi as Lt. Governor of Puducherry and her vast experience of 40 years in the Indian Police Service.

Science and Defence

1. ISRO Propulsion Complex is located in which place _____ **Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu.**

Note:

- The Vikas engine for the Gaganyaan human space mission underwent the qualification test for a duration of 25 seconds at the ISRO Propulsion Complex in Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu.
- Two engines have undergone tests under nominal operating conditions for a total duration of 480 seconds.

2. In coordination with which space agency, NASA has launched the 'Deep Space Food Challenge' that calls on teams to design, build, and demonstrate prototypes of food production technologies that provide tangible nutritional products -- or food _____ **Canadian Space Agency.**

Note:

- The technology will help future astronauts to produce nutritious, tasty, and satisfying meals on long-duration space missions, that require minimal resources and produce minimal waste.
- The Phase 2 of the challenge includes a prize of \$1 million.

3. Joint naval exercises CHIRU-2Q22 was conducted by which countries _____ **Russia, China and Iran.**

Note:

- The maritime drills conducted in the northern parts of the Indian Ocean aimed at deepening practical cooperation among the navies of the three countries.
- The participants practiced various tactics and operations, such as rescuing ablaze vessels, saving hijacked vessels, shooting at targets, nocturnal shooting at aerial targets, and other tactical maneuvers as a part of the drill.

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