

Weekly One-liners

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Dear readers,

Weekly One Liners Update is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the third week (15-21st) of March 2022. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. Name the private sector bank that has announced a tie-up with Emirates Skywards, a loyalty programme of Emirates and flydubai, to launch a range of co-branded credit cards _____ **ICICI Bank**.
Note:
 - Named, 'Emirates Skywards ICICI Bank Credit Card', the cards will enable customers to earn reward points, called Skywards Miles, on travel, lifestyle and everyday spends.
 - The bank is the first Indian bank to partner with Emirates Skywards, to offer an exclusive range of credit cards in the country.
2. Which health insurance company has announced a customized group plan for comprehensive coverage of cancer treatment at an annual premium of just ₹1499, plus taxes _____ **Niva Bupa Health Insurance**.
Note:
 - This product has been developed by Niva Bupa in consultation with the Indian Cancer Society (ICS).
 - This group insurance plan is designed for low and middle-income families and not only covers hospitalisation but also day-care expenses like radiation, chemotherapy, etc.
 - This family floater plan offers ₹5 lakh coverage for up to two adults and three children (for families that do not have cancer).
3. Which bank has announced the launch of its Green Deposit Programme for corporate clients providing a simple way for companies to support environmentally friendly projects or avenues _____ **DBS Bank**.
Note:
 - "DBS Bank is one of the few banks globally to integrate Sustainable Development Goals by offering lending & trade credit solutions to sustainable and environmentally friendly green sectors and now offering a Green Deposit product.
 - Under the Bank's sustainability programme, Green Deposits will fund green industries and initiatives such as green building sustainable water initiatives that include wastewater management, renewable energy and clean transportation.
 - The Green Deposits proposition combines all the benefits of a regular fixed deposit with a commitment from DBS to support green and sustainable loans disbursed by the bank.
4. SoftBank-backed Quick Commerce start-up Blinkit, earlier known as Grofers, has signed a merger deal with which food delivery company _____ **Zomato**.
Note:
 - Reportedly, it will be an all-stock deal where Blinkit's investors will gain proportionate shares in Zomato.
 - The deal is likely to be completed in 60 days time.
 - The companies have signed a term sheet about two-three weeks ago and are preparing to file an application with the Competition Commission of India for approval of the transaction.
5. Which small finance bank launched Industry's first digital onboarding facility for its micro banking customers through its app _____ **Ujjivan Small Finance Bank**.
Note:
 - The Ujjivan SFB Assisted app provides the facility to update mobile numbers for individual banking transactions through paperless and secured manner.
 - It is an OTP and biometric authentication based process.
 - Customers can update their mobile number once every six months through the platform and at any point in time by visiting any branch of the small finance bank.
6. Which bank has been awarded IFR Asia's Asian Bank of The Year, for its breadth of coverage and depth of expertise in the Asian investment banking space _____ **Axis Bank**.

Note:

- The award acknowledges the bank's outstanding performance in equity and debt issuance, across all major products and segments.
 - Axis Bank was the only local house to serve as a global coordinator for the record Rs. 183 Bn Paytm IPO, and was also the global coordinator for Macrotech Developers' Rs. 25 Bn IPO.
7. The RBI Innovation Hub (RBIH), a wholly owned subsidiary of Reserve Bank of India join hands with which IIT to work together in developing the ecosystem necessary to support and scale fintech startups in India _____ **IIT Madras.**

Note:

- Through this strategic collaboration, the two organizations will jointly provide incubation support and nurture early-stage startups with innovative and disruptive solutions and accelerate their scale-up journey.
 - In addition, IITM Incubation Cell and RBIH may collaborate on projects including policy whitepapers, research papers under this partnership.
8. Moody's Investors Service has revised India's economic growth projection in the calendar year 2022 to _____ **9.1 percent.**

Note:

- For 2023, the global rating firm expects India's gross domestic product to expand 5.4%, marginally lower than its previous projection of 5.5%.
 - India's GDP grew 8.2% in 2021, after a 6.7% contraction the year before.
9. Which bank has won the "Best MSME Bank of the year – Winner" award among private sector Banks at the 8th MSMEs Excellence Awards Ceremony and Summit _____ **Karnataka Bank.**

Note:

- Karnataka Bank has bagged 'Best MSME Bank of the year - Winner' award among private sector Banks at 8th edition of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises's Excellence Awards Ceremony and Summit instituted by ASSOCHAM at New Delhi.
 - Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM): non-governmental trade association and advocacy group based in New Delhi.
10. What is the increased timeline for startups to convert debt investments (convertible note) made in the company into equity shares _____ **10 years.**

Note:

- This decision is likely to give a relief to budding entrepreneurs to deal with the impact of Covid-19 pandemic.
 - Earlier the option of changing convertible notes into equity shares was allowed for up to five years from the day when initial convertible note was issued.
 - An investor can invest in a startup through convertible notes, which is a kind of debt/loan instrument.
11. State Bank of India (SBI) plans to set up an Innovation, Incubation and Acceleration Centre (IIAC) at _____ **Hyderabad.**

Note:

- This will build in-house capability to bolster its current performance and drive higher top-line growth through innovation.
- The center will be operational in six to nine months of on-boarding a consultant.
- It will help the bank to develop a set of technologies, knowledge, and skills for the introduction of new products and services.

12. Which Bank has decided to launch an application 'AutoFirst' that will offer fully automated auto loans _____ **HDFC Bank.**

Note:

- The 'AutoFirst' application will provide completely automated loans as the bank looks to triple its monthly merchant loan output.
 - HDFC Bank is also likely to initiate a dedicated platform for vehicle loan customers.
13. Which bank set to launch set the SmartHub Vyapar program for merchants that will handle all payment platforms like cards, UPI, SMS-based payments, QR Code and tap pay _____ **HDFC Bank.**

Note:

- The bank set to launch the SmartHub Vyapar program for merchants that will handle all payment platforms like cards, UPI, SMS-based payments, QR Code and tap pay.
- HDFC Bank has planned to on-board 20 million merchants within the next three years.

14. Government has extended Credit Guarantee Scheme for Subordinate Debt for Stressed Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, MSMEs upto _____ **31st March 2023**.

Note:

- The scheme was launched on 24th June, 2020 to provide credit facility through lending institutions to the promoters of stressed MSMEs.
- The scheme has been further extended on the basis of the requests received from the stakeholders of the scheme.

15. Electronics and smartphone maker Samsung will invest Rs 1,588 crore in India to set up a new compressor manufacturing plant in _____ **Tamil Nadu**.

Note:

- Leading South Korean consumer electronics and smartphone maker Samsung will invest Rs 1,588 crore in India to set up a new compressor manufacturing plant at its existing facility at Sriperumbudur in Tamil Nadu.
- The new facility will spread over 22 acres and have a capacity to roll out 8 million compressor units per annum and this will be expanded in the future also, Samsung said in a statement.

16. Which card service provider and Transcorp have teamed up with Mahila Money to launch the Mahila Money Prepaid Card, a product created for women entrepreneurs to use digital payments more effectively _____ **VISA**.

Note:

- The partnership leverages the deep expertise of Visa, the global leader in payments, Transcorp PPI, and the highly engaged community of Mahila Money.
- The Mahila Money Prepaid Card, in partnership with Visa, is designed with the needs of digital entrepreneurs, small business owners and women in mind.

17. The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has come out with the 'on-device' wallet feature for Unified Payments Interface (UPI) users, which will be known as _____ **"UPI Lite"**.

Note:

- This is aimed at reducing stress on the banking system and making the transaction process even simpler.
- UPI Lite will process transactions in near offline mode i.e., debit offline and credit online, and at a later point, UPI Lite will process transactions in complete offline mode i.e., debit and credit both offline.

18. According to the ministry of finance which bank will provide \$1 billion credit facility to Sri Lanka for procurement of food, medicines and other essential items _____ **State Bank of India**.

Note:

- The finance ministry said State Bank of India (SBI) will provide \$1 billion credit facility to Sri Lanka for procurement of food, medicines and other essential items.
- Earlier, the Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) had extended a line of credit of \$500 million for financing the purchase of petroleum products to Sri Lanka which is facing a financial crisis.

19. Which bank has entered into an MoU with Business France, the French national agency in charge of the development of exports and international investments in France, to support companies in the Indo-French corridor _____ **Kotak Mahindra Bank**.

Note:

- The MoU will try to promote business and start-up ecosystem cooperation and identify business and investment opportunities in India and France

20. According to a Mercom India report, India added how much new solar open access capacity in 2021, marking a growth of 222% year-over-year (YoY) _____ **1.2 GW**.

Note:

- The cumulative installed solar capacity in the open access market crossed 5 GW.
- The country added 298 MW of new solar open access capacity in the fourth quarter (Q4) of calendar year 2021, a 75% increase compared to the same period in 2020.

Obituaries

1. Renowned personality V Ravi Rama Krishna passed away recently, he was a veteran _____ **Bureaucrats**.

Note:

- Senior Indian Information Service officer and former Prasar Bharati Kabul Correspondent V Ravi Rama Krishna passed away.
- He was working as Additional Director General in PIB, Vijayawada.

2. Renowned personality Eugene Parker passed away recently he was a veteran _____ **Astrophysicist**.

Note:

- Parker was hailed as a visionary who laid the foundations for the field of heliophysics, the science of understanding the Sun and its interactions with Earth and the Solar System, including space weather.
- In 2018, he became the first person to witness the launch of a spacecraft bearing his name, NASA's Parker Solar Probe.

Important Days

1. United Nations General Assembly has proclaimed which day as the International Day to Combat Islamophobia _____ **15th March**.

Note:

- The 193-member UN General Assembly adopted a resolution, introduced by Pakistan's ambassador Munir Akram under agenda item Culture of peace, to proclaim March 15 as the International Day to Combat Islamophobia.

2. What is the theme of the World Sleep Day 2022 that is observed on the Friday before the March equinox every year to highlight the importance of quality sleep _____ **Quality Sleep, Sound Mind, Happy World**.

Note:

- The World Sleep Day is observed on the Friday before the March equinox every year to highlight the importance of quality sleep.
- In 2022, World Sleep Day falls on 18th March 2022.

3. The Global Recycling Day is observed every year on which date _____ **18th March**.

Note:

- Theme - 2022: "recycling fraternity".
- The theme recognises the people who put themselves on the frontline to collect waste and recycle during the multiple lockdowns.
- The Global Recycling Day was created in 2018 by the London-based Global Recycling Foundation to promote the concept and practice of recycling.

4. For the first time the 83rd Raising Day program of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) was celebrated outside the national capital in which city on 19th March 2022 _____ **Jammu**.

Note:

- This is the first time, CRPF is celebrating its Raising Day outside the national capital
- The CRPF Raising Day is held on March 19 after India's first HM Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel presented colors to the CRPF following the enactment of the CRPF Act by the Parliament in 1950

5. The International Day of Happiness is celebrated every year on which date _____ **20th March**.

Note:

- The United Nations started celebrating this day in 2013, but the resolution for the same was passed on July 12, 2012.
- The resolution was initiated by Bhutan which shed the light on the importance of National Happiness.
- The theme for the 2022 International Day of Happiness campaign is "Build Back Happier".

6. World Sparrow Day is observed every year on which date to raise awareness about the importance of House Sparrow and other common birds to urban environments, and of threats to their populations _____ **20th March**.

Note:

- Theme of 2022 World Sparrow Day: I LOVE Sparrows
- World Sparrow Day was first celebrated in 2010.
- Sparrow is native to most of Europe, Mediterranean Basin, and Asia.
- International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) included house sparrow under Endangered species in 2002.

7. World Oral Health Day is observed every year on which date _____ **20th March**.

Note:

- To raise global awareness of the issues around oral health and the importance of oral hygiene so that governments, health associations and the general public can work together to achieve healthier mouths and happier lives
 - The theme for World Oral Health Day 2021-2023 is: Be Proud of Your Mouth.
8. The International Day of Forests was celebrated every year on which date _____ **21st March.**

Note:

- The day was founded by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and United Nations in 2012.
- The aim behind observing the International Day of Forests is to 'celebrate and raise awareness of the importance of all types of forests.'

New Appointments

1. Who has been sworn in as the 18th Chief Minister of Punjab _____ **Bhagwant Mann.**

Note:

- Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and other senior party leaders participated in the swearing-in ceremony.
- The Aam Aadmi Party romped home winning 92 seats in the 117-member Punjab Assembly, decimating the Congress and the SAD-BSP combine.

2. Katalin Novak has been elected as the first female president of which country _____ **Hungary.**

Note:

- Novak, who most recently served as a minister for family policy, portrayed her election as a victory for women.
- She was elected to the mostly ceremonial role by 137 votes to 51 in the parliament dominated by Orban's right-wing Fidesz party ahead of opposition challenger Peter Rona, an economist.

3. Ramesh Murthy has been appointed as the new Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of which small finance bank _____

Ujjivan Small Finance Bank.

Note:

- As a CFO, he will be responsible for formulating and guiding bank's strategy for growth, while also leading the Finance and Accounts functions.
- MD and CEO of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank: Ittira Davis
- Headquarters of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Limited: Bangalore.

4. Who took oath as the Chief Minister of Manipur _____ **N Biren Singh.**

Note:

- The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) came back to power with a landslide victory in the recently concluded assembly election.
- Singh was unanimously elected as leader of the legislature party of the BJP during a meeting.
- Prior to entering politics, Singh was a footballer and also had a career in journalism.

5. Name the Indian American who has been appointed as the new White House Covid-19 Response Coordinator _____

Ashish Jha.

Note:

- Dr Jha who replaces Jeff Zeints is a physician of Indian origin who lives in the US.
- He is an infectious disease expert and the Dean of Brown University's School of Public Health.
- He has worked on the ebola virus and served as co-chair of a panel to combat the disease's breakout in West Africa in 2014.

6. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Tata Consultancy Services for five years _____ **Rajesh Gopinathan.**

Note:

- The company has also re-appointed N Ganapathy Subramaniam as the Chief Operating Officer and Executive Director from February 21, 2022, to May 19, 2024, as per the retirement age policy of the Company.

7. Who has been reappointed as the President of Asian Cricket Council (ACC) for a period of 1 year _____ **Jai Shah.**

Note:

- He has been unanimously given an extension of the tenure during the annual general meeting of ACC.
- He was appointed as the President of ACC in January 2021, replacing Nazmul Hassan, (President of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB))
- Jay Shah is also the Secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) since 2019.

8. Name the Indian economist who has been appointed by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres to a new high-level advisory board on effective multilateralism _____ **Jayati Ghosh.**

Note:

- She is a Prof. at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.
- She was previously a professor of economics and chairperson of the Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University.
- She is also a member of the UN's high-level Advisory Board on Economic and Social Affairs.

9. Serdar Berdymukhamedov has been elected as the President of which country _____ **Turkmenistan.**

Note:

- He is son of Central Asian country's acting President Gurbanguly Berdymukhamedov.
- Serdar Berdymukhamedov secured 72.97 percent of votes in election to lead the gas-rich country and succeed his father.

Important News - India

1. The MSME Ministry has announced the extension of the Rs 20,000-crore Credit Guarantee Scheme for Subordinate Debt (CGSSD) till _____ **31st March 2023.**

Note:

- Initially the scheme was up to March 31, 2021. The government later extended this scheme up to March 31, 2022.
- The 'Distressed Assets Fund- Subordinate Debt for Stressed MSMEs' was created on May 13, 2020 under the Aatma Nirbhar Bharat' economic package.
- The CGSS was approved by the Government on June 1, 2020 and the scheme was launched on June 24, 2020 to provide credit facility through lending institutions to the promoters of stressed MSMEs viz. SMA (Special Mention Account)-2 and NPA accounts, who are eligible for restructuring.

2. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated pilot project for Hydrogen based advanced Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle (FCEV). The project has been launched by the which motor company _____ **Toyota Kirloskar Motor Pvt. Ltd.**

Note:

- It has been launched by Toyota Kirloskar Motor Pvt. Ltd. along with International Center for Automotive Technology (ICAT).
- It will be first of its kind project in India aimed at spreading awareness about Hydrogen, FCEV technology and disseminating its benefits to support hydrogen-based society for India.

3. MV Ram Prasad Bismil became the longest vessel ever to sail through which river, achieving a landmark in sailing history _____ **Brahmaputra.**

Note:

- The vessel is 90 meters long flotilla is 26 meters wide, loaded with a draft of 2.1 meters.
- With this, it successfully completed the aspiring pilot run of heavy cargo movement from Haldia Dock in Kolkata.
- The vessel along with two barges DB Kalpana Chawla and DB APJ Abdul Kalam were flagged off from the Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port in Haldia.

4. As per the latest data released by the Registrar General of India what was the maternal mortality ratio (MMR) during the period between 2017-2019 _____ **103.**

Note:

- From 113 in 2016-18 to 103 in 2017-19, this ratio has decreased, witnessing an 8.8 % decline.
- MMR has gradually decreased in the country, falling from 130 in 2014-2016 to 122 in 2015-17, 113 in 2016-18, and 103 in 2017-19.

5. At which institution the Indian Army has announced the establishment of General Bipin Rawat Memorial Chair _____ **United Service Institution of India (USI).**

Note:

- Army Chief Gen MM Naravane announced setting up of a 'Chair of Excellence' in memory of India's first Chief of Defence Staff Gen Bipin Rawat at the United Service Institution of India (USI).
6. India's first World Peace Center is being established in which city of the country _____ **Gurugram**.
- Note:**
- For this, the Haryana Government has allotted a plot to the organization in Sector 39 of Gurugram opposite Medanta Hospital and adjacent to Delhi-Jaipur Highway.
 - The organization would soon start the construction of the World Peace Center (WPC) on this plot.
7. Which become the first station in the East Coast railway to implement the the Centre's 'One Station, One Product' concept _____ **Visakhapatnam**.
- Note:**
- FM Sitharaman announced the 'One Station, One Product' concept in the recent Union Budget to help local businesses and supply chains.
 - The concept is based on the 'One District, One Product' scheme.
 - It aims to promote the supply chain of local products using the Indian Railways network, turning each station into a showcase destination and promotional hub for local products.
8. What is India's rank in the 10th edition of the World Happiness Report 2022 published by the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network _____ **136th**.
- Note:**
- This year the report was published ahead of the annual International Day of Happiness on March 20.
 - Finland has again topped the list as the happiest country in the world for the fifth time in a row.
 - It was followed by Denmark, Iceland, Switzerland, and the Netherlands.
9. Which edition of Surajkund International Crafts Mela has been inaugurated recently _____ **34th**.
- Note:**
- During the inauguration session, Dattatraya in his address pointed out the importance of art and crafts in the development of civilization and culture.
 - This years' Suraj Kund Crafts Mela is special as organized when we are celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
10. The 36th International Geological Congress was held in which city _____ **New Delhi**.
- Note:**
- The three-day event provided a unique platform for knowledge and experience sharing in the field of geosciences and professional networking.
 - It will give first-hand information on latest technologies in mining, mineral exploration and management of water, mineral resource and the environment.
 - The theme of the event is Geosciences: The Basic Science for a Sustainable Future.

Important News – State

1. Which state government has signed an MoU with Welspun One Logistics Parks (WOLP) for the development of large scale warehousing facilities in the state _____ **Haryana**.
- Note:**
- The project aims to explore the available government land parcels to build Grade A warehousing facilities across key warehousing micro-markets.
 - Welspun Group will invest under the integrated fund Rs 1,500 crores in Haryana for the warehousing infrastructure and development.
2. Which state has created history by becoming the 1st State Assembly in the country to implement the National e-Vidhan Application programme to become completely paperless _____ **Nagaland**.
- Note:**
- The Nagaland Assembly Secretariat has attached a tablet or e-book on each table for the 60 members.
 - Now members can use electronic devices to participate in House proceedings.

- NeVA will help the Chair of the House to conduct the proceedings of the House smoothly in a Paperless manner.
3. Which state/UTs is the 'theme state' of the 35th Surajkund International Crafts Mela 2022 _____ **Jammu and Kashmir**.
- Note:**
- Hundreds of artists from Jammu & Kashmir will be performing different folk arts and dances. From traditional dances art forms to exquisite crafts, there is a bouquet of heritage and culture from Jammu & Kashmir to enthrall the audience.
 - Replicas of Vaishno Devi temple, Amar nath temple , Apna Ghar representing architecture from Kashmir, live demonstration of House Boat and Commemorative gate 'Mubarak Mandi – Jammu' promises to be the main attractions of this year's Mela.
4. Which state got the Geographical Indication tag for Narasingapettai Nagaswaram under the category of musical instruments of class 15 _____ **Tamil Nadu**.
- Note:**
- The unique feature of the nagaswaram is its production process - it is handmade in Narasingapettai village in Thanjavur, unlike the other machine-made ones.
 - The Geographical Indications Registry of Government of India accorded the recognition based on an application from Thanjavur Musical Instruments Workers Cooperative Cottage Industrial Society Limited.
5. The Survey Settlement and Land Records (SSLR) unit of which states revenue introduced Dishaank app for land records _____ **Karnataka**.
- Note:**
- The Dishaank app is developed under the Geographical Information System (GIS) program of the Karnataka State Remote Sensing Applications Center (KRSAC).
 - The KRSAC provides satellite data to agencies such as the SSLR unit for innovative use. Dishaank leverages Karnataka's decision to digitize land records under the Bhoomi project.
6. Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) has entered into a tripartite MoU with Eker Group (Norway) and Vaan moto to build high speed boats in which state _____ **Andhra Pradesh**.
- Note:**
- These boats are high end boats with smart, flexible solutions with superior maneuverability which can be operated from shore up to maximum speed of 75 Knots, with a complement of 4 crew and 4 passengers and equipped with Navigation and Communication gadgets.
 - These platforms can easily adapt to the roles of Search and Rescue, surveillance, Anti-Submarine Warfare, Mine Countermeasures, ambulance, fire, harbor control and close protection.

Important News – World

1. What amount of credit line has been approved by India for Sri Lanka to help the island country in importing food, essential items and medicine _____ **\$ 1 billion**.
- Note:**
- Sri Lanka is currently facing a severe economic crisis.
 - LoC is being extended by India in line with its efforts to assist its neighbouring country in fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, and to mitigate its adverse impact and its developmental priorities.
2. Which country-based technology company, Coralogix announced its foray into the India cyber security market with the launch of security venture Snowbit _____ **Israel**.
- Note:**
- The company, which will initially focus on the Indian and Israeli markets, is a full-service cybersecurity venture focussed on empowering cloud-native companies to secure themselves against growing cyber risks in a quick, efficient, and cost-effective manner.
 - Founded and led by tech veterans and former Amazon Web Services (AWS) executives Navdeep Manaktala and Zack Barak, Snowbit will have operations across Tel Aviv and New Delhi/Gurgaon.
3. As part of the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebration, a "Green Triangle" named after Mahatma Gandhi, was inaugurated in _____ **Madagascar**.

Note:

- The Mahatma Gandhi Green Triangle was jointly inaugurated by India's Ambassador to Madagascar Abhay Kumar and Mayor of Antananarivo, Naina Andriantsitohaina.
- The naming of this park as Mahatma Gandhi Green Triangle is an apt tribute to Mahatma Gandhi.

4. Which country is not among the top five in the 10th edition of the World Happiness Report 2022 _____ **New Zealand.**

Note:

- Finland has again topped the list as the happiest country in the world for the fifth time in a row.
- It was followed by Denmark, Iceland, Switzerland, and the Netherlands.
- the World Happiness Report is based on two key ideas – happiness or life evaluation measured through opinion surveys, and identifying key elements that determine well-being including levels of GDP, life expectancy, freedom to make life choices, across countries.

5. Prasar Bharti has signed an MOU with which country's public service broadcaster to boost co-operation in the field of broadcasting _____ **Australia.**

Note:

- The MoU will facilitate the reach of DD News, DD India, and multiple language services of DD News amongst the Indian Diaspora in Australia.
- Under this MoU, the two broadcasters will explore opportunities in co-production and joint broadcasting of programmes spanning multiple genres.

6. With which country India has signed an agreement for developing a 100 megawatt solar power plant _____ **Sri Lanka.**

Note:

- India and Sri Lanka have signed an agreement for developing a 100 megawatt solar power plant in the eastern port district Trincomalee, Sri Lanka, as part of the efforts to strengthen bilateral economic partnership, including through cooperation in the renewable energy sector.
- The Joint endeavor and Shareholders' Agreement (JVSHA) for the Trincomalee Power Company Limited (TPCL) — a joint venture between National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Limited from India and the Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) for fostering the 100 megawatt solar power plant at Sampur — has been signed.

7. The first ever consignment of GI-tagged Kashmiri carpets with quick response (QR) code with details of artisans and the material used were exported to which country _____ **Germany.**

Note:

- The Jammu and Kashmir government has finally started a Geographical Indication (GI) registry for the famed Kashmiri carpet with a quick response (QR) code with details of artisans and the material used. The first ever consignment of GI-tagged carpets were exported to Germany from New Delhi.
- The Geographical Indication Registry of the Department of Industry Promotion and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry granted GI tag to Kashmiri carpets in June 2016 but the registered carpets were certified from this year.

8. Who is the richest person in the world according to the Hurun Global Rich List 2022 _____ **Elon Musk.**

Note:

- While Elon Musk retained the top spot, Mukesh Ambani is the only Indian to secure a place in the top 10.
- Elon Musk is the world's richest person for the second consecutive year with \$205 billion, up \$8 billion from last year.
- Jeff Bezos second with \$188 billion. Globally Mukesh Ambani is the 9th richest person.

Honor & Awards

1. Who has been awarded the ICC 'Men's Player of the Month' February 2022 _____ **Shreyas Iyer.**

Note:

- Iyer pipped fellow nominees, UAE's Vriitya Aravind and Nepal's Dipendra Singh Airee to claim the award.
 - Iyer earned the award on the back of his brilliant white-ball exploits during the home series against West Indies and Sri Lanka respectively in February 2022.
2. Which edition of Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) will be held from 29th May to 4th June, 2022 at Films Division complex, Mumbai _____ **17th**.

Note:

- Filmmakers can now submit their entry in Documentary, Short Fiction and Animation category of films up to 20th March 2022
 - Eligibility: Films that are completed between Sept 2019 and Dec 2021
 - Components: Golden Conch, silver conch, trophies, certificate, cash reward
 - V Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award will also be conferred.
3. Karolina Bielawska belongs to which country who was honoured with the Miss World 2021 crown at the 70th edition of the event at the Coca-Cola Music Hall in San Juan, Puerto Rico _____ **Poland**.

Note:

- Miss World 2019 Toni-Ann Singh of Jamaica crowned her successor at the finale.
 - 1st Runner Up: Shree Saini (United States)
 - 2ns Runner Up: Olivia Yace (Cote d'Ivoire)
4. Which Bank has been honoured with the Bank of the year award at the IFR Asia Award 2021 _____ **Morgan Stanley**.

Note:

- The awards are organized by IFR Asia, a Hong Kong-based provider of capital markets intelligence.
 - India's third-largest private sector bank, Axis Bank has won IFR Asia's Asian Bank of The Year 2021.
 - Axis Bank has been awarded for its outstanding performance in equity and debt issuance, across all major products and segments.
5. Which edition of the Women Transforming India Awards (WTI) was organized by the NITI Aayog's Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) _____ **Fifth**.

Note:

- WTI Awards will be conferred on 75 women achievers to celebrate their contribution towards 'Sashakt Aur Samarth Bharat'
 - Awards will be given by an equally exceptional group of women: Kiran Bedi, Lakshmi Puri, Tessy Thomas, Arundhati Bhattacharya, Debjani Ghosh, Ila Arun, Salma Sultan, Sangeeta Reddy, Shivani Malik
 - It will be conferred in 7 categories.
6. Who has been awarded with the coveted 'Sportstar of the Year (Male)' award at the 2022 Sportstar Aces Awards _____ **Neeraj Chopra**.

Note:

- Weightlifter Mirabai Chanu, who won the silver medal at the Tokyo Olympics, received the 'Sportstar of the Year (Female)' award.
 - Lovlina Borgohain (Sportswoman of the Year, Individual Sports), Avani Lekhara (Parathlete of the Year, Female), Pramod Bhagat (Special Recognition award), Savita (Sportswoman of the Year, Team Sports), and Rupinder Pal Singh (Sportsman of the Year, Team Sports) were some of the awardees present at the event.
7. Radhey Shyam Khemka who has been awarded the Padma Vibhushan – the nation's second-highest civilian honour – posthumously, was associated with which field _____ **Religious Literature**.

Note:

- Reportedly, born in 1935 to an elite Marwari family in the Munger district of Bihar, Khemka moved to Kashi in 1956 before securing a Master of Arts from Banaras Hindu University.
 - Khemka would go on to join the family business but he would begin to craft his true legacy in 1982 when he first edited the November and December issues of 'Kalyan,' the flagship magazine of Gita Press.
8. Who has been selected for the 31st GD Birla Award for Scientific Research for his outstanding contribution in the field of material sciences _____ **Professor Narayan Pradhan**.

Note:

- Professor Narayan Pradhan has been selected for the 31st GD Birla Award for Scientific Research for his outstanding contribution in the field of material sciences.
- Instituted in 1991, the award recognises eminent Indian scientists below the age of 50 for their original and outstanding contributions to any branch of science. It carries a cash prize of ₹5 lakh.

- The recipient is chosen by a selection board, whose present head is professor Chandrima Shaha, the president of the Indian National Science Academy (INSA).

Sports News

1. Sandeep Nangal was shot dead in Punjab's Jalandhar was associated with which sports _____ **Kabaddi**.

Note:

- As per the reports, Sandeep was shot dead during a kabaddi tournament in Jalandhar, Punjab.
- Besides being a regular member of the Indian national team, Sandeep was a frequent player in leagues in UK, US, New Zealand, Australia.

2. Which country will host the 44th FIDE Chess Olympiad 2022 _____ **India**.

Note:

- It was originally scheduled to be hosted in Russia.
- FIDE has recently announced that it pulled out from Russia following the Ukraine invasion.
- After the announcement, Tamil Nadu government and All-India Chess Federation made a joint bid to host the tournament

3. Who defeated India's Lakshya Sen in the All England Open Badminton World Championships 2022 to win men's single title _____ **Viktor Axelsen**.

Note:

- Viktor Axelsen of Denmark won the men's single title in All England Open Badminton World Championships 2022
- Other winners of the event were:
 - ❖ Women's singles title: Yamaguchi Akane, Japan
 - ❖ Men's doubles title: Muhammad Shohibul Fikri & Bagas Maulana (Indonesia)
 - ❖ Women's doubles title: Matsuyama Nami & Shida Chiharu (Japan)
 - ❖ Mixed doubles title: Yuta Watanabe & Arisa Higashino (Japan)

4. Which football team has won their first Indian Super League title in 2022 _____ **Hyderabad FC**.

Note:

- The defeated Kerala Blasters' in a penalty shootout in the final at the Fatorda Stadium in Goa.
- While Hyderabad won the trophy in their first final appearance, this is Blasters' third defeat in an ISL final and their second in a shootout as their wait continues.

5. Name the former cricketer who has been felicitated with the prestigious 'Sports Icon' award at the Maldives Sports Awards 2022 _____ **Suresh Raina**.

Note:

- He was nominated alongside 16 international sportspersons, including former Real Madrid player Roberto Carlos, Jamaican Sprinter Asafa Powell, former Sri Lankan captain and cricketer Sanath Jayasuriya and Dutch football legend Edgar Davids.
- Raina was presented with the award for his various achievements throughout his career.

6. Who has won the 19th Asian Billiards Championship 2022 in Doha, Qatar _____ **Pankaj Advani**.

Note:

- It was his eighth title at the Asian Billiards Championship and 24th international title.
- Earlier, he defeated Myanmar's Pauk Sa in the semi-final to enter finals.
- Asian Billiards Championship is organized by the Asian Confederation of Billiard Sports, since 1984.

7. Who has won the Formula One Bahrain Grand Prix 2022 at at the Bahrain International Circuit _____ **Charles Leclerc**.

Note:

- It was his first victory since the 2019 Italian Grand Prix.
- He was followed by Carlos Sainz Jr. (Ferrari - Spain), who came second, and Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain).

Books and Authors

1. Who is the author of the book-length poem titled 'Monsoon' published by the Sahitya Akademi _____ **Abhay Kumar**.

Note:

- Sahitya Akademi was established on 12th March in 1954.
- Its logo was designed by Satyajit Ray himself and Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru was its first President.
- The first book published by the Academy was Bhagwan Buddha by D.D. Koshambi in 1956. It was a translation from Marathi into Hindi.

2. Who has authored the first authorized biography of Rahul Bajaj titled “Rahul Bajaj: An Extraordinary Life” _____ **Gita Piramal.**

Note:

- The book is based on the life of the late iconic industrialist Rahul Bajaj.
- It highlights his life’s journey, struggle and challenges in becoming one of the most well regarded business personalities in the world.

Science and Defence

1. In which country the NATO has organized the massive military drill ‘Cold Response 2022’ _____ **Norway.**

Note:

- The exercise is held in Norway every second year, for NATO Allies and partners
- The Norwegian-led exercise provides an opportunity to train together in cold weather conditions over challenging terrain and demonstrates NATO’s ability to respond decisively to any threat, from any direction.
- It is the largest ‘Cold Response’ being exercise conducted in Norway since the 1980s.

2. With which IIT, the National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. (NMDC) has signed an MoU for ‘Drone-Based Mineral Exploration’ on a virtual platform _____ **IIT Kharagpur.**

Note:

- After this, NMDC will be the first CPSE in India to conduct Drone-based Geophysical Surveys and Hyperspectral Studies for Mineral Exploration in the country.
- It will open a new chapter and set a benchmark in the field of mineral exploration.

3. With which country’s defence forces the Indian Army has conducted the 9th Joint Military Exercise LAMITIYE-2022) _____ **Seychelles.**

Note:

- It is being held at Seychelles Defence Academy (SDA) from 22nd to 31st March 22
- It is a biennial training, which is conducted in Seychelles since 2001
- It will include field training exercises, combat discussions, lectures, demonstrations and validation exercise.

4. At the campus of which IIT new water management and policy centre, AquaMAP has been inaugurated by the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, Prof. K. VijayRaghavan _____ **IIT Madras.**

Note:

- AquaMAP aims at providing solutions for complex and challenging water problems by designing and evolving smart and optimal water management practices and implementing them in the field, at different locations across the country, as a scalable model by leveraging best practices in management and innovative technologies.
- AquaMAP is a national water centre and IIT Madras is collaborating with IIT Dharwad around the broad theme of ‘Data Science for Water Security and Agriculture Sustenance’.

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