

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 second **week** (8-14th) of **March** 2022. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway** & Insurance exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. 'DigiSaathi', a 24×7 Helpline for Digital Payments has been launched by _____ **RBI**.

Note:

- The Reserve Bank of India along with National Payment Corporation India launched the DigiSaathi, which will help customers of payments systems including cards.
- This initiative will help customers address queries in the digital payments umbrella including cards.
- Right now it is available in two languages – English and Hindi

2. BE(A)WARE, a booklet featuring modus operandi of financial frauds has been released by which institution _____

RBI.

Note:

- The booklet aims to enhance public awareness about various types of financial frauds perpetrated on gullible customers while carrying out digital payments and other financial transactions.

3. What is the name of the UPI facility launched by RBI for feature phones _____ **UPI123pay**.

Note:

- One is UPI123pay- which provides a UPI payment facility on feature phones and the second is "DigiSaathi" which is a 24×7 Helpline for Digital Payments.
- The UPI123pay will provide the users of feature phones the option to use Unified Interface Payments (UPI) for making payments.

4. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has increased the investment limit for retail investors applying in public issues of debt securities with the facility to block funds through Unified Payments Interface (UPI) mechanism to _____ **Rs 5 lakh**.

Note:

- The market watchdog Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) increased the limit for investment through Unified Payments Interface (UPI) mechanism to ₹5 lakh for investors applying in public issues of debt securities based on discussions with market
- The increased limit of ₹5 lakh via UPI mode will be effective on public issues of debt securities which will open on or after May 1, 2022.

5. In partnership with which bank and NPCI, software company ToneTag has recently rolled out its VoiceSe UPI digital payments for feature phone users _____ **NSDL Payments Bank**.

Note:

- The announcement comes in the wake of the Reserve Bank of India launching UPI 123Pay facility that enables UPI payments for feature phone users.

6. Which life insurance company has signed a bancassurance partnership agreement with Bharat Co-operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd _____ **Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance**.

Note:

- This collaboration facilitates a common platform to reach out to the bank's five lakh plus customers with relevant life insurance solutions.
- The agreement will provide life insurance support to more than 5 lakh customers of the bank.

7. What will be the initial authorized share capital of National Land Monetization Corporation (NLMC) _____ **Rs 5,000 crore**.

Note:

- For setting up NLMC, the Centre allocated an initial authorised share capital of Rs 5,000 crore and paid-up share capital of Rs 150 crore.

- National Land Monetisation Corporation will undertake monetisation of surplus land and building assets of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) and other Government agencies.
8. Under which act the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will regulate and supervise the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) _____ **Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.**

Note:

- It will now be guided under Sections 45L and 45N of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.
 - Currently RBI has four AIFIs: EXIM Bank, NABARD, NHB and SIDBI.
 - NaBFID: Development Financial Institution (DFI) to support the development of long-term infrastructure financing in India.
9. Which bank has kicked off the 'HouseWorkIsWork' initiative, offering opportunities to those who want to rejoin the professional space _____ **Axis Bank.**

Note:

- It has been launched as the bank feels that the participation of urban educated women in the workforce is still not at desired levels.
 - Through this initiative, bank aims to get these women back to work, by giving them confidence that they are employable, they have skills and they can fit in various job roles.
10. Which becomes the first Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI) issuer to have achieved full interoperability as mandated by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for their PPIs _____ **LivQuik.**

Note:

- RBI, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 18 read with Section 10(2) of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 (PSS Act) mandated all PPI Issuers to facilitate interoperability for full-KYC (Know Your Customers) wallets by March 31, 2022.
 - The interoperability provides choice to customers for optimizing their payments and spending across wallets by attaching a card on Visa and RuPay networks and can also enable UPI (Unified Payments Interface).
11. Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has slashed the interest rate on provident fund deposits what percent for 2021-22 _____ **8.10%.**

Note:

- Interest rate on PF deposit was 8.5% in 2020-21 and 2019-20.
 - This decision was taken at the 230th meeting of the Central Board of Trustees, EPF under the Chairmanship of Bhupendra Yadav (Union Minister for Labour & Employment)
 - EPFO: Statutory body responsible for the regulation and management of provident funds in India.
12. Which financial company has launched India's first primary markets investment platform, 'OneUp' for investing in initial public offerings (IPOs), non-convertible debentures (NCDs) and sovereign gold bonds (SGBs), among others _____ **IIFL Securities Limited.**

Note:

- It enables buyers to analyse, transact and handle new investment alternatives, all on one single platform.
 - The benefits of the platforms can be utilized by IIFL Securities and non-IIFL Securities clients with none signup necessities.
13. Which bank has entered into a co-lending partnership with Vijayawada-based IKF Finance to offer commercial vehicle loans _____ **Bank of India (BOI).**

Note:

- The public sector bank will leverage the reach of the NBFC to build its MSMEs portfolio.
 - The disbursement under the Co-Lending arrangement has commenced on 9th March 2022.
14. Which cellular company has a gaming portal in in partnership with Nazara Technologies Ltd _____ **Vodafone Idea.**

Note:

- Nazara is an India-based diversified gaming and sports media company.
 - Its games offering will initially offer casual games and gradually expand to host social games and esports in the future.
15. Which digital payments company expanded its partnership with IRCTC to provide digital ticketing services to consumers through Automatic Ticket Vending Machines (ATVM) installed at railway stations across the country _____ **Paytm.**

Note:

- This is the first time Indian Railways is providing an option to pay digitally for ticketing services through UPI on ATVMs to promote cashless commuting among railway passengers.

- The ATMs placed at the railway stations are touch-screen based ticketing kiosks that will allow passengers to pay digitally, without requiring smart cards.
16. Which bank has launched Corporate Liquidity Management Solution (C-LMS) and Government Liquidity Management Solution (G-LMS) to meet the liquidity management needs of institutional customers _____ **IDBI Bank**.
- Note:**
- LMS and G-LMS provide real-time, web-based and formula driven liquidity management solution,” said the private sector in a statement.
 - These solutions provide tools to institutions for enhanced visibility of liquidity position across the organisation, helping them in forecasting and projecting the cash positions at a glance.
17. Which housing finance company has announced a strategic co-lending partnership with Standard Chartered Bank, for extending loans against property (LAP) to prospective customers, especially MSMEs _____ **Edelweiss Housing Finance**.
- Note:**
- Under this partnership, EHFL will originate, process, service the loans and retain 20 per cent of the loan on its books, while the remaining 80 per cent will be on the books of Standard Chartered Bank.
 - The co-lending partnership will help the bank grow its loan portfolio, it would provide an alternate model for loan disbursements that is asset-light and creates a sound revenue model for sustainable business for EHFL.
18. Which bank has entered into a strategic partnership with Airtel to strengthen the growth of the digital ecosystem in India, through a range of financial solutions _____ **Axis Bank**.
- Note:**
- The partnership would enable access to credit and various digital financial offerings from Axis Bank to Airtel’s 340 million-plus customers.
 - These will include first-of-its-kind co-branded credit card ‘Airtel Axis Bank Credit Card’ with industry-leading benefits, pre-approved instant loans, Buy Now Pay Later offerings and many more.
19. Which e-commerce company has entered into a multi-year strategic partnership with Google Cloud to help fast-track its innovation and cloud strategy _____ **Flipkart**.
- Note:**
- The partnership will propel Flipkart into its next phase of growth and advance its vision of onboarding India’s next 200 million shoppers and lakhs of sellers.
 - The companies didn’t reveal the value of this deal.
20. Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) has collaborated with which state government to promote awareness among micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) of the state about the benefits of listing _____ **Tamil Nadu**.
- Note:**
- To facilitate this, BSE will partner with MSME Trade and Investment Promotion Bureau (M-TIPB). As part of the collaboration, BSE will provide the capacity building and soft support to small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in Tamil Nadu for fulfilling listing requirements.
 - Further, the BSE will also provide all intellectual and manpower support to create awareness among SMEs across Tamil Nadu, about benefits of listing.
21. The Insolvency regulator IBBI has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which association to collaborate on capacity building for financial creditors on topics related to insolvency, bankruptcy and related subjects _____ **Indian Banks Association (IBA)**.
- Note:**
- To improve the processes under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), Ravi Mital urged bankers to share their suggestions and feedback regarding the IBC ecosystem with the IBBI.

Obituaries

1. Legendary spin bowler Shane Warne passed away recently, for which country did he played _____ **Australia**.
- Note:**
- He made his cricket debut in 1992, played 145 Tests for Australia, and picked up 708 wickets.
 - He had retired from all formats of cricket in July 2013 and was regarded as one of the greatest bowlers in the history of cricket.
2. Renowned personality Rafiq Tarar passed away recently, he was former President of which country _____ **Pakistan**.

Note:

- Muhammad Rafiq Tarar was born on 2 November 1929 in Peer Kot, Pakistan. He served as a Supreme Court judge from 1991 to 1994.
 - He also served as the Chief Justice of the Lahore High Court from 1989 to 1991. Later, he became Pakistan's President for the period of 1997 to 2001.
3. Renowned personality Rupiah Banda who passed away recently was former President of which country _____
Zambia.

Note:

- The former president, who ruled the country from 2008 to 2011, passed away.
- He was diagnosed with colon cancer in 2020 and since then his health has been failing.
- He received treatment in Dubai on several occasions.

Important Days

1. International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated globally every year on _____ **8th March.**

Note:

- The day recognises the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women.
- The event celebrates women's achievements and raises awareness about women's equality and lobbies for accelerated gender parity.

2. On which date every year the No Smoking Day is celebrated across the world _____ **Second Wednesday of March.**

Note:

- This year No Smoking Day will be celebrated on **9th March.**
- The day is celebrated to help those who wish to quit smoking as well as to raise awareness about the implications of smoking on an individual's health.

3. World Kidney day is celebrated every year on which date _____ **Second Thursday of March.**

Note:

- This year, it is being observed on **March 10.**
- World Kidney Day is a global campaign aimed at raising awareness of the importance of our kidneys.
- World Kidney Day aims to raise awareness of the importance of our kidneys to our overall health and to reduce the frequency and impact of kidney disease and its associated health problems worldwide.

4. The CISF Raising Day is celebrated every year on which date _____ **10th March.**

Note:

- In the year 1969, the CISF was set up on March 10 and three battalions were formed under the CISF act 1968, which was passed by the Parliament of India.
- Since then, the day is celebrated as CISF Raising Day every year.
- Central Industrial Security Force, is for the central armed police force in India. It is one of the six paramilitary forces in India functioning under the Union Home Ministry.

5. International Day of Women Judges is observed every year on which date _____ **10th March.**

Note:

- On this day, the United National reaffirms its commitment to develop and implement appropriate and effective strategies and plans for the advancement of women in the judicial system and institution at the managerial and leadership level.

6. World Rotaract Day is celebrated every year on which date to acknowledge the services provided by the rotaractors across the world _____ **13th March.**

Note:

- The theme of World Rotaract Day 2022 is "Rotary Making a Difference". World Rotaract Week will be held from 11 March 2022 to 18 March 2022.
- Rotary Club is the community service organization for young men and women.

7. International Day of Mathematics (IDM) is observed globally every year on _____ **14th March.**

Note:

- It is also known as the **Pi Day** because the mathematical constant π (**pi**) can be rounded down to **3.14.**
- It aims to educate people about the essential role of mathematics in science and technology, improve quality of life, empower women and girls, and contribute to sustainable development.
- This is a relatively new event that was created just a couple of years back. The theme for 2022 IDM is "**Mathematics Unites!**".

New Appointments

1. Who took over charges as Commandant of Air Force Academy, Indian Air Force _____ **B Chandra Sekhar**.
Note:
 - He is an alumnus of Defence Services Staff College Wellington, College of Defence Management, Flying Instructors School and National Defence College New Delhi
 - He has more than 5400 hrs of incident-free flying on various aircraft
 - He also holds the distinction of landing first MLH class of helicopter in the Siachen Glacier
2. Who has been appointed as the Deputy Managing Director (DMD) of State Bank of India _____ **Nitin Chugh**.
Note:
 - Chugh would be responsible for driving growth of customer acquisition through digital channels, along with defining and implementing digital strategies.
 - The seasoned banker and a digital banking expert, with an experience of nearly three decades, served Ujjivan Small Finance Bank as its MD and CEO.
3. Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Jet Airways _____ **Sanjiv Kapoor**.
Note:
 - Prior to this, was the president of Oberoi Hotels and has also worked as chief operating officer at SpiceJet and chief strategy and commercial officer at Vistara
 - Apart from him, former Sri Lankan Airlines CEO Vipula Gunatileka as the chief financial officer.
4. Vidya Balan has been appointed as the brand ambassador of which insurance company _____ **Bharti AXA Life Insurance**.
Note:
 - She as the brand ambassador will help in promoting the #DoTheSmartThing champion of Bharti AXA Life Insurance. Bharti AXA Life Insurance is a joint venture of Bharti, India's leading business group and AXA, one of the world's leading organizations in financial protection and wealth management.
5. T Raja Kumar belongs to which country who been elected as the new President of Financial Action Task Force (FATF) _____ **Singapore**.
Note:
 - T. Raja Kumar of Singapore has been appointed as the next President of Financial Action Task Force (FATF).
 - He will assume office with effect from July 01, 2022. for a fixed period of two-year term.
 - Mr. Kumar will replace Dr. Marcus Pleyer of Germany.
6. Who has been elected as the new president of South Korea _____ **Yoon Suk Yeol**.
Note:
 - He defeated his ruling liberal party opponent Lee Jae-myung.
 - With more than 99 percent of the ballots counted, Yoon won 48.6 percent of the votes, narrowly edging his rival Lee Jae-myung of Democratic Party, who garnered 47.8 percent.
7. Who has been appointed as brand ambassador of Lupin Ltd for its Shakti campaign _____ **MC Mary Kom**.
Note:
 - The campaign is aimed at increasing awareness about heart diseases among women through interactive social media sessions, sharing informative videos from doctors, and in-clinic awareness activities for patients.
8. Who has been appointed as the CEO and MD of Colgate-Palmolive (India) Limited _____ **Prabha Narasimhan**.
Note:
 - She succeeded Ram Raghavan, who has been promoted to the role of President, Enterprise Oral Care, at Colgate Palmolive Company.
 - Prior to this, she was working as executive director of Hindustan Unilever (HUL).
9. Ashwani Bhatia is Managing Director of which bank who has been appointed as whole-time member (WTM) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) _____ **State Bank of India**.
Note:
 - According to some sources, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has also approved Ashwani Bhatia's appointment as a whole-time member of SEBI for three years from the date of his assumption of the command.
10. Who has been appointed as the chairman of the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA) for a period of three years _____ **Ajay Bhushan Pandey**.
Note:
 - Pandey, a 1984-batch Maharashtra cadre IAS officer, retired as revenue secretary in February last year.

- Prior to becoming revenue secretary, he was chief executive of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI).
 - Post retirement, Pandey headed a committee to revisit the criteria for determining the economically weaker sections to provide them reservation.
- 11.** Who has been appointed as the head of the high-powered committee constituted by it to “consider the cumulative and independent impact of the Char Dham Mahamarg Vikas Pariyojana _____ **Justice AK Sikri.**
- Note:**
- A Bench of Justices DY Chandrachud and Surya Kant requested Justice Sikri to accept the assignment.
 - The current head of the committee, Ravi Chopra had opted to quit.
 - The project will provide all-weather connectivity to Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath and Badrinath.
- 12.** Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI), the regulator of the insurance sector _____ **Debasish Panda.**
- Note:**
- The appointment of IRDAI chairman comes nearly 9 months after the vacancy was created following Subhash Chandra Khuntia completing his term.
 - He retired as financial services secretary in January this year after a 2-year stint.
 - He was also on the board of the RBI.
- 13.** Tapan Singhel is Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of which insurance company whose term has been extended by five years _____ **Bajaj Allianz General Insurance.**
- Note:**
- Under Singhel's leadership, the company has emerged as one of the largest and most profitable private general insurers in the country ensuring growth, profitability, and customer-centricity.
 - In his decade-long stint as the MD and CEO, the company has achieved a cumulative underwriting profit of more than Rs 350 crore.
- 14.** Who has been appointed as the chairman of Air India _____ **N Chandrasekaran.**
- Note:**
- AI founder J R D Tata remained the airline's chief for decades after its nationalisation.
 - He was chairman till February 1978 when the Morarji Desai government moved him from the post.
 - In 1982, the Indira Gandhi government reappointed JRD to the board of Air-India (as it was written then with the hyphen).
- 15.** Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of Oil India Limited (OIL) _____ **Ranjit Rath.**
- Note:**
- He is currently chairman and managing director of Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd (MECL).
 - Oil India's current chairman and managing director Sushil Chandra Mishra will superannuate on June 30 this year.

Important News - India

- 1.** Partnering with which ministry the Ministry of Textiles organizing a programme called “Jharokha-Compendium of Indian handicraft/ handloom, art and culture” to celebrate the traditional Indian handicrafts, handlooms, and art & culture _____ **Ministry of Art and Culture.**
- Note:**
- Jharokha: PAN India programme that will be held at 16 locations in 13 states and UTs
 - Its first event is organized in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh at Rani Kamlapati Railway Station from 8th March 2022 (Women's Day)
 - It will continue for 8 days and will include folk performances by local artists.
- 2.** What is India's status in the “Freedom in the World 2022 – The Global Expansion of Authoritarian Rule” by Freedom House, a US-based NGO _____ **Free, Partly Free.**
- Note:**
- The report is published every year since 1973 by Freedom House (US NGO that assesses political-civil liberties)
 - India was a free country till 2020 with 71 score
 - In 2022, 85 countries were free, 56 as partly free, 69 as not free

3. Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog has announced its partnership with which company to drive Augmented Reality (AR) skilling among the Indian youth _____ **Snap**.
- Note:**
- The partnership is initially for 2 years and is expected to train over 12,000 teachers affiliated with Atal Tinkering Labs on Augmented Reality, enabling the reach of the program to millions of students affiliated with ATL's network of schools.
 - Snap Inc also announced its partnership with Atal Incubation Centers (AICs).
4. The Government of India (GoI) has approved the establishment of the WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (WHO GCTM) in _____ **Jamnagar, Gujarat**.
- Note:**
- The WHO GCTM will be established in Jamnagar under the Ministry of AYUSH.
 - This would be the first and only global outposted Centre (office) for traditional medicine across the globe.
5. Under the administrative jurisdiction of which ministry, the Union Cabinet has approved to set up National Land Monetization Corporation (NLMC) as a wholly owned company of Government of India _____ **Ministry of Finance**.
- Note:**
- NLMC shall be a wholly-owned Government of India company.
 - It will be set up under the administrative jurisdiction of the Ministry of Finance.
6. India's largest reclining statue of Lord Buddha is being built at _____ **Bodh Gaya**.
- Note:**
- The giant statue is being built by Buddha International Welfare Mission, one of the top Buddhist Temples in West Bengal (also known as Kolkata Temple).
 - Its construction started in the year 2019.
 - Bodh Gaya is the place of enlightenment of Lord Buddha, and famous pilgrimage site for Buddhism, visited by devotees from all over the world.
7. Which edition of the National Youth Parliament Festival (NYPF) was convened this year by Lok Sabha Secretariat and Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports _____ **3rd**.
- Note:**
- It is being held on 10th and 11th March 2022, in the Central Hall of Parliament, New Delhi.
 - Objective: to hear the voice of the youth, between 18 and less than 25 years of age, who will join various careers in coming years.
8. India's first 100% women-owned industrial park was established in which city _____ **Hyderabad**.
- Note:**
- Industrial park is promoted by FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO) in partnership with the state government of Telangana.
 - It is spread over a 50-acre area in Sultanpur near Patancheru industrial area.
 - Estimated investment cost of the project: Rs 250 crores.
9. The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has signed a memorandum of understanding with which IIT for establishment of 'BIS Standardization Chair Professor' _____ **IIT Roorkee**.
- Note:**
- This would be the 1st Standardization Chair established by BIS in an Institute for activities on Standardization and Conformity Assessment
 - It will help in sensitizing students on how standards can encourage and facilitate innovation and will help in grooming students making them better prepared for their future challenges.
10. Who has launched the MSME Innovative Scheme (Incubation, Design and IPR) along with MSME IDEA HACKATHON 2022 _____ **Narayan Rane**.
- Note:**
- Details of the sub-schemes:

- Incubation: promote and support untapped creativity with assistance of up to Rs. 15 lakh per idea
- Design: Bring Indian manufacturing sector and Design experts on a common platform with assistance up to Rs. 40 lakh for design project
- IPR (Intellectual Property Rights): improve the IP culture in India.

11. Recently published 'UDISE+ report is associated with which field _____ **Education**.

Note:

- Ministry of Education (MoE) has released the report on Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) 2020-21 on school education of India.
- Under UDISE+ system, improvements have been made in the data capture, data mapping and data verification areas.

12. According to the Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) 2020-21 what is the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in 20-21 in higher secondary level _____ **53.8%**.

Note:

- The current report relates to UDISE+ data for the reference year 2020-21 and states that total number of students enrolled in schools from primary to higher secondary stood at 25.38 crore in 20-21 which means there is an increase of 28.32 lakh enrolments as compared to the 25.10 crore enrolment in 2019-20.
- The Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in 20-21 stand at 92.2% in upper primary, 99.1% in elementary, 79.8% in secondary and 53.8% in higher secondary respectively.

13. According to the National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-5 which state becomes the top state in the list of full immunization in India with 90.5 per cent coverage under Mission Indradhanush _____ **Odisha**.

Note:

- Intensified Mission Indradhanush 4.0 (IMI) was rolled out on 7 March 2022, in Odisha to provide preventive health care for mothers and children and for boosting full immunization coverage.
- 20 districts of Odisha were found above 90 percent in full immunization and remaining 10 districts were less than 90 percent.
- Districts such as Ganjam, Cuttack, Kendrapara, Jharsuguda, Koraput, Keonjhar, Malkangiri, Khurda, Sambalpur, Mayurbhanj, and Sundargarh districts were selected for inclusion under IMI.

14. India's first medical city 'Indrayani Medicity' to come up in which city _____ **Pune**.

Note:

- It will come up in 300-acre of land area in the Khed taluka of Pune.
- It is estimated to attract investment worth Rs. 10,000 crores.
- Indrayani Medicity will have hospitals, medical research centre, pharmaceutical manufacturing, wellness and physiotherapy.

15. Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) is located in which city where a new campus building complex has been dedicated to the nation by the PM Narendra Modi _____ **Gandhinagar**.

Note:

- It is an Institution of National Importance, that commenced its operations on 1st October 2020
- It provides different academic courses to meet the need for high quality trained manpower in various wings of policing, criminal justice correctional administration.

16. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has organised 'India Water Pitch-Pilot-Scale Start-up Conclave' at India Habitat Centre in _____ **New Delhi**.

Note:

- During the conclave, the minister also launched 'India Water Pitch-Pilot-Scale Start-up Challenge' under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) 2.0 scheme
- It has been launched on MyGov platform
- MoHUA Ministry will select 100 start-ups for funding support of Rs.20 lakhs as well as mentorship.

17. What is the rank of in the RailTel Corporation of India Limited(RailTel) 8th Edition Fortune India The Next 500 (2022 edition) of top midsize companies operating in India _____ **124th**.

Note:

- It was ranked 197 in the 2021 list of top midsize companies operating in India.
- RailTel is one of the largest neutral telecom infrastructure services providers in the country.
- Besides RailTel, there are five more private telecom players on the list.
- Apart from RailTel, IRCTC is the only Railway PSU featuring in the list, at the rank of 309.

18. India ranked at what position in terms of market capitalization this year _____ **5th**.

Note:

- India's equity market has broken into the world's top five club in terms of market capitalization for the first time.
- The country's total market cap stands at \$3.21 trillion, which is higher than that of the UK (\$3.19 trillion), Saudi Arabia (\$3.18 trillion), and Canada (\$3.18 trillion).
- This year, India has climbed two positions, despite a 7.4 per cent drop in its market cap.

19. According to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) on Trends in International Arms Transfer, 2021, which country ranked first in terms of importers of arms between 2017-21 _____ **India**.

Note:

- The report places India at the top of the list. Egypt, Australia and China were the next three largest importers with respective shares of 5.7%, 5.4% and 4.8%.
- Paradoxically, India was the only country among the top five whose imports had declined during the said period.

20. The country's first Digital Water Bank 'AQVERIUM' was launched in _____ **Bengaluru**.

Note:

- It is formed by AquaKraft Group Ventures.
- It is a very unique innovation combining sustainable & green technologies along with information technology, skill development & entrepreneurship.

Important News - State

1. Which state government has launched 'Women@Work' programme to provide five lakh jobs within 2026 to women with necessary employable skills _____ **Karnataka**.

Note:

- The program aims to focus on the efforts of corporate programs on attracting women workforce.
- It has been developed by Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM) in association with KTECH, Karnataka Skill Development Corporation.

2. Government of India, World Bank and which state government have signed \$125 million IBRD loan to support efforts to help poor and vulnerable groups access social protection services in the state _____ **West Bengal**.

Note:

- WB runs more than 400 programs for social assistance, care services, and jobs under umbrella platform called Jai Bangla
- West Bengal Building State Capability for Inclusive Social Protection Project will support these interventions at the state level.

3. Which state government has launched a new scheme titled 'Kaushalya Matritva Yojana' to give financial assistance of Rs 5000 to women on the birth of second girl child _____ **Chhattisgarh**.

Note:

- The scheme aims to give financial assistance of Rs 5000 to women on the birth of second girl child.
- During the launch of the scheme, CM Baghel gave away cheques of Rs 5,000 each to five women beneficiaries for safe motherhood.

4. Which state government and the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) signed an agreement for the creation of fisheries infrastructure to boost fish production _____ **Odisha**.

Note:

- The agreement was signed between Principal Secretary, Finance, Vishal Dev and NABARD chief general manager C Udayabhaskar.
 - The Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) will help in creation of infrastructure facilities in marine and inland sectors of Odisha.
 - For the development in the sector around Rs 119.8 crore initially approved.
5. Which state bagged the number 1 spot in the SKOCH Governance Report Card for 2021 _____ **Andhra Pradesh.**
- Note:**
- It ranks the states according to their performance in various projects at the state, district, and municipal levels.
 - Andhra Pradesh bagged the number 1 spot for the 2nd consecutive year.
 - Other states in the top five include West Bengal, Odisha, Gujarat, and Maharashtra.

Important News – World

1. Which country successfully launched a military satellite, Noor-2, into orbit at an altitude of 500 kilometres (311 miles) from the earth _____ **Iran.**
- Note:**
- It was launched from three-stage Qased, or Messenger, carrier from Shahroud space port
 - This is the 2nd military satellite launched by the Islamic Republic.
 - First military satellite, 'Noor' was launched in April 2020 at an orbit of 425km (265 miles) above earth's surface.
2. Which is the most sanctioned country of the world _____ **Russia.**
- Note:**
- Russia faced 2,778 new sanctions since 22nd February 2022, led by the US and European nations, bringing the total sanctions to 5,530.
 - It was already having 2,754 sanctions in place before February 22.
 - Before this, Iran was the most sanctioned country, facing 3,616 sanctions against it over last decade.
3. India signed MoU with which countries to implement the 'BBIN' Motor Vehicles Agreement _____ **Bangladesh and Nepal.**
- Note:**
- The two-day meeting held in Delhi.
 - Bhutan participated in the meeting as an observer.
 - This is the first meeting of the group since the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic.
 - The last meeting was held in February 2020 in New Delhi.
4. As per the study conducted by International Finance Corporation (IFC) which country tops the list in terms of women on board of listed companies in South Asia _____ **Bangladesh.**
- Note:**
- According to data, there was an increase in the percentage of women who are independent directors on listed companies from 5% in 2020 to 6%, despite COVID-19
 - 2020 IFC-DSE study showed at the time around 18% of listed company board directors were women, which has remained the same.

Honor & Awards

1. Which film won the Best Film Award at the 75th British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) Awards 2022 _____ **The Power of the Dog.**
- Note:**
- Given below is the list of winners at the 2022 BAFTAs in main categories
 - Best Film – The Power of the Dog
 - Best Director – Jane Campion, The Power of the Dog
 - Best Actress in Leading Role – Joanna Scanlan, After Love
 - Best Actor in Leading Role – Will Smith, King Richard.
 - Best Supporting Actress – Ariana DeBose, West Side Story

- Best Supporting Actor – Troy Kotsur, CODA.

2. Syeda Rizwana Hasan belongs to which country who has been bestowed with the International Women of Courage Award 2022 by the US Department of State _____ **Bangladesh.**

Note:

- The US Department of State has decided to recognise Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela) Chief Executive Syeda Rizwana Hasan with the International Women of Courage Award 2022.
- Rizwana Hasan is a lawyer who demonstrates exceptional courage and leadership in her mission to protect the environment and defend the dignity and rights of marginalized Bangladeshis.

Sports News

1. S L Narayanan is associated with which sports _____ **Chess.**

Note:

- Meanwhile his compatriot R Praggnanandhaa came second.
- The 24-year old S L Narayanan from Thiruvananthapuram, earned the title of Grandmaster in 2015 and is the 41st Grandmaster from India.

2. Who becomes the 23rd and latest Woman Grandmaster (WGM) of India _____ **Priyanka Nutakki.**

Note:

- She became India's twenty-third Woman Grandmaster. She is from Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.
- Priyanka Nutakki scored her first WGM-norm in January 2019 and crossed the 2300 rating criteria in the next two months.

3. Name the Indian cricketer who have announced his retirement from all form of cricketer in March 2022 _____ **S Sreesanth.**

Note:

- He had played 27 Tests and 53 ODIs for India, taking 87 and 75 wickets respectively.
- He has also taken seven wickets in 10 T20 Internationals
- He was banned for alleged spot-fixing for a seven-year punishment in September 2020 that was originally meant to be for life and was aggressively contested by the flamboyant bowler.

4. Name the Indian badminton player who settle for silver in in the German Open 2022 men's singles final at Mulheim _____ **Lakshya Sen.**

Note:

- Lakshya Sen was chasing his second BWF title of the year, having won the India Open Super 500 title back in January.
- He bagged a bronze at the world championships late last year.
- Indian shuttlers will be next seen in action at the All England Open 2022.

5. Pramod Bhagat is associated with which sports two silver and a bronze medal recently in an international event _____ **Badminton.**

Note:

- He won men's singles SL3 Silver and mixed doubles SL3-SU5 Bronze at the Spanish Para-Badminton International 2022.
- Apart from him, Sukant Kadam won the Bronze medal in Spanish Para-Badminton International 2022, after losing to World no 1 Lucas Mazur from France.

6. Who sets a new world record in pole vault with a 6.19-meter clearance at the Belgrade Indoor Meeting _____ **Mondo Duplantis.**

Note:

- Duplantis set the record of 6.18 in February 2020 indoors in Glasgow.
- With all of his opponents finished, Duplantis opened his series with 5.61, 5.85 and 6.00 all on his first tries.

Books and Authors

1. Originally written as “Ullas Ki Naav” is biography of who among the following that has been translated in English as ‘The Queen of Indian Pop’ _____ **Usha Uthup.**

Note:

- The book was originally written in Hindi titled “Ullas Ki Naav” by author Vikas Kumar Jha. “The Queen of Indian Pop:
- The Authorised Biography of Usha Uthup” is the English translation of the book, translated by the writer’s daughter Srishti Jha.

2. Who has authored the book titled ‘The Blue Book: A Writer’s Journal’ _____ **Amitava Kumar.**

Note:

- The Blue Book is the outcome of the diary-keeping by the author during the time of lockdown due to pandemics.
- The author has used watercolour drawings as well as words to depict the experience, both individual and collective, of the pandemic.

Science and Defence

1. The joint military exercise, "Dharma Guardian-2022" was held between India and which country _____ **Japan.**

Note:

- It is being participated by 15 Maratha LIRC UNIT and Japan 30 Infantry regiment
- It covers platoon-level joint training on operations in the jungle and semi-urban and urban terrain.
- Insertion by helicopter into the ‘area of operation’ is being carried out in the Regimental Center.

2. What is the name of the supercomputer designed and commissioned Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) at IIT Roorkee under Phase II of National Supercomputing Mission (NSM) _____ **PARAM Ganga.**

Note:

- PARAM Ganga has a supercomputing capacity of 1.66 Petaflops.
- NSM is a joint initiative of Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeiTY) and the Department of Science and Technology (DST).

3. First Artificial Intelligence & Robotics Technology Park (ARTPARK) of India has been launched at which institution _____ **Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru.**

Note:

- It is promoted by a not-for-profit foundation set up by Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru, with a seed capital of Rs.230 crores from State and Central govt
- It intends to use futuristic technologies with a focus on creating a globally leading artificial Intelligence and Robotics Innovation ecosystem in India.

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