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Bi-Weekly One Liner Updates 16-31st March 2022

Dear readers,

Bi-Weekly One Liners Updates is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the **two weeks** (16-31st) 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**.

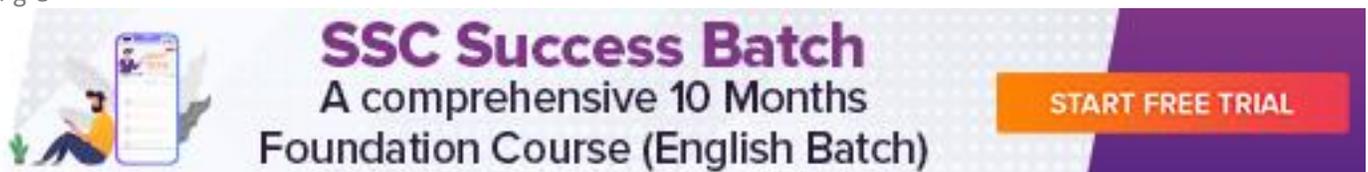
Note:

- 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:

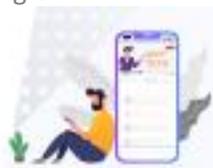
- The Ujjivan SFB Assisted app provides the facility to update mobile numbers for individual banking transactions through paperless and secured manner.



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- 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.

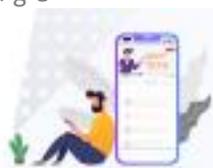
- The country added 298 MW of new solar open access capacity in the fourth quarter (Q4) of calendar year 2021, a 75% increase compared to the same period in 2020.
21. SBI Card, joins hand with which Indian leading grocery store brand to launch International Gourmet Card _____ **Nature's Basket.**
Note:
- This card will introduced in two variants - 'Nature's Basket SBI Card' and 'Nature's Basket SBI Card Elite'
 - The annual membership fee of Nature's Basket SBI Card and its Elite version will be Rs. 1499 and Rs. 4,999 respectively.
22. In March 2022, Fitch Rating reduces India's FY23 growth forecast by 180 basis points to _____ **8.5%.**
Note:
- Fitch Rating downgrades the forecast citing sharply higher energy prices.
 - The economic sanctions on Russia have led to high energy prices, supply-chain disruptions, raw material shortages, and record inflation rates.
 - Forecast growth for FY23
 - ❖ Moody's - 9.1%
 - ❖ S&P - 7.8%
23. In March 2022, for the first time ever, India has achieved the target of how much billion dollars of goods exports _____ **400 billion dollars.**
Note:
- On average, every hour USD 46 million goods are exported, USD 1 billion goods are exported everyday and USD 33 billion every month.
 - The exports in the financial year 2020-21 were USD 292 billion while the exports in 2021-22 are USD 400 billion with a 37 per cent rise.
24. Which bank has launched the co-branded credit card for in partnership with Chennai Super Kings (CSK) _____ **ICICI Bank.**
Note:
- Christened 'Chennai Super Kings ICICI Bank Credit Card,' the card has been specially designed with a range of exclusive privileges for cricket fans of the iconic team.
 - ICICI Bank CEO - Sandeep Bakhshi
25. In March 2022, Kotak Mahindra has acquired how much stakes in ONDC for 10 crore rupees _____ **7.84%.**
Note:
- This network develops and transform the Indian digital commerce ecosystem for both goods and services.
 - It is an initiative of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
26. ICICI Lombard has recently tied up with which payment bank for the insurance of smartphone _____ **Airtel Payment Bank.**
Note:
- This insurance facility is available on the Airtel Thanks app.
 - This provides financial protection against damage to the phone and its screen from accidents or liquid spills.
 - Customers can get an insurance till ten days after their purchase.
 - Price of smartphone lies between the range of ₹10,000 to ₹ 100,000
27. Which mobility firm has recently acquired Avail Finance _____ **Ola.**
Note:
- This acquisition provides financial services to working class.
 - The acquisition will strengthen the Ola in the fintech space.
28. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has inaugurated Reserve Bank Innovation Hub in which city _____ **Bengaluru.**
Note:
- The RBI has set up the RBIH as a Section 8 under Companies Act, 2013.
 - RBIH is a wholly owned subsidiary of RBI with an initial capital contribution of ₹100 crore.
29. Priya Village Roadshow (PVR), announced its merger with which entertainment company _____ **INOX.**
Note:



- After the formalities of merger, the company will be known as PVR Inox Limited.
 - Ajay Bijli will be MD of PVR Inox Limited, Sanjeev Kumar will be executive director and Pavan Kumar Jain will be non-executive chairman of the consolidated board.
30. EaseMyTrip partners with which bank to launch environment-- friendly green international debit card _____ **DBS Bank.**
Note:
- This card is made using 99% recycled polyvinyl chloride (PVC) material.
 - Green Debit Card provides exclusive travel-related offers and rewards to customers for adopting eco-friendly practices.
31. Which insurance firm has recently launched digital the education platform 'KlarifyLife' to simplify life insurance complex topics _____ **HDFC Life.**
Note:
- 'KlarifyLife' is available on social media platforms like Instagram, LinkedIn, and Facebook.
32. Recently, RBI has set up the ink manufacturing unit of BRBNMPL named 'Varnika' in which city _____ **Mysuru.**
Note:
- Varnika has an annual ink manufacturing capacity of 1,500 MT, which helps to enhance the security of banknotes.
33. In March 2022, ICRA has reduced the India GDP forecast for FY23 to _____ **7.2%.**
Note:
- ICRA projected GDP expansion in FY22 at 8.5%.
 - The reason for the cut in GDP forecast is the Russia-Ukraine conflict, which increases commodity prices and the lockdown in China.
34. In March 2022, what is the trade deficit between India and China's bilateral trade _____ **US\$ 69.56 billion.**
Note:
- India's exports to China increased by 34.28% year on year to reach US\$28.03 billion.
 - India's imports from China witnessed an increase of 46.14% to reach US\$97.59 billion.
35. How much amount has the cabinet approved for the improvement and acceleration of the performance of MSME _____ **\$808 million.**
Note:
- The new scheme is expected to commence in financial 2022-23.
 - Out of the total amount, \$ 500 million would be a loan from the World Bank, and the remaining amount of \$ 308 million will be funded by the government of India.
36. Which general insurance firm has launched the industry's first digital reward program, VAULT _____ **HDFC ERGO.**
Note:
- VAULT program leads the way in customer loyalty.
 - It is the industry's first digital customer engagement and rewards program.
37. Central government is planning to sell a what percent of stake in Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) to raise over ₹3,000 crore through an offer for sale _____ **5%.**
Note:
- Of these, a minimum of 25% of the shares will be reserved for mutual funds and insurance companies, 10% for retail investors, and 075% for employees.
 - Divestment target for FY22 – Rs 78,000 crore
 - Divestment target for FY 23 – Rs 65,000 crore

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.

3. R C Lahoti, who passed away recently was a former _____ **Chief Justice of India**.

Note:

- Justice Lahoti was appointed as the **35th chief justice of India** on June 1, 2004. He retired on November 1, 2005.

4. Stephen Wilhite passes away, he is known as a creator of _____ **Animated GIF**.

Note:

- The Oxford American Dictionary named GIF the word of the year in 2012.
- He was also honoured with a Webby Lifetime Achievement award in 2013.
- GIF refers to Graphics Interchange Format

5. Miguel Van Damme passed away, was related to which sports _____ **Football**.

Note:

- Belgian footballer Miguel Van Damme passed away following a long-running battle with leukaemia.
- He was diagnosed with leukaemia in 2016.

6. Bhim Bahadur Gurung was former chief minister of which country who passed away recently _____ **Sikkim**.

Note:

- B. Gurung served as a teacher and a staff reporter in a Calcutta (Kolkata)-based newspaper the Amrita Bazar Patrika and he also edited the first news-based Nepali Journal of Sikkim, called Kanchenjunga.

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.

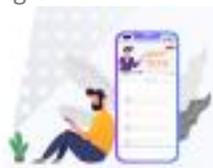
4. For the first time the 83rd Raising Day program of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) was celebrated outside the national capital in which city on 19th March 2022 _____ **Jammu**.

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:



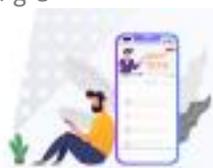
- The United Nations started celebrating this day in 2013, but the resolution for the same was passed on July 12, 2012.
 - The resolution was initiated by Bhutan which shed the light on the importance of National Happiness.
 - The theme for the 2022 International Day of Happiness campaign is "Build Back 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.'
9. World Water Day is celebrated globally every year on _____ **22nd March.**
- Note:**
- The day aims to highlight the importance of freshwater. It is used to advocate for the sustainable management of freshwater resources.
 - The World Water Day theme 2022 is "Groundwater, Making the Invisible Visible".
10. World Meteorological Day is celebrated globally every year on _____ **23rd March.**
- Note:**
- The day is celebrated as the establishment of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), and it concentrates on the behaviour of Earth's atmosphere. The day also helps people be aware of their role in protecting Earth's atmosphere.
 - World Meteorological Day is celebrated with a different motto every year. This year World Meteorological Day is celebrated keeping the theme of Early Warning and Early Action.
11. In India, every year on 23rd March is observed as _____ **Martyrs Day (Shaheed Diwas).**
- Note:**
- The day was observed to pay tribute to the death anniversary of the freedom fighters Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev Thapar, and Shivaram Rajguru, who laid their lives for the freedom of India. Also, 30 January is observed as Martyr's Day or Shaheed Diwas in the memory of Mahatma Gandhi.
12. What is the theme of the World Tuberculosis Day 2022, that is observed annually on March 24 every year _____ **Invest to End TB. Save Lives.**
- Note:**
- World TB Day is observed every year on March 24
 - To raise awareness about the infectious disease
 - On March 24th, 1882, Dr Robert Koch announced that he had discovered the bacterium that causes tuberculosis.
13. Which date observed as International Day for the Right to the Truth _____ **24th March.**
- Note:**
- This annual observance pays tribute to the memory of Monsignor Óscar Arnulfo Romero, who was murdered on 24 March 1980.
 - Monsignor Romero was actively engaged in denouncing violations of the human rights of the most vulnerable individuals in El Salvador.



14. What is the theme of International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade 2022 which is observed on 25th March every year _____ **Stories of Courage: Resistance to Slavery and Unity against Racism.**
Note:
- International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade observed on 25th March every year.
 - Theme for 2022 - Stories of Courage: Resistance to Slavery and Unity against Racism.
15. The United Nations observes the International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members on _____ **25th March.**
Note:
- This is a day to mobilize action, demand justice and strengthen our resolve to protect UN staff and peacekeepers, as well as our colleagues in the non-governmental community and the press.
16. In March 2022, Union Ministry for Environment, Forest and Climate Change has announced to celebrate 5th October every year as which day _____ **National Dolphin Day.**
Note:
- This day will celebrate to create awareness for the conservation of Dolphins.
 - Dolphins has been categorised as endangered species on the International Union for the Conservation of Nature Red List.
17. World Theatre Day is celebrated annually on _____ **27th March.**
Note:
- This year, the World Theatre Day celebration will focus on the young, the next generation, the emerging artists, who have been a strong special focus of ITI in the recent past. Through this 60-year-old ITI flagship event, ITI wishes to offer the next generation of artists and art professionals a platform to exchange ideas and present themselves to the world.
18. World Bipolar day observed on which date _____ **30th March.**
Note:
- The theme of World Bipolar Day 2022 is Bipolar Together.
 - March 27 observed a World Theatre Day
19. World Backup Day is marked every year on which date to protect our precious digital documents as we've become more reliant on technology _____ **31st March.**
Note:
- It is a day for people to learn about the increasing role of data in our lives and the importance of regular backups.
 - Originally, World Backup Day began as World Backup Month, by a hard drive company named Maxtor which was later acquired by Seagate Technology.
20. The International Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV) occurs annually on which date to raise awareness of discrimination faced by transgender people worldwide _____ **31st March.**
Note:
- The day is dedicated to celebrating transgender people and raising awareness of discrimination faced by transgender people worldwide, as well as celebrating their contributions to society.

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.
10. Yogi Adityanath sworn-in as CM of Uttar Pradesh for second time, he won the assembly election from which constituency ____ **Gorakhpur (Urban)**.
- Note:**
- He won election from Gorakhpur (urban) Constituency.
 - BJP-led alliance won 273 of 403 seats in the recent Assembly polls.
11. In March 2022, who has been appointed as a captain of Chennai Super Kings ____ **Ravindra Jadeja**.



Note:

- Now he handed over his captaincy to Ravindra Jadeja.
- Under the captaincy of Dhoni, CSK won 4 times – 2008, 2011, 2018, 2021

12. Who has been sworn-in as Lokayukta of Delhi _____ Justice Harish Chandra

Note:

- The oath ceremony was administered by Lieutenant-Governor Anil Bajjal in Raj Niwas.
- The post of Lokayukta was vacant since the retirement of Rewa Khetrapal in December 2020.
- He will hold office for a term of five years.

13. Who has been appointed as interim MD and CEO of CSB Bank for the period of three month from 1st April 2022 _____ **Pralay Mondal.**

Note:

- C.VR. Rajendran, the present MD & CEO announced his early retirement from the position due to health reasons
- CSB Headquarters: Thrissur, Kerala

14. Hisashi Takeuchi has been appointed as a MD and CEO of which organization _____ **Maruti Suzuki.**

Note:

- This decision will come into effect from April 01, for a period of three years.
- Current MD and CEO Kenichi Ayukawa term will be ended on March 31, but he will continue as executive vice chairman and whole-time director till September 30.

15. On 28th March 2022, Pramod Sawant sworn-in as CM of Goa, he won assembly election from which constituency _____ **Sanquelim.**

Note:

- Governor PS Sreedharan Pillai administered him the oath of office at Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee Stadium, Panaji.
- In the recent state Assembly polls, the BJP won 20 seats in the 40-member state Assembly.

16. Who won the Stockholm Water Prize 2022 _____ **Wilfried Brutsaert.**

Note:

- He received this prestigious award for his groundbreaking work to quantify environmental evaporation, helping to make accurate predictions of the impact that climate change has on local rainfall patterns and water sources.
- He is also known as 'Mr Evaporation'.

17. PM Robert Abela has won the general election from which country _____ **Malta.**

Note:

- He took Malta's helm in January 2020.
- Labour Party has won 55.11% of the total vote against the Nationalist Party's 41.7%.
- Prime Minister of Portugal - António Costa

18. The governing body of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) elected whom as the 11th Director-General of ILO _____ **Gilbert F. Hougbo.**

Note:

- He is a former Prime Minister of Togo.
- Guy Ryder - current Director-General of ILO
- Jens Stoltenberg- Secretary General of NATO
- Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus - Director-General of WHO

19. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of Broadcast Audience Research Council India _____ **Shashi Sinha.**

Note:

- Chief Executive Officer of IPG Mediabrands India, Shashi Sinha, has been appointed as the new chairman of the Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC) India.
- Sinha also worked with the Advertising Agencies Association of India.

20. Name the former CAG who has been appointed as a Chairperson of Kalyan Jewellers _____ **Vinod Rai.**

Note:

- Founder of Kalyan Jewellers, TS Kalyanaraman will continue as MD on the company's board.

21. In March 2022, who has been appointed as the new Secretary- General of NATO _____ **Jens Stoltenberg.**

Note:

- He is a former PM of Norway. He appointed for the NATO Secretary-General in October 2014.
- This is the second time that his term has been extended.

22. In March 2022, who has been elected as a first woman speaker of Uttarakhand Assembly _____ **Ritu Khanduri**.

Note:

- Ritu Khanduri won the 2022 assembly elections from the Kotdwar.
- Recently, Pushkar Singh Dhama sworn in as Chief Minister of Uttarakhand

23. Who will take charge as Chairman of Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services (IL&FS) on April 3, 2022, after the completion of the tenure of Uday Kotak _____ **CS Rajan**.

Note:

- CS Rajan, MD of IL&FS, will take charge as Chairman and Managing Director for six months, from April 3 by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

24. Who has been appointed as president of the Badminton Association of India from 2022 to 2026 _____ **Himanta Biswa Sarma**.

Note:

- He has remained president of the Badminton Association of India (BAI) since 2017.

25. Who has been set to replace Frederick W Smith, to be named the CEO of FedEx _____ **Raj Subramaniam**.

Note:

- He is set to replace the founder of FedEx, Frederick W Smith.
- Currently, Subramaniam is serving as President and Chief Operating Officer of FedEx.

26. Who has taken charge of Forest Research Institute as the new Director _____ **Renu Singh**.

Note:

- She will be the second woman director of Forest Research Institute.
- She is an officer of the IFS of the 1990 batch of Madhya Pradesh cadre.

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.**

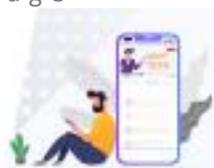
Note:

- 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.

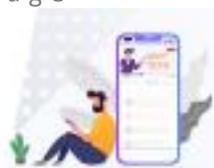
3. MV Ram Prasad Bismil became the longest vessel ever to sail through which river, achieving a landmark in sailing history _____ **Brahmaputra**.

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.

11. Asia's largest event on civil aviation, Wings India 2022 held in Hyderabad. What is the theme of Wings India 2022 _____
India@75: New Horizon for Aviation Industry.

Note:

- The fifth edition of the biennial air show, take off at Begumpet Airport
- India, which currently has 153 operational airports, envisages increasing the number of airports to 190-200 by 2040.

12. In which year the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana was implemented which is recently, extended for 6 months from April 2022 _____ **2020.**

Note:

- In 6th phase, each beneficiary will get an additional five kilos of free ration per person every month to the normal quota of food grain.
- The program comes under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.

13. PM Narendra Modi will attend 5th BIMSTEC summit which will be chaired by which member country _____ **Sri Lanka.**

Note:

- The Virtual summit will be hosted by Sri Lanka, the current BIMSTEC chair.
- External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar also visit Sri Lanka from March 28 to March 30 where he will attend the meeting of the BIMSTEC Foreign Ministers.

14. The second leg of the 11th edition of Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav 2022 was inaugurated in which city _____ **Warangal, Telangana.**

Note:

- The second leg of the Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav 2022 event was held in Warangal, was inaugurated by the Telangana governor, Tamilisai Soundararajan.

15. What is the total number of rhinos in Kaziranga after the census conducted by the Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve _____ **2613.**

Note:

- Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve conducted the census.
- The total number of rhinos increased from 2413 to 2613.

16. What is the rank of India in HURUN Global U40 Self-Made Billionaires report 2022, which is topped by the USA followed by China _____ **4th.**

Note:

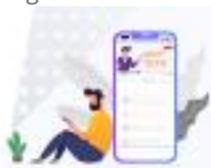
- The Hurun Global Forty and Under Self-Made Billionaires 2022 report released by Hurun Research Institute, ranks the self-made billionaires in the world (in terms of US dollars) under40.
- According to the report, the USA (37 billionaires), China (25 billionaires), followed by the UK (8), India (6) and Sweden (3) respectively in the top five.

17. By the year 2025, the government has set a target of increasing the number of airports from 140 to _____ **220.**

Note:

- The government has also planned to create 33 new domestic cargo terminals, and set up 15 new flight training schools, with a focus on drone sector.
- 15% of pilots in India would be women against the global average of 5%.
- India will have 96 carbon neutral airports, which will run on renewable energy by 2024.

18. Currently, what is India's operational nuclear power capacity _____ **6780 MW.**



Note:

- India is planning to start the construction activities for 10 'fleet mode' nuclear reactors over the next three years.
- The construction of 700 MW atomic power plant in Karnataka's Kaiga will begin from 2023.
- A 700 MW reactor at Kakrapar in Gujarat was connected to the grid in Jan 2021, but it is yet to start commercial operations.
- India's first pair of pressurised heavy water reactors (PHWR) of 220 MW each were set up at Rawatbhata in Rajasthan in the 1960s with Canadian support.

19. In March 2022, which have been included in the tentative list of World Heritage Sites of the UNESCO _____ **Living Root Bridges of Meghalaya.**

Note:

- The root under the name of 'Jingkieng Jri: Living Root Bridge Cultural Landscapes of Meghalaya have been included in the list.
- At present, there are about 100 known living root bridges spread across 72 villages in the state.
- Khasi and Jaintia communities of Meghalaya are the caretakers of these bridges for over 600 years.

20. In partnership with which organization the Ministry of Civil Aviation has organized Wings India 2022 from March 24 to 27 at Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad _____ **FICCI.**

Note:

- Theme of Wings India 2022 - 'India@75: New Horizon for Aviation Industry'
- Indian Air Force's Sarang helicopter team performed a fly past during the Wings India 2022 exhibition in Hyderabad.
- Hansa-NG (designed and developed by CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratory, Bengaluru) was showcased. Wing Commander Dilip Reddy was flying the aircraft.

21. Pradhan Mantri Sangrahalaya, a museum dedicated to prime ministers of India is being developed at _____ **Teen Murti Bhavan.**

Note:

- The museum covers the life and times of all the 14 Indian prime ministers.
- The museum has been built at a cost of Rs 271 crores adjacent to the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library in Teen Murti Bhavan.

22. At which place, the Ministry of MSME and the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), Ahmedabad, have organized a 'Mega International Summit on MSMEs' _____ **New Delhi.**

Note:

- As per Central Statistics Office, Ministry of Statistics & Program Implementation, the share of MSME in GDP at current prices (2011-12) for the year 2018-19 and 2019-20 were 30.5% and 30.0% respectively.
- MSMEs' share in total manufacturing during the year 2018-19 and 2019-20 was 36.9% and 36.9% respectively.
- Share of MSMEs' in India's total exports - 49.8% and 49.5% in 2019-20 and 2020-21 respectively

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.

7. Recently, Maharashtra Legislative Assembly passed a bill to make which language as a compulsory for official work of local authorities _____ **Marathi**.

Note:

- The use of English or Hindi by local authorities for certain government works, like communicating with foreign ambassadors is allowed.

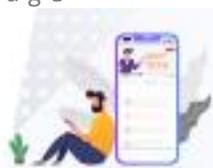
8. Which State/UT has recently presented budget for 2022-23 with the name of Rozgar Budget _____ **New Delhi**.

Note:

- Budget Name - Rozgar Budget
- The budget amount - ₹75,800 crore.
- 20 Lakh Jobs by 2027
- Introduction of the 'Delhi Film Policy'.
- ₹9,769 crore allocated for the health sector.
- ₹16,278 crore for the education sector

9. Under the mission called waste to wealth, a decentralised waste management technology park will be inaugurated in which city of Delhi _____ **East Jaffrabad**.

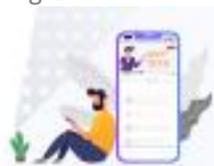
Note:



- An initiative under the office of Principal Scientific Adviser to the Modi government named, The Waste to Wealth Mission, in collaboration with the East Delhi Municipal Corporation (EDMC), a decentralised waste management technology park, will be inaugurated in New Delhi's East Jaffrabad.
10. To eradicate untouchability in Gram Panchayats, which state will launch the Vinaya Samarasya scheme on April 14 on Ambedkar Jayanti _____ **Karnataka**.
- Note:**
- This drive aims to eradicate untouchability in Gram Panchayats across the state.
 - April 14 celebrates the birth anniversary of the father's the Indian Constitution, B R Ambedkar.
11. Which state has been conferred with the 3rd National Water Awards in the category of the Best State _____ **Uttar Pradesh**.
- Note:**
- President Ram Nath Kovind presented the 3rd National Water Awards to Uttar Pradesh for exemplary work in water management, followed by Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu.
 - The National Water Awards are given by the Ministry of Jal Shakti.
12. Which state of India got recognition on the tentative list of World's Heritage Sites for the living root bridge _____ **Meghalaya**.
- Note:**
- Living root bridges are the type of simple suspension bridge formed by the method of tree shaping from living plant roots across a stream or river.
 - These bridges are locally known as Jingkieng Jri.
13. March 30, observed as a foundation day of which state _____ **Rajasthan**.
- Note:**
- Rajasthan observed 73rd Foundation Day on March 30. On March 30, 1949, the four states, namely Jaipur, Bikaner, Jodhpur, and Jaisalmer, joined with the United State of Rajasthan
14. Which state/UT government has offered personal loans for prisoners to improve their family living conditions _____ **Maharashtra**.
- Note:**
- Under the scheme, Maharashtra State Co-operative Bank will provide loans upto Rs 50,000 at an interest rate of 7 per cent.
15. Which state has won the National Para-Swimming Championships 2022 _____ **Maharashtra**.
- Note:**
- Maharashtra won the 21st National Para-Swimming Championship 2022 with 306 points at the Maharana Pratap Khel Gaon, Udaipur.
 - The tournament was jointly organised by the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) and Narayan Seva Sansthan.
16. Which state government has created a task force, in collaboration with Salaam Baalak Trust and Youth Reach NGOs for the rehabilitation of street children _____ **Delhi Government**.
- Note:**
- The task force will focus on a five-pillar model of rehabilitation: education and vocational training, counselling and medical support, sponsorship, guardianship and shelter for the child
 - ₹10 crore was set aside to create a residential school that will not only provide education but also emotional and psychological support to vulnerable children.

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**.

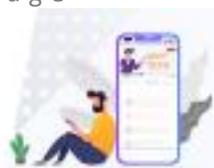
Note:

- 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.

9. In March 2022, which country became the hottest place on the Earth _____ **Kuwait.**

Note:

- The country continues to burn oil for electricity and ranks among the top global carbon emitters per capita, according to the World Resources Institute.

10. Which country ready to ban the use of digital assets to pay good and services from April 1st, 2022 _____ **Thailand.**

Note:

- The move was taken with earlier discussions between the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the Bank of Thailand (BOT).
- Such activity could impact the country's financial stability and economy.

11. Which neighbour country of India has celebrated its 52nd Independence Day on 26th March 2022 _____ **Bangladesh.**

Note:

- President M Abdul Hamid and PM Sheikh Hasina paid their tributes to the martyrs of the liberation war at the National War Memorial in Dhaka.
- On 26 March 1971, Bangladesh was announced as an independent nation by Sheikh Mujibur Rahman

12. The USA has organised the largest drill named 'Balikatan 2022' with which country _____ **The Philippines.**

Note:

- This exercise takes place across Luzon in the Philippines region near Taiwan from March 28 to April 8, 2022

13. According to UNEP report on Noise Pollution, which city ranked at third as noisiest city in the world _____ **Islamabad.**

Note:

- Top 5 noise polluter - Dhaka (Bangladesh), Moradabad (UP, India), Islamabad (Pakistan), Rajshahi (Bangladesh), Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam)
- Top 5 quietest cities - Irbrid at 60 dB, Lyon, Madrid, Stockholm, and Belgrade

14. Which country will host four nations namely Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, and the United Kingdom, annual Bersama Shield 2022 military exercise _____ **Malaysia.**

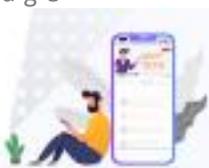
Note:

- The exercise, referred to as BS22.
- It has been conducted within the framework of the Five Power Defence Arrangements (FPDA, a series of bilateral and multilateral defence agreements established in 1971.

15. How much financial aid as humanitarian assistance has been announced by the US for Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh _____ **USD 152 million.**

Note:

- The announcement was made after the visit of the US Ambassador to Bangladesh Peter Haas to Cox's Bazar where the majority of the Rohingya refugees reside.



16. What is the theme of the 5th BIMSTEC Summit, which was recently held under the chairmanship of Sri Lanka virtually _____ **Towards a Resilient Region, Prosperous Economies, Healthy People.**

Note:

- PM Narendra Modi participated in the 5th BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) Summit which was hosted by Sri Lanka, the current chair of BIMSTEC virtually.

Honor & Awards

1. Who has been has 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.**

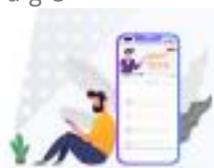
Note:

- 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.

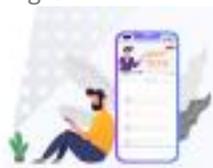
6. Who has been awarded with the coveted 'Sportstar of the Year (Male)' award at the 2022 Sportstar Aces Awards _____ **Neeraj Chopra.**

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).
9. Who has been awarded with the Abel Prize 2022 for his work in topology and its branches _____ **Dennis Parnell Sullivan.**
Note:
- He has been awarded for his work in topology and its branches specifically "for his groundbreaking contributions to topology in its broadest sense, and in particular its algebraic, geometric and dynamical aspects."
 - Abel Prize is an annual prize given annually to a person by the King of Norway.
 - The annual award for mathematics is named after the great Norwegian mathematician Niels Henrik Abel.
10. President Ram Nath Kovind has awarded the prestigious President's Colour to which Indian Naval Ship _____ **INS Valsura.**
Note:
- The President's Colour is a recognition of exceptional service rendered to the nation, both in peace and in war.
 - INS Valsura was established in 1942 is a premier training establishment of the Indian Navy.
11. For which movie, Jessica Chastain has won the 94th Academy award for "Best Actress" _____ **The Eyes of Tammy Faye.**
Note:
- Best picture - CODA
 - Best Actress - Jessica Chastain (The Eyes of Tammy Faye)
 - Best Director - Jane Campion (The Power of the Dog) (Third female winner of the best director award after Chloe Zhao in 2021 and Kathryn Bigelow in 2010)
 - Best Actor - Will Smith (King Richard)
12. Who won the Formula One Saudi Arabia Grand Prix 2022 held at Jeddah Corniche Circuit, Saudi Arabia _____ **Max Verstappen.**
Note:
- This is the 21st title of his career.
 - He defeated Ferrari's Charles Leclerc, who placed in the second position.
13. Which Indian actress has been honoured to create mental health awareness at TIMES 100 Impact Awards ceremony held in Dubai _____ **Deepika Padukone.**
Note:
- She also got on the list of one of the 100 most influential people in the world in 2018 by TIME.
14. Who led the DNEG, visual effects company, which has received 94th Academy Award in the 'Best Visual Effects' category for its work on 'Dune' _____ **Namit Malhotra.**
Note:
- Best Actor - Will Smith, "King Richard"

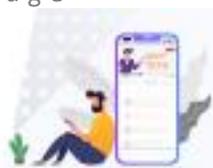


- Best Actress - Jessica Chastain (The Eyes of Tammy Faye)
 - Best Picture - CODA
 - Best International Feature Film - Drive My Car
 - Documentary Short Subject - The Queen of Basketball
 - Best Directing - Jane Campion (The Power of the Dog)
15. Which airport has been awarded with the Covid champion award for successfully implementing project named 'Mission Safeguarding' during the pandemic time _____ **Cocin International Airport.**
- Note:**
- Wings India is an Asia's largest event on civil aviation, jointly organised by the Ministry of Civil Aviation and FICCI at the Begumpet airport in Hyderabad.
16. Name the personality who topped the Duff & Phelps Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2021 in India _____ **Virat Kohli.**
- Note:**
- Virat Kohli's brand valuation dipped to \$185.7 million last year from a high of \$237.7 million in 2020.
17. Who accredited the most valued celebrity in the Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2021 (7th Edition) titled "Digital Acceleration 2.0." released by Duff & Phelps (Now Kroll) _____ **Virat Kohli.**
- Note:**
- The brand value of Virat Kohli has dropped from USD 237.7 million in 2020 to USD 185.7 million in 2021.
 - Alia Bhatt has ranked 4th with a brand value of USD 68.1 million and has become the most valued female celebrity. She is the youngest celebrity among the top 10 and she is the most valued brand amongst female Bollywood actors.
18. Who has been awarded the 3rd edition of the BBC Indian Sportswoman Of The Year award _____ **Saikhom Mirabai Chanu.**
- Note:**
- In 2021 in Tokyo Olympics, Mirabai Chanu created history by becoming the first Indian weightlifter to clinch a silver medal at the Tokyo Olympics.
 - 'BBC Emerging Player' award – Shafali Verma (youngest female cricketer who played for India in Women's T20 International match in 2019)
 - BBC Lifetime Achievement award – weightlifter Karnam Malleswari (1st Indian woman to win a medal at Olympics)

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 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).
8. In which sports event Pranav Prashant Desai wins India's first gold in World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2022 held in Dubai _____ **Sprinting.**
Note:
➤ Athletics Grand Prix claimed the top prize in the men's 200m T64 final.
➤ T64 classification is for athletes with a leg amputation, who compete with prosthetics in a standing position.
9. Byju's named as official partner of which international event _____ **FIFA World Cup 2022.**
Note:
➤ The event will be organised from November 21 to December 18 in Qatar.
➤ BYJU'S is now become the first Indian ed-tech firm to be associated with the World Cup.
10. After defeating whom, Badminton player PV Sindhu has notched the Swiss Open Women's Singles title 2022 _____ **Busanan Ongbamrunghpa.**
Note:
➤ After this win, PV Sindhu notched up her second women's singles title of the season.
➤ Sindhu had won her first title of 2022 in the Syed Modi International Super 300 in Lucknow.
11. After defeating which team, India won the title of SAFF U-18 Women's Championship title 2022 _____ **Bangladesh.**
Note:
➤ India lost to Bangladesh by 0-1 but still emerged as champions of the tournament.
➤ The highest goal scorer of the tournament was Lynda Kom, she scored five goals in the tournament.
12. Which team won Obaidullah Khan Hockey Cup 2022 _____ **India Railway.**
Note:
➤ CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the tournament at Major Dhyanchand Stadium, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
➤ Arjun, player of Railway's was adjudged Man of the Tournament.
13. Which hockey team has won the Khelo India Women's Hockey League (U-21) _____ **Pritam Siwach Academy.**
Note:
➤ The Sonapat-based academy is run by the former captain of the India women's hockey team Pritam Rani Siwach; she is also won the Dronacharya Award winner in 2021.



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.

3. The book titled "Indian Agriculture towards 2030: Pathways for Enhancing Farmers' Income, Nutritional Security and Sustainable Food and Farm Systems" that was released by Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar has been published by _____ **Springer**.

Note:

- The book captures the progress of the efforts of NITI Aayog, Ministries of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare; and Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, and FAO towards improvement in the agriculture sector.

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**.

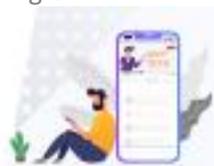
Note:

- 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**.

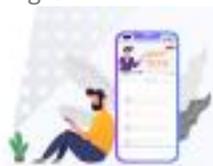
Note:

- 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'.
5. Which Shipyard Limited has signed a deal of Rs 473 crore with Ministry of Defence to construct eight Fast Patrol Vessels for the Indian Coast Guard _____ **Goa Shipyard Limited**.
- Note:**
- The deal was signed by Joint Secretary (Maritime & Systems) Dinesh Kumar and Chairman and MD, GSL Commodore BB Nagpal (Retd) in New Delhi.
 - These patrol vessels will be designed, developed, and manufactured by GSL under Buy (Indian-IDDM) category.
6. Name the security exercise which has been conducted by Western Naval Command in Mumbai offshore _____
- Prasthan.**
- Note:**
- This exercise is conducted after every six months.
 - The Naval exercise received participation from the Indian Air Force, Coast Guard, ONGC, Mumbai Port Trust, Jawahar Lal Nehru Port Trust, Customs, state fisheries department, Mercantile Marine Department, and the Marine Police.
7. Which edition of the joint naval exercise of Varuna 2022 between Indian and French navies is being held in the Arabian Sea _____ **20th**.
- Note:**
- The 20th edition of the Bilateral Naval Exercise, VARUNA between Indian and French Navies is being conducted in the Arabian Sea from 30 Mar – 03 Apr 22.
 - The Bilateral Naval Exercises were initiated in 1993.
8. With which organisation Indian Air Force has launched the Fleet Card - Fuel on Move _____ **Indian Oil Corporation**.
- Note:**
- Chief of Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari, has launched the Fleet Card- Fuel on Move card.
 - Fleet Card permits the convoy to refuel at any IOCL fuel stations.
9. West Bengal governor Jagdeep Dhankhar has inaugurated "PARAM Shakti" – a Petascale Supercomputer at _____ **IIT-Kharagpur**.
- Note:**
- The supercomputer, developed under the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM), will boost the R&D ecosystem in the insitute.
 - National Supercomputing Mission is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and Department of Science and Technology (DST).
10. Ministry of Defence has signed a contract with which entity for construction of eight Fast Patrol Vessels for Indian Coast Guard at a total project cost of Rs 473 crore _____ **Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL)**.
- Note:**
- These surface platforms will be indigenously designed, developed and manufactured by GSL under Buy (Indian-IDDM) Category.

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