

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 **first week** (1-7th) of **April 2022**. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. Which mobile payment app offers the Tap to Pay for Unified Payment Interface (UPI) users in partnership with Pine Labs _____ **Google Pay**.
Note:
 - Tap to Pay was available for cards, but now this payment function is available on the phone also.
 - Near Field Communication (NFC) enabled Android smartphones can do transactions using any Pine Labs Android POS terminal across the country.
2. Which organization has launched the Startups Founders Hub platform in India to provide support of USD 300,000, including technology and tools from the tech giant and partners _____ **Microsoft**.
Note:
 - After the USA and China, India is the third-largest ecosystem for startups globally.
 - The hub was set up with an aim to empower entrepreneurs to innovate and grow by connecting them with mentors.
3. In April 2022, how much financial aid has been provided by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to Bangladesh to support government efforts to speed up the growth by improving the efficiency, predictability, and security of cross-border trade _____ **USD 143 million**.
Note:
 - The ADB loan package includes a \$90 million International policy-based loan, a \$53 million project loan that will construct integrated land customs, and \$1.5 million in technical assistance
 - ADB established in 1966, President - Masatsugu Asakawa
4. The US-based Citibank group is selling its India business to Axis Bank for _____ **Rs 12,325 crore**.
Note:
 - The deal will be closed in the mid of the 2023 calendar year. As per the deal, Citibank must exit from consumer franchises in 13 markets, including India.
 - Currently, Axis Bank is the fourth-largest issuer of credit cards.
5. India has signed an Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement with which country _____ **Australia**.
Note:
 - Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and Trade, Tourism and Investment Minister of Australia Dan Tehan signed this agreement.
 - The agreement was signed in a virtual ceremony in the presence of PM Modi and the PM of Australia Scott Morrison.
6. IREDA has sanctioned a loan of over Rs 267 cr to which start-up company for the purchase of three thousand electric cars _____ **BluSmart Mobility**.
Note:
 - IREDA is a Mini Ratna Company under the administrative control of the New and Renewable Energy Ministry.
 - BluSmart company is working on India's path to zero-emission mobility, improving the quality of life of the driver-partners.

7. In March 2022, in terms of volume the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has crossed the mark of _____ **Rs 500-crore.**

Note:

- It is close to touching the ₹10-lakh crore milestone in value terms in March 2022.
- UPI processed as many as 540.56 crore payments last month amounting to ₹9,60,581.66 crore
- It had processed 452.74 crore transactions worth Rs. 8,26,843 crore in February this year.

8. The RBI has decided to extend the timeline for implementation of cassette swap in all ATMs till _____ **March 31, 2023.**

Note:

- Cassette Swap is lockable cassettes that are swapped at the time of cash replenishment in the ATMs.
- The framework for cassette swap was recommended by the Committee on Currency Movement Chaired by D.K. Mohanty

9. What is the gross collection of GST has collected in March 2022 _____ **1,42,095 crore .**

Note:

- The government has collected CGST is 25,830 crore rupees, SGST is 32,378 crores, IGST is 74,470
- In March 2022, revenues from the import of goods were 25% higher, and the revenues from the domestic transaction were 11% higher than in the same month last year.

10. What is the current interest rate of the Public Provident Fund for first quarter of the 2022-23 fiscal year _____ **7.1%.**

Note:

- Due to high inflation, the Ministry of Finance has not revised the interest rates of small saving schemes for the first quarter of the 2022-23 fiscal year.
- National Savings Certificate: 6.8%; Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana: 7.6%; Five-year senior citizens' savings scheme: 7.4%; Savings deposits: 4%; Term deposits (1 to 5 years): 5.5-6.7% ; Kisan Vikas Patra: 6.9%; EPF: 8.1%

11. What is the dearness allowance (DA) of the central government employees after a hike of 3% _____ **34%.**

Note:

- The DA has been hiked by 34% from 31% earlier.
- The hike came into effect on January 1, 2022.

12. Mortgage lender HDFC will merge with bank to create India's third-biggest financial entity in terms of market capitalisation _____ **HDFC Bank.**

Note:

- With the proposed merger, HDFC Bank can build its own housing loan portfolio and also enhance its existing customer base.
- HDFC Bank will be 100% owned by public shareholders.

13. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to cut the Ways and Means Advances (WMA) for states and Union Territories to what amount from Rs 51,560 crore _____ **Rs 47,010 crore.**

Note:

- WMA are temporary advances that the RBI gives to the government over any mismatch in receipts and payments.
- WMA limit for the Government of India for the first half of the financial year 2022-23 has been set at Rs 1,50,000 crore.

14. Which bank has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Border Security Force to offer special benefits through the Central Armed Police Salary Package (CAPSP) Scheme _____ **State Bank of India (SBI).**

Note:

- MoU includes Child education and the marriage of girl children of deceased BSF personnel.
- Benefit for retired personnel: Personal Accidental (Death) Insurance

15. In which report Asian Development Bank (ADB) has forecasted 7% combined growth for South Asian countries in 2022 _____ **Asian Development Outlook (ADO) 2022.**

Note:

- India's economy will grow 7.5% in 2022 and 8% in 2023
- Factors affecting the economy: Covid new variant, Russia-Ukraine crises (higher global oil and commodity prices)

16. Which bank has launched a super-app named 'UnionNXT' with the digital transformation project SMBHAV _____ **Union Bank of India.**

Note:

- Investment outlay of around Rs 1,000 crore for the current financial year 2022-23. The bank also announced to launch of "Digital Bank within Bank"
- Other projects to launch: pre-approved personal loan, union cash (pensioner loan), Shishu Mudra loan, branch token and mobile app-based deposit module.

Obituaries

1. Name the American poet who won the Pulitzer Prize in 1970 for "Untitled Subjects", has passed away _____ **Richard Howard.**

Note:

- Richard Joseph Howard was a National Book Award Finalist in 2008 for "Without Saying".
- His translation of Charles Baudelaire's "Les Fleurs du Mal" won the National Book Award in 1983.

Important Days

1. Utkal day is observed as the formation day of Odisha on which date _____ **April 1.**

Note:

- After the 113th amendment act, Orissa was renamed Odisha.
- The official language of Odisha, Odiya also listed in the 8th schedule of the Constitution of India.

2. International Children's Book Day is organized every year on which date _____ **April 2.**

Note:

- Canada is hosting International Children's Book Day 2022.
- It has chosen the theme 'Stories are wings that help you soar every Day'.

3. The UNGA unanimously has declared 2 April as _____ **World Autism Awareness Day.**

Note:

- This year marks the 15th annual World Autism Awareness Day.
- Theme for 2022 is 'Inclusion in Quality Education for all'.

4. International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action is observed on which date _____ **April 4.**

Note:

- Theme 2022: Safe Ground, Safe Steps, Safe Home
- On December 8, 2005, United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) passed a resolution to make April 4 of each year as the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action.

5. 59th National Maritime Day is observed on which date _____ **April 5.**

Note:

- The theme is Sustainable Shipping beyond Covid-19. National Maritime Day was first celebrated on April 5, 1964.
- On April 5, 1919, a ship called SS Loyalty, sailed from Mumbai to London.

6. The International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP) is observed on which date annually _____ **April 6.**

Note:

- Theme 2022: Securing a Sustainable and Peaceful Future for All: The Contribution of Sport

- Aim: Recognize the positive role of sport and physical activity in communities across the globe.
7. World Health Day is celebrated on which date _____ **April 7.**
Note:
➤ The anniversary of the World Health Organization (WHO), which was founded on April 7, 1948.
➤ Theme 2022: Our Planet, Our Health
8. Which date is observed as the International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda _____ **April 7.**
Note:
➤ 2022 marks the 28th anniversary of the genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda, one of the darkest chapters in human history.
➤ On April 7th, the date where the genocide against members of the Tutsi began.
9. The United Nations General Assembly has designated which date as an International Day of Conscience every year _____ **5 April.**
Note:
➤ The year 2022 marks the third edition of the celebrations.
➤ This day serves to remind people to self-reflect, follow their conscience, and do the right things.

New Appointments

1. Executive director of Infibeam Avenues Vishwas Patel has been re-elected as chairman of which council _____ **Payments Council of India (PCI).**
Note:
➤ Payment Council of India is the apex industry for digital operators in India's payments and settlement system that operates under the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI).
➤ The PCI was set in 2013 with the aim to promote digital India. The Payment Council of India is located in Mumbai.
2. Who has been appointed as the new chairperson of the National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH) _____ **Mahesh Verma.**
Note:
➤ This is responsible for setting benchmarks for quality and certifying hospitals and other health facilities.
➤ NABH is also a member of the board of the Asian Society for Quality in Healthcare (ASQua).
3. Who has been appointed as a vice-chairperson of the Standing Committee on Administration and Management of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) _____ **Aprajita Sharma.**
Note:
➤ She holds the position of vice-chairperson for the years 2023 and 2024.
➤ She is also selected as chairperson for the years 2025 and 2026.
4. Who has taken charge as Director-General of the Geological Survey of India in Kolkata w.e.f. April 1, 2022 _____ **Dr S Raju.**
Note:
➤ Earlier, he was an Additional Director General and National Head, Mission-III & IV at GSI HQ.
➤ He succeeded R. S. Garkhal, superannuated on March 31, 2022.
5. Who has taken charge as MD and CEO of Mahindra Manulife Mutual Fund _____ **Anthony Heredia.**
Note:
➤ It is a joint venture of Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services and Manulife Investment Management (Singapore) Pte. Ltd, which is also known as Mahindra Asset Management Company.
➤ He succeeded Ashutosh Bishnoi, who retired on 31st March 2022. In 2020, Manulife acquired 49% stake in Mahindra Asset
6. Who has been named the new Managing Director of Delhi Metro Rail Corporation for five years from April 1, 2022 _____ **Vikas Kumar.**
Note:

- He succeeded Mangu Singh, whose tenure ended on March 31, 2022.
- He was holding the position of Director (Operations) in DMRC and has over three decades of experience in rail based urban transportation projects.

7. Who has won the Hungary prime minister elections_____ **Viktor Orban.**

Note:

- He is a member of the Fidesz party.
- He is serving as PM since 2010, and this will be his fourth consecutive term as prime minister.

8. Whose appointment has been approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) as the new Foreign Secretary_____ **Vinay Mohan Kwatra.**

Note:

- He will replace Harsh Vardhan Shringla, who retires on April 30, 2022.
- Kwatra has served as India's ambassador to France, PMO Joint secretary, and currently serving as India's envoy to Nepal.

9. Who has been named in the Expert Group of net-zero emissions pledges by non-State entities by the UN Secretary-General António Guterres_____ **Arunabha Ghosh.**

Note:

- The group of 16-member chaired by Catherine McKenna, former Canadian Minister of Environment and Climate Change
- Aim: stronger and clearer standards for net-zero emissions pledges by non-state entities

10. Who has been appointed as the world's first expert on climate change and human rights for three years_____ **Dr Ian Fry.**

Note:

- He holds both Australian and Tuvaluan citizenship.
- UNHRC has created the new Special Rapporteur for climate change and human rights position in October 2021.

11. Who has been re-elected as President of Serbia for the second term _____ **Aleksandar Vucic**

Note:

- He served as Deputy PM (2012-14), Prime Minister (2014-16, 2016-17) and then as President (2017 - till now).
- He is the president of the Serbian Progressive Party.

Important News - India

1. Chief Justice of India, N V Ramana has launched which platform to communicate interim orders, stay orders, bail orders etc., of the Supreme Court to concerned authorities through a secured electronic communication channel _____ **FASTER (Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records).**

Note:

- The aim: Eliminate the delay in to release of inmates even after the Supreme Court grants them bail.
- A digital platform FASTER was initiated led by the CJI Ramana bench.

2. In April 2022, President Ram Nath Kovind had embarked on which two-nation tour_____ **Turkmenistan and the Netherlands.**

Note:

- During the first leg of the tour, the President is visiting Turkmenistan. This will be the first-ever visit of an Indian President to Turkmenistan.
- On the second leg, President Kovind will be on a four-day visit to the Netherlands.

3. Name the environment awareness mascot which was launched by the Union Minister of Environment, Forest & Climate Change BhupenderYadav_____ **Prakriti.**

Note:

- Aim: To spread mass awareness of small changes in lifestyle can bring better environmental sustainability.

- It also creates awareness about various efforts and initiatives of the ministry in order to ensure effective Plastic Waste Management (PWM) in the country.
4. Which electricity-generating body has signed an agreement with Gujarat Gas Limited (GGL) for blending green hydrogen in Piped Natural Gas (PNG) network_____ **National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC).**
- Note:**
- Aim: decarbonization of the cooking sector and self-sufficiency for the nation's energy requirements.
 - Production of green hydrogen: Use of electricity from the existing 1 MW floating solar project of NTPC Kawas.
5. Which ministry has announced the formation of 17 member advisory committee to direct the government on a Rs 76,000 crore semiconductor mission_____ **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.**
- Note:**
- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has announced the formation of 17 member advisory committee to direct the government on a Rs 76,000 crore semiconductor mission.
 - Chairperson of the committee: Ashwini Vaishnav, Minister of Electronics, and Information Technology
6. Which ministry has organized Yoga Mahotsav at Red Fort, New Delhi on World Health Day on April 7____ **Ministry of AYUSH.**
- Note:**
- Chief Guest at Yoga Mahotsav: Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla
 - 8th International Day of Yoga 2022 will be organized by the AYUSH Ministry, the nodal ministry of International Yoga Day.
7. Under which operation the Railway Protection Force (RPF) detained 1,459 touts and blocked 366 IRCTC agent IDs and 6,751 personal IDs_____ **Operation Upalabdh.**
- Note:**
- The 'Operation Upalabdh' push was launched following the reinstatement of long-distance train services, with the expectation that the festival and summer rush would result in a sharp increase in demand for reserved train tickets.
 - The RPF's field units gathered information from the field, the digital world, and the cyber world, then consolidated, vetted, and analysed it before launching the campaign across the country on March 1, 2022.
8. Who has launched a website 'Temple 360' for digital darshan_____ **Meenakshi Lekhi, Minister of State for Culture and External Affairs**
- Note:**
- During an event organized by the Ministry of Culture at IGNCA Amphitheatre, Indira Gandhi National Centre of Arts, New Delhi under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
 - Temple 360 is a digital platform where anyone can visit or do darshan of 12 Jyotirlinga and Char Dham from any location, making everyone's life convenient while also keeping people connected.
9. What is the name of mascot of the Khelo India University Games 2021 (KIUG 2021)____ **Veera.**
- Note:**
- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Singh Thakur and Governor of Karnataka, TC Gehlot launched the logo, jersey, mascot and anthem of the Khelo India University Games 2021 (KIUG 2021) on April 01, 2022, at the SreeKanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru.
 - The theme song has been composed by Kannada rapper Chandan Shetty. The KIUG 2021 will be held in Karnataka between April 24 and May 3, 2022.
10. Which central government scheme has completed its 6 years_____ **Stand-Up India scheme (launched on 5th April 2016).**
- Note:**
- Under the Stand-Up India Scheme, over 30 thousand 160 crore rupees have been sanctioned to more than 1 lakh 33 thousand 995 accounts since the launch of the Scheme.
 - Aim: Loan facility between 10 lakh and one crore rupees to Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, and women. Stand Up India scheme was extended till 2025.

11. Name the porta which was launched by Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting Anurag Thakur_____ **The Broadcast Seva Portal.**

Note:

- Aim: Promotion of ease of doing business
- An online platform will provide a single point facility for the stakeholders to request required permission, registrations and licenses.

12. Directorate General of Foreign Trade has extended the Foreign Trade Policy by_____ **six months (till September 2022).**

Note:

- The decision was taken amid the Russia-Ukraine crisis, as the war has disrupted global trade.
- The existing Foreign Trade Policy came into existence on April 1, 2015, for five years.

13. Name a unified digital application that has been announced by the Tata Group _____ **Tata Neu.**

Note:

- It is designed as a Super app that offers everything from daily grocery, electronics, finance solutions, flights, holidays, and more.
- Each brand on Tata Neu is connected by a common reward called NeuCoins.

Important News – State

1. Name the temple which was placed on the UNESCO World Heritage tentative list with the Monolithic Bull (Nandi) at Lepakshi, Andhra Pradesh_____ **The Sri Veerabhadra Swamy temple.**

Note:

- The Sri Veerabhadra Swamy temple is also known as the Lepakshi temple is dedicated to Veerabhadra (Shiva).
- Currently, India has 40 UNESCO sites.

2. GudhiPadwa is observed as a New year in which the state of India_____ **Maharashtra (Marathi New Year Day).**

Note:

- The same day is celebrated as the first day of Chaitra Navratri in North India and Ugadi in Andhra Pradesh.
- GudiPadwa is also popularly known as SamvatsaraPadvo and it literally means the first day of the new Samvat.

3. Which state has become the largest producer of vegetables in India in 2021-22 Crop Year (CY) (July-June)_____ **Uttar Pradesh.**

Note:

- The second-largest producer of vegetables in India is West Bengal, followed by Bihar, and Maharashtra.
- With 18.01 million tonnes of fruit production, Andhra Pradesh has remained the top fruit producer in India, followed by Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, and Gujarat.

4. Which scheme was launched by the Delhi government for government schools in Delhi to promote extra-curricular activities _____ **Hobby Hubs.**

Note:

- Aim: optimum use of school infrastructure and promote these extra-curricular activities
- Categories of activities: Dance, music, technical, literary and others such as yoga, garment work, photography, and radio jockey.

5. Which police state in Andhra Pradesh has set up three 'She Auto' stands in Tirupati_____ **Chittoor police.**

Note:

- Three 'She Auto' stands have been set up in RTC Bus Stand, Mahila University, and Ruia Hospital.
- Aim: Women and girls student's safety

6. Tata Power Renewables Energy Ltd (TPREL) has commissioned a solar project of what capacity in Dholera, Gujarat_____ **300 MW project.**

Note:

- The project will generate 774 million units annually and reduce approximately 704340 MT/year of carbon emission.
 - 1320 Acre area has been used for the installation.
 - The renewables capacity in operation for Tata Power is 3,400 MW - Solar: 2,468 MW and Wind: 932 MW.
7. Which state has launched 13 new districts in the state, and now the total number of districts is 26_____ **Andhra Pradesh.**
- Note:**
- Aims better administration and transparency, create a smooth and effective delivery mechanism for welfare schemes
 - New Districts: ParvathipuramManyam, Alluri Seetharamaraju, Anakapalli, Kakinada, Konaseema, Eluru, NTR, Palanadu, Bapatla, Nandyala, Sri Satya Sai, Annamayya and Tirupati
8. Which state has about to launch Him Prahari scheme _____ **Uttarakhand.**
- Note:**
- Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami has met with Amit Shah, Minister of Home Affairs to ask for their cooperation in the smooth implementation of Him Prahari scheme.
 - Him Prahari aims to stop the migration of people from the state's international border.
9. A community museum was inaugurated in which the union territory_____ **Gya-Sasoma villages of Leh district, Ladakh.**
- Note:**
- Aims to preserve and forward Ladakh's rich cultural heritage to future generations
 - Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) Leh Chairman/CEC TashiGyaltson has inaugurated the Community Museum in Gya - Sasoma.
10. Which cooperative bank has been set up by the Karnataka government to provide greater financial strength for the milk producers_____ **Nandini Ksheera Samridhi Cooperative Bank.**
- Note:**
- Union Minister for Home and Cooperation Amit Shah has released the logo Cooperative Bank.
 - Capital of proposed cooperative bank: Rs. 360 crores (State government: Rs.100 cr and the Milk Federation and Cooperatives contributing Rs. 260 crores)
11. Which state government has launched the 'Kaaval Uthavi' app to seek police assistance during an emergency _____ **Tamil Nadu.**
- Note:**
- The app is containing sixty features that are used to send an emergency alert to the police control room.
 - By pressing the emergency red button, the user's live location will be shared with the control room.
12. Which campaign was launched by the Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath to ensure 100% enrolment in primary schools across all districts in the state_____ **School Chalo Abhiyan.**
- Notes:**
- The campaign has been launched from one of the state's lowest literacy districts, Shravasti.
 - The campaign soon will be expanded to Bahraich, Balrampur, Badaun and Rampur.
13. Which state government has launched the Mukhyamantri Udhyan Kranti Yojna _____ **Madhya Pradesh.**
- Note:**
- Under the scheme, the state govt will provide Rs 1 lakh to 50 lakh loans for MSME start-ups.
 - The govt will also give a 3% per year interest subsidy and bank loan guarantee fee for 7 years.

Important News – World

1. Which country's Economic Zones Authority has signed a deal to set up an Indian Economic Zone with Adani Ports and SEZ Limited _____ **The Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA).**

Note:

- The Indian Economic Zone (IEZ) will be set up at the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Shilpa Nagar (BSMSN) in Mirsarai of Chattogram.
 - Aim: Facilities for Indian investors in Bangladesh
2. Which UN organisation has released a report titled 'State of the World Population 2022: Seeing the Unseen' _____ **United Nations Population Fund's (UNFPA).**
- Note:**
- The report shows that nearly half of all pregnancies were unintended.
 - The report highlights over 60% of unintended pregnancies ended in abortion, with 45% of all abortions considered unsafe, causing 5-13% of all maternal deaths.
3. Who has taken the 9.2% stake in Twitter Inc worth nearly \$3 billion _____ **Elon Musk.**
- Note:**
- Elon Musk has become the largest shareholder of Twitter Inc.
 - Musk has 27% of the company's shares which is more than four times the 2.25% holding of Twitter founder Jack Dorsey.
4. Name three Indians who have been listed in the Hurun Richest Self-Made Women in the World 2022 released by the Hurun Research Institute _____ **Falguni Nayar, Radha Vembu, Kiran Mazumdar Shaw**
- Note:**
- With US\$7.6bn, Mumbai-based Falguni Nayar, Nykaa marks her presence in the Top 10.
 - With US\$3.9bn, Radha Vembu, Zoho is the third richest self-made woman billionaire in India.
5. Who has been topped the list of the 36th annual World's Billionaires List 2022 released by Forbes _____ **Elon Musk (net worth of \$219 billion)**
- Note:**
- Followed by Jeff Bezos (\$171 B), Bernard Arnault & family (\$158 B), Bill Gates.
 - Ambani (\$90.7 billion) has been placed on 10th position, followed by Gautam Adani (\$90 billion) in 11th position.
 - World's Richest Woman 2022: Françoise Bettencourt Meyers (granddaughter of L'Oréal's founder)
6. Which country has become the 30th country to join the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) _____ **Madagascar.**
- Note:**
- CDRI partner: National governments, UN agencies and programmes, multilateral development banks and financing mechanisms, the private sector, and knowledge institutions
 - CDRI was launched by PM Modi in September 2019.
7. In which country the new covid variant XE was first detected _____ **United Kingdom.**
- Note:**
- This variant is more transmissible than any strain of COVID-19. XE is a recombinant variant of BA.1 and BA.2 Omicron strains.
 - It is a recombinant variant refers to when a patient is infected from multiple variants of Covid.
8. Which variety of flowers has been named Maitri by President Ram Nath Kovind in the Keukenhof, during his visit to Amsterdam _____ **Yellow Tulip.**
- Note:**
- This is the first presidential visit to the Netherlands comes after 34 years since the visit of President Venkataraman in 1988.
 - Both countries also celebrate 75 years of diplomatic relations.
9. The United States and Britain have been collaborated with which country to increase the hypersonic missile strikes and defence capacity _____ **Australia.**
- Note:**
- Reason: Russia is increasing its capabilities in the field of hypersonic missiles with China.
 - Hypersonic missiles features: Speed of Mach 5, Manoeuvrability capability, carry nuclear and conventional warheads.

10. PM Narendra Modi with his Nepalese counterpart PM Sher Bahadur Deuba has inaugurated which corridor 132 KV Power transmission line and substation in Nepal _____ **Solu corridor.**

Note:

- PM Narendra Modi and visiting Nepalese PM Sher Bahadur Deuba jointly flagged off the 1st India-Nepal passenger rail link.
- They also launched the RuPay payment card in Nepal.
- This is Deuba's 1st bilateral visit abroad after becoming PM in July 2021.

Honor & Awards

1. Which Contingent has received the Best Marching Trophy for Republic Day Parade 2022 _____ **The Naval Contingent.**

Note:

- The contingent was led by Lt Cdr Aanchal Sharma with Lt Shubham Sharma as platoon commanders and comprised 96 young sailors.
- Uttar Pradesh won the best state tableau for Republic Day 2022 for the showcase of One District One Product and Kashi Vishwanath Dham.

2. Which edition of Grammy Awards 2022 was held in Las Vegas _____ **64th.**

Note:

- Album of the Year: 'We Are' by Jon Batiste
- Record of the Year: 'Leave the Door Open' by Silk Sonic
- Song of the Year: Leave the Door Open
- New Artist: Olivia Rodrigo
- Best Global Music Performance: Mohabbat by Arooj Aftab (First Pakistani)
- Best Global Music Album: Mother Nature by Angelique Kidjo
- Falguni Shah has won the Grammy Award for her 2021 album 'A Colorful World'.
- Indian composer Ricky Kej won his second Grammy at the 64th Grammy Awards 2022

3. Who has been selected for the Chameli Devi Jain Award _____ **Journalist Aarefa Johari (Scroll.in).**

Note:

- She won the award in the category of an Outstanding Woman Media person 2021.
- The Media Foundation has administered Chameli Devi Jain Award since 1981.

4. Who has been selected for the prestigious Saraswati Samman 2021 for his collection of poems 'Mein to Yahan Hun' _____ **Prof Ramdarash Mishra.**

Note:

- The prestigious literary award Saraswati Samman was instituted in 1991.
- Awarded to: Literary work written in any Indian language by an Indian citizen and published within the last 10 years

Sports News

1. Who has overtaken Lasith Malinga to become the highest wicket-taker in IPL history _____ **Dwayne Bravo (171).**

Note:

- He made a record against the match of Lucknow Super Giants in Mumbai.
- Malinga had taken 170 wickets in 122 matches for the Mumbai Indians.

2. Which women's team has lifted the title of ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2022 after beating England by 71 runs at Hagley Oval in Christchurch, New Zealand _____ **Australia.**

Note:

- Australia has won the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 7th times. They set the target of 357; the England team was all out for 285 in 43.4 overs.
- Player of the Match and Player of the tournament 2022: Alyssa Healy

3. What is the name of the Qatar FIFA 2022 mascot _____ **La'eeb**.

Note:

- La'eeb is an Arabic word that means super-skilled player.
- BYJU's become the first Indian sponsor of the FIFA World Cup.
- FIFA 2022 Official Match Ball: Al Rihla, created by Adidas

4. The 83rd National Table Tennis Championship 2022 will be held in which state of India _____ **SAI Indoor Training Centre, NEHU in Shillong Meghalaya**.

Notes:

- The Northeast has hosted the world's largest table tennis tournament for the second time.
- The event also marks the 50th statehood celebration of Meghalaya.

5. Who has won the prestigious title of Men's Single Miami Open 2022 _____ **Spanish Carlos Alcaraz**

Note:

- He also created history to become the youngest champion after defeating World No. 8 Casper Ruud.
- Alcaraz has replaced Novak Djokovic as the youngest men's singles champion at the Masters 1000 tournament.
- Women's Single Miami Open 2022 was won by IgaSwiatek (Poland) after defeating Naomi Osaka of Japan.

Books and Authors

1. The 'Birsa Munda - Janjatiya Nayak' titled book was written by whom _____ **Prof Alok Chakrawal, Vice-Chancellor of Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya Bilaspur**.

Note:

- Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has released a book on tribal freedom fighter Birsa Munda.
- Birsa Munda was born on November 15, 1875, in Ulihatu village (now in Jharkhand). He belongs to the Munda tribe

Science and Defence

1. Which edition of Lamitiye 2022 was held at Seychelles Defence Academy, Seychelles _____ **9th**.

Note:

- Lamitiye 2022 joint military exercise between India and Seychelles
- The themes for Lamitiye 2022 Joint Training Exercise were both relevant and contemporary for planning & execution of operations based on scenarios in a Semi-Urban environment.

2. Indian Air Force has commemorated 60 Glorious years of service of which helicopter _____ **Chetak Helicopter**.

Note:

- The event was inaugurated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.
- The Chetak helicopter is the oldest machine, made by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) under the license agreement.
- Chetak Helicopter was inducted in 1962.

3. The 9th edition of the Joint Special Forces Exercise between India and Kyrgyzstan which was commenced on 25 Mar 2022 was concluded at which place _____ **Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh**.

Note:

- Special Forces of both contingents have shared their expertise and best practices of techniques, tactics, and procedures to counter existing and emergent threats across the entire spectrum of conflict.

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