

# Weekly One-liners

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## Weekly One Liners Updates 22 -31st March 2022

Dear readers,

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

### **Banking & Financial Awareness**

1. 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.
2. 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%
3. 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.
4. 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
5. 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.
6. 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
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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. 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.
2. 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
3. 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.
4. 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. World Water Day is celebrated globally every year on \_\_\_\_\_ **22<sup>nd</sup> 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”.
2. World Meteorological Day is celebrated globally every year on \_\_\_\_\_ **23<sup>rd</sup> 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.
3. In India, every year on 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.
4. 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.
5. Which date observed as International Day for the Right to the Truth \_\_\_\_\_ **24<sup>th</sup> 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.
6. What is the theme of International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade 2022 which is observed on 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> March every year.
  - Theme for 2022 - Stories of Courage: Resistance to Slavery and Unity against Racism.

7. The United Nations observes the International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members on \_\_\_\_\_ **25<sup>th</sup> 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.
8. 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.
9. World Theatre Day is celebrated annually on \_\_\_\_\_ **27<sup>th</sup> 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.
10. World Bipolar day observed on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **30<sup>th</sup> March.**  
**Note:**
- The theme of World Bipolar Day 2022 is Bipolar Together.
  - March 27 observed a World Theatre Day
11. World Backup Day is marked every year on which date to protect our precious digital documents as we've become more reliant on technology \_\_\_\_\_ **31<sup>st</sup> 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.
12. The International Transgender Day of Visibility (TDOV) occurs annually on which date to raise awareness of discrimination faced by transgender people worldwide \_\_\_\_\_ **31<sup>st</sup> 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. 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.
2. 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
3. Who has been sworn-in as Lokayukta of Delhi \_\_\_\_\_ **Justice Harish Chandra**  
**Note:**
- The oath ceremony was administered by Lieutenant-Governor Anil Baijal 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.
4. 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
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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'.
8. 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
9. 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
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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
14. 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.
15. 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.

16. 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.

17. 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. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. What is the rank of India in HURUN Global U40 Self-Made Billionaires report 2022, which is topped by the USA followed by China \_\_\_\_\_ **4<sup>th</sup>**.

**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.

7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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



1. 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.
2. 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
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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

4. 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

5. 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

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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 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.

2. 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.

3. 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 )

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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)

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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. 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.

2. 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.

3. After defeating whom, Badminton player PV Sindhu has notched the Swiss Open Women's Singles title 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Busanan Ongbamrungpha**.

**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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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. 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. 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.

2. 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.

3. Which edition of the joint naval exercise of Varuna 2022 between Indian and French navies is being held in the Arabian Sea \_\_\_\_\_ **20<sup>th</sup>**.

**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.

4. 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.

5. 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).

6. 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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