

Weekly One-liners

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Dear readers,

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

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. Which industry of India has climbed two spots to No. 53 on Forbes' latest Global 2000 list of public companies worldwide _____ **Reliance Industries**.

Note:

- Followed by **State Bank of India** (105), **HDFC Bank** (153) and **ICICI Bank** (204).
- Other Indian Firms: **ONGC** at 228 ranks, **HDFC** at 268, **Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)** at 357, **TCS** at 384, **Tata Steel** at 407 and **Axis Bank** at 431.
- The Forbes Global 2000 ranks the largest companies in the world on the basis of four metrics: sales, profits, assets and market value.

2. With which airlines Axis Bank has partnered to launch the most rewarding co-branded credit card which is powered by Visa that will offer a host of privileges and benefits to customers _____ **SpiceJet**.

Note:

- The card comes in two variants: **SpiceJet Axis Bank Voyage** and **Voyage Black**
- Aim: Facilitating a superlative travel experience for flyers through **SpiceClub**.
- The special credit card livery has been unveiled on **SpiceJet's Boeing 737 MAX** aircraft.

3. The government of India has made PAN or Aadhar mandatory from May 26 in case cash deposits and withdrawals in a financial year exceed _____ **₹20 lakh**.

Note:

- A notification was issued by the **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)**.
- PAN and Aadhar are also mandatory for the opening of a current account or cash credit account by a person with a banking company.
- There is also a requirement for quoting PAN on bank deposits of over ₹50,000 made in one day.

4. What is the wholesale price-based inflation in April 2022 _____ **15.08%**.

Note:

- On rising prices across segments from food to commodities.
- The **WPI-based inflation** was 14.55% in March 2022 and 10.74% in April 2021.
- The **WPI inflation** has remained double-digit for the 13th consecutive month since April 2021.

5. RBI has imposed a penalty of Rs 59 lakh on **KEB Hana Bank** for non-compliance with certain norms related to the interest rates on deposits. Where is the headquarters of **KEB Hana Bank** _____ **Seoul, South Korea**.

Note:

- The bank has been penalised under the "Reserve Bank of India (Interest Rate on Deposits) Directions, 2016".
- The RBI has conducted a statutory inspection for supervisory evaluation of **KEB Hana Bank** with reference to its financial position as of March 31, 2020.

6. Which country has surpassed Germany to become the 4th largest vehicles market _____ **India**.

Note:

- According to the **Organisation Internationale des Constructeurs d'Automobiles (OICA)**, **India** has sold 3,759,398 vehicles in 2021 as compared to 2,973,319 vehicles in Germany. This shows a difference of almost 26%.

- The most number of vehicles were sold in China (sales remained almost stagnant), followed by the US (reported growth of 4%) and Japan (market shrunk compared to both 2020 and 2019).
7. What amount of fraud has been recorded by the Public sector banks during the financial year ended March 2022 _____ **Rs 40,295.25 crore.**

Note:

- The 12 PSBs had reported frauds worth Rs 81,921.54 crore in the preceding fiscal 2020-21.
 - But, the number of fraud cases has fallen slightly as a total of 7,940 frauds were reported by the PSBs in 2021-22, against 9,933 incidents reported in FY21.
8. For which project of Gujarat, the World Bank has approved the USD 350 million as financial aid _____ **Systems Reform Endeavors for Transformed Health Achievement in Gujarat -SRESTHA-G project.**

Note:

- The project will include transforming key health delivery systems in the state.
 - Focus area: Improve the quality, equity, and comprehensiveness of primary healthcare, services for adolescent girls and the capacity of disease surveillance systems.
9. Which Insurance Company has launched a dental health insurance plan _____ **PNB MetLife India.**

Note:

- A dental health insurance plan is the first insurance plan in India that covers fixed-benefit outpatient expenses and provides financial assistance with costs related to overall dental health.
 - PNB MetLife has tied up with more than 340 dental clinics to help customers to manage their dental health.
10. What minimum investors have been mandated by the SEBI Collective Investment Scheme (CIS) _____ **20.**

Note:

- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has enhanced the net worth criteria and track record requirements with an aim to strengthen the regulatory framework for collective investment schemes.
 - A subscription amount of at least Rs 20 crore for each Collective Investment Scheme (CIS).
 - SEBI has put a cap on cross-shareholding in Collective Investment Management Company (CIMC) to 10% to avoid conflict of interest.
11. What would be India's GDP projection for the current fiscal FY23 by the S&P Global Ratings _____ **7.3%.**

Note:

- On rising inflation and the Russia-Ukraine conflict.
 - S&P Global Ratings suggestions: Central banks to raise rates more than what was currently priced in, risking a harder landing which includes a larger hit to output and employment.
12. Which government agency will facilitate Unified Payments Interface (UPI) integration with all banks and ATM networks _____ **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).**

Note:

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has directed banks and ATM operators to provide cardless cash withdrawal facilities at all ATMs.
 - All banks, automated teller machine (ATM) networks, and White Label ATM Operators (WLAOs) may provide the option of ICCW at their ATMs.
13. The NEFT and RTGS facility will be available for which type of account holder _____ **Post Office Savings Accounts holders.**

Note:

- NEFT facility has been made available for Post Office Savings Accounts holders from May 18, 2022, and RTGS facility will be available from May 31, 2022.
 - This facility enables POSB customers to transfer funds to and from other bank accounts to POSB Accounts in DoP-CBS (DoP-CBS stands for Department of Posts - Core Banking Solutions).
14. How many special courts will be constituted for the expeditious disposal of cheque bounce cases _____ **25.**

Note:

- The special courts under the Negotiable Instruments Act will be set up in Maharashtra, Delhi, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan in view of a large number of pending cases.

- The special courts shall follow the same procedure with respect to trial as mandated by the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973.
15. As per the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, What is the amount of FDI in India in 2021-22 _____ **USD 83.57 billion.**

Note:

- In 2020-21, the inflow stood at USD 81.97 billion.
 - FDI equity inflow in manufacturing sectors has increased by 76% in 2021-22 (USD 21.34 bn) compared to 2020-21.
 - Top investors: Singapore (27%); USA (18%) and Mauritius (16%)
 - Computer software and hardware attracted maximum inflows followed by the services sector and automobile industry
16. How much amount of dividend payment of to the Centre for the fiscal year 2021-22 has been approved by the RBI _____ **Rs. 30,307 crore.**

Note:

- The bank's central board of directors also decided to maintain the contingency risk buffer (CRB) at 5.50%.
 - In the 2022 budget, the government had estimated that it would receive Rs. 73,948 crore as dividend from the RBI and state-owned banks for FY22.
 - The budgeted dividend is 27% lower than the ₹1.01 trillion the Centre received in FY22.
17. Paytm has announced a Joint Venture with which insurance company _____ **general insurance company.**

Note:

- JV named as Paytm General Insurance Ltd (PGIL).
 - Paytm has announced plans to infuse ₹950 crore in PGIL in tranches, over a period of 10 years and to hold upfront equity stake of 74 per cent.
 - PGIL will become a subsidiary of the Paytm. PGIL will seek a license for a general insurance business from the insurance regulator IRDAI.
18. Which bank has recently tied up with Amazon Web Services to offer UPI payments _____ **RBL Bank.**

Note:

- The bank has partnered with Amazon Pay to offer peer-to-peer and peer-to-merchant transactions.
- With this integration, Amazon Pay will issue NPCI's allocated UPI ID with the handle @rapl to RBL Bank.
- The partnership will allow the bank to tap Amazon Pay's growing customer base and transaction volumes. It will expand the bank's presence in the UPI segment with its payment processing platform hosted on AWS

Obituaries

1. Andrew Symonds, passed away who was associated with which sports _____ **Cricket, Australia.**

Note:

- He made his first-debut for Queensland in 1994-95 season.
 - He was a right-handed batter, who was known for scoring runs at a quick pace and has a career strike rate of 92.44 in 198 ODI matches.
 - He was a part of the Ricky Ponting-led side that won the ICC Men's World Cup in 2003 and 2007.
2. Padma Shri awardee, Dr Rama Kant Shukla, passed away who was an eminent scholar of Hindi and _____ **Sanskrit.**

Note:

- He is the founder and general secretary of Devavani Parishad in Delhi, and the founding chairman and editor of "Arvacinasamskrtam" (quarterly journal) in Sanskrit.
- He was conferred the titles of Sanskrit Rashtrakavi, Kaviratna, and Kavi Siromani by literary and Sanskrit organizations.

Important Days

1. Which state has observed its 47th State Day on 16th May _____ **Sikkim.**

Note:

- In 1975 the Sikkim has become a part of India as its 22nd state.
 - On 15 May 1975, then-President of India Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed signed a 36th constitutional amendment and a day later, Sikkim became a complete Indian state
 - The rule of the Chogyal (last dynasty) was abolished.
2. On which date World Hypertension Day is observed every year to raise awareness about the symptoms of hypertension ____ **May 17.**

Note:

- The theme of WHD for 2022 is Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer.
 - Hypertension or high blood pressure occurs when the blood pressure rises to an unhealthy level of 140/90.
 - Hypertension is a major cause of cardiovascular disease and premature death worldwide.
3. On which date World Telecommunication and Information Society Day is observed every year to raise awareness about the benefit of the Internet and other information and communication technologies to society and economies ____ **May 17.**

Note:

- The 2022 theme for World Telecommunication Day is Digital Technologies For Older Persons And Healthy Ageing.
 - The day is celebrated to mark the anniversary of the founding of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) on May 17, 1865.
4. On which date International Museum Day is observed annually ____ **May 18.**

Note:

- It is coordinated by the International Council of Museums.
 - The 2022 theme of International Museum Day is "Power of Museums".
 - The International Council of Museums has been organizing International Museum Day every year since 1977 for the museum community.
 - The National Gallery of Modern Art has also organised special activities and programs to mark the celebration of Museum Day from May 16-20.
5. On which date National Dengue Day is observed every year in India ____ **16th of May.**

Note:

- National Dengue day was an initiative of the Ministry of health and family welfare.
 - Aim: To make people aware of dengue and its prevention measures.
 - It also has the people to know how to prepare and control dengue before the transmission season begins.
6. On which date the International Day of Light is celebrated each year to mark the anniversary of the first successful operation of the laser in 1960 by physicist and engineer, Theodore Maiman ____ **16 May.**

Note:

- This day is a call to strengthen scientific cooperation and harness its potential to foster peace and sustainable development.
 - The laser is a perfect example of how a scientific discovery can yield revolutionary benefits to society in communications, healthcare and many other fields.
7. On which date the International Day of Living Together in Peace is held every year ____ **16th May.**

Note:

- Aims: To urge people to live together in a united and peaceful way.
 - Individuals can attain this by listening to each other and respecting one another despite their differences.
8. On which date the International Day of Families is observed every year ____ **15 May.**

Note:

- The United Nations works on topics that are critical to the well-being of families worldwide, such as health, education, children's rights, gender equality, work-family balance, and social inclusion, among others.
 - The theme for this year 'Families and Urbanization'.
9. On which date the World Migratory Bird Day is marked twice a year ____ **14 May and 8 October.**

Note:

- The day is celebrated with an aim to safeguard migratory birds' breeding, non-breeding as well as stopover habitats while preserving a healthy bird population.
 - The theme for World Migratory Bird Day 2022 is light pollution.
10. World Bee Day is observed annually on which date across the world with an aim to recognise the importance of bees and other pollinators in the ecosystem ____ **May 20.**

Note:

- The theme 2022: "Bee Engaged: Celebrating the diversity of bees and beekeeping systems".
 - The United Nations mark May 20 as World Bee Day to celebrate the birth anniversary of beekeeping pioneer Anton Jansa.
11. Anti-Terrorism Day is observed every year on which date ____ **21st of May.**

Note:

- The day is highly important for the nation as it has been a victim of terror attacks for several years.
 - The day came into being after on May 21, 1991, India's former PM Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated during a campaign in Tamil Nadu.
 - He became the victim of a suicide bombing, which also resulted in around 14 other people being killed.
 - Rajiv Gandhi was the youngest PM when he was sworn in at the age of 40.
12. International Tea Day is observed on which date every year by the United Nations ____ **May 21.**

Note:

- The day aims to raise awareness of the long history and the deep cultural and economic significance of tea around the world.
- The UNGA in the year 2019 marked 21 May as International Tea Day.
- The theme of the first International Tea Day was 'harnessing benefits for all from field to cup.'

New Appointments

1. Who has become the 12th Chief Minister of Tripura after Biplab Kumar Deb resigned from the post ____ **Manik Saha (Tripura BJP chief).**

Note:

- Tripura's governor Satyadev Narayan Arya has administered the oath of office on May 15 at Raj Bhawan in Agartala (Capital city).
- Dr Saha is a dental surgeon by profession and joined BJP in 2016 after quitting Congress.
- Deb had taken oath as the CM of Tripura in 2018, ending the 25-year Communist rule in the state.

2. Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the Central Board of Secondary Education(CBSE) ____ **Nidhi Chibber.**

Note:

- She is from 1994 batch IAS officer of Chhattisgarh cadre and currently working as an Additional Secretary in Ministry of Heavy Industries.
- Vivek Kumar Dewangen from a 1993 batch IAS officer of Manipur cadre has been named Chairman of REC Ltd. (Ministry of Power).
- S Gopalakrishnan has been appointed as Additional Secretary in Department of Health and Family Welfare.

3. Who has been elected as president of the United Arab Emirates after the death of former leader Sheikh Khalifa ____ **Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.**

Note:

- Sheikh Mohamed was elected by the Federal Supreme Council, becoming the ruler of the oil-rich country which was founded by his father in 1971.

4. Who has been appointed as the company's new Chief People Officer of Pine Labs ____ **Vijayalakshmi Swaminathan.**

Note:

- Before joining Pine Labs, she worked with Amazon India where she was heading the Human Resources function.

- She was one of the founding Partners at CoCoon Consulting, a cross-sectoral boutique HR consulting firm.
 - She has also worked with FMCG major Unilever for bolstering the company's employer brand.
5. Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of France ____ **Elisabeth Borne**.
- Note:**
- She becomes the second woman to hold this position after Edith Cresson (1991-1992) under President Francois Mitterrand.
 - She joined Macron's centrist party in 2017.
 - She is a former Transport, Ecology and Labour minister.
 - She has succeeded Jean Castex, who had led the French cabinet since July 2020 and resigned recently.
6. Who has been appointed as the new president of Somalia for four years ____ **Hassan Sheikh Mohamud**.
- Note:**
- He defeated the current president, Mohamed Abudallahi Farmajo.
 - Out of 328 MPs, Mohamud has received 214 votes and Farmajo won 110 votes only.
 - Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, also served as Somalia's president between 2012 and 2017.
7. Name two executive directors who have been recently appointed by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) ____ **Sitikantha Pattanaik and Rajiv Ranjan**.
- Note:**
- Ranjan will serve as an ex-officio member of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) while Pattanaik will serve as the Department of Economic and Policy Research (DEPR).
 - Prior to being promoted, Pattanaik was an Adviser in the DEPR and Ranjan served as Adviser-in-Charge of Monetary Policy Department and Secretary to the MPC.
8. Which company has appointed former chief election commissioner Sunil Arora as the new non-executive chairman of its board ____ **Gram Unnati (Agritech startup)**.
- Note:**
- He is a retired civil servant (IAS) with an experience of over 36 years.
 - He has served as secretary in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
9. Who has been appointed as the next ambassador to Nepal ____ **Naveen Srivastava**.
- Note:**
- He succeeded Vinay Kwatra, who has recently become the foreign secretary.
 - He has played a key role in diplomatic and military talks with China to tackle the military standoff on the Line of Actual Control (LAC).
10. Who has been appointed by the BSE as the Chairman of the board of directors of the company ____ **SS Mundra**.
- Note:**
- He replaced Justice Vikramajit Sen who is the current chairman.
 - Mundra was appointed as Public Interest Director at BSE in January 2018.
 - He retired as Deputy Governor of the RBI on July 30, 2017, and also served as Chairman and Managing Director of the Bank of Baroda.
11. Who has been elected to the U.S. National Academy of Sciences ____ **Dr. Kamal Bawa**.
- Note:**
- He is a conservation biologist and President of the Bengaluru-based Ashoka Trust for Research and Ecology and Environment (ATREE).
 - Election to the 170-year-old Academy is a recognition of the significant contributions to science by its members.
 - Dr. Kamal Bawa is also an elected fellow of the Royal Society (London) and the American Philosophical Society.
12. Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Eicher Motors Limited (EML), the parent company of Royal Enfield ____ **B Govindarajan**.
- Note:**

- He had been serving as the Executive Director of Royal Enfield since August 2021 and prior to that, he was the Chief Operating Officer (COO) at the company since 2013.
 - He will also serve as a Wholetime Director on the Board of EML.
 - He has spent more than 23 years across Royal Enfield and Eicher Motors.
13. Who has been appointed as new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of InterGlobe Aviation, the parent company of low-cost carrier IndiGo, ____ **Pieter Elbers**.

Note:

- He succeeds Ronojoy Dutta, 71, who has decided to retire on September 30, 2022.
 - Since 2014, Mr Elbers, 52, has served as the President and CEO of KLM Royal Dutch Airlines. He is also a member of the executive committee of the Air France – KLM Group.
 - MD of IndiGo: Rahul Bhatia
14. Who has been reappointed as as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Paytm for another 5 yrs term ____ **Vijay Shekhar Sharma**.

Note:

- His tenure will be from December 19, 2022, to December 18, 2027.
- Madhur Deora has been appointed as the Whole-time Director of Paytm for a tenure of 5 years from May 20, 2022, to May 19, 2027.
- Deora will also continue to act in the capacity of Chief Financial Officer of Paytm. One 97 Communications is the parent company of Paytm

Important News – India

1. Who has formally inaugurated the National Cyber Forensic Laboratory (NCFL) in Hyderabad ____ **Amit Shah**.

Note:

- The premium laboratory was inaugurated at the premises of the Central Forensic Science Laboratory located at Ramanthapur in the city.
 - The Cyber and Information Security Division of the Home Ministry has set up the NCFL under Cyber Crime Prevention against Women and Child scheme.
2. Name the 52nd Tiger Reserve of India which is recently announced by Bhupender Yadav (Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change) ____ **Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve in Rajasthan**.

Note:

- It will help to conserve biodiversity and bring ecotourism and development to the area.
 - The newly notified tiger reserve includes the tiger habitat between Ranthambore Tiger Reserve and Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve.
3. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has addressed Silver Jubilee Celebrations programme of TRAI through video conferencing. What is the full form of TRAI ____ **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India**.

Note:

- During the programme, PM Modi also launched a 5G Test Bed, developed as a multi-institutional collaborative project by a total of eight institutes led by IIT Madras.
 - TRAI was established in 1997 through the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997.
4. Who will be the chairperson of the first meeting of the formation of the Cotton Council of India ____ **Suresh Bhai Kotak**.

Note:

- The first meeting of the proposed council has been scheduled for the 28th of May 2022.
 - The council will discuss, deliberate, and prepare a robust action plan for bringing out a tangible improvement in this field.
 - The import of cotton will be permitted duty-free till the bill of lading is dated September 30, 2022.
5. Which ministry has signed an MoU with Amazon Seller Services Private Limited to promote products listed by SHGs through the Saheli Storefront ____ **Ministry of Rural Development**.

Note:

- With the help of this MoU SHG entrepreneurs under NRLM can be able to offer their products to buyers across India through AmazonSaheli Storefront.
- MoRD will conduct workshops for awareness creation and assist the sellers in listing their products with Amazon.

6. As per the report on the State of Inequality in India what is the labour force participation rate in the country in 2019-20 ____ 51.5%.

Note:

- The Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) has proposed the implementation of an urban employment guarantee scheme on the lines of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS).
- Participation of educated till higher secondary from 2017-18 to 2019-20 was low at 40-43%.

7. Name the newly approved skin test for tuberculosis (TB) diagnosis ____ **c-TB**.

Note:

- Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya has announced to launch of c-TB while addressing the 35th board meeting of the Stop TB Partnership through video-conferencing.
- This TB Kit will be cost-effective and provide immense benefit to other high burden countries as well.
- He also announced to launch of a new initiative “Adopt people with TB”.

8. Which ministry has signed an MoU with National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) for the enhancement of competitiveness in the Indian capital goods sector ____ **Ministry of Heavy Industries**.

Note:

- Aim: Evaluation and review of the scheme, management of intellectual property rights, and commercialization support for the products developed under the Capital Goods Scheme.
- Vision: Make India a global hub for the manufacturing of capital goods.
- Heavy Industries Minister: Mahendra Nath Pandey

9. Which Government agency has signed an MoU with Vodafone Idea Limited on the occasion of “World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD)” ____ **Centre for Development of Telematics(C-DOT)**.

Note:

- Aim: To help both the organizations leverage each other’s expertise in their respective domains to develop and deploy IoT/M2M solutions in India.
- C-DOT is a telecom R&D organization under the Ministry of Communications, Government of India.

10. Which branch of the Indian army has inked a Tripartite MoU with Axis Bank and National Integrity and Educational Development Organisation (NIEDO) to establish a Centre of Excellence and Wellness to secure a better future for the youth of Nagaland ____ **Assam Rifles**.

Note:

- The centre named after Late Capt N Kenguruse MVC Centre of Excellence and Wellness will be located at Chieswema in Kohima district.
- Free residential coaching will be provided to 30 children from economically weaker sections of Nagaland.

11. Which government agency has signed an MoU with Self-Employed Women’s Association (SEWA) for the advocacy, outreach, mobilization and capacity-building of last-mile women-led enterprises ____ **Government eMarketplace (GeM)**.

Note:

- The MoU was signed by the Chief Executive Officer of GeM P. K. Singh and Vice-President of SEWA Rehana Riyawala.
- GeM will train SEWA members to assist and enable women-led small enterprises with GeM processes related to seller registration and onboarding on the platform.

12. Which platform has signed an MoU with the Centre for Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI) to foster innovation in agriculture ____ **The Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms (C-CAMP)**.

Note:

- The agreement will initiate a joint effort in nurturing deep-science innovation in agriculture, food technology, and allied areas toward sustainability and food security in India's agriculture sector.
- C-CAMP is India's premier bio-innovation hub.

Important News – State

1. Which state government has launched the first-of-its-kind public interaction programme Lok Milni to hear the grievances of people and issued directions for their redressal ____ **Punjab (CM: Bhagwant Mann)**

Note:

- Aim: Providing a single-window platform to the people for redressal of their complaints.
- Previously, the Lok Milni program was named 'janta darbar'.
- This event helps to facilitate the people for resolving their long-pending administrative issues

2. Which state government has named the Nanjarayan lake as the 17th bird sanctuary in Tiruppur ____ **Tamil Nadu government.**

Note:

- The government also set up an information centre to raise awareness about the bird population in the lake.
- The Nanjarayan Tank also known as Sarkar Periyapalayam Reservoir, is located in Tirupur city near Koolipalayam, Tami Nadu.
- A Detailed Project Report (DPR) will be prepared for setting up another wildlife sanctuary for the endangered Slender Loris in Dindigul and Karur.

3. Which state government will launch a state-owned over-the-top (OTT) platform named 'CSpace' on November 1 ____ **Kerala government.**

Note:

- Offers: An array of movies, short films and documentaries of their choice.
- This is an initiative of Kerala State Film Development Corporation (KSFDC) on behalf of the state government through video conferencing at a function in Kalabhavan Theatre.
- The films will be streamed on CSpace only after their theatrical release.

Important News – World

1. Who has scaled the world's highest mountain for the 16th time and becomes the first foreigner to climb the most Mt Everest summits ____ **Kenton Cool from England.**

Note:

- Kenton climbed the summit with his fellow guide Dorji Gyalzen Sherpa.
- Kenton also holds a record as the first British mountaineer who has climbed Mt Nuptse, Mt Everest and Mt Lhotse in a season in 2013.

2. What is the name of the world's largest suspension bridge which is located in the Czech Republic ____ **Sky Bridge 721.**

Note:

- The bridge connects two mountain ridges and hangs 95 metres (312 feet) above a valley and can be accessed by cable car.
- It is 721 metres, or 2,365 feet, long.
- The Czech Republic Sky Bridge is 154 metres longer than Nepal's Baglung Parbat Footbridge, which currently holds the Guinness World Record for the longest suspension footbridge.

3. Which country has hosted the meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization's (SCO's)-Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) from May 16th to 19th ____ **India.**

Note:

- The Security Advisers of the National Security Councils of India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Pakistan and Uzbekistan participated in the meeting.
 - India has taken the chairmanship of the Council of Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure of SCO last year for a period of one year.
4. The Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) has signed an MoU with which university on the establishment of Dr. Ambedkar Chair for Buddhist Studies ____ **Lumbini Buddhist University**.

Note:

- Nepal and India have signed six MoU, during Prime Minister Modi's day-long visit to Lumbini (Nepal).
 - An MoU between ICCR and Kathmandu University on the establishment of the ICCR Chair of Indian Studies.
 - An Agreement between SJVN Ltd and Nepal Electricity Authority was also signed.
5. Which company has acquired a controlling stake in Swiss-based Holcim AG's cement businesses in India in a \$10.5 billion deal ____ **Adani Group**.

Note:

- The Group has acquired 63.19% of Ambuja Cements Ltd and its subsidiary ACC in the bidding with companies.
 - With this deal, Adani becomes the second biggest cement producer in the country after the Aditya Birla Group-owned UltraTech Cement.
 - The divestment of India businesses by Holcim is to reduce its reliance on carbon-intensive cement production.
6. Which country has hosted the Group of Seven (G7) countries Finance Minister Summit in 2022 ____ **Germany**.

Note:

- Group of Seven (G7) countries have agreed to provide financial support to Ukraine to meet its immediate financing needs.
- The US Senate has approved a USD 40 billion package of military, economic and humanitarian assistance to Ukraine.
- Christian Lindner (German Finance Minister) has announced a contribution of USD 1.1 billion to Ukraine's budget.
- The European Commission has pledged up to USD 9.5 billion of macro-financial assistance in the form of loans.

Honor & Awards

1. Who has won the inaugural Aster Guardian Global Nursing Award ____ **Anna Qabale Duba (Kenyan nurse)**.

Note:

- She worked at the Marsabit County Referral Hospital.
- She was promoting education and campaigning against outdated cultural practices like Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in her community.
- She has been rewarded with USD 250,000 (approx. Ksh.29 million) in prize money.

2. Who has won the Billboard Music Awards 2022 in the top artist, male artist, rap artist, rap male artist and rap album (for Certified Lover Boy) category ____ **Drake**.

Note:

- BTS has also won three awards in the Top Duo/Group, Top Selling Song, and Top Song Sales Artist categories.
- Top New Artist: Olivia Rodrigo
- Top Female Artist: Olivia Rodrigo
- Top Billboard 200 Artist: Taylor Swift
- Top Radio Songs Artist: Olivia Rodrigo
- Top Billboard Global 2022 Artist (New): Olivia Rodrigo

3. Who has received the prestigious Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) award from Queen Elizabeth II ____ **Ajay Piramal (Chairman of Piramal Group)**.

Note:

- He has been honoured with this award for his services to the UK-India trade relationship as India Co-Chair of the UK-India CEO Forum.
 - President Rolls-Royce India, Kishore Jayaraman, also receives the Honorary Order of the British Empire for his services to International Trade and Investment.
4. Who has received the 2022 Wangari Maathai Forest Champions Award in recognition of her contribution to preserving forests and improving the lives of people who depend on them ____ **Cécile Ndjebet (Cameroon activist)**.

Note:

- The award has been presented by the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), which is chaired by the Food and Agriculture Organization.
- This award was established in 2012 in memory of Kenyan environmentalist and Nobel Peace Prize winner Wangari Maathai.

Sports News

1. Which country's Men's Badminton team has scripted the history by winning the first-ever Thomas Cup after defeating 14-time Champions Indonesia in Bangkok ____ **India**.

Note:

- India has defeated Indonesia by 3-0 in the finals of the prestigious team championship.
 - World Championships medallist Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth and world number 8 doubles duo of Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy had given their memorable performances.
2. Who has defeated Stefanos Tsitsipas to capture the 38th ATP Masters 1000 crown (Italian Open) ____ **Novak Djokovic (Serbian)**.

Note:

- Novak Djokovic became the fifth man in the Open Era to earn 1,000 match wins after defeating Casper Ruud in the semi-finals.
 - In Woman Single, Iga Swiatek has won the Italian Open title after defeating Ons Jabeur.
 - Men's doubles: Nikola Mektić and Mate Pavić (Croatia)
 - Women's doubles: Veronika Kudermetova and Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova
3. Which Indian has won the individual women's 50m rifle 3 positions (3P) like Prone, the Standing and the Kneeling positions, event to take India's gold medal tally to 10 at the ISSF Junior World Cup 2022 in Suhl, Germany ____ **Sift Kaur Samra**.

Note:

- She beat Julie Johannessen (Norway) by 17-9 in the final.
 - India's Ashi Chouksey has also won bronze in the same event.
 - Presently, India leads the tally with 25 medals which include 10 gold, 12 silver and three bronze.
4. Which country has defeated China by 3-2 in the Badminton World Federation (BWF) 29th edition of the Uber Cup Final at Impact Arena in Bangkok ____ **South Korea**.

Note:

- This is the second Uber Cup title for South Korea after their first victory in 2010 in Kuala Lumpur.
 - Thomas and Uber Cup is the biennial international badminton championship contested by the men's and women's national teams of the member associations of Badminton World Federation (BWF).
5. How many medals (total) has India won at the Deaflympics 2021 in Caxias do Sul, Brazil ____ **16 medals (including eight golds, one silver, and seven bronze)**.

Note:

- India has finished in the ninth position in the medal tally.
- India won three gold in shooting, three in Badminton, and each in Golf and Tennis.
- Shooting: Dhanush Srikanth, Abhinav Deshwal, Dhanush Srikanth/Priyasha Deshmukh, Shourya Saini, Vedika Sharma

- Badminton: Jerlin Jayaratchagan, Abhinav Sharma
 - Tennis: Prithvi Sekhar/Dhananjay Dubey
6. Which has won their first European trophy in 42 years after defeating the Rangers by 5-4 on penalties in Seville, Spain ____ **Eintracht Frankfurt (German club)**.

Note:

- Goalkeeper, Kevin Trapp has saved at the end of extra time and another in the shootout to help give Frankfurt the 5-4 win on penalties.
 - Rangers (Scottish club) was also trying to win its first European title since the Cup Winners' Cup in 1972.
 - Man of the Match: Kevin Trapp (Eintracht Frankfurt)
7. Which India boxer has won the gold medal in 52kg (Category) after defeating Thailand's Jitpong Jutamas at the 2022 IBA Women's World Boxing Championships, Istanbul ____ **Nikhat Zareen**.

Note:

- Nikhat became the fifth Indian woman to secure a gold medal at the World Boxing Championships after Mary Kom, Sarita Devi, Jenny RL, and Lekha KC.
- It was also India's first gold medal since boxing great Mary Kom won it in 2018.
- Bronze winners: Manisha Moun (57 kg), Parveen Hooda (63 kg).

Books and Authors

1. Who is the author of the book, titled "The Hardest Place: The American Military Adrift in Afghanistan's Pech Valley" ____ **Wesley Morgan**.

Note:

- Wesley Morgan (Author and journalist) has won the William E. Colby Award for his military and intelligence writing.
 - He was cited for his book "The Hardest Place: The American Military Adrift in Afghanistan's Pech Valley."
 - The Colby Award is presented by Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont.
 - The Colby award was established in 1999 and named for the late CIA director William E. Colby.
2. Who is the author of a new novel titled "A Place Called Home" ____ **Renowned author Preeti Shenoy**.

Note:

- The book published by HarperCollins Publishers India.
- The novel is about secrets, family, and finding yourself.
- A story set in a coffee estate in Sakleshpur, Karnataka with a strong female protagonist at its core.
- Other Books of Preeti Shenoy: The Magic Mindset, When Love Came Calling, Wake Up Life is Calling, Life is What You Make it, The Rule Breakers.

Science and Defence

1. Name the two frontline warships of the Indian Navy which was recently launched by the Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at Mazgaon Docks Limited, Mumbai ____ **Surat and Udaygiri**.

Note:

- The first ship is Surat, which is the fourth and last of the stealth destroyers under the 'Project 15B' programme.
 - The second ship is Udaygiri, part of the 'Project 17A' frigate programme. It is the third ship of Project 17A frigates.
2. Which organisation has jointly conducted the flight test of the indigenously-developed Naval Anti-Ship Missile with Indian Navy successfully in May 2022 ____ **Defence Research and Development Organisation**.

Note:

- The missile was launched from a Naval Helicopter from Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.

- It is the first indigenous air launched anti-ship missile system for the Indian Navy.
 - Recently, Rajnath Singh has launched two frontline warships of the Indian Navy: INS Surat and INS Udaygiri.
3. Name the flying trainer Aircraft which has successfully completed an in-flight engine relight test at DRDO's Aeronautical Test Range (ATR) facility, Challakere, Karnataka ____ **HANSA-NG**.

Note:

- The aircraft was designed & Developed by CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories (CSIR-NAL).
- The flight test was carried out at an altitude of 7000-8000 feet with a speed range of 60 to 70 knots by Wg Cdr K V Prakash and Wg Cdr NDS Reddy.

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