

Weekly One-liners

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Dear readers,

Weekly One Liners Update is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the second **week** (8-14th) of **May 2022**. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. How many years have been completed for Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMSBY), and Atal Pension Yojana (APY) of providing social security net ____ **Seven**.

Note:

- The schemes were launched by PM Narendra Modi on 9th May 2015 in Kolkata, West Bengal.
- PMJJBY: More than 12.76 crore Cumulative Enrolments; PMSBY: More than 28.37 crore Cumulative Enrolments; APY: Over 4 Crore subscribers

2. Which bank has unveiled a digital broking solution named E-Broking, which allows customers to open a Demat and trading account ____ **Indian Bank**.

Note:

- E-Broking is a strategic step toward a complete digitalisation of its offerings to customers.
- IndOASIS (mobile banking application) also offer a seamless experience from Demat and trading account opening to discounted broking services. This will help the bank to increase its CASA (current account, savings account).

3. Which industry becomes the first Indian company to record annual revenue of more than a whopping \$100 billion ____ **Reliance Industries**.

Note:

- The company has recorded a 22.5% rise in net profit for the quarter ended March 2022.
- The company has also reported the highest-ever quarterly EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortisation) of ₹33,968 crores (28% up) year-on-year.

4. Name the National Securities Depository Limited's (NSDL) investor awareness programme for students which was launched by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman ____ **Market Ka Eklavya**.

Note:

- To introduce the basics of the securities market and also impart training on financial markets for students.
- NSDL has launched a new investor awareness programme as part of its silver jubilee celebration.

5. Which bank has got RBI approval to merge with Equitas Holdings Ltd ____ **Equitas Small Finance Bank**.

Note:

- The merger will comply with the RBI norms on small finance banks which mandate the promoter to reduce the stake in the subsidiary to 40% within five years of commencement of operations by the SFB (Small Finance Bank).

6. Under the chairmanship of Navneet Munot, SEBI has constituted a committee for advising on which matters in the securities market ____ **Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)**.

Note:

- The terms of reference of the committee include Enhancements in business responsibility and sustainability report, ESG ratings, and ESG investing.
- It will examine evolving disclosures/metrics relevant to the Indian context and suggest areas for assurance and a plan for implementation.

7. Name an end-to-end digital car loan scheme which was launched by the HDFC Bank for its existing customers as well as new customers ____ **Xpress Car Loans**.

Note:

- Buyers can apply for a maximum of Rs 20 lakh and the loan amount will be credited to the dealers' accounts within 30 minutes.
- The facility is currently available for four-wheelers and will be soon rolled out to two-wheelers as well. To simplify the car purchase process and increase car sales.

8. Which bank has partnered with Santander bank in Britain in a pact aimed at facilitating the banking requirements of corporates operating across both countries _____ **ICICI Bank**.

Note:

- The memorandum of understanding (MoU) between ICICI and Santander UK Plc is designed to establish a framework of the partnership between the banks to meet the financial service requirements of corporate customers operating within the India-UK corridor.

9. Which life insurance company has launched its financial literacy campaign 'InspiHERs- enabling an empowered future' _____ **Bharti AXA Life Insurance**.

Note:

- It is a special initiative to spread financial awareness among women about financial decisions for a secured future.
- Bharti AXA Life Insurance is a joint venture between Bharti Enterprises and AXA.

10. What would be India's growth forecast for FY23 estimated by the Morgan Stanley _____ **7.6%**.

Note:

- The reason: a slowdown in global growth, higher commodity prices and risk aversion in global capital markets expose Asia's third-largest economy to downside risks.
- Earlier, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has also revised downwards its growth projection for FY23 to 7.2% from 7.8%.
- The World Bank also slashed its FY23 growth forecast for India to 8%.

11. To which bank the Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) will extend its financial support of USD 190 million _____ **SBM (Mauritius) Infrastructure Development Company Ltd (SBMIDCL)**.

Note:

- Projects: Metro Express Project and other infrastructure projects in Mauritius
- The credit facility is an additional tranche to the existing Credit of USD 500 million which has been extended to SBMIDCL on the terms and conditions contained in the Dollar Credit Line Agreement dated May 27, 2017.

12. Which bank has launched a digital solution named 'Trade nxt' to enable corporates as well as MSMEs to transact all cross-border export-import transactions _____ **Union Bank of India (UBI)**.

Note:

- This online platform offers absolute entry and processing of letters of credit (LoC), bank guarantees, export and import bills, disbursement of export credit, outward & inward remittances, dealer financing, and much more.
- Managing Director & CEO of Union Bank of India: Rajkiran Rai G

Obituaries

1. Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma who passed away recently was a veteran _____ Santoor player.

Note:

- He was born in Jammu in 1938 and is believed to be the first musician to have played Indian classical music on the santoor.
- Awards: Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (1986), Padma Shri (1991), and Padma Vibhushan (2001)

2. Yuri Averbakh who passed away recently associated with which sports _____ **Chess**.

Note:

- He won the Moscow Championship in 1949 and earned the Grandmaster title in 1952. In 1954, he became the champion of the USSR. He also chaired the Chess Federation of the USSR from 1972 to 1977.

3. Renowned personality Pandit Sukh Ram passed away recently. He was a _____ **Former Union minister**.

Note:

- He was the Union Minister of State, Communications (Independent Charge) from 1993 to 1996 and a member of Lok Sabha from the Mandi constituency (Himachal Pradesh).
 - He won the Lok Sabha elections three times and the Vidhan Sabha elections five times
4. Leonid Kravchuk, passed away who was the first president of which country ____ **Independent Ukraine**.

Note:

- Kravchuk was known as the "wily fox" as he rose through the ranks of Ukraine's Communist Party and take over as head of the parliament in 1990.
 - He signed the Belovezha accords with Russian President Boris Yeltsin and Belarusian leader Stanislav Shushkevich in December 1991 which effectively triggered the Soviet Union's collapse.
5. Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al-Nahyan, passed away was a president of which country ____ **UAE**.

Note:

- He took over as the UAE's second president in November 2004 after his father as the 16th ruler of Abu Dhabi.
- He also rescued Dubai when it was hit by the global financial crisis in 2009.
- The UAE ministry has announced 40 days of mourning, with flags and work suspended in the public and private sectors for the first three days.

Important Days

1. World Red Cross Day is observed every year on which date to mark the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant ____ **May 8**.

Note:

- Henry Dunant was a founder of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the recipient of the first Nobel Peace Prize (1901).
 - The theme for 2022 is 'Be Human Kind'.
2. World Thalassaemia Day is observed on which date every year to honour the struggles of patients suffering from thalassaemia and make people aware of the disease and its symptoms ____ **May 8**.

Note:

- Thalassaemia is a blood disease in which the body fails to create enough hemoglobin.
 - The event was first observed by the Thalassaemia International Federation (TIF) in 1994.
 - Theme 2022: Be Aware. Share. Care: Working with the global community as one to improve Thalassaemia knowledge
3. World Lupus Day is observed every year on which date to raise awareness about Lupus disease that can cause damage to any part of the body ____ **May 10**.

Note:

- Lupus, autoimmune disease is one in which the immune system is unable to recognize the difference between healthy cells in the human body and the foreign cells it fights to remove.
 - Common symptoms: Intermittent fever, recurrent mouth ulcers, joint and muscle pain, and extreme fatigue.
4. India observed National Technology Day on which date to celebrate the achievements made by the scientists, engineers, teachers and researchers across the nation ____ **May 11**.

Note:

- Theme 2022: Integrated Approach in science and technology for a sustainable future
 - Atal Bihari Vajpayee (Former Prime Minister) declared 11 May as the National Technology Day as India has successfully carried out a series of nuclear tests in Pokhran on May 11, 1998.
5. International Nurses Day is celebrated worldwide on which date to mark the contribution made by nurses to society, in health care set up and in a community ____ **May 12**.

Note:

- Theme 2022: 'Nurses: A Voice to Lead - Invest in Nursing and respect rights to secure global health'.
- The day marks the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale (the founder of modern nursing).

New Appointments

1. Who takes charge as a part-time chairman of City Union Bank Ltd. for a period of two years w.e.f. May 4 ____ **M. Narayanan.**
Note:
 - Narayanan replaced R. Mohan, who laid down the office after completing a three-year term.
 - Narayanan is a graduate in Mathematics from Loyola College. He is a qualified chartered accountant, cost accountant and system auditor.
2. Who becomes the chief executive of Hong Kong ____ **John Lee Ka-Chiu.**
Note:
 - He will replace Carrie Lam. He will be the first security official to hold the Chief Executive position of Hong Kong which witnessed years of political unrest and recent debilitating pandemic controls.
3. Who has been appointed as the CEO of JioSaavn, Music app ____ **Sahas Malhotra.**
Note:
 - He joined JioSaavn from Amazon Music where he was leading his team as a Director.
 - He has worked with Sony Music India and Tips Industries. He was leading the business at Tips Music and marketing for Tips Film production.
4. Before being elevated to the Supreme Court Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia was a Chief Justice of which high court ____ **Gauhati High Court.**
Note:
 - President Ram Nath Kovind has confirmed the appointment of Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia and Justice Jamshed Burjor Pardiwala as Judges of the Supreme Court.
 - Justice Pardiwala was elevated as an additional judge of the Gujarat High Court and later confirmed as a permanent judge.
5. Who has been appointed as a Vice-Chair of the Maritime Anti-Corruption Network (MACN) ____ **Captain Rajesh Unni (Founder and CEO of Synergy Group).**
Note:
 - In 2006 he launched his own vessel ownership and management company named Synergy Marine Group.
 - Captain Unni is joint CEO of Alpha Ori Technologies (AOT) which he founded in 2017 and is a Governor at the Indian Institute of Management, Tiruchirappalli.
6. Who was sworn in as Costa Rica's president for a four-years ____ **Rodrigo Chaves.**
Note:
 - He will focus on reinvigorating one of Latin America's most stable economies, as foreign debt rises to 70% of GDP, the poverty rate of 23%, unemployment of 14% and public sector corruption.
 - He was a senior official at the World Bank, where he worked for 30 years.
7. Who has been sworn in as the president of South Korea in a ceremony held at Seoul's National Assembly ____ **Yoon Suk-yeol (a conservative former prosecutor).**
Note:
 - He served as South Korea's prosecutor general from 2019 to 2021 under Moon Jae-in (former president) rule.
 - He played an important role in the conviction of Park Geun-hye (former President) as a chief prosecutor of South Korea.
8. Who has been appointed as Louis Vuitton's first-ever Indian brand ambassador ____ **Deepika Padukone.**
Note:
 - She was unveiled as part of a new handbag campaign with Emma Stone and Chinese actor Zhou Dongyu in a series of promotional shots.
 - Recently, she has been named as a part of an eight-member jury presided by French actor Vincent Lindon at 75th Cannes Film Festival.
9. Who has taken an oath as the new Prime Minister of Sri Lanka for the fifth time after the resignation of Mahinda Rajapaksa ____ **Ranil Wickremesinghe (the United National Party leader).**

Note:

- President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has administered his oath at a ceremony held in the President's office in Colombo.
- Wickremesinghe has been reappointed in an effort to bring stability to Sri Lanka, engulfed in a political and economic crisis.

10. Name the startup policy of Madhya Pradesh which was recently launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi via video conferencing ____ **Startup Policy and Implementation Plan – 2022.**

Note:

- He also address the startup community during the Madhya Pradesh Startup Conclave held in Indore.
- Aim: To promote startups and encourage budding entrepreneurs in Madhya Pradesh.
- PM Modi will also launch the Madhya Pradesh Startup portal to promote the startup ecosystem.

11. Who has assumed the office of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) President for the year 2022-23 after replacing TV Narendran (CEO of Tata Steel) ____ **Sanjiv Bajaj (Chairman of Bajaj Finserv Limited).**

Note:

- The Chairman and CEO of Hero MotoCorp Limited, Pawan Munjal has taken over as CII President-Designate for 2022-23.
- Executive Vice Chairman of TVS Supply Chain Solutions, R Dinesh has been appointed as a Vice President of CII.

12. Who has been appointed by the Tata Group as Air India's new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD) ____ **Campbell Wilson.**

Note:

- Wilson is the second attempt of Tata Group as a CEO-MD for Air India after the former Turkish Airlines chairman Ilker Ayci (declined to take up the position).
- The appointment of a foreign national as CEO of an airline in India needs government clearance before it can proceed.

13. Who has been appointed as the next Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) from May 15 ____ **Rajiv Kumar.**

Note:

- He will replace CEC Sushil Chandra, who is due to retire.
- Rajiv Kumar took charge as the Election Commissioner of the Election Commission of India (ECI) on September 1, 2020.
- He had been the chairman of the Public Enterprises Selection Board. He joined as the PESB chairman in April 2020.

Important News – India

1. Name the Maharashtra girl who becomes the first Indian woman to scale five peaks above 8,000 metres after her 5th climb Mount Kanchenjunga ____ **Priyanka Mohite (Satara in western Maharashtra).**

Note:

- Priyanka received the Tenzing Norgay Adventure Award 2020. Mount Kanchenjunga (8,586 m) is the third highest mountain on the planet.
- She had climbed world's highest peak Mount Everest (8,849 m), Mount Lhotse (8,516 m) in 2018, Mount Makalu (8,485 m), Mount Kilimanjaro (5,895 m) in 2016, Mt Annapurna (8,091 m).

2. Which Mini Ratna PSU has launched Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM-WANI) scheme based on access to its Public WiFi services across 100 railway stations across the country ____ **RailTel.**

Note:

- This service was virtually launched by RailTel chairman and managing director Puneet Chawla.
- Android users can access this WiFi network by downloading the mobile app 'Wi-DOT' from Google Play Store. This app has been developed in association with C-DOT.

3. Which ministry has participated in the Arabian Travel Market (ATM), Dubai-2022 under its 'Incredible India' brand line ____ **Ministry of Tourism.**

Note:

- Showcase India's tourism potential and provide a platform to the tourism stakeholders.
- It also aimed to promote India as a 'Must See, Must Visit' destination. The India Pavilion was inaugurated in the presence of Satpal Maharaj (Uttarakhand Tourism Minister) and other dignitaries.

4. Which global marketplace has partnered with the North Eastern Handicrafts and Handloom Development Corporation (NEHHDC) and signed an MoU to support small sellers, weavers and artisans ____ **Etsy (global marketplace)**.

Note:

- This will help to provide them with market access and enablement support.
- To equip artisans, creators and small entrepreneurs in the Indian handicrafts sector to start and manage online businesses.

5. How many domestic cargo terminals will be set up by 2024-2025 _____ **33**.

Note:

- Civil Aviation Minister, Jyotiraditya Scindia addressing the annual event of the Air Cargo Forum India.
- It will allow India's cargo sector to flourish and grow. Industry players need to focus on the transportation of smaller cargo loads from Tier II and III cities to metros to achieve the target of 10 million metric tons in cargo.

6. Which broadcasting agency of India has signed an MoU on cooperation and collaboration in Broadcasting withh ORTM (Office de la Radio et de la Television) in Madagascar ____ **Prasar Bharati**.

Note:

- It was signed by Abhay Kumar (India's Ambassador to Madagascar) and ORTM DG Belalahy Jean Yves.
- This MoU will give international exposure to the Prasar Bharati as Madagascar National Television (TVM) will broadcast programmes from internal productions of Prasar Bharati.

7. Which institute has collaborated with Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has started the Centre of Excellence for Khadi (CoEK) at Delhi campus ____ **National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT)**.

Note:

- To make Khadi trendier by diversifying its fabrics and clothing line and upgrading the quality standards.
- Narayan Rane (Union Minister of MSME) also launched CoEK spokes in Gandhinagar, Shillong, Kolkata and Bengaluru virtually.

8. Which zone of Indian Railways has added a 'baby berth' to their trains, an unusual setup allows women to travel by train while sleeping peacefully next to their children ____ **Northern Zone**.

Note:

- On the occasion of Mother's Day, the Lucknow Division of Northern Railways experimented with a baby berth in coach No.194129/B4, berths 12 and 60.
- The infant seat is collapsible and has a safety stopper. Division of Northern Railways: Lucknow and Delhi collaborated on the infant berth.

9. Which ministry has initiated the establishment of 'YUVA Tourism Clubs' as a part of the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations ____ **Ministry of Tourism**.

Note:

- To nurture and develop young ambassadors of Indian tourism.
- To support this initiative, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has come forward and issued directions to all CBSE affiliated schools regarding the formation of Yuva Tourism Clubs.

10. Name the initiative which was launched by the Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs & Petroleum and Natural Gas, Hardeep S Puri at the 'Plumbex India' exhibition ____ **BHARAT TAP**.

Note:

- This exhibition caters to a fundamental service in the development of the nation: water and sanitation.
- He also launched NARDECO MAHI's 'Nirmal Jal Prayas' initiative which will work for saving 500 crore ltr of water per year.

11. With which international organisation, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the implementation of combined agriculture credit and crop insurance ____ **United Nations Development Programme.**

Note:

- Aim: To provide technical support towards the Centre's aspirational Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana scheme (PMFBY) and Kisan Credit Card - Modified Interest Subvention Scheme.
- Chief Executive Officer of PMFBY: Ritesh Chauhan

12. Who has participated in the Second Global COVID Virtual Summit on the invitation of the President of the USA, Joseph R. Biden ____ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi.**

Note:

- The theme of the summit: Preventing Pandemic Fatigue and Prioritizing Preparedness.
- Highlights: India adopted a people-centric strategy to combat the pandemic; India plays an active role by sharing its low cost indigenous COVID mitigation technologies.

13. Name the portal which was launched by the Union Minister for Communications, Electronics & IT and Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw for Centralised Right of Way (RoW) approvals in line with the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan ____ **GatiShakti Sanchar portal (www.sugamsanchar.gov.in).**

Note:

- The portal has been developed keeping in view the vision areas of the National Broadband Mission (NBM).
- NBM was set up by the Department of Telecommunication in 2019.

14. Who has led an Indian delegation at the 15th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP-15) of the UNCCD at Abidjan in Cote d'Ivoire ____ **Bhupender Yadav (Environment Forest and Climate Change Minister).**

Note:

- The theme of COP 15: Life. Legacy: From scarcity to prosperity.
- Aim: To bring together world leaders to drive progress in the future sustainable management of land and will explore links between land and other key sustainability issues.

Important News – State

1. Which state government has announced that all government primary school students from 1st to 5th standards will be provided nutritious breakfast on all working days ____ **Tamil Nadu.**

Note:

- Tamil Nadu is set to become the first state to offer breakfast along with midday meals.
- This includes the launch of integrated urban health centres within the Corporation and Municipal limits.
- Earlier, he also announced schools with modern facilities will be established.

2. Under which scheme Haryana government distributed nearly three lakh tablets to government school students of Classes 10 and 12 ____ **e-Adhigam scheme.**

Note:

- These tablets have pre-loaded content along with personalised and adaptive learning software, and 2GB of free data.
- The country has set a target to implement the New Education Policy (NEP) by 2030, but the Haryana government it is 2025.

3. Name the mobile application launched by the Kerala government to diagnose and control lifestyle diseases among people in the southern State ____ **Shaili App.**

Note:

- The app will help the citizen to provide an accurate picture of such ailments both locally and at the State-level.
- The app was set up under the e-Health initiative, and will provide data to the government so that health plans can be formulated to control such diseases.

4. Poumai tribe of which state has declared that Poumai inhabited areas to be a Drug-Free Zone supporting the State government's War on Drug campaign ____ **Manipur.**

Note:

- Tribes also informed CM N. Biren Singh that the poppy plantation will not be allowed in the Poumai areas.
 - The Poumai Naga are one of the major Naga tribes in Manipur.
5. Which city's crossing of Uttar Pradesh will be named after legendary singer late Lata Mangeshkar ____ **Ayodhya**.

Note:

- The Ayodhya administration has received directions from CM Yogi Adityanath to identify a prominent crossing in Ayodhya and send a proposal to the state government in the next 15 days for renaming it.
 - Construction of the Ram temple is likely to be completed by December 2023.
6. Which UT/state government will provide free sewer connections under the Mukhyamantri Muft Sewer Connection Yojana to 25,000 households in East Delhi ____ **Delhi**.

Note:

- These free connections will be provided in 12 colonies in Karawal Nagar and Mustafabad.
 - The household sewage system will be connected to the existing sewer network, which will carry the waste to the Yamuna Vihar sewage treatment plant. The decision was taken by the DJB chaired by Water Minister Satyendar Jain.
7. Which state government has launched the 'Chaara-Bijae Yojana' scheme to provide financial assistance of Rs 10,000 per acre to grow fodder framers ____ **Haryana, JP Dalal (Haryana agriculture minister)**.

Note:

- Farmers need to grow fodder on up to 10 acres of land around the gaushalas (cowsheds) and provide it to them through mutual consent.
 - The amount will be credited to the bank accounts of farmers through direct benefit transfer (DBT) mode.
8. In which state the nation's first organic waste-powered EV charging station has been inaugurated ____ **Near Haji Ali in Mumbai, Maharashtra**.

Note:

- The station will generate 220 units of electricity from food waste collected from its nearby areas.
 - This station powers street lights and charge electric vehicles too.
 - The project was done by the civic body in association AeroCare Clean Energy.
9. Which state government has issued a notification to restore the old pension scheme effective from April 1, 2022 ____ **Chhattisgarh government**.

Note:

- Also, the 10% deduction for monthly contribution from the salary of government employees as a contribution to the new pension scheme will be abolished from April 1, 2022.
- However, a minimum of 12% of the basic salary will be deducted as per the General Provident Fund rule.

Important News – World

1. Who has scaled Mount Everest (Height: 8,848.86m) mountain for the 26th time along the traditional southeast ridge route leading 10 other Sherpa climbers ____ **Kami Rita (Nepali Sherpa)**.

Note:

- Rita scaled Mt Everest for the first time on May 13, 1994. Besides Mt Everest, he has also scaled Mt Godwin-Austen (K2), Mt Lhotse, Mt Manaslu and Mt Cho Oyu.
- He also holds the record for most climbs over 8000m.

2. Which country has been unanimously elected as the new Chair of the Association of Asian Election Authorities (AAEA) for 2022-2024 at the meeting of the Executive Board and General Assembly in Manila, Philippines ____ **India**.

Note:

- Commission on Elections, Manila was the current chair of AAEA.
- The new member of the Executive Board now includes Russia, Uzbekistan, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Taiwan and the Philippines.

3. Which country has received approval from the UN General Assembly to replace Russia on the world organizations leading human rights body after its suspension over horrific rights violations by Russian soldiers in Ukraine _____ **Czech Republic.**

Note:

- The Czech Republic was the only candidate for the seat on the 47-member Human Rights Council.
- Out of 193 members, 180 of the General Assembly have deposited ballots (157 countries in favour).

4. Which country has become the first in Asia to join NATO's Cyber Defense Group (CDG) _____ **National Intelligence Service South Korea (spy agency).**

Note:

- The cyber defense group was founded in Tallinn in 2008 in response to a cyberattack that disrupted Estonia's state networks.
- It focuses on cyber security research, training, and exercises.
- NATO's Cooperative Cyber Defense Center of Excellence (CCDCOE) now includes 27 NATO member countries and five non-NATO partners.

5. Which company has dethroned Apple Inc. to become the world's most valuable company, underscoring the recent surge in oil prices that have boosted the energy giant this year _____ **Oil giant Saudi Aramco.**

Note:

- The current worth of Aramco is about \$2.43 trillion as compared with Apple's \$2.37 trillion.
- Saudi Aramco has reported a 124% surge in net profit in the last year from \$49.0 billion in 2020 to \$110.0 billion in 2021.
- President and CEO of Saudi Aramco: Amin H. Nasser

6. Who has topped the list of Forbes Highest-Paid Athletes 2022 with a reported income of \$130 million, followed by Basketball player, LeBron James with \$121.2 million while Cristiano Ronaldo was third with \$115m _____ **Lionel Messi.**

Note:

- Messi had moved from Barcelona to Paris Saint-Germain in August 2021 and Cristiano Ronaldo rejoined Manchester United from Juventus in the same month.
- Forbes calculates the estimates based on prize money, salaries and bonuses, and sponsorship deals.

7. Which country has topped the foreign remittance list by receiving USD 89 billion followed by Mexico at USD 54 billion, and China at USD 53 billion in 2021 as per the World Bank _____ **India.**

Note:

- The officially recorded remittance flows to low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) are expected to increase by 4.2% in 2022 to reach USD 630 billion.
- Bangladesh was the 7th highest recipient of remittance from abroad in 2021.
- Report: Migration and development brief

8. How much amount India has been contributed to the United Nations to promote the Hindi language in the United Nations _____ **USD 800,000.**

Note:

- India's Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations, R Ravindra handed over a cheque for the UN project (Hindi @ UN project) launched by India in 2018 to disseminate information about the UN to the Hindi-speaking population across the world.

Honor & Awards

1. Name the Reuters photojournalist who has been posthumously honoured with his second prestigious Pulitzer Prize in the feature photography category with other three Indian journalists _____ **Danish Siddiqui (Reuters).**

Note:

- Other three Indians: Adnan Abidi, Sanna Irshad Mattoo and Amit Dave.
- He was honoured with the prestigious award in 2018 for their coverage of the Rohingya crisis.

2. Union Home Minister, Amit Shah presents the President's Colours award to which state Police for exemplary service during the past 25 years ____ **Assam**.

Note:

- Assam becomes the 10th state in the country to receive President's Colours honour.
- President's Colours is the highest honour that is given to any military or police unit in recognition of exceptional service rendered to the nation.

3. Who will receive the Member of the Royal Order of British Empire (MBE) recognition from the Queen to meet the Ventilator requirement challenges in British during the pandemic ____ **Gurusamy Krishnamoorthy (chief executive officer of Penlon)**.

Note:

- He started his career with Wipro GE Medical Systems and later co-founded a Med-tech startup in Chennai.
- Penlon deals with the design and manufacture of anaesthesia ventilators, anaesthesia machines and vaporizers.

4. Who has conferred Gallantry Awards at Defence Investiture Ceremony- 2022 at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi ____ **President Ram Nath Kovind**.

Note:

- He presented Shaurya Chakras (13) including six posthumous, to the personnel of the Armed Forces for displaying courage, gallantry, and devotion to duty.
- He also conferred Param Vishisht Seva Medals (14), Uttam Yudh Seva Medals(4), and Ati Vishisht Seva Medals (24) for distinguished service of an exceptional order.

5. Which Indian language translation of the French novel "Meursault, contre-enquête" (The Meursault Investigation) has won the 5th Romain Rolland Book Prize 2022 ____ **Bengali**.

Note:

- The award was given to translator Trinanjan Chakraborty and publisher Patra Bharati.
- Meursault, contre-enquête, originally written by Algerian writer and journalist Kamel Daoud.
- This is the first time Patra Bharati has received such a prestigious award.

6. Who has been awarded the 2022 Templeton Prize ____ **Frank Wilczek**.

Note:

- He received the 2004 Nobel Prize in Physics along with David J. Gross, and H. David Politzer for his 1973 breakthrough in explaining the unusual properties of the strong force.
- Templeton Prize was established in 1972 by the late philanthropist Sir John Templeton.

7. Who has been awarded the Bangla Academy Award for her Kabita Bitan ____ **Mamata Banerjee**.

Note:

- Mamata Banerjee's 'Kabita Bitan' was launched at the 2020 Kolkata Book Fair.
- The book contains 946 poems written by the TMC supremo.
- Mamta Banerjee was given the award at the "Ravi Pranam" function organised by the government's information and culture department on the occasion of Rabindranath Tagore's birth anniversary.

Sports News

1. Abhinav Deshwal has won the second gold medal for India in which games at the ongoing 24th Deaflympics in Caxias do Sul, Brazil ____ **Shooting**.

Note:

- He was tied with silver winning Ukrainian Oleksii Lazebnyk before winning gold in a shoot-off.
- India has four medals in the shooting competition at the 24th Deaflympics.
- Men's 10m air rifle: Dhanush Srikanth (Gold); Shourya Saini (Bronze)
- Women's 10m air pistol: Vedika Sharma(Bronze)

2. Who has won the inaugural Miami Grand Prix for Red Bull after defeating the Ferrari rival Charles Leclerc ____ **Max Verstappen**.

Note:

- Leclerc (Ferrari) finished second and Spanish teammate Carlos Sainz (Ferrari) placed third in the Miami Grand Prix 2022.
3. Who has clinched the men's singles Madrid Open title 2022 after beating the defending champion Alexander Zverev (Germany) _____ **Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)**.

Note:

- Alcaraz has also defeated Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic (world No.1) to reach the final.
 - It is his second Masters 1000 crown after Miami 2022 and his fourth title of the year.
 - Ons Jabeur (Tunisia) has clinched women's singles title to become the first African player to win a WTA 1000 event.
4. Name the Indian Grandmaster who has won the first Chessable Sunway Formentera Open 2022 chess tournament in Punta Prima _____ **Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh**.

Note:

- GM Gukesh has defeated GM Haik M Martirosyan (Armenian) in the final round.
 - This is his third title after he had previously won the La Roda tournament and the Menorca Open.
 - He had defeated K Sasikiran (Indian) in the ninth and penultimate round.
5. Name the athlete who has smashed the national record to clinch a gold medal in the women's 100m hurdles at Limassol in Cyprus International Athletics Meeting 2022 with a timing of 13.23 seconds _____ **Jyothi Yarraji (from Andhra Pradesh)**.

Note:

- She break the 20-year-old national record (13.38 seconds) in the name of Anuradha Biswal in 2002.
 - Another Indian athlete Lili Das has also won gold in the women's 1500 meter race and Amlan Borgohain won the bronze medal in the men's 200m.
6. Name the Indian pistol pairs who clinched the mixed team pistol gold at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany _____ **Esha Singh and Saurabh Chaudhary**.

Note:

- The team of Palak and Sarabjot Singh has settled for the silver medal in the same event.
 - Ramita and Paarth Makhija also won silver in the 10m air rifle mixed team competition.
 - In all, India has so far won 10 medals, including four gold.
7. The Indian team of women archers Parneet Kaur, Aditi Swami, and Sakshi Chaudhary has won India's first gold medal of the continental meet after defeating Kazakhstan which is being held in which country _____ **Iraq**.

Note:

- The men's team of Prathamesh Fuge, Rishabh Yadav, and Jawkar Samadhan has won the second gold for India.
- The compound mixed duo of Prathmesh Fuge & Parneet Kaur won the third Gold Medal at Asia Archery Cup.
- Prathamesh Samadhan Jawkar has won the bronze medal in Asia Cup.

Books and Authors

1. Who is the editor of the 'INDO-PAK WAR 1971- Reminiscences of Air Warriors' book which was released by Rajnath Singh at the 37th Air Chief Marshal PC Lal Memorial Lecture _____ **Air Marshal Jagjeet Singh and Group Captain Shailendra Mohan**.

Note:

- The book has 50 Swarnim articles which are penned in detailed narrations by veterans.
- Air Chief Marshal PC Lal was commissioned in the IAF in 1939 and awarded the Padma Bhushan (1966) and Padma Vibhushan (1972).

Science and Defence

1. Name the scheme/portal which was launched by the Ministry of Home Affairs through Welfare & Rehabilitation Board (WARB) to facilitate retired Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) and Assam Rifle personnel _____ **'CAPF Punarvaas'**.

Note:

- This portal will help the retired personnel to find an appropriate job match by uploading their personal details on the WARB website.
 - MHA also runs a portal under Private Security Agencies Regulation Act (PSARA) for the registration of Private Security Agencies (PSAs).
2. Name the human-rated solid rocket booster which has been successfully tested by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for Gaganyaan at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh _____ **HS200**.

Note:

- HS200 is part of the Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle MkIII (GSLV Mk III) rocket that will carry Indian astronauts to space.
- Stages of GSLV MK III: The first stage is powered by solid fuel, the second by liquid fuel and the third by liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen.

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