

Weekly One-liners

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Dear readers,

Weekly One Liners Update is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the **first week** (1-7th) of **May 2022**. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. On which bank the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 1.12 crore for non-compliance _____ **Bank of Maharashtra**.
Note:
 - The RBI has also imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 25 lakh on Haryana State Co-operative Apex Bank Limited for non-compliance with its directions on Housing Finance.
 - RBI has also imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 12 lakh on Rajkot Nagarik Sahakari Bank Limited for non-compliance with 'Interest Rate on Deposits'.
2. Which regulatory body is planning to prepare a farmer distress index to identify, track, and support distressed farmers _____ **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)**.
Note:
 - Under this, the government and the financial institutions can decide on an appropriate package of support instead of a distress package for all the farmers across the board.
 - This index will not be uniform across the nation, as it will depend upon the place's stress levels.
3. Which bank has unveiled a pre-approved personal loan (PAPL) product under Project World of Advance Virtual Experience (WAVE) _____ **Indian Bank**.
Note:
 - Aims: To provide customers with instant loan disbursements.
 - The loan would carry an interest rate of 10% p.a. with no foreclosure charges.
 - The service is available for existing customers (regular income and pension accounts) and can be availed of through a mobile application, website, and internet banking facility.
4. Which life insurance company has signed up for the UN-supported Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) with the objective of sustainable growth and long term value creation _____ **HDFC Life**.
Note:
 - The Company currently has Assets Under Management of over Rs. 2 lakh crores.
 - The company focuses on better understanding the investment implications of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors.
5. Which General Insurance Company has announced to launch of its 'Pay as you Drive' program, this insurance offers distance-based insurance to reduce upfront costs of premium _____ **HDFC ERGO**.
Note:
 - The program will be available for owners of new Maruti Suzuki cars in selected cities up to May 14, 2022.
 - This program is applicable for 10,000 policies or ₹50 lacs of premium whichever happens earlier.
 - The driving distance will be measured with the help of a telematics device in the vehicle.
6. Which bank has partnered with Anthill Ventures (startup venture capital fund) and Headstart Network Foundation (evangelist network) to launch DBS Business Class founded _____ **DBS Bank**.
Note:
 - This forum will help modern-day founders, innovators, and game-changers to foster co-innovation and collaboration in the startup ecosystem.
 - The first event of DBS BusinessClass founded was held in Hyderabad with actor Rana Daggubati.
7. Which fintech API platform has joined hands with Yes Bank to expand the digital facility to a wide range of enterprises, including SMEs, fintech companies, and start-ups _____ **FidyPay**.

Note:

- The fintech platform will provide Yes Bank customers with a smooth connected banking experience as part of the partnership.
 - FidyPay will also serve as UPI services solution provider.
 - FidyPay is backed by Mr. Pratekk Agarwal (the former CBO of BharatPe) and Mr. Ram Pathade (CEO of Mahagram).
8. What is the maximum investment ceiling for insurance companies in the banking, financial services, and insurance (BFSI) sector has been set by The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai) _____ **30%**.

Note:

- The existing sectoral investment cap of 25% has been fully utilised by most insurance firms.
 - This will help insurance companies to take a higher exposure in the BFSI sector.
9. Which financial guarantee provider has signed an MoU with the Federation of Indian Micro and Small & Medium Enterprises (FISME) to set up a digital lending platform for MSMEs in the country _____ **Eqaro Surety**.

Note:

- The platform will provide collateral-free capital up to Rs 25 lakh to fulfil MSMEs need for urgent funds post due diligence of their businesses.
 - The credit for MSMEs would be backed by guarantees from Eqaro.
10. What is the current repo rate _____ **4.40%**.

Note:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has raised the Repo rate by 40 basis points to 4.40% and the cash reserve ratio (CRR) by 50 basis points to 4.50%.
 - To bring down the raised inflation to the desired level and tackle the impact of geopolitical tensions.
 - The hike in CRR by 50 bps will suck out Rs 87,000 crore from the banking system.
11. Which bank in association with the Additional Skill Acquisition Programme (ASAP) has launched 'skill loans' _____ **Canara Bank**.

Note:

- Under this facility, the loan is ranging from ₹5,000 to ₹1.5 lakh.
- This loan can be availed of by students who are pursuing skill training programmes which are offered by ASAP Kerala or any other Central or State government-recognised agencies.
- Collateral free loans will be provided to students and have a repayment period of three to seven years.

Obituaries

1. Salim Ghouse has passed away, was belong to which field _____ **Actor**.

Note:

- He made his debut with the film Swarg Narak in 1978 and acted in films like Charkha, Saransh, Manthan, Kalyug, Trikal, Aghaat, Drohi, Thiruda, Sardari Begum, Koyla, Soldier, Aks and several others.
- He also played the roles of Rama, Krishna, and Tipu Sultan in Shyam Benegal's TV Series Bharat Ek Khoj.
- He has also worked in Malayalam and Tamil films.

2. Tony Brooks has passed away, was belong to which sports _____ **Formula One**.

Note:

- He won six Formula One Grand Prix in the 1950s died at 90. He was known as a "Racing Dentist".
- He won his F1 debut at the non-championship 1955 Syracuse Grand Prix.

Important Days

1. International Labour Day is observed on which date _____ **1st of May**.

Note:

- Aim: To spread awareness about Labour's rights and mark their achievements.
- In India, the first Labour Day was celebrated by the Labour Kisan Party of Hindustan on May 1, 1923, in then Madras (now Chennai).
- May Day is also celebrated as the foundation day of Maharashtra Day and Gujarat Day.

2. World Tuna Day is being observed on which date every year globally _____ **2nd May**.

Note:

- Aim: Promoting the importance of sustainable fishing practices and educating people on how Tuna become endangered species due to high demand. UNGA has declared this day as World Tuna Day to create awareness to preserve species in 2016.
 - Tuna is an important source of Omega-3 and it also contains minerals, proteins, and vitamin B12, among other advantages.
3. World Asthma Day is observed every year on which date to spread awareness and care about asthma in the world ____ **first Tuesday of May.**
- Note:**
- This year the theme is 'Closing Gaps in Asthma Care'.
4. World Press Freedom Day is observed globally on which date every year ____ **3rd May.**
- Note:**
- It is also known as World Press Day.
 - This year's World Press Freedom Day theme "Journalism under digital siege".
5. Coal Miners Day is observed on which date every year to honour the coal miners ____ **4th May.**
- Note:**
- The day is celebrated to highlight the contributions of coal miners in meeting our energy demands.
6. International Firefighter's Day is observed every year on which date to pay respect to those firefighting experts who have lost their lives in the line of duty ____ **May 4.**
- Note:**
- A tragic incident in Australia's Linton led to the establishment of International Firefighters Day.
 - This historical accident happened on December 02, 1998, which led to the taking of the lives of 5 firefighters.
 - Therefore, a proposal was passed on January 04, 1999, to honour the firefighters who lost their lives on duty.
7. World Hand Hygiene Day (WHHD) is annually observed across the globe on which date to maintain global promotion, visibility, and sustainability of hand hygiene in health care ____ **May 5.**
- Note:**
- Theme – "health care quality and safety climate or culture"
 - The slogan is "Unite for safety: clean your hands".
8. International No Diet Day 2022 is celebrated all over the world on which date ____ **6 May.**
- Note:**
- On this day, people are made aware of body acceptance, leaving aside behaviour like body shaming, which includes people of all shapes and sizes
 - In the year 1992, International No Diet Day was celebrated for the first time in the UK by British lady Mary Evans.

New Appointments

1. Who has been appointed as managing director and chief executive officer Shivalik Small Finance Bank ____ **Anshul Swami.**
- Note:**
- The appointment of Swami has already been approved by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
 - He has replaced Suveer Kumar Gupta, who is a co-founder of the bank. Prior to Shivalik SFB, he was worked with RBL Bank as Head – Retail & Inclusion, Products.
2. Who has been appointed as the chief national rifle coach by National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) ____ **Joydeep Karmakar.**
- Note:**
- He will oversee Indian continent till 2025, including the Paris Olympics 2024. He had missed a bronze medal by a whisker in men's 50-metre rifle prone event at 2012 London Olympics.
 - He has been running his own shooting academy in Kolkata since 2015. NRAI was founded in 1951 to promote and popularize the shooting sports in India.
3. Who has been appointed as the first-ever Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), first line of defense for the United States ____ **Nand Mulchandani.**
- Note:**

- Prior to this, he served as the CTO and acting director of the Joint Artificial Intelligence Centre under US Department of Defence.
 - He served as the CEO of multiple successful startups like Oblix (acquired by Oracle), Determina, OpenDNS and ScaleXtreme.
4. Who has been appointed as the advisor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi ____ **Tarun Kapoor (Retired Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer and former Petroleum Secretary).**
- Note:**
- He will superannuate as the secretary of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas on November 30, 2021.
 - Apart from him, Senior bureaucrats Hari Ranjan Rao and Atish Chandra have been appointed as the additional secretaries in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).
5. Who has been appointed as the ex-officio member of the monetary policy committee by RBI's central board ____ **Rajiv Ranjan.**
- Note:**
- He replaced Mridul Saggar, who retired last month.
 - Prior to this, he was an advisor in-charge in the monetary policy department, before he was elevated as an executive director.
 - MPC is a 6-member body and is headed by RBI governor. There are 3 members from RBI and 3 members nominated by Govt.
6. Who has been given additional charge of Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) for a period of three months or till a regular Chairman is appointed ____ **Sangeeta Singh.**
- Note:**
- She has replaced JB Mohapatra who retired as the head of the direct taxes administration body on April 30.
 - She is currently holding charge of Audit and Judicial and an additional charge of Income Tax and Revenue and Tax Payers services.
7. Who has been elected to the Board of Directors as a Class B director of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York ____ **Arvind Krishna (IBM Chairman and CEO).**
- Note:**
- He will remain in the office for the remaining portion of a three-year term ending December 31, 2023.
 - He has been an undergraduate from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur and a PhD from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
 - He was senior VP of Cloud and Cognitive Software and also headed IBM Research.
8. Who has assumed charge as Secretary of Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) ____ **Alkesh Kumar Sharma.**
- Note:**
- Prior to this, he served as the Additional Secretary and Secretary in Cabinet Secretariat.
 - He was also chairman of Indian Highways Management Company and implemented FASTAG system of toll collection. Minister of Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY): Ashwini Vaishnaw.
9. Who has taken over as the Managing Director of TVS Motor Company ____ **Sudarshan Venu.**
- Note:**
- Prior to this, he was the Joint Managing Director of the company. His elevation coincides with the appointment of Prof Sir Ralf Dieter Speth as the Chairman of the company.
 - He succeeded Venu Srinivasan, who has become the Chairman Emeritus of the company. TVS Motor Company: Indian motorcycle manufacturer headquartered in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. It is the 3rd largest motorcycle company in India

Important News – India

1. What percent of Pharma exports of India have been recorded since 2013-14 to 2021-22 ____ **103%.**
- Note:**
- 90, 415 crores rupees in 2013-14 to 1,83,422 crores rupees in 2021-22. The export of Pharma Sector has performed best export performance in 2021-22.
 - The exports grew by almost 10 billion US dollars in 8 years. The pharma exports in 2021-22 have shown positive growth despite the drop in demand for COVID-related medicines and global trade disruptions.

2. With which country India has signed Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) on 18 February 2022 which is officially entered into force ____ **UAE**.

Note:

- BVR Subrahmanyam (Secretary, Department of Commerce) has flagged off the first consignment of goods comprising Jewellery products from India to UAE.
- The agreement is expected to escalate the total value of bilateral trade in goods and trade in services to over US\$100 billion and US\$ 15 billion respectively, within five years.

3. What is the Revenue collection of GST in the month of April 2022 ____ **Rs 1,67,540**.

Note:

- The gross revenue collection of Goods and Services Tax (GST) in the month of April 2022 is Rs 1,67,540 crore out of which CGST is Rs 33,159 crores, SGST is Rs 41,793 crores, IGST is Rs 81,939 crores.
- The gross GST collection in April 2022 is Rs 25,000 crores more than the collection in March 2022 (Rs. 1,42,095 crores). This is the tenth month in a row that the GST revenues have crossed Rs 1 lakh crore mark.

4. Who has launched the MSME Sustainable Zero Defect Zero Effect (ZED) Certification Scheme ____ **Narayan Rane (Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises)**.

Note:

- MSMEs will get subsidies as per the following structure, on the cost of ZED certification - Micro Enterprises: 80%; Small Enterprises: 60%; Medium Enterprises: 50%
- An additional subsidy of 10% for the MSMEs owned by Women/SC/ST Entrepreneurs OR MSMEs in NER/Himalayan/LWE/Island territories/aspirational districts.

5. Which software developer company has signed a pact with Ministry of Railways for the modernization of Telecommunication in Indian Railways for Public Safety and Security Services ____ **Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)**.

Note:

- It will be done using the LTE-R following world standards, 5G Use Cases in Indian Railways in line with Make in India policy, Internet of Things, Unified Network Management System, Network Management System, Chatting application, Routers and Switches.

6. In which campus Union Minister for Home and Cooperation, Amit Shah has inaugurated National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID) ____ **Bengaluru campus**.

Note:

- We should have an in-built mechanism for continuous up-gradation and will create a database of modes operandi of various crimes committed within the country. It will be available to 11 central agencies and police of all States and Union Territories.
- Technology partner: C-DAC, Pune.

7. Which force has launched a focused effort under "Operation Satark" from 5th April to 30th April 2022 ____ **Railway Protection Force(RPF)**.

Note:

- Aim: Taking action against illicit liquor/FICN/illegal tobacco products/unaccounted gold and any other items which are being transported through the railway network for the purpose of tax evasion and smuggling.
- RPF is an armed force under the ownership of the Indian Railways, Ministry of Railways.

8. Which government agency had designed and established a "Health Cloud" at Visakhapatnam premises of Andhra Pradesh Med Tech Zone (AMTZ) ____ **The RailTel Corporation of India Ltd.**

Note:

- AMTZ is the world's first integrated medical device manufacturing hub.
- The "Health Cloud" has been inaugurated by Louise Agersnap (Head of WHO Innovation Hub).
- Health Cloud can also be operationalised on wheels and can dispense the medicines by Health ATM through Mobile App having a digital payment interface.

9. Who has addressed the inaugural session of Jain International Trade Organisation's - JITO Connect 2022 by video conferencing ____ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**.

Note:

- JITO is a global organisation which connects Jains all over the world.

- JITO Connect is an attempt to help businesses and industries by providing a direction for mutual networking and personal interactions. This is a three-day event being organized at Gangadham Annex, Pune from 6th May 2022.
10. The second phase of the mandatory hallmarking of Gold Jewellery and Gold Artefacts will come into effect on which date _____ **June 1, 2022.**

Note:

- This phase will cover additional three caratages of gold jewellery and artefacts - 20 carats, 23 carats and 24 carats.
 - BIS also has made a provision to permit a consumer to get the purity of their unhallmarked gold jewellery tested at any of the BIS recognized Assaying and Hallmarking Centres.
11. What is the speed of Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) train sets are being manufactured under Make In India initiative _____ **180 km per hour.**

Note:

- India's first semi-high-speed train set for Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) has been handed over to National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) at Alstom's Savli plant in Gujarat.
 - It will be brought to Duhai Depot in Uttar Pradesh. Implementing agency of India's first RRTS corridor between Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut: NCRTC.
12. Which company has approached the Competition Commission of India (CCI) for a merger of Air India with Air Asia India _____ **Tata Sons.**

Note:

- AirAsia India was launched as a joint venture between the Tatas and Malaysia's AirAsia Group. Tatas had raised its stake in AirAsia India to 83.67% in December 2020.
 - In January 2022, Tata acquired Air India and Air India Express. Tata group aviation companies: Air India, Air India Express, Vistara, AirAsia India and Air India SATS Airport Services
13. With which company L&T Infotech has announced a merger to create India's fifth-largest IT services provider _____ **Mindtree.**

Note:

- This combined entity will be known as LTIMindtree. This proposed integration will see Mindtree and LTI join strengths to create an efficient and scaled up IT services provider exceeding USD 3.5 billion
 - It will create a more distinctive employee value proposition.
14. Which ministry has signed MoU with Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI) to promote renewable energy thereby moving towards a carbon neutral economy in Delhi _____ **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).**

Note:

- This MoU envisages collaboration between the two parties for jointly undertaking installation of Solar Rooftop PV Power Plants.
 - Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) has estimated the total solar power potential of 71.68 MWs in the campuses of CAPFs & NSG.
15. Which force has signed MoU with Association for Voluntary Action (AVA) for a trafficking free nation _____ **Railway Protection Force (RPF).**

Note:

- It will enhance the scale, reach and effectiveness of Operation AAHT (Action against Human Trafficking) launched by RPF across the nation.
 - RPF is entrusted with the responsibility of security of railway property, passenger area and passengers.
 - RPF has also set up Anti Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs) at more than 740 locations across India
16. Who has inaugurated National Seminar titled 'Indian Cinema and Soft Power' in Mumbai _____ **Shekhar Kapoor (Renowned Film Director).**

Note:

- Organized by: Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR).
- Key topics: Cinematic colonialism, Indian Cinema as a Vehicle of spreading awareness about idea of India abroad, regional cinema and its global influence, Indian cinema's engagement with foreign audience, global influence of Indian cinematic music.

17. In association with which institute the first International Research Conference on Insolvency and Bankruptcy was organised by the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) _____ **Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA).**

Note:

- Rao Inderjit Singh (Minister of State for Statistics and Programme Implementation) has highlighted the journey of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), 2016.
- Chairperson of IBBI: Dr. Navrang Saini

18. In which state Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya has inaugurated a three-day Swasthya Chintan Shivir (Health Summit) _____ **Kevadiya in Gujarat.**

Note:

- Aim: Detailed discussion on various topics and policies related to the health sector and recommend ways and means for better implementation of these policies/programmes.
- This summit is being organized as a part of the 14th Convention of the Central Council of Health and Family Welfare (CCHFW).

19. Who has inaugurated Conference of Cluster-Based Business Organizations (CBBOs) and Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) under Scheme of Formation and Promotion of 10,000 FPOs at Birla Auditorium in Jaipur _____ **Union Minister, Kailash Choudhary.**

Note:

- Focus areas: expectations from CBBOs, Knowledge sharing by CBBOs on best practices, discussion on Training and Capacity Building of Stakeholders, and Open discussion on various issues/ suggestions.

20. India will be the Official 'Country of Honour' in which upcoming film festival _____ **Marche' Du Film in France.**

Note:

- The festival will be organised from 17th May 2022. This is for the first time when such an honour is being bestowed on any country.
- The theme of the India Pavilion 2022 is 'India the Content Hub of the World'. R Madhavan's film 'Rocketry: The Nambi Effect', based on the life of Nambi Narayanan will also premiere.

21. According to the annual report on Vital Statistics based on the Civil Registration System report 2020, which state/ UT has recorded the highest sex ratio at birth in the country in 2020 _____ **Ladakh (1104).**

Note:

- Followed by Arunachal Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Tripura and Kerala.
- Lowest sex ratio at birth: Manipur (880) followed by D& N Haveli & Daman & Diu (898) and Gujarat (909).
- Published by: The Registrar General of India (Ministry of Home Affairs)

Important News – State

1. In which district CM Nitish Kumar has inaugurated India's first ethanol plant in Bihar _____ **Purnia district.**

Note:

- The plant has been set up by Eastern India Biofuels Private Limited at a cost of ₹105 crores. Bihar came up with an ethanol production promotion policy in the first half of 2021.
- It is the country's first grain-based ethanol plant. Ethanol production will help to reduce the cost of petrol and generate fresh employment opportunities in the state.

2. In which state/UT Mega Health Festival has been inaugurated _____ **Puducherry.**

Note:

- Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan (LG of Puducherry) and CM N. Rangasamy have inaugurated a Mega Health Festival, which is jointly organised by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Puducherry Health and Family Welfare Services Department.
- The Mela is being organised at the Puducherry Rock Beach. Super-speciality medical consultation to the common public would be given free of cost.

3. Which state government has signed an MoU with ISMC Analog Fab Private Limited (Israel-based) for setting up a semiconductor fab plant in the state at a cost of Rs 22,900 crore (USD 3 billion) _____ **Karnataka.**

Note:

- The project will be implemented over a period of seven years and generate 1,500 jobs. The ISMC has also requested 150 acres of land in Mysuru's Kochanahalli Industrial area.
 - Karnataka Governor: Thawar Chand Gehlot; Chief minister: Basavaraj Bommai
4. Which state government cabinet has approved to set up of a gene bank project in the state to conserve native and endangered animals and biological species _____ **Maharashtra**.

Note:

- The Gene Bank will work on freshwater, grassland biodiversity, protection, marine, crop, veterinary, and management of forest right areas, and regeneration of forests.
 - An amount of ₹172.39 crores will be spent on these seven focus areas. The project will be implemented by the Maharashtra State Biodiversity Board (MSBB).
5. Who has inaugurated the Maharashtra MSME Expo 2022 in Mumbai _____ **Narayan Rane (Union Minister for MSME)**.

Note:

- The MSME sector contributes 50% of the country's total exports and 30% to economic growth. MSME will set up 37 clusters in Maharashtra in the next two years.
 - During an event, he also launched the magazine 'Maharashtra MSME Achievers'. The event was organized in collaboration with the MSME ministry and MSME Development Organization named "Zhep, Udyoginichi" and "We MSME".
6. In which sports person native village Khandra, Panipat, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has announced to build a stadium _____ **Neeraj Chopra**.

Note:

- A stadium would cost ₹10 crores to the government. In 2021, Chopra (Javelin thrower) became the first Indian to win a gold medal in the Olympic track and field.
 - Khelo India Youth Games-2021 will be organised by the Haryana Government from June 4 to June 13.
7. Which state government has launched a doorstep delivery scheme named Mukhyamantri Mitaa Yojna (Mitaa stands for a friend) _____ **Chhattisgarh**.

Note:

- The scheme will be implemented as a pilot project in 14 civic bodies.
 - Citizens of Chhattisgarh can avail around 100 public services, including delivery of birth, caste, income and marriage certificates, at their doorstep under a new scheme launched by the state government.
8. Which state government has announced the extension of insurance coverage to handloom and power loom weavers under 'Nethanna Bima' (Weaver's Insurance) Scheme _____ **Telangana Government**.

Note:

- The State Government has extended the insurance coverage of 5 lakh rupees for weavers under the Insurance Scheme on par with Rythu Bima insurance scheme.
 - The insurance coverage would be extended to weavers in the age group of 18 to 59 years.
 - Telangana Governor: Tamilisai Soundararajan; CM: K. Chandrashekar Rao
9. Which state government has launched a Vehicle Movement Tracking System (VMTS) mobile app to track the vehicles carrying sand and other mining material _____ **Haryana**.

Note:

- The app will be used at different checkpoints in all the districts of Haryana.
 - All vehicle details including vehicle type, vehicle number, moving from, moving to, and driver details will be stored in it.
 - The non-registered individual will not be permitted to enter the zone of sand mining.
10. Which state has launched the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) for 18,000 registered farmers under Horticulture Department for Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER), Phase- III (2020-23) _____ **Manipur**.

Note:

- DBT of Rs. 11,250 per farmer, for the components of assistance for on-farm input for both 1st year and 2nd year and for off-farm inputs production for 1st was transferred to the individual registered farmer's account.
11. By which year Delhi government has set a target to encourage, facilitate, and support 15,000 startups _____ **2030**.

Note:

- The Delhi cabinet has approved the "Delhi Startup Policy" with an aim to create an ecosystem for people to launch startups and provide them with fiscal and non-fiscal incentives, collateral-free loans, and free consultancy from experts, lawyers, and CA.
- The 20 members task force will be set up including government officials and experts from business and trade.

12. Which state has come up with an observatory that will establish a repository on the health of the tribal population in the state ____ **Odisha**.

Note:

- This will be India's only tribal health observatory. An MoU was signed between the ST and SC Development Department and the RMRC (Regional centre of ICMR).
- It will perform systematic and ongoing observation on disease burden, health-seeking behaviour and healthcare delivery system pertaining to tribal health in the state.

Important News – World

1. Which country has discovered a new gas field with the capacity to produce 20 million cubic feet of gas per day (MMCFD) at the Koilastila Gas field ____ **Bangladesh**.

Note:

- Koilastila Gas Field is one of the five gas fields which was purchased from the Shell Oil company by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in 1975.
- Now, it is possible to supply 17-19 million cubic feet of gas daily to the national grid from the newly discovered well number 6 by May 10.

2. Name the plan which was launched by the United Nations to catalyze large-scale action and support needed for transition to clean, affordable energy for all and net-zero emissions ____ **UN-Energy Plan of Action Towards 2025**.

Note:

- Energy Compact Action Network was also launched to match those govt seeking support for their clean energy goals with those govt and businesses that have pledged over \$600 billion
- It sets out a framework for collective action by nearly 30 UN and international organizations

3. What is the rank of India in Reporters Without Borders (RSF) which has released the 20th World Press Freedom Index 2022 ____ **150th**.

Note:

- Index topped by: Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Estonia, and Finland
- India's neighbouring countries: India (150th, falls 8 positions), Pakistan (157th), Sri Lanka (146th), Bangladesh (162nd), and Maynmar(176th)
- North Korea is placed at the bottom of the list of the 180 countries.

4. How many Indian universities have been placed in the top 300 universities in the world in the 2022 edition of Impact Rankings ____ **8**.

Note:

- The ranking is topped by Western Sydney University (Australia); followed by Arizona State University (The US), Western University (Canada).
- In India: Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham (41st), Lovely Professional University (74th).
- The Times Higher Education (THE) also publishes THE World University Rankings.

Honor & Awards

1. Which TV network has won ENBA Award 2021 for the best in-depth Hindi series for its TV series based on pet care 'Best Friend Forever' at 14th edition of the Exchange4media News Broadcasting Awards (ENBA) ____ **Doordarshan**.

Note:

- Best Friend Forever: Half-an-hour weekly live phone-in show on DD National
- Here, two pet experts guide people on how to take care of their pets, about their food, nutrition, routine health check-ups, vaccination and other pet related issues.

2. Name the startup of Bengaluru-based neo banking startup which has become the country's 100th unicorn after raising \$50 Mn from IIFL ____ **Open**.

Note:

- Open operates neobank that offers small and medium-sized businesses as well as enterprises nearly all the features of the bank with additional tools to better serve the customer's needs.
- Co-founder and chief executive of Open: Anish Achuthan
- The company is led by Google, Temasek, Visa, and Japan's SoftBank Investments.

3. Who has been awarded World Food Prize 2022 ____ **Cynthia Rosenzweig**.

Note:

- She is an agronomist and climatologist and spent much of her career explaining how global food production must adapt to a changing climate
- She was awarded \$250,000 prize in recognition of her innovative modeling of the impact of climate change on food production. She is a senior research scientist at the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies.

Sports News

1. India has won a silver medal at the second Asian Girls Youth Beach Handball Championship which was held in which country ____ **Bangkok**.

Note:

- The team of Indian girls has defeated Hong Kong. India was represented by Anushka Chauhan, Jassi, Sanjana Kumari, Chetna Devi, Vanshika Mehta, and Isha Majumdar.
- With this medal, the team also earned a spot in the World Youth Beach Handball Championship. The senior women's team has finished with a bronze.

2. Who has become the first Indian to win a gold medal at IWF Junior World Championships 2022 in Heraklion, Greece ____ **Harshada Sharad Garud**.

Note:

- She lifted 153-kilogram in the 45-kg weight category, that included 70 kg in Snatch and 83 kg in Clean and Jerk to finish on top of the podium.
- Turkey's Bektas Cansu bagged silver medal and Moldova's Teodora-Luminita Hincu won the bronze medal.

3. Which team has defeated the 32-time champion West Bengal in a penalty shootout to win its 75th Santhosh Trophy National Tournament for the seventh time at the Payyanad Stadium in Malappuram, Kerala ____ **Kerala**.

Note:

- This is the first time that Kerala has won on home soil since 1993. Player of the Tournament: Jijo Joseph (Midfielder, Kerala)
- Top goalscorer: Jesin Tk. Thonikkara (Forward, Kerala), 9 goals; Best goalkeeper: Priyant Singh (West Bengal)

4. Which university has won the 2nd edition of the Khelo India University Games 2021 with 20 gold, 7 silver and 5 bronze medals ____ **JAIN University(Deemed-to-be University)**.

Note:

- Lovely Professional University (LPU) with 17 golds has placed second and Punjab University placed third with 15 gold medals. Siva Sridhar has emerged as the star swimmer by winning 11 gold.
- The closing ceremony of KIUG was held at Sri Kanteerava Outdoor Stadium, Bengaluru.

5. Who has won his seventh World Snooker Championship crown after beating Judd Trump (English snooker player) by 18-13 ____ **Ronnie O'Sullivan (English snooker player)**.

Note:

- With this win, he has been equalled Stephen Hendry's modern-day record of seven world titles. O'Sullivan has won his first world title in 2001.
- He has also claimed snooker's biggest prize in 2004, 2008, 2012, 2013 and 2020 before his triumph over the Bristolian.

6. Which Olympian discus thrower player has been suspended by Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) for testing positive for a banned substance ____ **Kamalpreet Kaur**.

Note:

- The AIU has found the presence/use of the prohibited substance anabolic steroid called stanozolol in her sample. Kaur had finished sixth with a throw of 63.7m in the Tokyo Olympics final.

- Stanazolol was used by sprinter Ben Johnson during the Seoul Olympics in 1988.
7. Who has won gold in the men's 10m air rifle competition in the 24th Deaflympics at Caxias do Sul, Brazil ____ **Shooter Dhanush Srikanth.**
- Note:**
- Shourya Saini has also won the bronze in the same event.
 - Later, the Indian badminton team also won gold after beating Japan by 3-1 in the final to make it a double celebration for the country.
 - Vedika Sharma won the bronze medal in the 10 m air pistol at the ongoing Deaflympics 2021 in Caxias do Sol, Brazil.
8. Which cricket team has been ranked as the world's number one in ICC T20 team ranking ____ **India cricket team.**
- Note:**
- New Zealand has bagged the top spot in the ODI rankings, followed by England, Australia, and India.
 - Men's Test Team Rankings: Australia, India, and New Zealand
 - International Cricket Council Chairman: Greg Barclay; CEO: Geoff Allardice; Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates
9. In which state Khelo India Youth Games 2021 will be held ____ **Haryana.**
- Note:**
- Mascot, Logo and Jersey and theme song of Khelo India Youth Games were launched in a special ceremony held at Indra Dhanush Stadium in Panchkula, Haryana.
 - The Mascot and theme was launched by Haryana's Chief Minister Manohar Lal along with Union Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Anurag Thakur.

Books and Authors

1. Who is the author of Marathi book on Union Home Minister Amit Shah that chronicles his political journey ____ **Dr. Anirban Ganguly and Shivanand Dwivedi.**
- Note:**
- Devendra Fadnavis (Maharashtra BJP leader) has released a book titled 'Amit Shah Ani Bhajapachi Vatchal' records the life and journey of Shah and his contribution to building the BJP. The book has been translated into Marathi by Dr. Jyostna Kolhatkar.
 - The book is published by Bloomsbury India.

Science and Defence

1. By which year the Indian Space Research Organisation is planning to launch a spacecraft to orbit Venus with an orbital manoeuvre ____ **by December 2024.**
- Note:**
- To study the Venus atmosphere.
 - The Orbital manoeuvre is the use of propulsion systems to change the orbit of a spacecraft. It permits a spacecraft to enter a planet's orbit.
 - ISRO eyeing the December 2024 window as Earth and Venus would be aligned in a manner so that the minimum amount of propellant would be required.
2. Which division of the Indian Army has signed an MoU with the State Bank of India Foundation (SIBF) and training partner National Integrity and Educational Development Organization (NIEDO) to establish a Centre for Excellence and wellness ____ **Red Shield Division.**
- Note:**
- The project is named Manipur Super 50 and will be fully functional for the first batch of 50 students by the first week of July 2022.
 - Aim: To provide residential coaching for competitive examinations including the NEET and JEE.
3. Name the exercise which organised by the United States Armed Forces to build preparedness and interoperability between Allies and partners of the USA and NATO ____ **DEFENDER-Europe 22.**
- Note:**

- Poland is one of the DE22 host countries and conduct training in Drawsko Pomorskie, Bemowo Piskie and Zagan.
 - Apart from Polish troops, the forces from the USA, France, Sweden, Germany, Denmark and Great Britain will also participate
 - The exercises are scheduled to run from May 1-27.
4. Which government agency has commissioned its second Air Squadron, 845 Squadron (CG) at the Coast Guard Air Enclave at Nedumbassery in Kochi _____ **Indian Coast Guard.**

Note:

- The new Air Squadron was commissioned by Coast Guard Director General V S Pathania.
- It is equipped with indigenously developed Advanced Mark III (ALH Mark III) helicopters.
- This second squadron of these choppers will boost the security of the western seaboard and enhance India's search and rescue capability.

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