

# Weekly One-liners

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## Weekly One Liners Updates 22 -30th April 2022

Dear readers,

**Weekly One Liners Update** is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the fourth week (22-30th) of April 2022. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway** & Insurance exams.

### **Banking & Financial Awareness**

1. What are the total enrolments (subscribers) under Atal Pension Yojana (APY) Scheme as of March 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Over 4.01 crore.**  
**Note:**
  - Around 71% of the enrolments are done by PSBs, 19% by RRBs, 6% by Private Sector Banks, and 3% by Payment and Small Finance Banks.
  - Banks like State Bank of India, Indian Bank, Bank of India, BoB, and Central Bank of India have achieved their annual targets in the Public-sector Bank category.
2. Which payment bank has launched a joint initiative named Fincluvation to collaborate with the Fintech Startup community \_\_\_\_\_  
**India Post Payments Bank (IPPB).**  
**Note:**
  - To co-create and innovate solutions for financial inclusion.
  - Start-ups will develop solutions and tailored products and services for customers.
3. According to the 2022 edition of the Chiratae-Zinnov India SaaS report titled, "India SaaS - Punching Through the Global Pecking Order, by which year the Indian SaaS (Software As A Service) industry is set to clock in \$100 billion in revenues \_\_\_\_ **2026.**  
**Note:**
  - The industry in India is witnessing a 'coming-of-age' moment, "with an incredible bull run that has firmly anchored its position on the global stage
  - Indian SaaS witnessed massive growth at approx 55 per cent CAGR in 2021.
4. In which country BHIM UPI has been activated by NPCI International Payments Ltd at NEOPAY terminals \_\_\_\_\_ **UAE.**  
**Note:**
  - This initiative will empower millions of Indians who travel to the UAE to safely and conveniently make payments using BHIM UPI across NEOPAY-enabled shops and merchant stores.
  - NEOPAY is the payment subsidiary of Mashreq Bank.
5. The Reserve Bank of India has issued new guidelines for the Credit card and debit cards company, these guidelines will come into effect from \_\_\_\_\_ **July 1, 2022.**  
**Note:**
  - The RBI has asked card companies not to issue unsolicited credit cards or upgrade existing cards without the explicit consent of the customer/
  - Failing which they would be liable to pay double the amount billed as a penalty.
6. For which type of banks, the RBI has extended the guidelines on Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) to large borrowers \_\_\_\_ **NBFCs and Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks (UCBs).**  
**Note:**
  - The RBI further advised that non-individual borrowers enjoying aggregate exposure of ₹5 crores and above from banks and financial institutions (FIs) shall be required to obtain LEI codes as per the given timeline.
  - The Legal Entity Identifier is a 20-digit number used to uniquely identify parties to financial transactions globally.
7. Who is the head of the advisory committee on market data that recommends policy measures pertaining to areas like securities market data access and privacy \_\_\_\_\_ **M S Sahoo.**  
**Note:**
  - The panel will now have 21 members.

- Nithin Kamath; Ranjit Pawar; Sreekanth Nadella; Suhas Tuljapurkar are also included in the committee.

8. Which bank has signed a pact with the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) and the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) for tax collection \_\_\_\_\_ **Dhanlaxmi Bank**.

**Note:**

- The bank has been authorised by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) based on recommendation from the Controller General of Accounts for collection of various taxes.
- This MoU will help customers to pay their direct taxes and GST payments and other indirect taxes through the branch network and digital platforms of the bank.

9. Which payment bank has partnered with IndusInd Bank to offer fixed deposit (FD) facilities to its customers \_\_\_\_\_ **Airtel Payments Bank**.

**Note:**

- A customer can open FD of Rs 500 up to Rs 190,000 on the Airtel Thanks app.
- With this partnership, customers of Airtel Payments Bank savings account will get an interest rate of up to 6.5 %p.a. and senior citizens will get an additional 0.5% on all fixed deposits.

10. Which IT company has expanded its strategic partnership with SBI Cards to power digital transformation \_\_\_\_\_ **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)**.

**Note:**

- TCS had helped the SBI cards to transform its core cards sourcing platform and digitized a significant portion of the process.
- TCS will digitalize and transform the online onboarding processes to enable a faster turnaround and frictionless experience.

11. Which fintech company has collaborated with Bajaj Finance to introduce a fixed deposit feature on its platform by adding a new icon for an improved customer experience \_\_\_\_\_ **FinMapp**.

**Note:**

- The fintech firm is offering an interest rate of 7.35% on the fixed deposit of app users.
- FinMapp offers multiple tenures to choose from for their fixed deposits of 15, 18, 22, 30, 33, and 44 months, or opt for one, three, and five years, respectively.

12. Which country has topped in the real-time transactions in 2021 as per the ACI Worldwide Report \_\_\_\_\_ **India**.

**Note:**

- India has extended to 48.6 billion in 2021.
- India's transaction volume is seven times greater than the combined volumes of Germany, USA, UK, Canada, and France.
- Top Five countries: India(48.6 billion); China (18.5 billion); Thailand(9.7 billion); Brazil(8.7 billion); South Korea (7.4 billion)

13. What is the name of the contactless keychain which was launched by Pencilton (teen-focused fintech) \_\_\_\_\_ **PencilKey**.

**Note:**

- Launched in a partnership with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Transcorp.
- Users can load money, check spends, block/unblock the account, set limits on their card through the Pencilton app, and can buy their PencilKey and PencilCard for ₹150 and ₹100 respectively.

14. What is the new feature launched by the Bank of Baroda on its bob World mobile banking platform for seniors and the elderly \_\_\_\_\_ **bob World Gold**.

**Note:**

- It is a unique digital banking platform that has been designed to provide its senior customers with a simple, smooth and secure mobile banking experience.
- This platform has easy navigation, large fonts, sufficient spacing and clear menus.

15. For which programme, the World Bank has approved a USD 47 million financial support to the Government of India \_\_\_\_\_ **the Mission Karmayog**.

**Note:**

- The loan of \$47 million provided from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) has a final maturity of 11 years, including a grace period of 4.5 years.
- Mission Karmayogi was launched by Union Cabinet on 2nd September 2020.

16. What is the additional funding that has been approved by the Union Cabinet for India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) \_\_\_\_\_ **Rs. 820 crores**.

**Note:**

- with this grant, the project outlay for setting up of India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has been revised from Rs.1435 crore to Rs.2255 crore.
- The Cabinet has also granted in-principle approval for a future fund of Rs.500 crore for meeting regulatory requirements and technological upgradation.

17. What per cent the government offers interest subvention annually to banks on short-term crop loans up to Rs 3 lakh to farmers at an interest rate of 7%p.a \_\_\_\_ **2%**.

**Note:**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has amended norms for banks to claim the amount of interest subvention which is provided to farmers under the short-term crop loan scheme through Kisan Credit Card (KCC).
- Pending claims for the 2021-22 FY can be submitted by June 30, 2023, by the statutory auditor's certification.

18. Which bank has launched India's first comprehensive digital ecosystem for all Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the country, which can also be used by the customers of other banks \_\_\_\_ **ICICI Bank**.

**Note:**

- Anyone can use the benefits of digital solutions on the InstaBIZ app.
- MSMEs customers of other banks can avail of a host of services by logging in as a 'Guest' in the app.
- It provides sanctions of instant and paperless overdraft facility up to Rs 25 lakh through 'InstaOD Plus'.

### Obituaries

1. K Sankaranarayanan passed away, was related to which field \_\_\_\_ **Politics**.

**Note:**

- He served as governor of Maharashtra, Nagaland, and Jharkhand during his career.
- He had also held additional charges of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Goa as Governor.

2. Mwai Kibaki passed away, was related to which field \_\_\_\_ **Former president of Kenya**.

**Note:**

- He led the country from 2002 to 2013. During his rule, more than 1,100 people died in bloody ethnic battles after disputed 2007 polls, but to prevent such unrest he adopted a new constitution with reforms.
- His rule was ruined by uncontrolled corruption and lavish spending on flagship projects which increased the country's debt.

3. Padma Shri awardee Binapani Mohanty has passed away, was related to which field \_\_\_\_ **Noted writer of Odisha**

**Note:**

- Her many short stories have been translated into various languages (including: Hindi, English, Kannada, Marathi).
- Her collection of short stories 'Pata Dei' has won Sahitya Akademi award. She also received Sarala Samman from the Government of Odisha.

4. James Dringwell Rymbai has passed away, was a former CM of which state \_\_\_\_ **Meghalaya**.

**Note:**

- He had entered into electoral politics in 1982 and contested elections to the legislative assembly from the Jirang constituency successfully.
- He was elected the speaker of the Meghalaya Assembly in 1993 and became the CM in 2006 till March 2007.

5. Mamannamana Vijayan has passed away, was related to which field \_\_\_\_ **Biology (Structural biologist)**.

**Note:**

- He was a former president of the Indian National Science Academy (INSA) from 2008 to 2010.
- He has been honoured with SS Bhatnagar Award, Ranbaxy Award, OP Bhasin Award, and also the first GN Ramachandran Medal by Indian Science Congress Association and was also awarded Padma Shri in 2004.

6. Elvera Britto has passed away, was related to which sports \_\_\_\_ **Hockey (Former Indian women's hockey team captain)**.

**Note:**

- Elvera led Karnataka's domestic team to win seven national titles. She ruled the domestic circuit from 1960 to 1967.
- She is the second women hockey player to be conferred with the Arjuna Award(1965) after Anne Lumsden.

### Important Days

1. On which date, World Earth Day is observed every year \_\_\_\_\_ **April 22.**

**Note:**

- To spread awareness to protect the environment which is going through rapid changes.
- The theme of Earth Day 2022: 'Invest in our planet'

2. Which date is observed as World Book and Copyright Day, also known as World Book Day \_\_\_\_\_ **23 April.**

**Note:**

- The day is celebrated in over a hundred countries around the world. 23 April is also the day legendary writers -Inca Garcilaso de la Vega and William Shakespeare died.
- The theme of World Book Day 2022 is 'Read...So you never feel alone.'

3. Which date is observed as World Malaria Day by the World Health Organisation (WHO) globally \_\_\_\_\_ **April 25.**

**Note:**

- Theme 2022: Harness innovation to reduce the malaria disease burden and save lives
- Dr. Alphonse Laveran has discovered the Malaria parasite.

4. Which state government has announced that December 18, every year will be observed as Minorities Rights Day at the state level \_\_\_\_\_ **Tamil Nadu.**

**Note:**

- The state government promotes the upliftment and economic advancement of the minorities through effective implementation of schemes and welfare measures.
- The minority girl students in rural areas to pursue their studies would provide education aid of Rs 500 to the students of Classes 3 to 5 and Rs 1,000 to the wards of Class 6.

5. Which date is observed as World Intellectual Property Day annually \_\_\_\_\_ **April 26.**

**Note:**

- To raise awareness of the impact of how patents, copyright, trademarks and design affect our daily life.
- The theme for World Intellectual Property Day 2022 is focused on 'IP and Youth innovating for a better future'.

6. The World Day for Safety and Health at Work was observed on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **28 April.**

**Note:**

- Aims to promote the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases globally.
- The theme for 2022 is Act together to build a positive safety and health culture.

### New Appointments

1. Who has been appointed as the next Director-General of Military Operations with effect from May 1 \_\_\_\_\_ **Lieutenant General Manoj Kumar Katiyar**

**Note:**

- He worked as the General Officer Commanding of 1 Corps, a strike formation that is responsible for operations against both Pakistan and China.
- He has also worked as Director-General Staff Duties at Army Headquarters.

2. Who has been appointed as Procter & Gamble (P&G) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for its Indian operations from July 1, 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **L V Vaidyanathan.**

**Note:**

- He will replace Madhusudan Gopalan, who takes charge as Senior Vice President of Grooming & Oral Care, P&G Japan, and Korea.
- Presently, Vaidyanathan is responsible for industry-leading growth and value creation for the company in Indonesia.

3. Who has been appointed as the Principal Scientific Advisor (PSA) to the govt of India for a period of 3 years \_\_\_\_\_ **Ajay Kumar Sood.**

**Note:**

- Presently he is a member of the Science, Technology, and Innovation Advisory Council to the PM. He will succeed renowned biologist K Vijay Raghavan.

- The PSA's office aims to provide pragmatic and objective advice to the PM and cabinet on matters related to science, technology, and innovation with a focus on the application of science and tech.

4. Who has been appointed as Niti Aayog Vice-Chairman with effect from May 1, 2022, \_\_\_\_\_ **Economist, Suman Bery.**

**Note:**

- He was appointed after Rajiv Kumar stepped down from the post.
- The Government accepted his resignation.

5. Who has been appointed as Aditya Birla Capital Chief Executive Officer \_\_\_\_\_ **Vishakha Mulye.**

**Note:**

- Mulye is currently the executive director in charge of corporate banking, proprietary trading, markets and transaction banking.
- Mulye replaces Ajay Srinivasan who will now take up another role within the Aditya Birla Group.

6. Who has been appointed as UNICEF's YuWaah(Generation Unlimited) as co-chair \_\_\_\_\_ **Ashwin Yardi (CEO of Capgemini in India).**

**Note:**

- He will be a co-chair along with Yasumasa Kimura (the UNICEF Representative).
- YuWaah aims to work on improve skilling, community development and economic opportunity for young people.

7. Who has defeated three-time prime minister Janez Janša in the Slovenia PM election \_\_\_\_\_ **Robert Golob.**

**Note:**

- State election authorities have confirmed that the Freedom Movement won nearly 34% of the votes as compared to around 24% for the governing conservative Slovenian Democratic Party.
- The New Slovenia party with 7%, followed by the Social Democrats with more than 6% and the Left party with just 4%.

8. Who has won a second term as president of France with 58.2% of the vote \_\_\_\_\_ **Emmanuel Macron.**

**Note:**

- He set to become the first president after Chirac who secured a second term in office.
- He defeated Marine Le Pen (Party: Rassemblement national) who secured 41.8% of the vote in an election.

9. Who has been elected as the chairperson of the Haj Committee of India \_\_\_\_\_ **A P Abdullahkutty.**

**Note:**

- He is the national vice president of the BJP and a former Member of Parliament.
- The committee also includes two women named Munnawari Begum from Tamil Nadu and Mafuja Khatun from West Bengal who have been selected as its vice-chairpersons.

10. Who has been appointed as MD and CEO of Future Generali India Life Insurance (FGILI) \_\_\_\_\_ **Bruce de Broize.**

**Note:**

- He takes over from Miranjit Mukherjee who served as interim CEO since September 2021.
- He was the Regional Head of Distribution for Generali Asia based in Hong Kong for over five years.

11. Who has been appointed as a chairperson of National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom) for 2022-23 \_\_\_\_\_ **Krishnan Ramanujam.**

**Note:**

- He is a Senior Executive at TCS. He was the Vice-Chairperson of the body.
- He succeeds Rekha M Menon (Accenture's Senior Managing Director in India), who served as the Chairperson for 2021-22.

12. Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) for a second time \_\_\_\_\_

**Vijay Sampla.**

**Note:**

- He resigned as the NCSC chairman ahead of the Punjab elections and had contested elections.
- He is an eminent Dalit politician from Punjab, who began his political career in 1998 as the Sarpanch of Sofipind village in Jalandhar Cantonment.

13. Who has been appointed as an advisor of Online lending platform, Indifi Technologies \_\_\_\_\_ **Former chairman of SBI, Rajnish Kumar.**

**Note:**

- Presently, he sits on the boards of HSBC Asia Pacific, L&T Infotech, Hero MotoCorp and BharatPe.

- As an advisor, he will engage with the management on the company's growth strategy and provide guidance in the financial services sector.

14. Who has been appointed as the Vice Chief of the Army Staff from May 1 \_\_\_\_ Lieutenant General Baggavalli Somashekar Raju .

**Note:**

- He was an alumnus of Sainik School Bijapur and National Defence Academy and commissioned in the Jat Regiment on December 15, 1984.
- He had commanded a battalion during Operation Parakram in the Western Theatre and J&K.

**Important News – India**

1. Where will be the First Conference of Incredible India International Cruise Conference 2022 held on May 14-15, 2022 \_\_\_\_ **Mumbai.**

**Note:**

- Event will be organised by the Mumbai Port Authority
- He also launched the event website [www.iiicc2022.in](http://www.iiicc2022.in), logo and mascot named 'Captain Cruzo'.

2. Which government agency has collaborated with Delhi Jal Board (DJB) to utilize the residues produced in the sewage treatment plants (STP) of DJB to convert them into green energy \_\_\_\_ **National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC).**

**Note:**

- The torrefied waste sludge was fired from NTPC's unit 4 Boiler at Dadri.
- This green technological solution helps to convert STP sludge into energy and reduces CO2 emissions.

3. In which state Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways has inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 33 National Highway projects worth Rs 9,240 crore \_\_\_\_ **Raipur, Chhattisgarh.**

**Note:**

- These road projects will ease the connectivity of Chhattisgarh with the states of Odisha, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh.
- The road network connects the backward areas with the developed areas of the state and cultural and tourist places.

4. Which government agency has signed a Statement of Intent (SoI) with UNICEF India on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with a focus on children \_\_\_\_ **NITI Aayog.**

**Note:**

- Both organisations jointly launch a report on the 'State of India's Children: Status and Trends in Multidimensional Child Development'.
- The joint efforts will contribute to India's commitments to the 2030 Agenda and provide a set of policy recommendations and achieve their holistic development.

5. Which edition of the All India Police Science Congress has been inaugurated by Amit Shah, Union Home and Cooperation Minister \_\_\_\_ **48th.**

**Note:**

- The event was held at the Central Police Training Academy, Bhopal. He also attends the conference of forest committees and bonus distribution program to the Tendupatta pluckers at Jamboori Maidan, Bhopal.
- He will also start the process of transformation from forest village to revenue village.

6. Which government agency has released a draft battery swapping policy \_\_\_\_ **NITI Aayog.**

**Note:**

- According to the which all metropolitan cities with a population above 40 lakh will be prioritized for the development of battery swapping network under the first phase.
- All major cities such as state capitals, UT headquarters, and cities with populations above 5 lakh will be covered under the second phase.

7. Which campaign was organised by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare from April 25 to April 30, 2022, under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' in the association with various other Ministries and Departments \_\_\_\_ **the 'Kisan Bhagidari, Prathmikta Hamari' campaign.**

**Note:**

- The Department of Agriculture Research and Education will also organise a Krishi Mela at each Krishi Vigyan Kendra and a field exhibition on natural farming.
- Union Agriculture Minister: Narendra Singh Tomar.

8. Who was the chief guest at the 7th edition of the Raisina Dialogue in New Delhi which was inaugurated by PM Modi \_\_\_\_\_ **Ursula Von Der Leyen (President of the European Commission)**.

**Note:**

- Theme - Terranova, impassioned, impatient, imperilled
- There are six broad thematic pillars of the Dialogue which include Rethinking Democracy, End of Multilateralism, Water Caucuses, and Achieving Green Transitions.

9. Which authority in association with the India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO) has organized Asia's biggest international food and hospitality fair AAHAR 2022 in New Delhi \_\_\_\_\_ **Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)**.

**Note:**

- APEDA has also created stalls for exporters from the NorthEast Region, Himalayan states, women entrepreneurs, Start-Ups, and exporters of millets.
- More than 80 exporters will participate in the fair from different segments.

10. How many years have been completed of the SVAMITVA scheme (Survey of Villages Abadi and Mapping with Improved Technology in Village Areas) on 24th April 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **2 years**.

**Note:**

- It is a Central Scheme of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj with an aim to provide the record of rights to village household owners in rural areas and issue Property Cards.
- Drone technology has been used for the first time to map actual property area of landowners.

11. Which government agency has signed an MoU with the Public Broadcaster of Argentina Radio Television Argentina (RTA) for collaboration in the field of broadcasting \_\_\_\_\_ **Prasar Bharati**.

**Note:**

- The MoU encompasses a range of fronts in Media and Broadcasting that is set to exemplify the communication and transmission networking of both nations.
- India and Argentina share cordial relations and developmental partnerships in the areas of political, economic, scientific and technological cooperation.

12. Which Indian Institute of Management has signed an MoU with The Indian Navy's Naval Institute of Educational and Training Technology (NIETT) to build collaboration and exchange of best practices in the field of Educational Psychology, Instructional Leadership, and Management \_\_\_\_\_ **Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode (IIM-K)**.

**Note:**

- NIETT celebrating its 50 years in the service of the nation and this MoU achieves the exchange of expertise in the field of management of education.

13. Which Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Power System Operation Corporation Limited (POSOCO)-NRLDC \_\_\_\_\_ **The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi**.

**Note:**

- To encourage research on issues related to India's power sector as well as strengthen academia and industry interaction with the goal of sharing knowledge.
- POSOCO is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Government of India enterprise under the Union Ministry of Power.

14. Which government agency has organized a National Level Workshop on Innovative Agriculture under the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations in New Delhi \_\_\_\_\_ **NITI Aayog**.

**Note:**

- The first session was chaired by Dr. Ravi Kumar (Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog).
- Yogi Adityanath (CM of Uttar Pradesh), CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan (MP), CM Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy (Andhra Pradesh), and CM Pushkar Singh Dhami (Uttarakhand) have joined the first technical session of the workshop virtually.

15. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the construction of the 540 Megawatt Kwar Hydro Electric project in the Kishtwar district, Jammu and Kashmir. This project is located on which river \_\_\_\_\_ **Chenab**.



**Note:**

- The committee was chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The project will be implemented by Chenab Valley Power Projects Private Limited (JV between NHPC and JKSPDC).
- The committee has approved an investment of over 4,526.12 crore rupees for this project.

16. Which district has become the first district in India to cover 100% of households under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (ABPMJAY)- SEHAT scheme \_\_\_\_ **Samba district, J&K.**

**Note:**

- Samba district has a total of 62,641 families with 3,04,510 people eligible for ABPM-JAY SEHAT golden cards.
- This scheme is the world's largest health insurance scheme, fully financed by Government.
- Under this scheme, the people with Ayushman Bharat Golden Card get free treatment up to Rs. 5 lakh.

17. Which district has become the first district in India where all gram panchayats have community libraries \_\_\_\_ **Jamtara district in Jharkhand.**

**Note:**

- The population of the district is about eight lakh and has a total of 118-gram panchayats under six blocks.
- The library will be open for students from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Career counselling sessions and motivational classes are also provided.

18. Which government agency has signed an MoU with the Himachal Pradesh government for the development of seven ropeway projects in Kangra, Kullu, Chamba, Sirmour and Bilaspur districts \_\_\_\_ **National Highways Logistic Management Limited (NHLML).**

**Note:**

- The MoU was signed in the presence of road transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari and chief minister Jai Ram Thakur in New Delhi.

19. Which OTT platform has joined hands with the I&B ministry to launch some short films on women changemakers named 'Azadi Ki Amrit Kahaniya' \_\_\_\_ **Netflix.**

**Note:**

- The videos are narrated by actor Neena Gupta and produced by Netflix.
- It would be shared on social media and broadcast on Doordarshan.
- Aims: To bring out inspiring stories of Indians which empower more people to achieve their goals

20. Which e-commerce has signed an MoU with the West Bengal government to support and train local artisans, weavers and handicraft makers \_\_\_\_ **Flipkart.**

**Note:**

- Aim: To leverage its e-commerce platform to scale up small businesses nationally.
- Flipkart Samarth programme will empower artisans/weavers in the state.

21. Which Indian government agency has signed an MoU with Equinor ASA, the Norwegian state-owned multinational energy company for two years \_\_\_\_ **Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC).**

**Note:**

- Aim: To collaborate in areas of upstream exploration and production, midstream, downstream and Clean energy options.
- Equinor is the leading operator on the Norwegian continental shelf and is present in 30 countries worldwide.

22. PM Modi inaugurates Semicon India Conference 2022 in which city \_\_\_\_ **Bengaluru.**

**Note:**

- Aim: to visualize as the launchpad to start India's ambition of becoming the global semiconductor hub and nurturing the chip design and manufacturing ecosystem.
- The conference focused on policy, talent, and the government's role and efforts in creating a successful growth environment.

23. PM Modi has inaugurated the Global Patidar Business Summit (GPBS) via video conferencing in which city \_\_\_\_ **Surat.**

**Note:**

- The summit was organised under the 'Mission 2026' to provide momentum for the socio-economic development of the Patidar community.
- The theme of GPBS 2022 is "Aatmanirbhar Community to Aatmanirbhar Gujarat and India".

24. Which conglomerate company has signed an agreement with IIT Bombay to jointly pursue their research and development work in the green hydrogen value chain \_\_\_\_ **Larsen & Toubro (L&T).**

**Note:**

- Both organizations will contribute to the green hydrogen industry and develop next-generation technology.
- Hydrogen is produced through electrolysis process by using renewable energy which is known as green hydrogen, it has no carbon footprint.

25. Which state has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Google to provide benefits of digital economy to the youth and women entrepreneurs \_\_\_\_ **Telangana Government.**

**Note:**

- The state government has been working with Google since 2017 on improving digital literacy.
- Google and WE Hub, Govt. of Telangana, will jointly carry out Women Will programme to deliver digital, business, and financial skills to nano, micro, and small women-led businesses.

26. Which airlines has become the first airline in Asia to use the indigenous navigation system GPS-aided geo-augmented navigation (GAGAN) to land its aircraft \_\_\_\_ **IndiGo.**

**Note:**

- The flight was conducted using an ATR-72 aircraft and landed at the Kishangarh airport, Rajasthan.
- The system has been developed by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
- India becomes the third country in the world to have its own SBAS system after the USA and Japan.

27. Which minister has inaugurated Enterprise India (Ministry's Mega Event) under the celebrations of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav \_\_\_\_ **Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Narayan Rane.**

**Note:**

- "Enterprise India" is a month-long series of commemorative entrepreneurship development events and activities being held from 27.04.2022 up to 27.05.2022.
- Aim: To promote entrepreneurship culture and create awareness about the schemes and initiatives of the Ministry of MSME.

28. Which company has signed a pact with the National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO), Maharashtra to install up to 5,000 EV charging points across the properties of NAREDCO's members \_\_\_\_ **Tata Power Limited.**

- The MoU was signed in the presence of Aaditya Thackeray (Minister of Tourism & Environment, Government of Maharashtra).
- This move will give a boost to EV adoption in the State.

**Important News - State**

1. Of what amount Small Industries Development Bank of India has provided the first approval under the SIDBI Cluster Development Fund (SCDF) to the Maharashtra government \_\_\_\_ **₹600 crores.**

**Note:**

- The aid has been approved for reviving/ upgrading ITIs/polytechnics run by the Directorate of Vocational Education and Training under the Department of Skills, Employment, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation.
- SIDBI is the principal financial institution focused on the promotion, financing, and development of MSMEs.

2. Which village of Jammu has become the nation's first panchayat to become carbon neutral, fully powered by solar energy \_\_\_\_ **Palli village in Samba district.**

**Note:**

- This project (500 KW solar plant) with the help of villagers was completed in a record time of three weeks.
- 1,500 solar panels were placed in a total area of 6,408 sq mt to provide clean electricity to 340 houses in the model panchayat under the central government's 'Gram Urja Swaraj' programme.

3. What are the minimum wages of the daily wagers (including casual labourers) in all Government Departments of Jammu and Kashmir \_\_\_\_ **300 rupees per day.**

**Note:**

- The Labour department has intimated that the process shall be completed within 3 months.
- The daily wagers are playing a crucial role in the development of UT and the interim measure has been taken to benefit a sizable portion of the workforce.

4. Which state government has inaugurated the city's first completely digital bus with a unique 'Tap-in Tap-out' feature \_\_\_\_\_  
**Maharashtra.**

**Note:**

- From the Gateway of India to the Churchgate route
- Brihanmumbai Electricity Supply and Transport (BEST) is the nation's first bus service that is completely digital.
- At the initial stage, the 'Tap-in Tap-out' feature will be available in two buses only.

5. Which city has become the first city in India to have vacuum-based sewers \_\_\_\_\_ **Agra (UP).**

**Note:**

- The corporation has connected vacuums to 240 such houses (near the Taj Mahal) where conventional sewer systems can not be used. The estimated cost for the work of sewer connection is Rs 100 crore.
- The Maintenance and complete care will be done by the Netherlands company for up to five years.

6. In which district of Uttar Pradesh the work of India's first-ever Amrit Sarovar has been completed \_\_\_\_\_ **Rampur Gram Panchayat Patwai of development block Shahbad, Uttar Pradesh.**

**Note:**

- 75 water bodies were picked to develop and rejuvenate in each district as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- The construction work on the pond in Gram Panchayat Singan Kheda with the largest area has also begun.

### Important News - World

1. Which city has been declared the World Book Capital for the year 2022 on the recommendation of the World Book Capital Advisory Committee \_\_\_\_\_ **Guadalajara (Mexico).**

**Note:**

- The declaration was made by the Director-General of UNESCO, Audrey Azoulay.
- The city has already been recognised as a UNESCO Creative City since 2017.

2. Which country will host 21st World Congress of Accountants (WCOA) for the first time in 118 years \_\_\_\_\_ **Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), India.**

**Note:**

- The event will be held from November 18 to 21 after outbidding France. The event will be held at Jio World Convention Centre in Mumbai.
- The theme for 2022 would be 'Building Trust Enabling Sustainability'.

3. In which amount Elon Musk has acquired Twitter \_\_\_\_\_ **44 billion dollars.**

**Note:**

- Under the terms of the deal, shareholders will receive 54.20 dollars in cash for each share of Twitter stock they own.
- The acquisition deal goes through regulatory and other approvals then the social media giant will be taken private.

4. Which country has been designated as Guest of Honour Country at the Paris Book Festival 2022 which was organized from 21st to 24th April 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **India.**

**Note:**

- The National Institute of Design (NID) has designed the India Pavilion.
- Digital and physical exhibitions displayed in various Indian languages representing the works of 65 Indian publishers.

5. How many Indian were listed by the WEF 2022 list of Young Global Leaders (Under 40) \_\_\_\_\_ **7.**

**Note:**

- Raghav Chadha (AAP leader), Mykhailo Fedorov (Ukrainian Vice PM and Minister of Digital Transformation), and Radhika Gupta (Edelweiss MF CEO) were named by the WEF 2022 list of Young Global Leaders who are under 40.
- Other Indians: Manasi Joshi (Athlete), Ritesh Malik (founder of Innov8 Coworking), Suhail Sameer (Bharat Pe, CEO), Vineeta Singh (Sugar Cosmetics CEO), and Jaideep Bansal (Global Himalayan Expedition CEO).

6. According to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), what is the rank of India in military expenditure \_\_\_\_\_ **Third.**

**Note:**

- Top Five: The United States, China, India, the United Kingdom, and Russia

➤ Military spending in India is amounting to \$76.6 billion in 2021 which grew by 0.9% from 2020.

7. Of what amount the World Bank has approved the financial assistance to Sri Lanka to meet the payment requirements for essential imports \_\_\_\_ **USD 600 dollars.**

**Note:**

- Sri Lanka has also talked with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for financial assistance, but the country needs 3 to 4 billion dollars in bridge financing to help meet its essential expenses.
- India has helped Sri Lanka by assisting with USD 1.9 billion.

8. Which Indian personality will attend the 6th edition of the India-Germany Inter-Governmental Consultations \_\_\_\_ **PM Narendra Modi.**

**Note:**

- PM Narendra Modi will embark on a three-day visit to Germany, Denmark and France from May 2.
- PM will hold bilateral talks with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and co-chair the 6th edition of the India-Germany Inter-Governmental Consultations.

### **Honor & Awards**

1. Which two districts have conferred the prestigious Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration 2021 for Best Performance in the implementation of Promoting excellence in sports and wellness through the Khelo India Scheme \_\_\_\_ **Churu (Rajasthan), and Bishnupur (Manipur).**

**Note:**

- The award ceremony was held on the occasion of the 15th Civil Services Day (April 21, 2022) function in New Delhi.

2. Who has been awarded the Champions of the Earth Lifetime Achievement Award for his dedication to research, documentation, and advocacy for the protection of nature and its restoration by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) \_\_\_\_ **Sir David Attenborough.**

**Note:**

- Policy Leadership: Mia Mottley (Prime Minister of Barbados)
- Inspiration And Action: Sea Women of Melanesia (Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands)
- Entrepreneurial Vision: Maria Kolesnikova (Kyrgyz Republic)

3. Which has been conferred the Public Relations Awards 2022 by the Public Relations Society of India (PRSI) \_\_\_\_ **National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd (NMDC).**

**Note:**

- Shri Srinivasa Rao, DGM (Corporate Communications) received the awards on behalf of the Navratna PSU.
- NMDC Chairman: Sumit Deb.

4. Who has been chosen for the Commonwealth Points of Light Award for his exceptional work in improving access to education for children from marginalised backgrounds \_\_\_\_ **Kishroe Kumar Das(Bangladesh).**

**Note:**

- He started an educational charity named Bidyanando in 2013 with just 22 students.
- He also started a meal programme named Ek takay aahar (Meal for one Taka) which has provided more than 10,000 nutritious meals for vulnerable people (particularly children, homeless).

5. President of which country has selected the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award for acting to protect democracy 2022 \_\_\_\_ **Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky.**

**Note:**

- Zelenskyy was selected because he marshaled the spirit, patriotism and untiring sacrifice of the Ukrainian people in a life-or-death fight for their country.
- Caroline Kennedy and Jack Schlossberg will present the awards on May 22 at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston.

6. Which state government planning department's key initiative of an e-proposal system has won a coveted UN Award - World Summit on the Information Society Forum (WSIS) Prizes, 2022 \_\_\_\_ **Meghalaya.**

**Note:**

- Category of the role of governments and all stakeholders in the promotion of Information and Communication Technologies for development.
- The e-proposal system is a part of Meghalaya Enterprise Architecture (MeghEA) which helped to eliminate 75% physical work of files.

7. Who has been named the 2022 Laureus Sportsman of the Year 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **F1 champion Max Verstappen.**

**Note:**

- Olympic sprinter Elaine Thompson-Herah (Jamaica) has been named Sportswoman of the Year.
- Breakthrough of the Year prize: Emma Raducanu (British)
- Laureus Sporting Icon Award: Valentino Rossi
- Exceptional Achievement Award: Robert Lewandowski
- World Team of the Year Award: Italy Men's Football Team
- World Comeback of the Year Award: Sky Brown (Skateboard)

8. Which infrastructure has received the Indian Building Congress (IBC) 'Best Infrastructure Project' award \_\_\_\_\_ **Atal Tunnel.**

**Note:**

- It was built by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO). DG BRO, Lt General Rajeev Chaudhry received the award during the 25th annual Convention of IBC.
- The tunnel was built using the New Austrian Tunneling Method (NATM). Atal Tunnel connects the Solang Valley near Manali to Sissu in Lahaul and Spiti districts.

9. Who has received the Order of "Merit in the Diplomatic Service of Peru Jose Gregorio Paz Soldan" by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru \_\_\_\_\_ **Ardeshir B.K. Dubash.**

**Note:**

- Ambassador of Peru in India, H.E. Carlos R. Polo has conferred the award to him.
- Dubash was designated as Honorary Consul of Peru in 1973.
- The Order of Merit was instituted in 2004, named after José Gregorio Paz Soldán.

10. Which Pharmaceuticals company has received the 'India Pharma Innovation of the Year' Award as part of the India Pharma & India Medical Device Awards 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Ltd.**

**Note:**

- Indian Pharma Leader of the Year: Cipla Ltd.
- Indian Pharma (Formulation): Micro Labs Ltd.
- Indian Pharma CSR of the year: Zydus Lifesciences Ltd
- India Medical Device Leader of the Year: Poly Medicure Ltd.
- India Medical Device Company of the Year: Trivitron Healthcare Pvt Ltd

11. Who has won the prestigious Whitley Gold Award for the second time \_\_\_\_\_ **Charudutt Mishra.**

**Note:**

- He received his first Whitley Gold Award in 2005.
- He has received this award for his contribution to involving indigenous communities in the conservation and recovery of big cat species in Asia's high mountain ecosystems.
- Princess Anne has presented the award to Mishra at London's Royal Geographic Society.

### Sports News

1. Which two Indian cricketers have been named among the "Five Cricketers of the Year" 2022 of the Wisden Almanack \_\_\_\_\_ **Rohit Sharma (India captain) and Jasprit Bumrah (Pacer).**

**Note:**

- Other three: Ollie Robinson (England fast bowler), Dane van Niekerk (South African women's player) and Devon Conway (New Zealand opener)
- Leading Cricketer in the World: Former England captain Joe Root
- Leading Woman Cricketer in the World: Lizelle Lee (South Africa)
- Leading T20 Cricketer: Mohammad Rizwan (Pakistan)

2. In which country the 35th edition of the 2022 Asian Wrestling Championships took place from April 19 to 24 \_\_\_\_\_ **Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.**

**Note:**

- India finished with a total tally of 17 medals, one gold, five silvers and 11 bronze, at Ulaanbaatar.
- Greco Roman: Sunil Kumar (87kg) - bronze; Arjun Halakurki (55kg) - bronze; Neeraj (63kg) - bronze; Harpreet Singh (82kg) - bronze; Sachin Sahrawat (67kg) - bronze;
- Women's freestyle: Sarita Mor (59kg) - bronze; Sushma Shokeen (55kg) - bronze; Manisha (62kg) - bronze; Anshu Malik (57kg) - silver; Radhika (65kg) - silver
- Men's freestyle: Ravi Kumar Dahiya (57kg) - gold; Bajrang Punia (65kg) - silver; Gourav Baliyan (79kg) - silver; Naveen (70kg) - bronze; Satywart Kadian (97kg) - bronze; Deepak Punia (86kg) - silver; Viky (92kg) - bronze

3. Who has won the Serbia Open title 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Andrey Rublev (Russian).**

**Note:**

- Defeated world No. 1 Novak Djokovic (Serbia), to win his third title in the Serbia Open.
- Andrey Rublev has saved five set points in the second set to force a tie-break, but he was unable to prevent Djokovic from levelling the match.

4. Which team has defeated France by 232-231 in the compound men's team final to win the gold medal in the Archery World Cup Stage-1 at Antalya, Turkey \_\_\_\_\_ **India.**

**Note:**

- The Indian trio of Abhishek Verma, Rajat Chauhan, and Aman Saini has defeated has French team of Jean Philippe Boulch, Quentin Baraer and Adrien Gontier.
- The Indian duo of Tarundeep Rai and Ridhi has defeated Alex Wise and Bryony Pitman of Great Britain to win recurve mixed team gold medal.

5. Who has won the Emilia-Romagna Grand Prix 2022 in Imola, Italy \_\_\_\_\_ **Max Verstappen (Red Bull, Netherland).**

**Note:**

- This was his second win this season after Saudi Arabia 2022.
- In Emilia-Romagna Grand Prix 2022, Sergio Perez (Red Bull, Mexico) has finished second and Lando Norris (McLaren, UK) finished third.
- Bahrain Grand Prix 2022: Charles Leclerc (Ferrari, Monaco)
- Australian Grand Prix 2022: Charles Leclerc (Ferrari, Monaco)

6. Who has won the Menorca Open chess tournament 2022 which was held in Spain, followed by Aryan Chopra who finished as runner-up \_\_\_\_\_ **Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh.**

**Note:**

- Gukesh defeated fellow Indian B Adhiban (placed at tenth) in the seventh and final round to win the title.
- This is D Gukesh's second title win after the La Roda Open.
- P. Sethuraman (fifth), Raunak Sadhwani (seventh) and Nihal Sarin (eighth) have finished

7. Which state will organise the Khelo India Youth Games 2021 \_\_\_\_\_ **Haryana.**

**Note:**

- Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Thakur have announced the official dates (from 4th to 13th June 2022) of the Khelo India Youth Games 2021 in a virtual interaction with Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal.
- The mascot and logo of the Khelo India Youth Games will be launched on the 8th of May in Panchkula, Haryana.

8. The 2nd Khelo Masters Games 2022 will be held in which place \_\_\_\_\_ **Delhi.**

**Note:**

- Anurag Singh Thakur (Youth Affairs and Sports Minister) has inaugurated the 2nd Khelo Masters Games Delhi-2022 at Tyagraj Stadium in New Delhi.
- Under this game, 3000 master players of the age group between 30 to 95 years from all over the country are participating in eight games.

9. Who has won her second Asian bronze medal in the Asia Badminton Championships 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **P.V. Sindhu.**

**Note:**

- She was defeated by Akane Yamaguchi of Japan in the semifinal in Manila

- She had won her first bronze in the Asia Badminton Championships 2014 Gimcheon edition.
- Sindhu has assured a medal in the championship when she defeated He Big Jiao of China by 21-9,13-21 and 21-19 in the quarterfinal.

### Books and Authors

1. Who is the author of a book titled “Chinese Spies: From Chairman Mao to Xi Jinping” \_\_\_\_\_ authored by French journalist **Roger Faligot**.

**Note:**

- It is translated by writer, editor and translator, Natasha Lehrer.
- The foreword of the book is written by Vikram Sood, the former head of the Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW), India’s foreign intelligence agency.

### Science and Defence

1. Who has inaugurated the DefConnect 2.0 which is organised by Innovations for Defence Excellence, Defence Innovation Organisation (iDEX-DIO) in New Delhi \_\_\_\_\_ **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh**.

**Note:**

- The event will be attended by many innovators and investors from the country’s leading industries in the defence sector.
- The iDEX was launched by PM Modi in 2018 to provide a unified platform for various stakeholders in the defence and aerospace sectors.

2. Which country has successfully test-fired a Sarmat intercontinental ballistic missile \_\_\_\_\_ **Russia**.

**Note:**

- The training warheads have reached a given area at the Kura test ground on the Kamchatka Peninsula and the tasks were completed in full.
- This missile system has the highest tactical and technical characteristics and is able to overcome all modern means of anti-missile defense.

3. What are the new timelines in the Make-II procedure has been amended by Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) 2020 in defence \_\_\_\_\_ **101-109 weeks**.

**Note:**

- To promote Make in India initiative in defence the Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) 2020 has been amended based on the approvals accorded by Defence Acquisition Council (DAC).
- Import of defence equipment has to be undertaken with specific approval of DAC/Raksha Mantri.
- The defence ministry also cut the waiting time for projects under the iDEX framework.

4. What is the name of the largest and most complex international live-fire cyber defence exercise \_\_\_\_\_ **Locked Shields 2022**.

**Note:**

- This real-time network defence exercise was organised by the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (CCDCOE) in Tallinn, Estonia.
- This drill has been taking place annually since 2010.
- The team from Finland has won the cyber defence exercise Locked Shields 2022 followed by Lithuania-Poland, and the Estonian-Georgian joint team.

5. Which aerospace company has started the Main Airframe Fatigue Test (MAFT) of Light Combat Aircraft Mark 1 (LCA Mk1) airframe in Bengaluru \_\_\_\_\_ **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)**.

**Note:**

- This test has been conducted to understand how the aircraft structure performs in real conditions.
- The structure of the aircraft is mounted on a test rig to check for any cracks or damage.

6. Which command force has successfully test-fired BrahMos supersonic cruise missile (Anti-ship version) with the Indian Navy \_\_\_\_\_ **Andaman and Nicobar Command**.

**Note:**

- A joint venture of India-Russian, BrahMos Aerospace, produces supersonic cruise missiles that can be launched from ships, aircraft, submarines, or land platforms.
- BrahMos missile flies at a speed of 2.8 Mach.
- The range of the advanced version of the missile: 350km.

7. Who has inaugurated the logistics seminar LOGISEM VAYU-2022 in New Delhi \_\_\_\_\_ **Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal, Vivek Chaudhari.**

**Note:**

- He emphasized that the present supply chain management should look forward with an aim to improve the logistics capabilities.
- Logistics philosophy document of IAF titled 'Tenets of Logistics' and a book on the history of Logistics in IAF titled 'Footprints in Sands of Time' were released.

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