

Weekly Current Affairs 8-14th June 2022

Dear readers,

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

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. Which Indian telecommunications company becomes the first to provide 4G voice and data services at Spangmik village near Pangong lake in the Ladakh region _____ **Jio**.
Note:
 - Lok Sabha member from Ladakh, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal has inaugurated the Jio mobile tower at Spangmik village.
 - This launch will help to boost the economy of the region besides providing seamless connectivity to the tourists and the troops in the area.
2. According to the recent projection of the World Bank, what would be India's gross domestic product (GDP) forecast for the current fiscal year (2022-23) _____ **7.5%**.
Note:
 - The World Bank has revised its GDP forecast for the second time.
 - In April 2022, The World Bank had reduced the forecast from 8.7% to 8%.
 - In May 2022, Moody's Investors Service has cut the GDP projection to 8.8% for the calendar year 2022 from 9.1% earlier.
3. After the revision of the repo rate by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on June 8, 2022, what is the current repo rate _____ **4.90%**.
Note:
 - Earlier, the committee had raised rates by 40 basis points at an unscheduled meeting in May.
 - RBI has also raised the inflation forecast to 6.7% for 2022-23 from an earlier estimate of 5.7%.
4. Which financial services company will power the "Apple Pay Later" service that would be launched by Apple, to offer the users to split the cost of a purchase _____ **Mastercard**.
Note:
 - Apple Pay Later will offer the users to split the cost of a purchase made over Apple Pay into four equal payments over six weeks without any interest or late fees.
 - This service will be available everywhere, Apple Pay can be accepted online or in-app by using the Mastercard network.
5. Along with Indian Oil Corporation Limited and the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) which of the following bank has launched co-branded contactless credit card _____ **Axis Bank**.
Note:
 - The card offers: fuel surcharge waiver, cashback on fuel purchases, reward points, quick cinema ticket discounts etc.
6. Which of the following regulatory body has launched the My Pad My Right programme in Leh _____ **NABARD**.
Note:
 - This programme was launched by Nabard's NabFoundation with machinery and materials of a cost of Seven and half Lakh rupees.
 - NABARD also sanction One lakh (addition) to upgrade the machinery to make sanitary pads suitable to the demands of women of different age groups.
7. Which of the following companies has won the bid to build the national capital region's new airport at Jewar _____ **Tata Project**.
Note:
 - It outbid the Shapoorji Pallinji Group and Larsen & Toubro for the contract.

- Tata Projects, the infrastructure and construction arm of the Tata group, will construct the terminal, runway, airside infrastructure, roads, utilities, landside facilities and other ancillary buildings at the Noida International Airport.
8. According to the OECD, after the revision of the growth rates in June 2022, what would be India's economic growth has been projected by the OECD for 2022-23 _____ **6.9%**.

Note:

- OECD has also projected the growth for India is 6.2% in 2023.
 - The Reserve Bank of India has also estimated the growth of the nation to 7.2%.
 - The RBI has also raised the repo rate by 50 basis points (bps) to 4.9% in a bid to curb the soaring inflation in the country.
9. After raising the limit for individual housing loans for Cooperative Banks by the RBI, what is the new limit for the Rural Cooperative Banks for individual housing loans with an assessed net worth less than ₹100 crores _____ **Rs. 50 lakh**.

Note:

- The limits for Tier I /Tier II UCBs have been revised from ₹30 lakh/ ₹70 lakh to ₹60 lakh/ ₹140 lakh, respectively.
 - RCBs the limits have been increased:-
 - From ₹20 lakh to ₹50 lakh for RCBs with an assessed net worth less than ₹100 crore
 - From ₹30 lakh to ₹75 lakh for other RCBs.
10. Nirmala Sitharaman has recently launched EASE 5.0 under EASENext program. EASE reforms are focused on _____ **Public Sector Banks**.

Note:

- EASE Agenda was launched in January 2018 jointly by government and PSBs.
 - It was commissioned through Indian Banks' Association and authored by Boston Consulting Group.
 - EASE 1.0 report showed significant improvement in PSB performance in resolution of NPA transparently.
11. Which bank has partnered with ZestMoney to expand its 'Cardless EMI' facility for purchases at retail and e-commerce platforms _____ **ICICI Bank**.

Note:

- The partnership enhances the affordability of millions of customers of the bank who can use pre-approved cardless credit to instantly buy products/ services using ZestMoney and take care of the cost into EMIs.
 - Customers can convert transactions up to Rs 10 lakh into EMIs by simply putting their registered mobile number, PAN and OTP.
12. Electric two-wheeler maker Ather Energy has partnered with which bank for vehicle financing for its customers _____ **State Bank of India**.

Note:

- The collaboration will enable Ather Energy's customers, having pre-approved loan offers from SBI, to avail instant loans at low interest rates starting from 9.55 per cent per annum, depending on customer credit profile.
 - The vehicle loans can be availed through SBI's mobile app YONO as well as offline.
13. Which bank has launched its KCC Digital Renewal scheme, enabling eligible customers to renew their Kisan Credit Card accounts via digital modes _____ **Indian Bank**.

Note:

- The initiative is part of the bank's digital transformation under project 'WAVE' - World of Advanced Virtual Experience.
 - The account renewals can be done using Indian Bank's IndOASIS mobile app and internet banking.
14. META4 group is a company based in which country that signed an MoU with the Telangana govt to set up an Electric Vehicle manufacturing plant with an investment of ₹250 crores in Zaheerabad, Telangana _____ **UAE**.

Note:

- As per the MoU, the Telangana govt will provide 15 acres of subsidized land in the National Investment and Manufacturing Zone, Zaheerabad.
 - META4 has made this investment through Voltly Energy, which provides advanced EV 2-wheeler manufacturing and delivers energy-efficient EV charging solutions.
15. Bharat FIH has received market regulator SEBI's approval for an Initial Public Offering (IPO) aggregating to _____ **Rs. 5,000 crores**.

Note:

- Bharat FIH is a subsidiary of FIH Mobile a leading manufacturing services provider for the mobile handset industry, which is a part of Foxconn Technology Group.

- The company makes devices for Xiaomi and Nokia.
16. Name the fintech startup that has launched its UPI services targeted at rural India _____ **XPay.Life**.
- Note:**
- aim: to make financial facilities accessible for people in rural areas.
 - The launch of its UPI services is expected to benefit XPay.Life's 4 mn consumers across more than 15 states and 1 lakh villages.
 - XPay.Life along with NABARD, NPCI and the state govt working towards strengthening DB and payments by enabling the last mile link.
17. Which became the became the 1st RBI licensed PPI to launch cash withdrawal using a RuPay-powered card from any ATMs across the country _____ **OmniCard**.
- Note:**
- The move came in after RBI permitted the non-bank licensed entities to enable cash withdrawals from the digital wallets.
 - **OmniCard** users can withdraw cash from any ATM at their convenience with full security from frauds like card theft, card cloning, and PIN skimming.
 - The company is working with **NPCI** to enable the facility.
18. According to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), how many PoS, mobile PoS and other physical devices were deployed across the country under the Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF) scheme as on April 30, 2022 _____ **More than 4.11 lakh**.
- Note:**
- Besides, 1,14,05,116 digital devices, including inter-operable QR code-based payments such as UPI QR, Bharat QR, were deployed under the scheme.
 - The PIDF scheme, operationalised by the Reserve Bank from January 2021, subsidises deployment of Points of Sale (PoS) infrastructure (physical and digital modes) in tier-3 to tier-6 centres and northeastern states of the country.
19. According to the report "Digital payments in India: A \$10 trillion opportunity" unveiled by PhonePe, India's digital payments market is expected to increase more than threefold from the current US\$3 trillion to US\$10 trillion by _____ **2026**.
- Note:**
- India's leading digital payments company, PhonePe in collaboration with Boston Consulting Group (BCG), unveiled a report titled, "Digital payments in India: A \$10 trillion opportunity"
 - This would translate to digital payments (non-cash) constituting 2 out of 3 payment transactions by 2026.
20. Which Payments bank has partnered with Muthoot Finance to offer gold loans through the bank's app _____ **Airtel Payments Bank**.
- Note:**
- With this partnership, Airtel Payments Bank customers can get hassle-free gold loans with Zero processing fees from Muthoot Finance.
 - There will be no-processing charge on the loan and Muthoot Finance will provide up to 75 percent of the pledged gold value as a loan.
 - The partnership will give access to secured and affordable credit to customers looking for quick liquidity against their gold assets.

Obituaries

1. Two-time Olympian and a double Asian Games gold medallist, Hari Chand passed away recently, he was a veteran _____ **Long distance runner**.
- Note:**
- Hari Chand won the 5000 and 10,000m gold at the 1978 Bangkok Asiad and also the 10,000m title at the 1975 Asian Championships in Seoul.
2. Veteran business personality Nobuyuki Idei passed away recently, he was former CEO of which company _____ **Sony**.
- Note:**

- During his seven years as CEO from 1998, Mr Idei made an immense contribution to Sony's evolution as a global company. Tokyo-based Sony is among Japan's stellar brands, having brought the world the Walkman portable music player.

Important Days

1. World Brain Tumour Day is observed every year on ____ **8th June.**

Note:

- It is a mass or growth of abnormal cells in your brain. There are two types of brain tumors, noncancerous (benign), and cancerous (malignant).
- The day also pays tribute to brain tumour patients, their families and healthcare professionals.

2. What is the theme of World Oceans Day 2022 which is observed annually on June 8 ____ **Revitalization: collective action for the ocean.**

Note:

- World Oceans Day is observed on June 8 every year to raise the awareness among people of the importance of the oceans and the major role they play in everyday life.
- The World Oceans Day concept was first proposed by the UN in 1992 at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro.

3. World Accreditation Day (WAD) is celebrated every year on ____ **9th June.**

Note:

- It aims to meet objectives such as increasing trade and addressing environmental, health and safety concerns. It also improves the general overall quality of output in an economy.
- This year the theme for World Accreditation Day 2022 is "Accreditation: Sustainability in Economic Growth and the Environment."

4. What is the theme of World Brain Tumour Day 2022 which is observed every year on June 8 ____ **Together We Are Stronger.**

Note:

- World Brain Tumor Day was first observed on June 8, 2000, by the German Brain Tumor Association (Deutsche Hirntumorhilfe e.V.), a non-profit organisation for serving and offering support to brain tumour patients.
- The theme for World Brain Tumor Day 2022 is "Together We Are Stronger."

5. What is the theme of International Albinism Awareness Day 2022 ____ **United in making our voice heard.**

Note:

- International Albinism Awareness Day (IAAD) is annually observed on 13th June, representing the importance and celebration of human rights of people with albinism.

6. What is the theme of World Day Against Child Labour' 2022 ____ **Universal Social Protection to End Child Labour.**

Note:

- The United Nations observes the 12th of June every year as the 'World Day Against Child Labour' to bring attention to the evil practices of child labour across the world.
- International Labour Organization (ILO) launched this day in 2002 to tackle this global issue against child labour.

7. International Albinism Awareness Day is observed by the United Nations every year on ____ **13th June.**

Note:

- The day represents the importance and celebration of human rights of people with albinism.
- The United Nations Human Rights Council adopted this resolution and put its firm foot down for the prevention of attacks and discrimination against people with albinism.
- This day is mandated to remind people of the perils of the past and the path to the future in the case of albinism and the people living with it.

8. What is the theme of the World Blood Donor Day 2022 ____ **Donating blood is an act of solidarity.**

Note:

- World Blood Donor Day is observed on 14 June every year to spread awareness regarding the need for "safe blood and blood products for transfusion".
- The host nation for World Blood Donor Day 2022 is Mexico.
- The WHO initiated and declared June 14, the birth anniversary of Karl Landsteiner, as WBD in 2004.

New Appointments

1. Who has been appointed as Managing Director of State Bank of India after replacing Ashwani Bhatia _____ **Alok Kumar Choudhary**.
Note:
 - He has replaced Ashwani Bhatia, who was appointed as a whole-time member of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
 - He is responsible for the Retail Business & Operations of the lender.
2. Who has been elected as the new president of Albania _____ **Bajram Begaj**.
Note:
 - Prior to this, he holds the position of Chief of General Staff of the Albanian Armed Forces (AAF).
 - He is the 8th president of Albania and the 3rd from the military ranks.
3. Who among the following has been appointed as the new chairperson of the International Aluminium Institute _____ **Satish Pai**.
Note:
 - He succeeded Ben Kahrs, who is a chief innovation officer of Alcoa Corporation.
 - He earlier worked with Schlumberger, where he was responsible for Schlumberger's operations globally.
4. Who among the following has been appointed as a Director of the Asia and Pacific Department (APD), International Monetary Fund _____ **Krishna Srinivasan**.
Note:
 - He will succeed Changyong Rhee whose retirement from the IMF was announced on March 23.
 - He has joined IMF in 1994 in the Economist Program.
5. Who has been given additional charge as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Prasar Bharati _____ **Mayank Kumar Agrawal**.
Note:
 - He succeeded Shashi Shekhar Vempati, who was serving at this position since 2017.
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6. Who has been appointed as the ombudsman under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA) _____ **N J Ojha**.
Note:
 - An ombudsman has the power to receive complaints from MGNREGA workers, consider such complaints, pass awards within 30 days from the date of receipt of the complaint, and issue directions for conducting a spot investigation.
7. Who has been appointed as United Nations Secretary-General's envoy on technology _____ **Amandeep Singh Gill**.
Note:
 - Amandeep Singh Gill has been India's permanent representative to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva from 2016-to 2018.
 - He is now the chief executive officer of the International Digital Health and Artificial Intelligence Research Collaborative (I-DAIR) project at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva.
8. Who has been appointed as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of RBL Bank _____ **R Subramaniakumar**.
Note:
 - Subramaniakumar is a former managing director and chief executive director of state-run Indian Overseas Bank.
 - He was appointed the administrator of Dewan Housing Finance Co Ltd after the mortgage financier's board was superseded.

Important News – India

1. In June 2022, Union Minister of Social Justice and empowerment, Dr. Virendra Kumar has launched the Scheme "SHRESHTA". What does second 'S' stands for _____ **Students**.
Note:
 - The Scheme is for residential education for students in High school in Targeted Areas.

- The Scheme for Residential Education for Students in Targeted Areas (SHRESHTA) has been formulated with the objective to provide quality education and opportunities for even the poorest Scheduled Caste students.
2. Which of the following Indian Institute of management has joined hands with an e-marketplace for agricultural land, SFarms India, to develop a farmland price index _____ **IIM Ahmedabad.**
- Note:**
- The index has been designed to record and present the “quality-controlled” data on the prices of agricultural land in the country.
 - The index will track the price movements in the marketplace and come up with a composite pricing mechanism on a monthly basis.
3. What is the theme of Biotech Startup Expo - 2022, which was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi _____ **Biotech Startup Innovations: Towards AatmaNirbhar Bharat.**
- Note:**
- This 2022 Expo is organised to mark completion of ten years of setting up of Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC).
 - The theme of the 2022 Expo is ‘Biotech Startup Innovations: Towards AatmaNirbhar Bharat’.
4. Who among the following has been chaired the 25-members advisory committee on mutual funds, which was restructured by the market regulator, Securities and Exchange Board of India _____ **Usha Throat.**
- Note:**
- Earlier, the committee had 24 members
 - Aim: Advice SEBI on problems relating to MF regulation and development, and on disclosure requirements and takes necessary for a change in the legal framework.
5. Which of the following Indian institutes have been ranked 155th in the QS World University Ranking 2023 _____ **Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.**
- Note:**
- Indian Institute of Science (IISc) ranked 155th as the top research university in the world with a perfect score of 100 in the citation per faculty parameter.
 - IIT Bombay placed at the 172nd rank and IIT Delhi has been ranked 174.
6. What is India’s rank among the top recipients of foreign direct investment (FDI), as per UNCTAD’s World Investment Report 2022 _____ **7th.**
- Note:**
- FDI inflow into India declined to \$45 billion in 2021 from \$64 billion in the preceding year.
7. What is the enhanced limit of funding under Technology Development Fund (TDF) scheme _____ **Rs 50 crores.**
- Note:**
- It is executed by Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) and supports indigenous development of components, products, systems, and technologies by MSMEs and start-ups.
8. NHAI enters Guinness World Record for laying 75 km highway in 105 hours and 33 minutes between Amravati and Akola districts. It is a part of which of the following national highways _____ **NH 53.**
- Note:**
- National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has created a Guinness World Record for the longest continuously laid bituminous lane of 75 kilometres in 105 hours and 33 minutes between Amravati and Akola districts in Maharashtra.
9. National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has launched ‘CiSS application’ under _____ **Baal Swaraj portal.**
- Note:**
- It has been launched for online tracking and digital real-time monitoring mechanism of children in need of care and protection.
10. Second edition of National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment 2021 (NeSDA 2021) covers services across _____ **7 sectors.**
- Note:**
- Union Minister Jitendra Singh has released 2nd edition of the National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment 2021 (NeSDA 2021).
 - It covers services across 7 sectors: Finance, Labour and Employment, Education, Local Governance and Utility Services, Social Welfare, Environment and Tourism sectors.

11. PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the headquarters of the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) at _____ **Ahmedabad**.

Note:

- The establishment of IN-SPACe was announced in June 2020.
- It is an autonomous and single window nodal agency in the Department of Space for the promotion, encouragement and regulation of space activities of both government and private entities.

12. The government of India has introduced Agnipath Military recruitment scheme to recruit defense troops for how many years of short duration _____ **4 years**.

Note:

- The scheme will facilitate the induction of more troops for shorter-term tenures.
- The scheme has been planned and is being implemented by the Department of Military Affairs.
- Under the scheme, candidates will join the defense forces and continue for a period of four years only.

13. The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship will be organising the Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela in 200+ locations in India. Who is present Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Minister of India _____ **Dharmendra Pradhan**.

Note:

- The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship will be organising the Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela every month now on.
- Aim: to connect the youth with more opportunities for on-ground training within corporates and further a chance to get employment.

14. The central govt has decided to distribute fortified rice in how many aspirational and high-burden districts across the country through Public Distribution System in 2022-23 _____ **291**.

Note:

- Govt has planned to provide 175 lakh MT of fortified rice during this phase.
- The focus will be on to cover all Integrated Child Development Services Centre, PM - Poshan and Mid-Day Meal schools.
- During 2021-22, around 17 lakh MT of fortified rice have been distributed under ICDS and PM- Poshan.

Important News – State

1. Which state govt has declared Blue Duke (Bassarona durga) as the state butterfly _____ **Sikkim**.

Note:

- Blue Duke was selected as the state butterfly after securing 57% votes in an online poll conducted by the Forest Department.
- It was discovered in the state in 1858.

2. Which state govt has launched the Nalaya Thiran programme to skill the college student with the knowledge of technology _____ **Tamil Nadu**.

Note:

- Under this programme, government will train nearly 50,000 college students with knowledge in computer science, electronics and IT domains, skilling them on problem-solving using technologies.

3. Which state's Anti-Corruption Bureau has launched the '14400 app' to report corrupt government officials in the state _____ **Andhra Pradesh**.

Note:

- This app is developed by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB).
- With the help of this app, people can lodge corruption-related complaints against officials in the State.

4. Which coastal state of India has launched a 'Beach Vigil App' to ensure the management of beaches and the security of tourists _____ **Goa**.

Note:

- This app shall benefit the institutions working in the beach tourism sector and tourists.
- With the help of this app, the Drishti workers, police, and other stakeholders can raise issues for safeguarding tourists' interests.
- The state government also plans to make the coastal state among the top 25 destinations for start-ups in Asia by 2025.

5. Which state ranked first in the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India's (FSSAI), 4th State Food Safety Index in the large state category _____ **Tamil Nadu**.

Note:

- Aim: To measure the performance of states across five parameters.
 - Tamil Nadu topped the list among large states followed by Gujarat and Maharashtra.
 - Smaller states: Goa(1st) followed by Manipur and Sikkim.
 - UTs: Jammu & Kashmir, Delhi and Chandigarh
6. In which state, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurates “Dharohar - the National Museum of Customs and GST” _____ **Goa**.
- Note:**
- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has inaugurated “Dharohar - the National Museum of Customs and GST” in Panaji Goa.
 - It is a two-storey ‘Blue building’, which was earlier known as Alfandega, during Portuguese rule in Goa and has been standing on the banks of Mandovi River in Panaji for more than 400 years.
7. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated Jagatguru Sreesanth Tukaram Maharaj Shila Mandir in which state _____ **Maharashtra**.
- Note:**
- He will inaugurate Jagatguru Sreesanth Tukaram Maharaj Shila Mandir at Dehu near Pune.
 - The city of Dehu is sanctified by the Jagadguru Sant Tukaram Maharaj, a renowned poet and worshipper of Lord Vithala, from 17th century.
8. Which becomes the first Indian state to approve a policy for drones _____ **Himachal Pradesh**.
- Note:**
- The ‘Himachal Pradesh Drone Policy 2022’ was approved by the chief minister Jai Ram Thakur. The policy envisions creating a holistic drone ecosystem built upon the foundation of Governance and Reforms Using Drones (GARUD).
 - With this new drone policy, Himachal Pradesh has become the first state in the country to formally acknowledge the public use of drones.

Important News - World

1. By which year, European Parliament Members have voted to ban the sale of new petrol and diesel cars _____ **2035**.
- Note:**
- Aim: To fight against climate change
 - The EU assembly voted in Strasbourg, France to require automakers to cut carbon-dioxide emissions by 100% by the middle of the next decade.
 - The mandate would amount to ban on the sale in the EU nations of new cars powered by gasoline.
2. Which of the country will receive the humanitarian assistance of \$48 million from United Nations in June 2022 _____ **Sri Lanka**.
- Note:**
- India has already provided financial assistance worth over \$3 billion since January to provide essential items, including food, fuel, cooking gas, and medicines.
 - Sri Lanka needs \$6 billion to keep the country afloat for the next six months, adding that \$5 billion is required to ensure day-to-day living and another \$1 billion to strengthen the Sri Lankan rupee.
3. Which following country will host special ASEAN Foreign Ministers’ meet 2022 _____ **India**.
- Note:**
- It will be the first meeting hosted by India in New Delhi
 - ASEAN members: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam
4. Which country is the top recipients of FDI as per the UNCTAD’s World Investment Report 2022 _____ **USA**.
- Note:**
- In its latest World Investment Report released on Thursday, UNCTAD said FDI inflows into India declined to \$45 billion in 2021 from \$64 billion in the preceding year.
 - While the USA (\$367 billion) remained the top recipient of FDI, China (\$181 billion) and Hong Kong (\$141 billion) also retained second and third position respectively.
5. Which organization has adopted an India-sponsored resolution on multilingualism that mentions the Hindi language for the first time _____ **UNGA**.
- Note:**
- The resolution urges United Nations to continue spreading vital communications and messages in both official and non-official languages, including Hindi.

6. The twelfth WTO Ministerial Conference is being held in _____ **Geneva, Switzerland.**

Note:

- The twelfth WTO Ministerial Conference is being held in Geneva, Switzerland from 12th to 15th June 2022
- Key areas: WTO's response to the pandemic, Fisheries subsidies negotiations and Agriculture issues including Public Stockholding for Food security.

7. Which country has released a new geological map of the moon, which it says is the most detailed to date _____ **China.**

Note:

- The new map, which has details of craters and structures not charted before, will assist in further research of the moon.
- USGS Astrogeology Science Centre had, for the first time, mapped and classified the entire lunar surface in collaboration with NASA and the Lunar Planetary Institute in 2020.

8. Which has become the 2nd country in the world to adopt bitcoin as its official currency, after El Salvador _____

Central African Republic.

Note:

- The CAR is the first country in Africa to adopt Bitcoin as legal tender
- This move places the Central African Republic on the map of the world's boldest and most visionary countries.
- Currently, The country uses the French-backed CFA franc as its currency, along with most other former French colonies in Africa.

Honor & Awards

1. Who among the following would receive the lifetime achievement award at MTV Movie & TV Award _____ **Jennifer Lopez**

Note:

- MTV Movie & TV Awards recognizes actors who have diversely contributed to both film and TV industry and are known in every household.
- Vanessa Hudgens will host the Generation Awards.
- Jennifer Lopez will receive the lifetime achievement award.

2. Who has been named a Global Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Pioneer for Water Stewardship by the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) _____ **Ramkrishna Mukavilli.**

Note:

- The United Nations Global Compact has named ten new SDG Pioneers, who are corporate leaders who are excelling in advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by implementing the UN Global Compact Ten Principles on human rights, environment, labour, and anti-corruption.

3. Which institution has been awarded with the Regional Director Special Recognition Award by WHO _____ **Resource Centre for Tobacco Control, PGIMER.**

Note:

- WHO has awarded Resource Centre for Tobacco Control (e-RCTC) of the Department of Community Medicine and School of Public Health at Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) in Chandigarh with Regional Director Special Recognition Award.

4. Who has been conferred with honorary degree D.Litt at the first special convocation of the HSNC University _____

Ratan Tata.

Note:

- HSNC University was established as a joint venture between Ministry of HRD, Govt of Maharashtra, and the HSNC Board.
- It is the second cluster university in the city of Mumbai.

Sports News

1. In which category, Indian shooter, Avani Lekhara has won the gold medal at the 2022 Para Shooting World Cup in France _____ **10m air rifle standing SH1.**

Note:

- She also created a world record score of 250.6 in women's 10m air rifle standing SH1.
- Emilia Babska from Poland has bagged the silver medal with a total of 247.6, while Anna Normann of Sweden has settled for bronze medal.

2. The 4th edition of the Khelo India Youth Games 2021 is being organized at how many locations _____ **five**.

Note:

- The event was inaugurated by the union home minister Amit Shah.
- KIYG is the flagship event of the Indian government's Khelo India initiative.
- KIYG 2021 will see participation from 37 States and Union Territories of India.
- As many as 25 sports events will be organized at five venues namely Panchkula, Ambala, Shahabad, Chandigarh, and Delhi.

3. After defeating which country, India has won the final of the inaugural FIH Hockey 5s championship in Lausanne in Switzerland _____ **Poland**.

Note:

- India had topped the five-team league standings with three wins and one draw en route final, ending their campaign with an unbeaten record.
- Earlier, India has outplayed Malaysia by 7-3 before beating Poland 6-2 in the second match of the day.

4. Who among the following Indian Women's cricketers has announced her retirement from all forms of international cricket on Jun 8, 2022 _____ **Mithali Raj**.

Note:

- She has represented India in matches (232) and scored 7,805 runs at an average of 50.68.
- She made her international debut in an ODI against Ireland, in June 1999.
- She became the first and is the only woman cricketer to have aggregated more than 10,000 international runs in over 350 matches across all three formats.

5. What is the name of the official mascot of the 44th Chess Olympiad, launched by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin _____ **Thambi**.

Note:

- It is a knight dressed in the traditional Tamil attire Veshti (Dhoti) with a shirt and is seen with folded hands, apparently extending the Tamil greeting 'Vanakkam'.

6. Who has clinched gold medal in men's 55-kilogram event at IWF Youth World Championships 2022 _____ **Saanapathi Gurunaidu**.

Note:

- Indian weightlifter Saanapathi Gurunaidu has clinched gold medal in men's 55-kilogram event at IWF Youth World Championships in Mexico with total lift of 230 kilogram.

7. Who won the gold medal at the Chateauroux 2022 World Cup _____ **Avani Lekhara**.

Note:

- The Tokyo Paralympian has won in the R8 event- women's 50m rifle 3 positions SH1 with a score of 458.3.
- She beat Veronika Vadovicova of Slovakia to win this title and gold for India.

8. Name the Indian Grandmaster who won the Norway Chess Group A open chess tournament _____ **R Praggnanandhaa**.

Note:

- The 16-year old GM, the top-seed, was in fine form and remained unbeaten through the nine rounds.
- He finished the tournament with a win over fellow Indian V Praneeth, an International Master.

9. Manpreet Kaur is associated with which sport who sets a new National Record in the Inter-State Athletics Meet in Chennai _____ **Shot Put**.

Note:

- She held the previous record of 17.96m.
- Manpreet has previously threw the iron ball 18.86m at the Asian GP in 2017.
- Manpreet Kaur, who has recently returned after a 4-year doping ban.

10. Which state emerged as the champion at the 4th edition of Khelo India Youth Games 2021 _____ **Haryana**.

Note:

- Haryana tops the medal tally with 52 gold, 39 silver, and 46 bronze medals.
- While Maharashtra finished 2nd with 45 gold, 40 silver, and 40 bronze.
- Karnataka finished 3rd with 22 gold, 17 silver and 28 bronze.

11. Aneesh Gowda is associated with which sports who won the highest number (six gold medals) of medals in the 4th Khelo India Youth Games 2021 _____ **Swimming**.

Note:

- Maharashtra swimmer Apeksha Fernandes and gymnast Sanyukta Kale won five gold medals each in the games.
- Host state Haryana becomes the champion at the 4th Khelo India Youth Games 2021.

12. Who won the Azerbaijan Formula One Grand Prix 2022 _____ **Max Verstappen**.

Note:

- He became the most successful driver in the Red Bull of all time.
- Red Bull's Sergio Perez came second and Mercedes' George Russell came at the third spot.

13. Star badminton player Viktor Axelsen belongs to which country who has won men's single title at the BWF Indonesia Masters 2022 _____ **Denmark**.

Note:

- Axelsen (Denmark) defeated Taiwan's Chou Tien-chen in straight sets.
- While Chen Yufei (China) beats Thailand's Ratchanok Intanon.
- For Chen, triumph in Jakarta marks a first individual tournament victory since she won gold at the Tokyo 2020 Games.

Books and Authors

14. Which institution has launched the book 'Business of Sports: The Winning Formula for Success' _____ **International Institute of Sports Management**.

Note:

- It is authored by Vinit Karnik and has been published under the banner of Popular Prakashan.

Science and Defence

1. In which year INS Nishank was commissioned, and which has been decommissioned by the Indian Navy on June 4, 2022 _____ **1989**.

Note:

- These two ships also participated in Operation Talwar and Operation Parakram.
- While INS Nishank, a high-speed missile craft, was commissioned on September 12, 1989, INS Akshay was commissioned a year later on December 10, 1990 at Poti, Georgia.

2. By which year NASA set to launch "DAVINCI Mission" to explore the harsh atmosphere of Venus _____ **2029**.

Note:

- The mission will fly by Venus and explore its harsh atmosphere in 2029. It will be the first mission to study Venus by means of both flybys and descent. Spacecraft is likely to explore layered Venusian atmosphere.
- It will reach Venusian surface by June 2031. The mission would capture data about Venus, that scientists are trying to measure since early 1980s.

3. India will launch first manned Human Ocean Mission in which year _____ **2023**.

Note:

- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences India Jitendra Singh said that India will achieve the unique distinction of simultaneously launching the first Human Space Mission "Gaganyaan" as well as the first manned Human Ocean Mission in 2023.