

Weekly One-liners

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Dear readers,

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

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. Which agri-tech startup has partnered with the SBI General Insurance and Future Generali India Insurance Company to expand its insurance solutions for farmers _____ **nurture.farm**.
Note:
 - nurture.farm is an open digital platform for growers, farming communities and food systems.
 - The company had recently received a corporate agency licence from IRDAI to enable nurture.farm, to help farmers access innovative insurance solutions at cost-effective price points.
2. What is the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) of India for the month of June 2022 _____ **15.18% (Provisional)**.
Note:
 - Reason of high rate of inflation: Rise in prices of mineral oils, food articles, crude petroleum & natural gas, basic metals, chemicals & chemical products, food products etc.
 - Fuel and Power category: Index increased by 0.65% to 155.4 in June.
 - It remained in double-digit for the 15th straight month.
3. Which international bank has signed an MoU with RBI to improve mutual cooperation between them _____ **Bank Indonesia**.
Note:
 - With this MoU, RBI and BI committed to deepening relations between the two central banks and strengthening the exchange of information and cooperation in the area of central banking.
 - It includes payment systems, digital innovation in payments services, and a regulatory and supervisory framework.
4. Which bank has completed technical integration with the new e-filing portal of the IT department and has become the 1st private bank to fully integrate with the portal _____ **Kotak Mahindra Bank**.
Note:
 - Its customers can now pay their direct taxes through the e-pay tax tab on the portal.
 - This will make the tax payment process simple, instant, and convenient for customers.
5. The Internet and Mobile Association of India has decided to shut down the Blockchain and Crypto Assets Council. Where is the headquarters of Internet and Mobile Association of India _____ **Mumbai**.
Note:
 - With this, IAMAI will cease to represent crypto-exchanges operating in India.
 - IAMAI had created and nurtured BACC for four years.
6. What is the India's commodities trade deficit has been recorded in June 2022 _____ **\$26.1 billion**.
Note:
 - Reason: Continuing global commodity supercycle kept the prices of key energy and metal imports high.
 - The exports in June 2022 has been increased by 23.5% to \$40.13 billion and imports raised by 57.5% to \$66.31 billion.
7. Which bank has been honoured with the 2022 global best SME bank by the leading UK-based financial publication Euromoney, for the second time since 2018 _____ **DBS**.
Note:
 - The DBS bank also won three first-time awards at Euromoney's Awards for (1) World's Best 'Financial Innovation of the year' 2022, (2) 'Asia's Best Bank for Wealth Management 2022', (3) 'Asia's Best Bank for SME award 2022'.
 - The World's Best Bank for 2022: Bank of America
 - The World's best investment bank 2022: Goldman Sachs

8. Which general insurance provider has launched an automation of vehicle inspection for insurance renewals with Artificial Intelligence based technology _____ **Kotak Mahindra General Insurance.**

Note:

- The company has partnered with Inspektlabs to automate the vehicle inspection process.
- Aim: Help in the renewal process as well as to detect fraud thereby aiding the underwriting process.
- During policy renewals process, the customers can capture photos or videos of their vehicle and upload them on the cloud-based App.

9. Which General Insurance company has launched an add-on feature for motor insurance Own Damage policies, named 'Pay as you Drive' _____ **Go Digit.**

Note:

- Customers who drive less than 10,000 Km per year on an average, will now pay less with this add-on.
- Digit will use odometer reading, telematics data and annual kilometer opted to give this discount (up to 25%).
- IRDAI has also permitted to the general insurance companies to introduce such tech-enabled concepts in motor OD policies.

10. As per the SBI study, the average income of farmers between FY 2017-18 and 2021-22, has shown an increment across India _____ **1.3 -1.7 times.**

Note:

- Income from allied and non-farm: 1.4-1.8 times (growth)
- Some crops like soybean in Maharashtra and cotton in Karnataka, incomes have in fact doubled during the same time.
- The study is based on primary data, contains granular data of various crops from agri-intensive branches and analyses the change in income of farmers.

11. As per the Morgan Stanley, what would be the India's real GDP growth for FY23 _____ **7.2%.**

Note:

- It has also estimated that the GDP growth for the FY24 will slow down to 6.4%, this is lower by 0.30% as compared to the earlier estimate.

12. According to the RBI report, the share of remittances from which region to India has declined in 2021 _____ **Gulf Cooperation Council region.**

Note:

- Observations: slower pace of migration and the presence of the Indian diaspora in informal sectors that were hit the most during the pandemic period.
- Article: 'Headwinds of COVID-19 and India's Inward Remittances'
- The US, The UK, and Singapore are an Important sources countries of remittances (accounting for 36% of total remittances in 2020-21).

13. The government of India has declared "zero coupon zero principal instruments" as _____ **Securities.**

Note:

- Zero coupon zero principal instrument: An instrument issued by a Not for Profit Organisation, will be registered with the social stock exchange segment of a recognised stock exchange.
- These will be governed by rules made by the Securities and Exchange Board of India.
- Social Stock Exchange: To serve private and non-profit sector providers by channelling greater capital to them.

14. On which bank RBI has imposed a capped of withdrawal limit of Rs 15,000 per customer for a period of six months _____ **Raigad Sahakari Bank.**

Note:

- Reason: Worsening of financial situation of the lender.
- RBI has also imposed a penalty of Rs 6 lakhs on Shri Chhatrapati Rajarshi Shahu Urban Co-operative Bank Limited for contravention of provisions related to 'Frauds - Classification and Reporting'.

15. Which bank has launched its WhatsApp Banking services to make banking easier for its customers _____ **State Bank of India.**

Note:

- Customers of the SBI can access their Account Balance and view Mini Statement on WhatsApp.
- This WhatsApp Banking services can available to customers when they send a message saying 'Hi' on the number 919022690226.

16. What is the revised minimum capital adequacy ratio (CAR) for Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) for the deposits above Rs 100 crore _____ **12%.**

Note:

- It has provided a path till March 2026 to meet revised CAR norm in phases for UCBs that don't meet it currently.
 - This is based on recommendations of a panel headed by N S Vishwanathan (former Deputy Governor).
 - It has retained the norm of a minimum CAR of 9% for tier-1 banks (deposits up to Rs 100 crore).
17. Which bank has launched a co-branded credit card with EaseMyTrip to offer exclusive travel benefits with instant discounts and reward points to card holders _____ **Standard Chartered Bank.**

Note:

- This credit card offers flat 20% instant discount on domestic & international hotel bookings, flat 10% on domestic & international flight bookings on EaseMyTrip.
 - Standard Chartered Bank CEO: Bill Winters; Headquarters: London
 - EaseMyTrip Headquarters: New Delhi
18. Which bank's board has approved a proposal to raise up to Rs 20,000 crore in debt on a private placement basis to fund its business growth _____ **IndusInd Bank.**

Note:

- As on March 31, the capital adequacy ratio of the bank stood at 18.42% (tier-I capital being at 16.80% and tier-II capital at 1.62%) as percentage of its risk-weighted assets.
 - The fund-raising plan is subject to the approval of its shareholders.
19. Which state has topped the list of the states so far as utilisation of funds under the government's flagship Smart City Mission _____ **Tamil Nadu.**

Note:

- Tamil Nadu has spent over Rs 3932 crore out of the Rs 4333 crore, Uttar Pradesh (second) has utilised Rs 2699 cr out of Rs 3142 crore, released by the Centre.
- On 8 July 2022, the Centre has released Rs 30,751.41 crore for 100 Smart Cities out of which Rs 27,610.34 crore has been utilized.
- Smart Cities Mission launched: 25 June, 2015

Obituaries

1. Achuthan Kudallur, who has been passed away at 77, was known for his _____ **abstract art.**

Note:

- He has participated in several art shows and was a well-regarded name in South Indian contemporary art.
- He is a recipient of the national and Tamil Nadu state Lalit Kala Akademi Awards.
- He was born in 1945 in Kerala, but lived alone in Chennai, and pursued a degree in Civil Engineering and revelled as an Indian Asian Modern and Contemporary painter.

2. Bhupinder Singh, who has passed away at the age of 82, was an eminent _____ **Singer.**

Note:

- He was born in Punjab's Amritsar and started his career with All India Radio and was also associated with Doordarshan Delhi.
- He worked with Mohammed Rafi, RD Burman, Lata Mangeshkar, and Bappi Lahiri.

3. Nirmal Singh Kahlon, who has passed away was a former speaker of which state _____ **Punjab.**

Note:

- He was the Rural Development and Panchayat Minister from 1997 to 2002 and was elected as an MLA from Fatehgarh Churian constituency in Gurdaspur district in 1997 and 2007.
- He served as the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly from 2007 to 2012.

4. Noted scientist, Dr Ajay Kumar Parida, who has passed away, was a director of which organisations _____ **Institute of Life Sciences (ILS), Bhubaneswar.**

- He was awarded the Padma Shri Award by the President of India in 2014 for his outstanding contribution in the field of Science and Engineering.
- He had also served as an Executive Director in M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation.

Important Days

1. World Youth Skills Day 2022 is observed annually on which date to promote the need of essential skills for employment, work, and entrepreneurship _____ **July 15.**

Note:

- Every year, World Youth Skills Day is marked with a certain theme set by the United Nations.

- The theme for 2022 is 'Transforming youth skills for the future'.
2. World Day for International Justice is observed annually on which date to celebrate the organisations that work for bringing justice to the victims of international criminal acts _____ **July 17**.

Note:

- 120 countries came together on July 17, 1998, to sign a treaty titled Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.
 - The establishment came to be known as the International Criminal Court, which came into force on July 1, 2002.
 - Theme 2022: Achieving Social Justice through Formal Employment
3. The world marks Nelson Mandela International Day annually on which date in the memory of the first democratically elected President of South Africa _____ **July 18**.

Note:

- The United Nations (UN) had declared July 18 as Nelson Mandela Day in 2009, a South African anti-apartheid activist who served as the first President from 1994 to 1999.
 - The theme 2022: "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are".
 - Nelson Mandela was conferred with the Nobel Peace Prize in October 1993.
4. World Chess Day is celebrated annually on which date globally _____ **July 20**.

Note:

- The day marks the date of the establishment of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) in Paris in 1924.
 - On 12 December 2019, the General Assembly proclaimed 20 July as World Chess Day to mark the date of the establishment of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) in Paris in 1924.
5. The General Assembly has declared to celebrate the International Moon Day annually on which date to educate and promote awareness on the status and prospects for humanity. _____ **July 20**.

Note:

- In cooperation with United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA), the International Moon Day 2022 will be observed as an annual event and general public celebrations will be held all over the world.

New Appointments

1. Who has been recommended by the Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) as Managing Director at the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) _____ **G Rajkiran Rai**.

Note:

- He served as the MD & CEO of Union Bank of India for five years, till the date of his superannuation in May 2022.
 - FSIB was incorporated on July 1, 2022.
 - The erstwhile Banks Board Bureau (BBB) was revamped into FSIB with certain amendments in its mandate.
2. Who has been appointed as the new managing director and CEO of the National Stock Exchange for five years _____ **Ashish Kumar Chauhan**.

Note:

- He will be taking over the helm of NSE from Vikram Limaye.
 - He is currently served as the MD and CEO of BSE, tenure of Chauhan is scheduled to end in November 2022.
 - He is a technocrat from IIT and IIM and considered as the father of modern financial derivatives in India due to his work at NSE from 1993-2000.
3. Who has been given the additional charge as the new Governor of Bengal, after the resignation of Jagdeep Dhankhar _____ **Manipur Governor, La Ganesan**.

Note:

- He will discharge the functions of the governor of West Bengal, in addition to his own duties from the date he assumes charge of the office until regular arrangements are made.
 - Jagdeep Dhankhar has filed his nomination as the Vice-President candidate by the National Democratic Alliance (NDA).
4. Who has been appointed as the BCCI's ethics officer and ombudsman _____ **Vineet Saran (Justice)**.

Note:

- He has succeeded Justice (Retd) D K Jain, whose term ended in June 2021.
 - He is a former Chief Justice of Odisha High Court, and also served as a judge in Karnataka and Allahabad High Court.
5. Who has been appointed as the chairman of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) _____ **Manoj Kumar**.

Note:

- KVIC's former Chairman Vinai Kumar Saxena has moved on to take charge as the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi.
- Manoj Kumar was earlier part of KVIC as the Expert Member (Marketing) and has professional experience in the areas of marketing and rural development.

6. Who has taken charge as Director (Technical) of REC Limited with effect from 12th July, 2022 _____ **V K Singh.**

Note:

- V K Singh had been Executive Director in REC holding portfolio of key business areas including Private Sector Project Management, Entity Appraisal and Procurement.
- He is also a Director on the Board of REC Power Development and Consultancy Limited.

7. Who has been sworn-in as the eighth president of Sri Lanka at the parliament premises before Chief Justice Jayantha Jayasuriya _____ **Ranil Wickremesinghe.**

Note:

- He has secured 134 votes in the 225-member House while his rival Dullas Alahapperuma got 82.
- He had took over as the Acting President after ex-President Gotabaya Rajapaksa fled the country.
- He will complete the tenure of Rajapaksa's term, which ends in November 2024.

Important News - India

1. Which institutes in Gujarat have been upgraded to a central university and renamed as the Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya _____ **National Rail and Transportation Institute.**

Note:

- The Union Cabinet gave its approval to introduce a Bill in Parliament, namely, the Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2022 to amend the Central Universities Act, 2009 for setting up of Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV).
- This is the second central university in the state following the Central University of Gujarat.

2. Which department of government has set up a committee in developing a framework for the 'Right to Repair' _____ **Department of Consumer Affairs.**

Note:

- The committee will be chaired by Nidhi Khare (Additional Secretary of Department of Consumer Affairs).
- Aim: To empower consumers and product buyers in the local market, harmonize trade between the original equipment manufacturers and the third-party buyers and sellers.
- Countries like the U.S.A, U.K, and European Union have already recognized the Right to Repair

3. Paper Import Monitoring System will come into effect from _____ **1st October 2022.**

Note:

- An importer need to provide advance information online about the import of papers and obtain a registration number.
- It is applicable on import by a Domestic Territory Area unit on a wide range of paper products covering 201 tariff lines, such as newsprint, handmade paper, tissue paper, toilet paper and cartons.

4. Name the new mobile app that has been launched by UIDAI to perform face authentication through mobile app from anywhere and at any time _____ **AadhaarFaceRd.**

Note:

- Through this verification, an Aadhaar holder's real identity is validated and recorded in the databases of UIDAI which was captured at the time of Aadhaar enrolment.
- Aadhaar Face Authentication technology has been developed inhouse by UIDAI.
- Benefits of Aadhaar FaceRD: Jeevan Pramaan, Ration Distribution (PDS)

5. Which organization has joined hands with Google and a not-for-profit body Indian Society of Agribusiness Professionals (ISAP), to set up a call centre named "DigiVaani Call Center" _____ **Nasscom Foundation.**

Note:

- Aim: To help women farmers scale up their business.
- This pilot project is being conducted in six states — Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana and Rajasthan.
- Nasscom Chairperson: Krishnan Ramanujam

6. What is the total length of the Bundelkhand Expressway, inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi at Kaitheri village in Orai tehsil of Jalaun district in UP _____ **296KM.**

Note:

- Bundelkhand Expressway will benefit the industrial growth of the region

- Agriculture-based industries will flourish and it will help the defence corridor resulting the overall development of the region.
 - Four-lane Bundelkhand Expressway passes through seven districts, Chitrakoot, Banda, Mahoba, Hamirpur, Jalaun, Auraiya and Etawah.
7. According to the Ministry of Education's National Institutional Ranking Framework, Which institution has bagged the top spot among educational institutions in the country for the 4th consecutive year _____ **IIT Madras.**

Note:

- Indian Indian Institute of Science is the best university in India Rankings-2022
 - IIM, Ahmedabad is the best management institute in the country.
 - AIIMS, New Delhi is the best medical college.
 - Savitha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences in Chennai is the best dental college
8. Which city has been declared as the first Cultural and Tourism Capital of the SCO for 2022-23 _____ **Varanasi.**

Note:

- It was announced by Secretary General of the bloc Zhang Ming.
 - It is a new rotating initiative by the eight-member organisation to promote people-to-people contacts and tourism among the member states.
 - The holy city of Varanasi is showcasing India's culture and traditions over the ages.
 - Members: China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, India and Pakistan.
9. According to the National Statistical Office, which state/UT has recorded the most number of unmarried youth was observed in 2019 _____ **Jammu & Kashmir.**

Note:

- J&K was followed by Uttar Pradesh, Delhi and Punjab.
 - In about 8 years from 2011-2019, the proportion of unmarried persons within the age bracket of 15-29 years has increased from 17.2% to 23%.
 - In the National Youth Policy 2014, those aged 15 to 29 years are classified as youth.
10. The flagship scheme of Women and Child Development (WCD) Ministry, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao will now be extended across the country, was launched in which year _____ **2015.**

Note:

- BBBP is the Centre's flagship scheme for women's empowerment
 - It focuses on the education of girls child and improving the sex ratio.
 - To address sex-selective abortion.
 - It is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of Education
11. Which ministry has issued detailed guidelines for 'Mission Shakti' scheme that came into effect from April 1st, 2022 _____ **Ministry of Women and Child Development.**

Note:

- Mission Shakti is an integrated women empowerment programme for the safety, security and empowerment of women for implementation during the 15th Finance Commission.
 - 'Mission Shakti' has two sub-schemes: 'Sambal' and 'Samarthya'.
 - Sambal: Safety and security of women.
 - Samarthya: Empowerment of women.
12. What is the name of the mascot, launched by the Department of Consumer Affairs for empowering consumers and generating awareness about their rights _____ **Jagriti.**

Note:

- Themes includes: Consumer Protection Act 2019, Hallmarking, National Consumer Helpline no. 1915, provisions of weights and measures Act, decisions of the Central Consumer Protection Authority and grievance redressal.
 - Tagline "Jago Grahak Jago" in all its media campaigns.
13. Mobile Electric Charging platform has been launched along with 'Phy-gital' by Union Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Narayan Rane. _____ **Repos Pay.**

Note:

- Repos Pay: One can order a Mobile Electric Charging Vehicle on app and charge their vehicles.
- Phy-gital: It is a Fintech Platform that will bring credit to fuel consumers (Buy Now Pay Later) through Technology.
- Repos: Founded by Aditi Bhosale Walunj and Chetan Walunj in 2017.

14. Which organisation has launched the Mapping and Exchange of Good Practices initiative for mainstreaming millets in Asia and Africa in association with the World Food Programme _____ **NITI Aayog**.

Note:

- Both organisations will jointly prepare a compendium of good practices for scaling up the production and consumption of millets in India and abroad.
- The event will be inaugurated by NITI Aayog Vice Chairman, Suman Bery.

15. Which industry has signed MoU with Israel based, Phinergy, and IOC Phinergy Pvt Ltd to develop Aluminium-air batteries for electric vehicles and energy storage _____ **Hindalco Industries Ltd**.

Note:

- Hindalco, Phinergy and IOP partner on R&D and pilot production of aluminium plates for Aluminium-Air batteries, and recycling of aluminum after the usage in these batteries.
- Hindalco Industries is a subsidiary of Aditya Birla Group.
- IOC Phinergy, a JV between Phinergy and Indian Oil Corporation.

16. Which port has become first 100% Landlord Major Port of India, all berths is being operated on public-private partnership (PPP) model _____ **Jawaharlal Nehru Port**.

Note:

- Aim: Improve the utilization in crane and berth productivity of the terminal and reduce transit time, and logistics cost.
- With this the total handling of JNPT has increased to 1.8 million Twenty-foot Equivalent Units (TEUs) from the present capacity of 1.5 million TEUs.
- Minister of Ports and Shipping: Sarbananda Sonowal

17. The Centre has set up a Committee on Minimum Support Price under the chairmanship of _____ **Sanjay Agrawal (Former Agriculture Secretary)**.

Note:

- Aim: The minimum support price (MSP) more effective and transparent.
- The committee will also suggest measures to promote zero-budget natural farming and crop diversification to fulfil the changing needs of the nation.

18. Which state has been topped category of major states in Niti Aayog's third innovation index _____ **Karnataka**.

Note:

- Followed by Telangana and Haryana.
- This index examines the innovation capacities and ecosystems at the sub-national level.
- Karnataka topped the index for the third year in a row.
- States and UTs were divided into 17 Major States, 10 North-East and Hill States, and 9 Union Territories and City States, for effectively comparing their performance.

19. India has signed an MoU on wildlife conservation and sustainable biodiversity utilization for reintroducing the cheetah in India with which country _____ **Namibia**.

Note:

- The MoU was signed between Bhupender Yadav (Union Environment Minister) and Netumbo Nandi Ndaitwah (Namibia Deputy PM and Foreign Minister).
- Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh will receive the first tranche of eight cheetahs by August 15, 2022.
- The species of cheetahs in India was officially declared extinct in 1952.

Important News – State

1. Pushkar Singh Dhama has launched an e-FIR service and the state police app. He is a CM of which state of India _____ **Uttarakhand**.

Note:

- All five online services of the Uttarakhand police, are integrated into the police app to provide better services to the public.
- Five online services: Lakshya Nasha Mukta Uttarakhand, Meri Yatra, Gaura Shakti, traffic eye, and public eye.
- Additionally, the app also linked to the cyber hotline number 1930 and the emergency number 112.

2. Chairman of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), Uday Umesh Lalit has launched the country's first AI-powered digital Lok Adalat during the 18th All India Legal Services Authorities' meet held in which state _____ **Jaipur, Rajasthan**.

Note:

- The digital Lok Adalat by Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority (RLSA) was designed and developed by Jupitice Justice Technologies (technology partner).
3. Which state's Fibre Optic Network has received the Internet Service Provider (ISP) license from the Department of Telecommunications _____ **Kerala**.

Note:

- With this, Kerala has become the first and only state in the country to have its own internet service.
 - The KFON is envisaged to provide free internet to BPL families and 30,000 government offices.
 - The previous Left government had declared internet connection as a basic right and launched the Rs 1,548-crore KFON project in 2019.
4. Bonalu is a popular hindu festival celebrated in which state of India _____ **Telangana (Hyderabad and Secunderabad)**.

Note:

- This festival is dedicated to Goddess Mahakali.
 - During this festival, the different forms of Mahakali are worshipped, including Mysamma, Dokkamma, Pedamma, Pochamma, Yellamma, Poleramma and Ankamma.
 - Bonalu is celebrated in the month of Ashada (July-August).
5. Which state CM has launched a scheme named 'Swanirbhar Naari', to empower indigenous weavers _____ **Himanta Biswa Sarma (CM of Assam)**.

Note:

- Under the scheme, the state government will procure handloom items directly from the indigenous weavers via a web portal.
- Government has also urged the Handloom & Textiles department to promote Assamese gamosa (traditional scarf or towel), which is a unique handloom product, across the country.

Important News – World

1. Which country's government has launched an "Aviation Passenger Charter" with an aim to help passengers know their rights _____ **British government**.

Note:

- The new charter will help passengers know what to do if they are confronted by cancellations, delays or missing baggage.
 - The passengers will be properly compensated if things don't go to plan, and the chaotic scenes at airports are unacceptable.
 - In June 2022, the UK government has published a 22-point support plan to avoid further disruption.
2. Which state and city have been listed among the TIME magazine 50 extraordinary destinations to explore the World's Greatest Places of 2022 _____ **Kerala and Ahmedabad**.

Note:

- Kerala: It is one of India's most beautiful states. With spectacular beaches and lush backwaters, it's known as "God's own country" for good reason.
 - Ahmedabad: India's first UNESCO World Heritage City, Ahmedabad, boasts both ancient landmarks and contemporary innovations.
3. Which IT organisation has signed an agreement to acquire life sciences consulting and tech firm BASE life science for up to \$€ 110\$ million in an all cash deal _____ **Infosys**.

Note:

- The BASE life science brings Infosys domain experts commercial, medical, digital marketing, and clinical.
 - It will also help to deepen the life sciences domain capabilities and strengthen its footprint across Europe.
 - The BASE collaborates with software technology providers such as Veeva, IQVIA, and Salesforce.
4. Which country has topped the Expat Insider Rankings for 2022 published by the InterNations _____ **Mexico**.

Note:

- Followed by Indonesia, Taiwan, Portugal, Spain, UAE, Vietnam, Thailand.
 - India has ranked 36 out of the 52 countries, between Egypt (35th) and the UK (37th), China was placed in 33rd position.
 - Bottom 10: Kuwait (52), New Zealand (51), Hong Kong(50), Cyprus (49), Luxembourg(48), Japan (47), South Africa (46th), Turkey (45th), Italy (44th), Malta (43rd)
5. According to the Forbes' Real-Time Billionaires List, who has become the world's 4th richest person with the net worth of \$115.5 billion _____ **Gautam Adani (Chief of Adani Group)**.

Note:

- Adani's wealth has been surged by \$2.9 billion due to sharp run-up in Adani Group stocks.
 - He has surpassed Microsoft cofounder, Bill Gates, who has announced to donate \$20 billion of his wealth to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.
 - Mukesh Ambani was placed at 10th on the Forbes list (net worth: \$87.7 billion).
6. According to the 2022 Henley Passport Index from Henley & Partners (an immigration consultancy), what is the rank of India on the list of world's most powerful passports _____ **87th**.

Note:

- Top 10: Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Germany, Spain, Finland, Italy, Luxemburg, Austria, Denmark
 - India neighbouring countries: Bhutan (93rd), Myanmar (99th), Sri Lanka (103rd), Bangladesh (104th) and Pakistan (109th), China (69th)
 - Worst passport in the world: Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria
7. Which organisation has announced that it will introduce a new app named, 'Viva Engage' in Teams with an aim to build community and connection, along with providing tools for personal expression _____ **Microsoft**.

Note:

- This platform is designed to give employees across multiple roles and functions, what they need to feel connected.
- This social app builds on the existing capabilities of the Communities app for Teams and Microsoft 365.

Honor & Awards

1. Who has been conferred with the Mother Teresa Memorial Award for 2021 _____ **Dia Mirza and Afroz Shah**.

Note:

- For their outstanding work for the protection of the environment.
 - Dia Mirza is a UN Goodwill Ambassador for Environment and Afroz Shah has been awarded 'UN Champion of the Earth' in 2016.
 - The awards was instituted by the Harmony Foundation.
 - Founder of Harmony Foundation: Abraham Mathai and Susan Abraham.
2. Which organisationa has bagged the Sardar Patel Outstanding ICAR Institute Award 2021 (in the Large Institute Category) for its overall performance _____ **The National Academy of Agricultural Research Management**.

Note:

- Ch Srinivasa Rao (Director of NAARM) has received the award from the Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar.

Sports News

1. The Indian Olympic Association announced a 322-strong contingent including 215 athletes and 107 officials and support staff for the upcoming Birmingham Commonwealth Games. Who is the chief of the mission _____ **Rajesh Bhandari**.

Note:

- The Games are scheduled to be held in British city from July 28 to August 8.
 - Team India will compete in 15 sporting disciplines as well as four disciplines in the para sports category.
2. In which year Tokyo will host the World Athletics Championships _____ **2025**.

Note:

- At the World Athletics Council Meeting held in Oregon, USA, the Council has also announced that the 2024 World Athletics Cross Country Championships will be held in Medulin and Pula in Croatia.
 - The 2026 World Athletics Cross Country Championships will be held in Tallahassee, Florida.
 - The 19th edition of the World Athletics Championships will be held in Budapest in Hungary(2023).
3. Who has won the Paracin Open 'A' chess tournament 2022 in Serbia _____ **R Praggnanandhaa**.

Note:

- Alexandr Predke (Russian player) grabbed the second spot with 7.5 points ahead of Alisher Suleymenov (Kazakhstan player), who took third place.
- Young Indian International Master, V Pranav has ended in fifth place with 6.5 points and GM Arjun Kalyan from India settled for seventh place.

4. Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce has clinched her record fifth world 100m title in Eugene, Oregon, belongs to which country _____ **Jamaica.**

Note:

- She has previously won the blue riband event in 2009, 2013, 2015 and 2019, won in a championship record of 10.67 seconds.
- Shericka Jackson (Jamaica) won silver in a personal best of 10.73sec and four-time Olympic sprint champion, Elaine Thompson-Herah (Jamaica) has claimed bronze (10.81).
- Fred Kerley from US won gold in the men's world 100m title.

5. Who has lifted first Super 500 title of her career after defeating reigning Asian champion, Wang Zhi Yi of China by 21-9, 11-21, 21-15 in the final of the Singapore Open _____ **P V Sindhu.**

Note:

- This is her first 500 or better since the world championship win in 2019. This is her first 500 or better final in 2022.
- Anthony Sinisuka Ginting (Indonesia) won the men's singles title at badminton's Singapore Open 2022 after defeating Japanese player Naraoka Kodai.

6. Who has created history by becoming the first Indian shooter to win the gold medal in the men's skeet event at 2022 ISSF World Cup in Changwon, South Korea _____ **Mairaj Ahmad Khan.**

Note:

- He has recorded 37 hits out of a possible 40 in the final to win gold.
- Minsu Kim from South Korea has bagged silver medal, while Ben Llewellyn of Great Britain won bronze.
- Women's 50m rifle 3 positions team: Anjum Moudgil, Sift Kaur Samra and Ashi Chouksey won the bronze medal

7. Who has won the 41st Villa De Benasque International Chess Open title, after defeating Robert Hovhannisyan (Armenia) and Raunak Sadhwani on the basis of tie-break score _____ **Aravindh Chithambaram.**

Note:

- Chithambaram, Hovhannisyan and Sadhwani finished on eight points from 10 rounds along with seven others.
- Raunak Sadhwani has finished in third place behind the Armenian.
- Chithambaram is also a former national champion.

8. Who has clinched the gold with an aggregate of 157kg (69kg+88kg), in the women's 45kg gold at the Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championship in Tashkent, Uzbekistan _____ **Harshada Garud.**

Note:

- Soumya Dalvi has bagged the bronze in the 45kg category of the youth event.
- In the men's 49 kg youth event, L Dhanush has won the bronze with an 85 kg effort.

9. Ben Stokes, who has announced his retirement from ODI cricket belongs to which cricket team _____ **England.**

Note:

- His last ODI against South Africa in Durham.
- His ODI debut was against Ireland in 2011, he has scored 2919 runs, including three centuries, and taken 74 wickets in this format.
- He won ICC's Player of the Year in 2019, Wisden's leading Cricketer in the World in 2020.

10. Lleyton Hewitt was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame, as part of the 2021 class, belongs to which country _____ **Australia.**

Note:

- He is the 34th player from Australia to be inducted.
- He has won the 2001 US Open and 2002 Wimbledon titles among 30 career ATP triumphs and was a part of two Davis Cup championship teams in 1999 and 2003.
- Hewitt won his last ATP title at Newport in 2014.
- He remained the No 1 player in the world and spent 80 weeks top-ranked.

11. The Indian men's team of Anish Bhanwala, Vijayveer Sidhu and Sameer clinched the silver medal in which category, at ISSF World Cup Changwon 2022 in South Korea _____ **25m rapid fire pistol.**

Note:

- With this medal, India retained the top spot on the medals table with five gold, six silver and four bronze.
- South Korea has finished with four golds, five silver and three bronze medals.
- This is the second time, when Indian shooters had topped the ISSF World Cup medals tally.

Books and Authors

1. Who is the writer of the book “BEYOND THE MISTY VEIL”, Temple Tales of Uttarakhand, released by CM Pushkar Singh Dhami _____ **Aradhana Johri (Senior IAS)**.

Note:

- This book will be known as an authentic introduction to the divine temples of Uttarakhand in the country and abroad.
 - Former IAS officer Aradhana Johri who had served earlier as the District Magistrate of Nainital.
2. Who released the ‘Connecting through Culture’, an anthology of essays on various aspects of India’s soft power strengths _____ **S. Jaishankar (External Affairs Minister)**.

Note:

- The Minister described the book as the “good cop” in diplomacy.
- It can be used to encourage others to work with India because “it creates a comfort about India.

Science and Defence

1. Which space-tech start-up company has opened its Rocket Factory-1, India’s first-ever rocket facility dedicated to 3D printed rocket engines at scale _____ **Agnikul Cosmos**.

Note:

- The facility at IIT Madras Research Park was unveiled by N Chandrasekaran, Chairman, TATA Sons with ISRO Chairman S Somanath being the Guest of Honour.
 - The IIT Madras incubated start-up became the first Indian company to sign an agreement with the Indian Space Research Organisation in December 2020.
2. Which company has launched a Biodiversity Sensor Project, a biodiversity monitoring technology in association with IIT Ropar _____ **Syngenta India**.

Note:

- Syngenta also flagged off India’s first Drone Yatra, that will travel 10,000 kms to create awareness on drone spraying among 10,000 farmers.
 - The Yatra will travel to 13 states to demonstrate and educate farmers on use of drones.
 - For the Biodiversity Sensor Project, Syngenta India is working with IIT Ropar & Fraunhofer Institute.
3. Name the SpaceX Cargo Dragon spacecraft has launched from “launch complex 39A” of the Kennedy Space Centre _____ **CRS-25**.

Note:

- The spacecraft was lifted off on Falcon 9.
 - CRS-25 was initially scheduled to launch in June 2022, but it was delayed due to a hydrazine leak on the spacecraft.
 - Hydrazine: Used by Dragon's Draco thrusters and is highly corrosive to components not designed to interact with the fuel.
 - SpaceX was founded in 2002 by Elon Musk.
4. Dunagiri has been launched into the Hooghly river at Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited, Kolkata, is a frigate of which class _____ **Project 17A**.

Note:

- The ceremony was attended by Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh as the chief guest.
 - It is christened after a ‘Dunagiri’, mountain range in the state of Uttarakhand.
 - It is the fourth ship of P17A Frigates (Shivalik Class) with improved stealth features, advanced weapons and sensors and platform management systems.
5. Name the INS, kilo-class submarine which has been decommissioned by the Indian Navy _____ **INS Sindhudhvaj**.

Note:

- It has been acquired from Russia in 1987.
- India had acquired 8 of the submarines, designated 877 EKM, between 1986 and 1991 and two more were acquired between 1998 and 2000.
- India has four Type 209 submarines of German origin and four of the indigenously manufactured Scorpene class of French origin.
- Two more Scorpene submarines will be delivered to the Indian Navy by 2023 end.

6. The defence ministry has set up an apex committee to conduct "performance and efficiency" audit of capital procurements, logistics, inventory and maintenance of assets of the armed forces. Who is the head of this committee _____ **Ajay Kumar, Defence secretary.**

Note:

- Committee will advise Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh on measures for overall improvement in strengthening of internal oversight and risk management framework in various aspects of functioning of the ministry.

7. Name the challenge, launched by PM Modi with an aim to boost the usage of indigenous technology in the Indian Navy _____ **'SPRINT challenges'.**

Note:

- This was unveiled at a naval seminar, which is organised by the Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Organisation (NIIO) and Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers.
- SPRINT: Supporting Pole-Vaulting in R&D through iDEX (Innovations for Defence Excellence), NIIO and TDAC (Technology Development Acceleration Cell).

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