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Dear readers,

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

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. PVR and INOX Leisure have received clearances for their merger from which two stock exchanges _____ **NSE and BSE**.

Note:

- In March 2022, both multiplex operators announced the merger to create the largest multiplex chain in the country.
- The company received an observation letter with 'no adverse observations' from BSE Ltd on June 20, 2022, and an observation letter with 'no objection' from NSE on June 21, 2022.

2. Which bank will collaborate with the Government's Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW) to create an integrated pension portal _____ **SBI**.

Note:

- It helps to enhance the ease of living of pensioners.
- It was decided during the special session, that immediate effort are needed for the creation of a pension portal by linking the existing portals of the DoPPW and the SBI.

3. Under the chairmanship of whom, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), has set up a 20-member advisory committee, which recommends a fillip to the growth of such instruments, including measures focusing on ease of issuance and attracting domestic and global capital _____ **KV Kamath**.

Note:

- Sebi has reconstituted its research advisory committee of 16 members, chaired by V Ravi Anshuman.

4. What is the new timeline recommended by the RBI for implementation of a few provisions under its master directions on credit card and debit card issuance _____ **October 1, 2022**.

Note:

- Provisions: Card issuers shall seek OTP-based consent from the cardholder for activating a credit card, If consent is not received then card issuers shall close the credit card account without any cost.

5. Which bank has launched a new portal for its corporate EXIM customers named 'SIB TF Online' _____ **South Indian Bank**.

Note:

- This portal provides a platform for trade-related payments to foreign entities remotely.
- Through this portal, customers can initiate the payment request on SIB TF Online, after uploading the relevant documents for the transaction.

6. Which bank has joined hands with CARD91 and RuPay, to create a card management system that will allow companies to launch a variety of co-branded card instruments _____ **YES Bank**.

Note:

- This will enable CARD91 to expand its presence in the Indian payments market.
- CARD91 is a global payment infrastructure powering B2B payments.
- It was designed to help businesses launch co-branded cards and simplify payments.

7. Max Life Insurance Company Ltd has launched the 'Max Life Smart Fixed-return Digital Plan' with which insurance websites _____ **Policybazaar**.

Note:

- It is a non-linked, non-participating, individual life insurance savings plan.

- This plan helps customers to meet their short-term financial goals.
 - The plan also offers guaranteed tax-free returns up to 6.14%.
 - Monthly premiums: ₹3000; Minimum tenure: five years
8. Freo has launched a digital savings account offering 'Freo Save' in association with which bank _____ **Equitas Small Finance Bank.**
- Note:**
- With this launch, Freo has become the first consumer neobank in the country to provide full-stack neo-banking products.
 - It includes smart savings account, credit and payments products, cards and wealth-growth products.
9. What is the name of the customised Credit Card, launched by AU Small Finance Bank _____ **AU Bank LIT (Live-It-Today).**
- Note:**
- This credit card offers a unique value proposition to cardholders.
 - Cardholders can choose the features and time period according to their wish.
 - Through the AU0101 app, cardholders can track their saving/earnings daily to maximize their benefits.
10. Liberty General Insurance has signed an agreement with which distribution company to enable the distribution of Liberty's retail and commercial line of products _____ **Peerless Financial Products Distribution Ltd (PFPDL).**
- Note:**
- The product distribution across the country will be done through the 42 branches of Peerless.
 - Liberty is working closely with PFPDL to provide training and operational expertise.
11. Which bank has launched 'Video-based Customer Identification Process (V-CIP)' _____ **Karnataka Bank.**
- Note:**
- It is an online savings bank (SB) account opening facility.
 - This facility will enable in the corporate website of the bank, strengthen the prospective customers to open an SB account through online process and complete KYC verification through a video call.
 - This is a end-to-end paperless digital process.
12. Which state's rain-fed agriculture in the steep areas project has been approved by the World Bank, cost Rs. 1,000 crore _____ **Uttarakhand.**
- Note:**
- The watershed department will carry out the Uttarakhand Climate Responsive Rain-fed Farming Project.
 - Aims: Lower the greenhouse gas emissions.
 - It will also encourage environment-friendly agricultural practices.
13. The World Bank has approved a loan of what amount to the Indian Railways to reduce the India's high carbon emissions and low modal freight share in the railways _____ **\$ 245 Million.**
- Note:**
- The Indian Railway project will help India to shift more traffic from road to rail.
 - This will make transport more efficient and reduce tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions each year.
 - This loan is financed through the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development with a maturity of 22 years.
14. Which bank has launched a digital platform called 'Campus Power' _____ **ICICI Bank.**
- Note:**
- Aim: To help students aspiring to pursue higher education in India and outside the country.
 - This platform will cater the varied needs of the entire student ecosystem comprising students, parents, and institutes.
15. Which online food delivery platform has announced to acquire Blinkit, which was earlier known as Grofers, in an all-stock deal of Rs 4,447 crore _____ **Zomato.**
- Note:**
- Zomato would acquire up to 33,018 equity shares of Blink Commerce Pvt Ltd.
 - The total purchase consideration of Rs 4,447.48 crore at a price of Rs 13.45 lakh per equity share.

- Last year, Zomato had bought a 10% stake in Blinkit for about \$100 million.

16. Which NBFC has received in-principal RBI approval for issuance of semi-closed prepaid payment instruments _____

Mufin Finance.

Note:

- This PPI licence will allow digital banks, fintech firms and large consumer-facing applications to roll out features such as digital payment solutions for lending.
- It is the fourth NBFC to receive such a licence from the RBI
- Other three: Bajaj Finserve, Manapurram and Paul Merchants.

17. Which fintech service has launched UPI 123Pay payment and wearable ATM cards _____ **Acemoney.**

Note:

- UPI 123Pay: Allow people to carry out cashless transactions without smartphones or internet connections by using feature phones only.
- Wearable ATM cards: It is designed as key chains and rings that allows people to carry out cashless transactions without ATM cards and phones.
- Acemoney is India's first company to launch UPI 123Pay services in Malayalam and Tamil.

18. Which financial corporation has raised the upper loan limit of loans under the Chief Minister's Entrepreneurship Development Programme (CMEDP) to ₹2 crore _____ **Kerala Financial Corporation.**

Note:

- Aim: More MSMEs can get funds at a concessional 5% interest rate.
- The Kerala government will provide a subsidy of 3% with the Corporation chipping in with 2% towards the effective interest rate.
- The age limit set by Govt for SC/ ST entrepreneurs, women entrepreneurs and non-resident Keralites is 55 years.

19. As per the Goods and Services Tax (Period of Levy and Collection of Cess) Rules, 2022, has been notified by the finance ministry that the government has extended the time for levy of GST compensation cess by nearly 4 years till _____ **March 31, 2026.**

Note:

- The levy of cess was about to end on June 30.
- The revenue from the GST compensation cess is used to pay for the borrowings and arrears of compensation paid to states in the last two financial years.

20. Which general insurance company has launched 'Global Health Care', a comprehensive health insurance product _____ **Bajaj Allianz General Insurance.**

Note:

- It covers planned as well as emergency treatment.
- It also provides health care Internationally (outside of India) and domestically (within India).
- Sum Insured: Rs 37,50,000 to Rs 3,75,00,000
- The product is available in two plans, namely 'Imperial Plan' and 'Imperial Plus Plan'.
- For Overseas citizens of India, the minimum period to stay outside is 180 days.

21. Which payments bank has joined hands with Axis Bank to digitize the cash collection system _____ **Airtel Payment Bank.**

Note:

- Region: India's tier III cities and semi-urban regions.
- Axis Bank to build operational efficiencies in the cash management process, speed up the payment cycle.
- It helps in releasing the bandwidth of field agents who operate across the country.

22. The Securities and Exchange Board of India has imposed a penalty of what amount on the National Stock Exchange (NSE) in the dark fibre case. _____ **7 crores.**

Note:

- 5 crore on Chitra Ramkrishna (former CEO of the exchange)
- Anand Subramanian (former group operating officer) and Ravi Varanasi (current CBD officer), 5 crore each.

- Sampark Infotainment, Way2Wealth Brokers and GKN Securities have been fined 3 crore, 6 crore and 5 crore, respectively.

Obituaries

1. R. Raveendran, has been passed away. He was a _____ **Photojournalist**.

Note:

- He was known for his iconic photo of Rajiv Goswami setting himself on fire during the Mandal agitation in the Capital.
- He has been awarded various photography awards.
- He has worked in AFP and ANI.

2. Chowalloor Krishnankutty has passed away, was a _____ **Lyricist, author and journalist**.

Note:

- Krishnankutty has penned over 3000 devotional songs and authored more than 200 books.
- He was retired from the Malayala Manorama daily as an Assistant Editor.
- Awards: Kerala Sahithya Academy Award for satire, Poonthanam Jnanapana, and Revathy Pattathanam Awards among others.

3. V Krishnamurthy, who passed away, was a former _____ **Chairman of SAIL**.

Note:

- He worked as the chairman of SAIL from 1985 to 1990.
- He had also been the chairman of Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL), Maruti Udyog and GAIL.
- Awards: Padma Shri (1973), Padma Bhushan (1986), Padma Vibhushan (2007)

4. Pallonji Mistry, who passed away was a _____ **Chairman of Shapoorji Pallonji group**.

Note:

- In 2022, Pallonji Mistry stands at rank 125 while he was the ninth richest Indian person as of 2021, as per the Forbes Billionaires List.
- He has been conferred with the Padma Bhushan (2016).
- He was the largest individual shareholder in the Tata Group with a 18.4% holding.

5. Varinder Singh, who passed away was related to which sports _____ **Hockey**.

Note:

- He was an integral part of the gold-medal-winning Indian team at the 1975 men's Hockey World Cup in Kuala Lumpur.
- He was also a part of the bronze medal-winning team at the 1972 Munich Olympics and the silver medal at the 1973 World Cup in Amsterdam.
- He has been conferred with the prestigious Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award in 2007.

Important Days

1. International Olympic Day is observed annually on which date across the world to commemorate the birth of modern Olympic games _____ **June 23**.

Note:

- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) was founded on 23 June 1894.
- The theme for the International Olympic Day 2022 is "Together For A Peaceful World".

2. UN Public Service Day is observed on which date with the aim to appreciate the value of public institutions and public servants _____ **June 23**.

Note:

- The 2022 theme: "Building back better from COVID-19: Enhancing innovative partnerships to meet the Sustainable Development Goals."

3. The International Maritime Organization (IMO) is observed the International Day of Seafarer annually which date to pay respect to Seafarers and sailors who help the entire world function by conducting sea transport _____ **June 25**.

Note:

- This day was proposed by International Maritime Organization in 2010.
- This day recognizes the invaluable contribution of seafarers to the worldwide commerce and economic system.
- 2022 theme: Your voyage – then and now, share your adventure.

4. The International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is observed on which date _____ **June 26.**

Note:

- Aim: To spread awareness about the physical and psychological impact of substance abuse, drug overdose deaths.
- The theme 2022: Addressing drug challenges in health and humanitarian crisis
- In 2022, the UNODC has started the campaign - “#CareInCrisis” - for World Drug Day.

5. The International Day in Support of Victims of Torture is observed annually on which date _____ **June 26.**

Note:

- Aim: to promote the abolition of torture, support victims, and promote human rights.
- The United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution on December 12, 1997. Presently, the Convention has been ratified by 162 countries.

6. The World Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Day is observed annually on which date to recognize the contribution of these industries in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) _____ **June 27.**

Note:

- Theme 2022: Resilience and Rebuilding: MSMEs for Sustainable Development.
- The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has marked the first World MSME Day by 74th Plenary on April 6, 2017.
- MSME minister: Narayan Rane

7. Union Government has observed National Statistics Day on which date every year to mark the birth anniversary of late Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis _____ **29th June.**

Note:

- Since 2007, this day is observed in recognition of his valuable contribution in the field of Economic Planning and Statistics.
- Theme 2022: Data for Sustainable Development.

8. International Day of the Tropics is observed annually on which date _____ **29 June.**

Note:

- This day highlights the challenges faced by the tropic’s nations.
- The tropics nations are those that lies between the Tropic of Capricorn and the Tropic of Cancer.

9. World Asteroid Day is observed annually on which date to raise the awareness about the asteroid hazardous impact _____ **June 30.**

Note:

- In December 2016, UNGA has adopted resolution A/RES/71/90 to declare 30 June International Asteroid Day.
- This day marked the anniversary of the Tunguska impact over Siberia, Russian Federation, on 30 June 1908.

New Appointments

1. Who has been appointed as the Permanent Representative of India to UN _____ **Ruchira Kamboj.**

Note:

- She will replace T S Tirumurti.
- She has joined the Indian Foreign Service (IFS) in 1987, was the All India women’s topper of the 1987 Civil Services batch and the topper of the 1987 Foreign Service batch.

2. Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the 12-member committee formed by the Committee of Administrators (CoA) _____ **Minerva Punjab FC, Ranjit Bajaj.**

Note:

- The CoA took charge of the AIFF, after the Supreme Court removed the Praful Patel led office bearers for not holding elections on time.
 - Aim: To look the day-to-day matters of various departments of the All India Football Federation (AIFF).
3. Who has been appointed as the Director-General of New Development Bank (NDB), India Regional Office in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) _____ **Dr D J Pandian.**
- Note:**
- In May 2022, the NDB had announced to set up IRO in the Gift city.
 - The NDB has also approved 20 projects in India worth of USD 7.2. billion.
 - The IRO will support the effective and efficient implementation of these projects and work closely with Project Implementation Agencies.
4. Who has been appointed as Director of Intelligence Bureau for a tenure of two years from the date of assumption of the charge _____ **Tapan Kumar Deka.**
- Note:**
- He is a 1988 batch Himachal Pradesh cadre IPS officer.
 - He will succeed incumbent Intelligence Bureau Director, Arvind Kumar.
5. Who has been appointed as a new CEO of Niti Aayog for two years _____ **Parameswaran Iyer.**
- Note:**
- He will replace Amitabh Kant.
 - He is a 1981-batch IAS officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre.
 - In 2016, Iyer was appointed to implement government's Swachh Bharat Mission.
6. Who has been appointed as the Director General of National Investigation Agency (NIA) _____ **Dinkar Gupta.**
- Note**
- He will replace Director General of CRPF, Kuldeep Singh, who was given an additional charge of the NIA after the retirement of Y C Modi.
 - He will hold this post till March 31, 2024.
 - NIA is a counter-terrorist task force of India.
7. Who has been appointed as the new chairman of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) _____ **Nitin Gupta.**
- Note:**
- He will replace Sangeeta Singh who had been given an addition charge after the retirement of JB Mohapatra on April 30.
 - The CBDT is headed by a chairman and may consist of six members in the rank of Special Secretary.
8. Who has been appointed as the acting President of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) _____ **Anil Khanna.**
- Note:**
- The Delhi High Court has passed an order, that Narinder Dhruv Batra cannot continue as the President of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) in a contempt proceeding.
 - While hearing a contempt proceeding filed on behalf of former Olympian Aslam Sher Khan against Batra, IOA secretary general Rajeev Mehta and Sports Secretary.
9. Who has sworn-in as the new Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court by lieutenant governor Vinai Kumar Saxena _____ **Justice Satish Chandra Sharma.**
- Note:**
- He succeeded Justice DN Patel, who retired on March 13.
 - Earlier, he served as the Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court.
 - He has also served as an acting chief justice of Karnataka high court.
10. Who has been appointed as president of the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) at an event held in Tirana, Albania _____ **Mohammed Jalood.**
- Note:**
- Jalood is the first permanent president since Tamás Aján has stepped down in 2020 after controlling the IWF for 44 years.
 - Earlier, he has worked as a IWF General Secretary.

- He has worked as spending the last five as IWF General Secretary.
11. The board of Reliance Jio Infocomm has approved the appointment of its chairman ___**Akash Ambani**.
- Note:**
- He has joined the Reliance Jio in 2014.
 - The board has also approved the appointment of Raminder Singh Gujral and KV Chowdary, as additional directors of the company.
 - The appointment of Pankaj Mohan Pawar as MD of Jio has also been approved.
12. Who has been selected as the head of India's largest gas utility GAIL (India) Ltd by the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) ____ **Sandeep Kumar Gupta**.
- Note:**
- He will replace Manoj Jain, who will be retired on August 31, 2022.
 - He has more than 31 years of working experience at Indian Oil Corporation (IOC).
 - He is working as a Director (Finance) of IOC since August 3, 2019.

Important News - India

1. What is the name of new premises of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, launched by PM Modi in New Delhi ____ **Vanijya Bhawan**.
- Note:**
- He has also launched a new portal named NIRYAT (National Import-Export Record for Yearly Analysis of Trade).
 - The portal was developed as a one stop platform to get all the required information related to India's foreign trade.
2. Name the business tycoon, who has pledged to donate ₹60,000 crore to a range of social causes to celebrate the 60th birthday on June 24 ____ **Gautam Adani**.
- Note:**
- This will be administered by the Adani Foundation, it is also to mark the birth centenary year of his father Shantilal Adani.
 - As per the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, the net worth of Adani is almost \$92 billion.
3. Which state-owned company has unveiled a stationary, rechargeable cooking stove named Surya Nutan ____ **Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)**.
- Note:**
- It is a kitchen connected cooking stove that uses the sun's energy to cook food.
 - This was developed by IOC's research and development division at Faridabad.
 - It captures solar energy through a PV panel that placed outdoor or on the roof.
4. Which organisation has organised its first ever open-to-all hackathon series in the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission ecosystem ____ **National Health Authority (NHA)**.
- Note:**
- Aim: To drive ideation and innovations.
 - The series of hackathon will begin on July 14, 2022.
 - This also focus on the Unified Health Interface (UHI) and to mobilise the health start-up ecosystem in India.
5. Which solar system company has commissioned India's largest floating solar power project of 101.6 Megawatt Peak (MWp) in Kerala backwaters ____ **Tata Power**.
- Note:**
- The project has been installed on a 350-acre water body in Kayamkulam, Kerala.
 - The installation was completed within the stipulated period, despite the various challenges of variable like water depths, high sea tides, and severe water salinity concern.
6. In which state, the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD) has launched the One Health pilot ____ **Bengaluru, Karnataka**.
- Note:**

- Aim: To bring the stakeholders from animal, human and environment health on a common platform to address challenges.
 - DAHD has collaborated with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) and The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) to implement the One-Health framework in the states of Karnataka and Uttarakhand.
7. As per the new report of Nasscom, the adoption of artificial intelligence (AI) and data utilisation strategy can add how much amount to India's GDP by 2025 _____ **\$500 billion.**

Note:

- Four key sectors of AI adoption -- BFSI, consumer packaged goods (CPG) and retail, healthcare, and industrials/automotive.
 - These four sectors can contribute 60% of the total \$ 500 billion opportunity.
 - The current rate of AI investments in India is growing at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 30.8%.
8. Communications Minister, Ashwini Vaishnav and MoS Communications Devusinh Chauhan have launched 'Dak Karmayogi'. It is an _____ **e-learning portal.**

Note:

- This portal is developed under the vision of 'Mission Karmayogi'.
 - This portal will develop the competencies of about four lakh Gramin Dak Sevaks and departmental employees.
9. Which state of India has been selected to host the G-20 meetings in 2023 _____ **Jammu and Kashmir.**

Note:

- The UT government has also set up a five-member high-level committee for the coordination of G20 summit.
- Piyush Goyal (Commerce and Industry Minister) was appointed as India's Sherpa for the G20 in September 2021.
- India will take the G-20 presidency from December 1, 2022.

10. Who has been participated in the "2022 UN Ocean Conference" at Lisbon, which started from June 27 _____ **Dr Jitendra Singh.**

Note:

- The conference is co-hosted by the Governments of Kenya and Portugal.
 - He will deliver the Keynote address at the Conference on the theme 'Scaling up Ocean Action based on Science and Innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: Stock taking, Partnerships and Solutions'.
11. What is the name of the report which has been released by the NITI Aayog and TIFAC, stated that there will be 100% penetration of electric two-wheelers in the Indian market by FY 2026-27 _____ **Forecasting Penetration of Electric Two-Wheelers in India.**

Note:

- TIFAC, is an autonomous organization set up in 1988 under the Department of Science & Technology.
12. Which Japanese chipmaker has joined hands with Tata Motors, formed a strategic partnership to design, develop and manufacture semiconductor solutions for domestic and global markets _____ **Renesas Electronics Corp.**

Note:

- Renesas will also work with Tejas Networks (subsidiary of Tata Group company) on wireless network solutions including 5G.
 - In March 2022, the next-generation EV Innovation Center (NEVIC) was jointly set up by the Renesas and Tata Elxsi (Tata Group).
13. Who has launched the second phase of the Going Online As Leaders (GOAL) Programme in New Delhi _____ **Union Minister of Tribal Affairs, Arjun Munda.**

Note:

- The GOAL 1.0 has changed the lives of tribal youth through the digital mentorship programme.
 - This programme will also create a platform for Self-Help Groups and ten lakh families associated with TRIFED to take their products global.
 - Aim: To digitally upskill the youth from tribal communities of the country.
14. Rajnish Kumar, Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA), Ministry of Defence has launched the Pay Roll Automation for Disbursement of Monthly Allowances (PADMA) for which defence force _____ **Indian Coast Guard.**

Note:

- PADMA is an automated Pay & Allowances module for the Indian Coast Guard.
- It is developed under the aegis of Defense Accounts Department.
- It will be operated by Pay Accounts Office Coast Guard, Noida.

Important News – State

1. Which state government has signed an MoU with BYJU's to provide quality education to government school students _____ **Andhra Pradesh.**

Note:

- The government will provide tablets to 4.7 lakh (approximately) students of class VIII at an estimated cost of Rs 500 crore.
- Aim: More efficient, quality-oriented and presentable

2. Which state government has operationalised the Centre's 'One Nation, One Ration Card' programme, with this, it is implemented across the country _____ **Assam.**

Note:

- Beneficiaries can get their quota of subsidised foodgrains from any electronic point of sale device (ePoS)-enabled fair price shops.
- Beneficiaries can use their existing ration cards with biometric authentication.

3. Which state government has launched the 17th 'Shala Praveshotsav' _____ **Gujarat.**

Note:

- To increase the enrollment of students in primary schools in the state.
- This is a three-day enrollment drive, starts from Memadpur primary school in Vadgam taluka (Banaskantha district).

4. Which international airport has become India's first airport to run entirely on hydro and solar power since June 1 _____ **Indira Gandhi International Airport.**

Note:

- Presently, the airport met its electricity requirement of 6% (approx) from onsite solar power plants and rest 94% by hydropower plants.
- Delhi Airport has signed a power purchase agreement with Himachal Pradesh to supply hydroelectricity for the airport until 2036.

5. Which state energy department has signed an MoU with Adani Green Energy Group Ltd (AGEL) to generate green power _____ **Maharashtra.**

Note:

- It would require an investment of Rs 60,000 crore and generate employment.
- AGEL will set up Pumped Storage Projects (PSP) in the next five years and will produce 11,000 MW power.

6. Which state government has launched the 'Kashi Yatra' project _____ **Karnataka.**

Note:

- It offers cash assistance of ₹5,000 to each pilgrims, take up a pilgrimage to the Kashi Vishwanath Temple in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
- The government will be using funds of up to ₹7 crores from the accounts head of 'Assistance to Manasa Sarovara Pilgrims'.

7. Which state government will launch the MEDISEP scheme - Medical insurance scheme for State Government employees, pensioners and their eligible family members from 1st July, 2022 _____ **Kerala.**

Note:

- It will provide cashless medical assistance with a comprehensive coverage up to 3 lakhs per year.
- The annual premium would be Rs 4,800 plus 18% GST for the policy period of 2022-24.
- Monthly premium: Rs.500

8. Who has inaugurated the T-Hub 2.0, nation's leading innovation and startup catalyst _____ **Telangana CM, K Chandrashekhar Rao.**

Note:

- This facility will support over 2000 startups under one roof, with a total built-up area of 5,82,689 sq. ft, making it the world's largest innovation campus.
- With the help of this hub, young Indians launch their startups with a collaborative innovation ecosystem.

Important News – World

1. Which country has raised the Minimum Age for women Migrant Domestic Workers to 21 years ____ **Sri Lanka**.

Note:

- The Cabinet of Ministers has also granted permission to revise the age limit, after considering the recommendations of the Cabinet-appointed Sub-Committee.
- For Saudi Arabia the minimum age is 25 years, and for other Middle Eastern Countries is 23 years, and for all other countries is 21 years.

2. Name the Europe's biggest start-up conference, which has recognized India as the "country of the year" ____ **Vivatech 2020**.

Note:

- The country has been recognised with this honour, due to the global contribution of Indian start-ups.
- The start-up ecosystem of India is growing rapidly and has over 100 unicorns.

3. Which country has signed the gun violence bill and toughen background checks for the youngest (21 years) gun buyers ____ **The US**.

Note:

- Other reforms: \$ 13 billion in federal funding for mental health programs and school security upgrades
- The funding will encourage the states to implement "red flag" laws to remove firearms from people considered a threat.

4. Name the countries that will soon ban the new imports of gold from Russian, to tighten the sanctions squeeze on Moscow for its invasion of Ukraine ____ **The UK, the United States, Japan and Canada**.

Note:

- Countries will apply for newly mined or refined gold.
- This move will not affect previously exported Russian gold.
- Last year, the exports of Russian gold were worth 12.6 billion pounds.

5. During the Group of Seven (G7) Summit in Germany's Bavarian Alps, how much amount will be raised by the G7 leader to help developing countries tackle climate change ____ **600 billion dollar**.

Note:

- This will boost help to give a boost to the economies of countries.
- G7 is offering sustainable, quality infrastructure and will be listening closely to the recipient countries.

6. Which countries has applied to become a member of the BRICS ____ **Iran**.

Note:

- BRICS is a group of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.
- Iran is the world's second-largest gas reserves and membership in the BRICS group would added values for both sides.

7. According to a World Gold Council (WGC) report, what is the rank of India as the recycler in the world ____ **4th**.

Note:

- The country has recycled 75 tonnes in 2021.
- WGC report titled: Gold refining and recycling.
- Top three: China (recycled 168 tonnes), followed by Italy (80 tonnes) and the US (78 tonnes in 2021).

Honor & Awards

1. Name the writer who has won the 2022 Women's Prize for Fiction for her novel "The Book of Form and Emptiness" ____ **Ruth Ozeki**.

Note:

- This is her fourth novel, which depicts the story of a thirteen-year-old boy who, starts to hear the voices of objects to talk to his father, after the tragic death of his father.
 - She was received £30,000 prize at a ceremony in London.
2. Which public transport service has been honoured with a prestigious United Nations award _____ **Mo Bus, Odisha.**

Note:

- Reason: Role and efforts in helping the world recover better from COVID-19.
 - Initiatives from Brazil, Canada, India, Ireland, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, and Ukraine have also been recognised.
3. Who has been awarded the 2021 Golden Achievement Award by the International Tennis Hall of Fame and International Tennis Federation _____ **Vijay Amritraj.**

Note:

- This award is conferred to a person who has made important contributions internationally to tennis in the fields of administration, promotion, or education and has devoted long and outstanding service to the sport.
4. Which drone start-up has been conferred with the “Best Drone Organization Start-up Category” by Airwards for its approach of helping local communities _____ **IG Drones.**

Note:

- Airwards, is the first panoptic global awards programme of its kind, which identify the positive drone use cases.
- IG Drones is developing disaster response technology and mitigate to increase the efficiency and efficacy of first responders' aid in emergency response.

5. Name the Former Karnataka CM who has been awarded the ‘Kempegowda International Award’ _____ **S M Krishna.**

6. **Note:**

- Other winners: N R Narayana Murthy (Infosys founder) and Prakash Padukone (former badminton player)
 - The award presented on the 513th birth anniversary of Kempegowda, the architect of Bengaluru city, on June 27 at Vidhana Soudha.
 - Award: Cash prize of Rs 5 lakh along with a plaque.
7. Which state MSME Department has been awarded first prize in the category “National MSME Award 2022” to States/UTs for their outstanding contribution in the promotion and Development of MSME Sector _____ **Odisha.**

Note:

- Bihar and Haryana have been placed second and third respectively.
- Kalahandi, Odisha won third prize in the category of Aspirational districts for outstanding contribution in the promotion and development of MSME Sector.

Sports News

1. Which team of women's Wrestling has clinched five medals to claim the Under-17 Asian Championship, held at Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan _____ **Indian.**

Note:

- India has lifted the title with a total of 235 points (eight golds, one silver and one bronze).
- With 143 points, Japan finished at second and Mongolia at third with 138 points.

2. Who has become the joint fifth highest goalscorer in the history of international football _____ **Sunil Chhetri.**

Note:

- He has achieved this feat during their AFC Asian Cup Qualifier clash against Hong Kong, where he scored his 84th goal.
- Presently, he is equal to the legendary Real Madrid and Hungarian player, Ferenc Puskas goals.

3. Who has clinched the 2022 Canadian Grand Prix title _____ **Red Bull's driver, Max Verstappen.**

Note:

- Ferrari driver, Carlos Sainz and Seven-time world champion, Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) have finished at second and third respectively.
4. Rumeli Dhar has announced her retirement. She is related to which sports _____ **cricket**.
5. **Note:**
- She has played her last international match in the tri-nation women's T20I series between India, Australia and England at Brabourne (2018).
 - She has been featured in four Tests, 78 ODIs, and 18 T20Is.
6. The Indian women team of Deepika Kumari, Ankita Bhakat and Simranjeet Kaur has clinched for a silver medal at the World Cup Stage 3 in Paris, related to which sports _____ **Archery**.
- Note:**
- India has lost to Chinese Taipei by 1-5 in the women's recurve team final.
 - India has concluded their campaign with one gold and two silver medals.
7. Which state has created history after defeating the 41-time champions, Mumbai by six wickets to win their first-ever Ranji Trophy title at M.Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru _____ **Madhya Pradesh**.
- Note:**
- Madhya Pradesh has chased down 108 in the fourth innings for the fall of four wickets.
 - Madhya Pradesh has now become the fourth first-time winner of the Ranji Trophy in the last five seasons - joining Gujarat, Vidarbha (two-time winners now) and Saurashtra.
8. Name the Indian cyclist, who has scripted history by winning Silver in the sprint event at the Asian Cycling Championships 2022 _____ **Ronaldo Singh**.
- Note:**
- He also became the first Indian cyclist to win a silver medal (including the Elite category) at the Asian Track Championship.
 - Ronaldo Singh Laitonjam hails from Manipur and started cycling at the age of 14.
9. Who has won a bronze medal in the U23 Asian wrestling championships 2022 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan _____ **Deepak Punia**.
- Note:**
- He defeated Maksat Satybaldy in the 86kg freestyle weight category.
 - He has lost to eventual gold medallist, Azizbek Fayzullaev of Uzbekistan and Nurtilek Karypbaev of Kyrgyzstan.
10. Name the Indian women's discus thrower, who has won the gold medal at the Qosanov Memorial 2022 athletics meet in Almaty, Kazakhstan _____ **Navjeet Dhillon**.
- Note:**
- She won the women's discus throw with a 56.24m effort.
 - Karina Vasilyeva (Kazakhstan) placed second with 44.61m and Uzbekistan's Yulianna Shchukina at third with 40.48m on the podium.

Books and Authors

1. Who is the writer of the biography of Adani Group chairman and founder, Gautam Adani, "Gautam Adani: The Man Who Changed India" _____ **RN Bhaskar**.
- Note:**
- The book will be published by the Penguin Random House (PRHI).
 - The book has claimed to bring to light the unknown aspects of one of the richest men in the world.
2. Who is the writer of the biography of India's former Union Defence Minister, late George Fernandes, 'The Life and Times of George Fernandes' _____ **Rahul Ramagundam**.
- Note:**
- It will be published by Penguin Random House India.
 - He was born on June 3, 1930 in Mangalore.
 - He emerged as a key figure in the fight to restore democracy after the Emergency was imposed in 1975.

3. Who has released a book titled Ashtang Yoga authored by Dr Sonu Phogat on 8th International Yoga Day _____
Haryana CM, Manohar Lal.

Note:

- During the launch he announced that various programmes are being organised in Haryana on IYD.
- CM also appreciated the efforts of writer Dr Sonu Phogat, as it is a matter of pride that the book on Yoga was released on International Yoga Day.

Science and Defence

1. Which communication satellite has been successfully launched by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) from Kourou in French Guiana _____ **GSAT-24.**

Note:

- It is built by ISRO for NewSpace India Limited (NSIL).
- It was launched by French company Arianespace.
- It is a 24-Ku band communication satellite, weight 4180 kg, pan-India coverage for meeting DTH application needs.

2. Which country has successfully launched satellites into orbit with its homegrown Nuri rocket _____ **South Korea.**

Note:

- This is a crucial step for the country's space program expansion after a failed attempt last year.
- With this launch, South Korea becomes the 10th country to place a satellite with its own technology.
- Nuri is a three-stage rocket, more than 47 meters (154 feet) long and weighing 200 tons.

3. Which country has launched a solid-fueled rocket, a 25.5 meter-long rocket into space _____ **Iran.**

Note:

- Rocket name: Zuljanah
- This rocket is capable of carrying a satellite of 220 kilograms.
- It will gather data in low-earth orbit and promote Iran's space industry.

4. Which edition of the Coordinated Patrol with Indonesian Navy (IND-INDO CORPAT) has been conducted by India _____ **38th.**

Note:

- INS Karmuk (indigenously built missile corvette) is based at the Andaman and Nicobar Command, along with a Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft.
- While the Indonesian Navy is being represented by KRI Cut Nyak Dien, a Kapitan Pattimura (PARCHIM I) class corvette.
- The closing ceremony is scheduled at Sabang, Indonesia on 23 June 22.

5. Which aerospace company has signed an MoU with Defense Initiatives (DI), Belarus, and Defense Initiatives Aero Pvt Ltd, India (a subsidiary of DI Belarus) _____ **Bharat Electronics Limited.**

Note:

- To supply of Airborne Defense Suite (ADS) for helicopters of the Indian Air Force (IAF).
- It would be supported by DI with transfer of technology (manufacturing and maintenance) for supply of advanced electronic warfare suite for helicopters under 'Make in India' category.

6. Name the shipborne weapon system, that is developed by the DRDO, was successfully test fired from Chandipur in Odisha _____ **Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VL-SRSAM).**

Note:

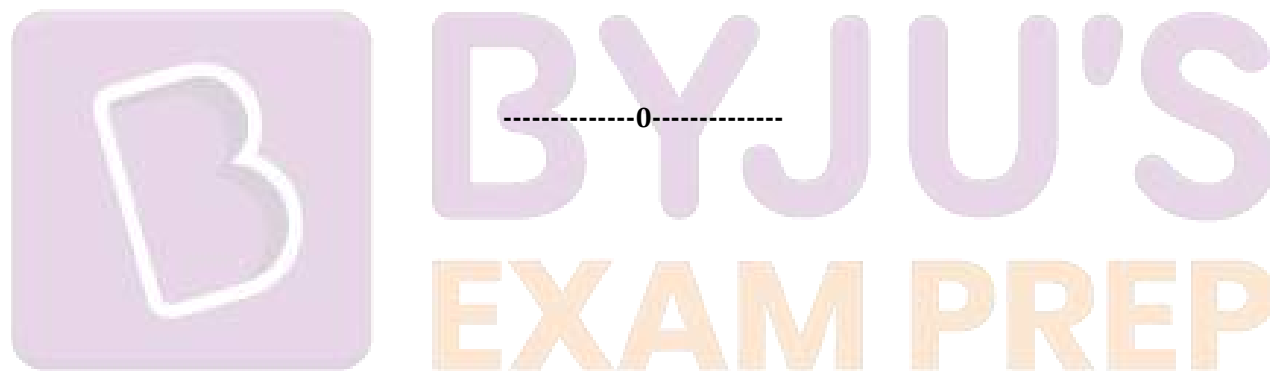
- This missile system has been designed to strike at the high-speed airborne targets.
- Range: 40km to 50km
- This missile's design is based on Astra missile.

7. Indian Air Force has participated in Tactical Leadership Programme with which air force in Cairo west Airbase _____ **Egyptian Air Force.**

Note:

- Indian Air Force: Three Su-30MKI aircraft, two C-17 aircraft and 57 IAF personnel including C-17 contingent.

- Aim: Enhancing defence cooperation between the two countries and exchange of best practices.
8. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully test-fired indigenously-developed Laser-Guided Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM) from which battle tank ____ **Main Battle Tank (MBT) Arjun Tank.**
- Note:**
- The ATGM has been developed with multi-platform launch capability.
 - It is currently undergoing technical evaluation trials from 120 mm rifled gun of MBT Arjun.
 - The successful development of the laser guided ATGM will enhance the fire power of the MBT Arjun.
9. Name the indigenously developed, high-speed expendable aerial target (HEAT) which has been tested successfully from the Integrated Test Range in Chandipur, Odisha ____ **ABHYAS.**
- Note:**
- It can be used as an aerial target for evaluating various missile systems.
 - It is developed and designed by Aeronautical Development Establishment, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
10. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has launched which rocket with three Singapore satellites on 30th June, from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota ____ **PSLV-C53.**
- Note:**
- PSLV-C53, is the second dedicated commercial mission of the NewSpace India Limited, Department of Space.
 - Primary payloads: 365 kg earth observation satellite called DS-EO, a 155 kg NeuSAR satellite and the 2.8 kg Scoob-1 nano-satellite of the Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.



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