Weekly One-Liner
8-14 July 2022
Dear readers,

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

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. Which bank has partnered with software firm, Salesforce to support the company's growth priorities _____ HDFC Ltd.
   Note:
   ➢ HDFC, to build the next generation of integration backbone, to connect backend and frontend systems including Salesforce.
   ➢ Mulesoft (Software Company) with its innovative API-led integration approach and low code integration capabilities will help HDFC to innovate quickly around connecting systems.

2. Punjab National Bank (PNB) has signed MoU with which armed force for 'PNB Rakshak Plus' _____ Indian Air Force.
   Note:
   ➢ The scheme covers personal accidental insurance, air accidental insurance to serving, retired and trainees of the defence forces, central armed police forces, state police force, metro police and retired defence pensioners.
   ➢ Death Cover - Personal Accidental: Rs. 50 lakh; Air Accidental Insurance: Rs. 100 lakh

3. Which Insurance Company has launched Smart Capital Guarantee Solution, which is a life insurance product solution that combines three benefits _____ Max Life Insurance Company.
   Note:
   ➢ This product is launched by merging the benefits of Max Life Smart Wealth Plan and Max Life Flexi Wealth Advantage Plan.
   ➢ It will offer wealth creation through market-linked returns along with a guarantee on premiums paid at maturity with additional financial protection.

4. RBI has imposed a penalty of Rs 5.72 crore on which bank for deficiencies in regulatory compliance _____ Federal Bank.
   Note:
   ➢ RBI imposed penalty of Rs 70 lakh on Bank of India for non-compliance with certain provisions of Know Your Customer (KYC) norms and instructions on 'compliance function in banks' issued by RBI.
   ➢ RBI has been imposed on Dhani Loans and Services Ltd, Gurugram for non-compliance with KYC norms with fine of Rs 7.6 lakh.

5. Along with Razorpay, Pine Labs, and Stripe, which organisation has received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for payment aggregator licences _____ 1Pay.
   Note:
   ➢ Payment aggregators: Entities that enable e-commerce sites and merchants to accept various payment instruments from customers.
   ➢ They allow merchants to connect with acquirers.
   ➢ In the process, they receive payments from customers, pool and transfer them to the merchants after a time period.

6. The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has approved the establishment of an Interim Operational Hub in which city _____ Abu Dhabi.
   Note:
   ➢ The hub will provide AIIB with a strong platform to enable effective supervision of its growing investment portfolio.
   ➢ India is the second-largest shareholder in AIIB after China.
   ➢ Reason: UAE was chosen as the location keeping in mind its connectivity with many of the 105 members of the bank.

7. Which bank has partnered with the Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM) to support the state's budding startups with collateral-free loans _____ SBI.
Note:
➢ Aim: To leverage the existing Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE), set up by the Centre to improve the credit flow to the MSE sector.
➢ The CGTMSE will be utilised by the SBI to provide collateral-free loans of up to Rs 2 crore to startups recognised under KDEM’s Elevate programme.

8. Bank of Baroda has partnered with which organisation to roll out the third phase of the ‘Baroda Jan Dhan Plus’ programme across Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand ______ Women’s World Banking.
Note:
➢ In this phase, the programme will reach out to existing Jan Dhan customers of BoB through financial literacy camps.
➢ Baroda Jan Dhan Plus’ encourage women account holders to save money by depositing Rs. 500 monthly for five months and can get a PMJDY overdraft loan facility of up to Rs 10,000.

9. Which Asset Management Ltd has launched a new fund offer (NFO) for Focused Equity Fund ______ Edelweiss Asset Management Ltd.
Note:
➢ This will invest in 25-30 stocks spread across three key investing opportunities of - (1) brands, (2) market share gainers, and (3) innovators.
➢ The fund will be managed by Trideep Bhattacharya and Abhishek Gupta.

10. Which organisation has announced a system for the domestic traders to settle imports and exports in rupees ______ RBI.
Note:
➢ This system will promote the global trade growth with an emphasis on exports from India and will support the increasing interest of the global trading community in the domestic currency.
➢ This decision was came after, the rupee touching record lows against the dollar.

11. Which subsidiary of SBI has signed a MoU with the Ministry of External Affairs for establishing the Trilateral Development Cooperation Fund (TDC Fund) ______ SBICAP Ventures Limited.
Note:
➢ The TDC Fund helps to route the India’s commitment of approx. Rs.175 cr. to the Global Innovation Development Fund (GIP Fund).
➢ The UK and India have partnered to launch the GIP and the Trilateral Development Corporation fund.

12. Which insurance company has joined hands to create a strategic alliance with City Union Bank ______ Tata AIA Life Insurance Co. Ltd.
Note:
➢ Aim: To offer life and health insurance solutions to the Bank’s consumers.
➢ With the help of this partnership, the City Union Bank consumers (existing and new) will get benefit from Tata AIA Life’s diverse and innovative products and services spanning term insurance, savings and investment, and health.

13. Which organisation has formed two task forces to study the issues of non-life and life insurance industries face in reinsurance support ______ IRDAI.
Note:
➢ Reinsurance support: It refers to insurance companies transferring a part of the risk they underwrite to other firms.
➢ Non-life insurance: Headed by Bhargav Dasgupta (MD&CEO, ICICI Lombard General Insurance); Nine members
➢ Life insurance: Headed by Naveen Tahilyani (MD&CEO, TATA AIA Life Insurance; seven-members

14. Which bank signs MoU with Shriram General Insurance to distribute the latter’s insurance products through its branches ______ City Union Bank (CUB).
Note:
➢ Under this, Shriram General Insurance will offer personal lines of insurance products like motor, personal accident, home and travel, along with commercial lines of insurance products such as property, marine and engineering insurance to the bank’s customers.

15. Which company has signed a strategic partnership with RBL Bank to offer mortgage guarantee backed home loan products to salaried and non-salaried customers ______ India Mortgage Guarantee Corporation.
Note:
➢ This partnership will help RBL Bank to extend the mortgage guarantee-backed home loans to new borrower segments through the bank’s network.
➢ It also help to create a conducive lending environment by ensuring timely disbursal of housing credit and longer tenure to customers.

16. Which insurance company has partnered with the Common Services Centres (CSC), under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology to increase the health insurance penetration in rural India? **Star Health and Allied Insurance Co. Ltd.**

Note:
- Aim: To provide over 5 lakh CSCs access to a select range of Star Health insurance products and
- The products have been designed to meet the needs of rural customers across the tier-II, tier-III cities, and rural markets pan India.

17. What is the name digital lending app of the NBFC-MFI Arohan Financial Services, that was for its customers to make repayments and other transactions through the digital mode? **ApnaArohan.**

Note:
- It reduces the physical interaction with the loan officers of the MFI.
- The AI-powered app will help to increase the outstanding portfolio from ₹4,500 crore (June 2022) to around ₹5,100 crore by the end FY23.

**Obituaries**

1. Mohammad Barkindo (Nigerian), who has passed away, was secretary-general of which organisation? **OPEC.**

Note:
- His second term as head of OPEC was set to end on July 31, 2022.
- He hold the post for six years since 2016.
- He started his career with the Nigerian Mining Corporation in 1982, and also served as deputy MD of Nigerian Liquified Natural Gas.

2. Shinzo Abe, who has been passed away, was a longest Prime Minister of which country? **Japan.**

Note:
- He held office in 2006 for one year and again from 2012 to 2020.
- In 2020, he resigned from the PM post due to the debilitating bowel condition ulcerative colitis.
- He was the first Japanese PM to be chief guest at India’s Republic Day parade in 2014.

3. José Eduardo dos Santos, who has passed away, was former President of which country? **Angola.**

Note:
- He was one of Africa’s longest-serving heads of state, who ruled for almost four decades as president of Angola.
- He stepped down from the president’s post in 2017.
- He had also fought for the continent’s longest civil war and turned his country into a major oil producer.

4. Luis Echeverria Alvarez, who has passed away, served as president of which country? **Mexico.**

Note:
- He started his career as a lawyer and become a member of Mexico’s Institutional Revolutionary Party.
- He has also initiated the establishment of diplomatic relations with China in February 1972.
- He was also known for promoting the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States at the United Nations in 1972.

5. Former Chairman of Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd (VSNL), Brijendra K Syngal, who has passed away, was acknowledged as the father of **Indian Internet.**

Note:
- Syngal has written his memoir "Telecom Man: Leading From the Front in India’s Digital Revolution".
- Under his leadership, on August 15, 1995, VSNL had formally launched the Internet for the Indian public.

6. Dr. Enamul Haque, who has been passed away, was associated with which field? **Archaeology.**

Note:
- He became the director of the museum in 1973 and served as director general of National Museum from 1983 to 1991.
- He was conferred with Padma Shri in 2020 for his work on Bengal’s Iconography and terracotta art.

7. Barry Sinclair, who has passed away was a former cricket captain of which company? **New Zealand.**

Note:
- He was the third batter from New Zealand after Bert Sutcliffe and John R Reid to score 1,000 runs in Test cricket.
➢ He had played 21 Tests for New Zealand between 1963 - 1968, scored 1148 runs, including three centuries against South Africa, Pakistan and England.

8. Avdhash Kaushal, who has passed away, was a ______ Social worker.

**Note:**
- He founded the Rural Litigation and Entitlement Kendra (RLEK) for the development work among tribal hill communities in the areas of Jaunsar-Bawar (Dehradun district).
- He led various initiatives including protecting the fragile eco-system of Doon valley, abolition of the bonded labour system in Jaunsar-Bawar area of Dehradun and securing the rights of marginalised communities.

### Important Days

1. National Fish Farmers Day is celebrated every year on which date to demonstrate solidarity with all fisher folk, fish farmers and concerned stakeholders throughout the Country ______ 10th July.

**Note:**
- It is 65th National Fish Farmers Day being celebrated across the Country.

2. The World Population Day is observed on which date every year with an aim to increase the awareness of the people towards the worldwide population issues ______ 11th July.

**Note:**
- The Day was first marked on 11th July 1990 in more than 90 countries.
- The theme for World Population Day 2022 is ‘A world of 8 billion: Towards a resilient future for all - Harnessing opportunities and ensuring rights and choices for all.

3. World Paper Bag Day is observed annually on which date to raise awareness of the importance of using paper bags instead of plastic bags ______ 12th July.

**Note:**
- The theme for Paper Bag Day this year is, “If You’re ‘fantastic’, Do Something ‘dramatic’ To Cut The ‘Plastic’, Use ‘Paper Bags’.”
- Francis Wolle, an American inventor, created the first paper bag machine in 1852.

4. International Malala Day is celebrated every year on which date to honour the young woman who has been advocating for female education ______ 12th July.

**Note:**
- The day is used as an opportunity to appeal to world leaders to ensure compulsory and free education for every child.

### New Appointments

1. Who has been appointed as India’s new Sherpa for the G-20 ______ Amitabh Kant.

**Note:**
- He replaced Piyush Goyal (Minister for Commerce & Industry and Consumer Affairs), who was appointed as the G-20 Sherpa in September 2021.
- India will hold the presidency of G20 from December 1, 2022 to November 30, 2023.
- He served as the NITI Aayog CEO from June 2016 to 2022.

2. Who has been elected President Designate of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2022-23 ______ R Dinesh (Executive Vice-Chairman of TVS Supply Chain Solutions).

**Note:**
- He has been the Chairman of CII Southern Region during 2018-19.
- Sanjiv Puri (Chairman and Managing Director, ITC) will continue as the Vice-President of CII.
- Sanjiv Bajaj (Chairman and Managing Director, Bajaj Finserv Ltd) continues to be the President of CII for 2022-23.

3. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the private non-life insurer SBI General Insurance with effect from 5th July 2022 ______ Paritosh Tripathi.

**Note:**
- He succeeded P.C. Kandpal, who has been posted as Deputy Managing Director (DMD)-(P&RE) at SBI.
➢ He has more than 32 years of banking experience and has worked in various departments including MSME, mid-corporate segment, international banking and bancassurance.

4. Who has been appointed as the seventh President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) with effect from 1st October 2022 for a four-year term ______ Alvaro Lario.
   Note:
   ➢ IFAD is an international financial institution and specialized United Nations agency
   ➢ It is the only multilateral development organization that focuses on rural economies, food security and climate change

5. Who has been appointed as the Chairman & Managing Director of Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) for a period of five years, with effect from 10th July 2022 ______ Brajesh Kumar Upadhyay.
   Note:
   ➢ Earlier, he was serving as the Director of Operations within the company (GSL).
   ➢ He will be responsible for the efficient functioning of the company for achieving its corporate objectives.

6. Who has been appointed as part-time chairman of the Karur Vysya Bank for three years ______ Meena Hemchandra.
   Note:
   ➢ Previously, she worked as an additional director under Independent Category of the bank.
   ➢ She worked as Executive Director of RBI from June 2015 to November 2017 and served as secretary to the Board of Note Mudran for four years.

7. Who has been appointed as CMD of the New India Assurance Company Ltd (NIACL) for three months ______ Madhulika Bhaskar.
   Note:
   ➢ She has replaced Atul Sahai, whose tenure had ended on February 28, 2022 following his superannuation.

**Important News – India**

1. Which organisation has announced the launch of Startup School India (SSI) as part of its Startups initiative ______ Google.
   Note:
   ➢ Through this platform, the Google will bring together investors, successful entrepreneurs and programmers.
   ➢ Aim: To reach out to at least 10,000 startups with this programme.
   ➢ This is a nine-week program, which will be delivered virtually.

2. First floating terminal of India for liquefied natural gas (LNG) is located at which place that is expected to be operational in the second half of 2022 ______ at Jaigarh in Maharashtra.
   Note:
   ➢ Floating storage and regasification units (FSRUs) of H-Energy Gateway at Jaigarh and the Swan Energy-led terminal at Jafrabad are cumulatively expected to add 11 million tonnes per annum of regasification capacity.
   ➢ The sixth LNG import terminals was Mundra LNG in 2020.

3. Which board has launched a portal named ‘Pariksha Sangam’ ______ CBSE Board.
   Note:
   ➢ To connect students, school regional offices and CBSE board headquarters to integrate examination-related processes.
   ➢ A single window is available for board examination results, sample papers, and other details.
   ➢ The pariksha sangam portal can be accessed at parikshasangam.cbse.gov.in.
   ➢ The portal is divided into three parts, namely- Schools (Ganga), Regional Offices (Yamuna) and Head Office (Saraswati).

4. PM Narendra Modi attended first ‘Arun Jaitley Memorial Lecture’ (AJML), held in ______ Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi.
   Note:
   ➢ First AJML keynote address was delivered by Mr. Tharman Shanmugaratnam (Senior Minister, Government of Singapore).
   ➢ Organized by: Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance in recognition of Shri Arun Jaitley’s invaluable contribution to the nation.

5. Which organisation has developed web geo-portal for NCR, known as ‘PARIMAN’ for the purpose of effective utilization of Remote Sensing and GIS technology ______ National Informatics Centre (NIC).
   Note:
   ➢ It will be initially used by NCR Participating states and Office of National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB)
➢ It will help to improve decentralized planning and management in NCR region

6. Which state has the maximum number of government-recognized startups, followed by Karnataka and Delhi, as per Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) data ______ Maharastra.

Note:
➢ As many as 13,541 active DPIIT recognized startups were from Maharashtra, out of the total 73,205 govt-approved new age companies
➢ Maharashtra has a share of 18% with respect to the total number of startups
➢ Karnataka has 8,902 startups and Delhi is home to 8,670 enterprises as of 5th July

7. Who has launched ‘SVANidhi’ Mahotsav to celebrate the success of PM SVANidhi Scheme ______ Hardeep Singh Puri (Housing and Urban Affairs Minister).

Note:
➢ This festival is organised by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs from 9th -31st of July 2022.
➢ PM SVANidhi (Prime Minister Street Vendors AtmaNirbhar Nidhi) scheme was launched on June 1, 2020 to provide the working capital loans to street vendors.

8. Which ministry has signed an MoU with Union Health Ministry Ministry to eliminate TB in India by 2025 ______ Panchayati Raj.

Note:
➢ The MoU was signed by Dr. Bijaya Kumar Behera, Economic Adviser on behalf of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj and Dr. P Ashok Babu, Joint Secretary on behalf of the Ministry of Health.
➢ This MoU will shape the inter-Ministerial collaboration and strategic partnerships to achieve the Prime Minister’s ambitious target of eliminating TB in India.

9. Who has unveiled the 6.5 metre-tall National Emblem on top of the new Parliament building (under-construction) ______ PM Narendra Modi.

Note:
➢ The emblem made of bronze, weighs 9,500 kg.
➢ A supporting steel structure of 6,500 kg was made to support the emblem.
➢ The emblem was created by Sunil Deore (Aurangabad) and Laxman Vyas from (Jaipur).
➢ Bimal Patel of HCP Designs, Ahmedabad, is the architect in charge of the building (new Parliament).
➢ The building is being built by Tata Projects.

10. Which organisation has unveiled India’s first indigenously developed lithium ion cell ______ Ola Electric.

Note:
➢ The company will begin mass production of the cell (NMC 2170) from its Chennai-based Gigafactory by 2023.
➢ The company was recently allocated 20GWh capacity under the ACC PLI scheme by the government for developing advanced cells in India.
➢ The Ola Electric had launched its first electric vehicle in August 2021 and has also set up the world’s largest two-wheeler manufacturing facility in India.

11. As per the data released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), What is retail inflation of India in June 2022 ______ 7.01%.

Note:
➢ The CPI inflation has breached the upper limit of RBI’s tolerance band (2-6%) for the sixth consecutive month.
➢ The India’s Index of Industrial Production (IIP) has surged 19.6% in May, as against 7.1% rise in April 2022.

12. Which Helicopter Engines has signed an agreement with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) to create a new joint venture intended to develop helicopter engines ______ Safran.

Note:
➢ The MoU was signed by Mr. R. Madhavan (HAL CMD) and Franck Saudo (Safran CEO).
➢ Aim: To meet the requirements of HAL and India’s Ministry of Defence (MoD) future helicopters, including the future 13-ton IMRH (Indian Multi Role Helicopter).
➢ Both companies have also partnered for Shakti engine.

13. PM Modi participates in the first-ever I2U2 Leaders’ Summit Virtually. What is the full form of I2U2 ______ India-Israel-UAE-USA.

Note:
➢ The summit will be attended by his Israeli counterpart Yair Lapid; UAE President, Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, and the US President Joe Biden.
➢ The I2U2 Grouping was conceptualized during the meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the four countries held in 2021.
14. As per Nomura, what would be the 2023 forecast for economic growth in India ____ 4.7%.

Note:
➢ Its earlier projection of 5.4% amid recession fears and rising interest rates.
➢ Reason: Higher inflation, monetary policy tightening, dormant private capex growth, the power crunch and the global growth slowdown.
➢ Retail inflation rate of India - the CPI has been recorded 7.01% as compare to 7.04% in May, the sixth consecutive month that the CPI inflation has remained above RBI set limit.

Important News – State

1. Which state/UT has launched the 'Mission Kushal Karmi' programme ______ Delhigovernment.

Note:
➢ Aim: to offer a skill development training course to labourers, who are registered with the Delhi Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board.
➢ The government will also compensate the loss of work by providing ₹4,200 to those workers who take the course (15-day programme).
➢ The programme conducted by the Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University, Simplex, NAREDCO and India Vision Foundation.

2. Who has inaugurated two new Internet Exchange Points (IXP) of NIXI at Durgapur and Vardhman to improve internet connectivity in West Bengal ______ Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology.

Note:
➢ It is under the 1000-day plan of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
➢ The first Internet Exchange at Kolkata is also run by NIXI.
➢ The internet service providers can connect at these points, and provide benefit to their end-users.

3. Which state has been ranked first in the Delta Ranking for the month of June under the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Rurban Mission ______ Jharkhand.

Note:
➢ The report was released by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India.
➢ The State Government led by CM Hemant Soren is moving forward with the mantra of “Jeevika Bhi, Jeevan Bhi”.
➢ Aim: To strengthen the rural economy and provide employment to the villagers.
➢ The state has earned 8th place in the country.

4. Which state government has received in-principle nod from the Centre for $300 million school education project which is funded by the World Bank ______ Chhattisgarh.

Note:
➢ Loan tenure: 5 years, the state government has to payback this amount over a period of 20 years.
➢ Aim: To boost the education system of Chhattisgarh.
➢ In-principle nod: The central government has no objection with the State borrowing money from international financial institutions like World Bank.

5. Which state government has launched a new scheme named "Earn with Learn" to bring back those who had dropped out of schools following the outbreak of Covid-19 ______ Tripura.

Note:
➢ This scheme is a part of the Vidyalaya Chalo Abhiyan (Let’s go to school).
➢ About 8,000 students between the age group of 6 to 14 had dropped out of school during the pandemic.
➢ The state government will pay Rs 500 per admission to each college student as reward for bringing back such dropouts to school again.

6. Which state/UT has government joined hands with the UNICEF to create employment opportunities for students ______ Delhi.

Note:
➢ Skill Varsity of Delhi partnered with YuWaah (Generation Unlimited India) at UNICEF to enable access to employment opportunities.
➢ Another pillar, the 'YuWaah Step Up - Bano job ready', it is a six-month pilot being conducted by Flywheel Digital Solutions Pvt with DSEU students.

7. Which state government is ready to invest Rs. 300 crores from the externally aided projects to make investment in early childhood education programmes ______ Meghalaya.

Note:
➢ Chief Minister of Meghalaya, Conrad K Sangma has inaugurated the new building of the Directorate of Education Research and Training (DERT), Shillong.
➢ The state govt has also prepared a road map to invest in early childhood education programmes.

8. Which state government has launched a SAH-BHAGITA scheme to increase the involvement of the Residential Welfare Association (RWAs) in optimal tax collection and waste management systems _______ Delhi.

Note:
➢ RWAs will get 15% of the total collection of property tax for development works in their areas.
➢ On achieving 90% tax collection from their societies, the RWA can recommend development work to the tune of 10% of the tax collection subject to a ceiling of Rs 1 lakh in their areas.

9. Which state government has become the first state in the nation to initiate the process of implementing the Centre’s New Education Policy 2020 with the launch of ‘Bal Vatikas’ at anganwadi kendras _______ Uttarakhand.

Note:
➢ Chief Minister, Pushkar Singh Dhami has inaugurated Bal Vatikas across the state to strengthen the pre-primary education system.
➢ This will function at 4,457 anganwadi kendras in the state and will be equivalent to the nursery classes at a private school.

Important News – World

1. As per the 27th edition of the UN World Population Prospects 2022, India is projected to surpass which country as the world’s most populous country in 2023 _____ China.

Note:
➢ With the 1,426 million population, China remains the most populous country in the world in 2022.
➢ India has been recorded 1,412 million population.
➢ The global population will reach 8 billion on November, 2022 that is three times of the population of 2.5 billion in 1950. By 2050, India’s population will reach 1,668 million.

2. Which organisation is ready to become the world’s first Intermodal Partner of Star Alliance _______ Deutsche Bahn (DB).

Note:
➢ Under the new partnership, the DB customers and passengers of Star Alliance member airlines will be able to start or end their journey comfortably on the climate-friendly train.
➢ Germany is the first market and DB is the world’s first partner in the new Star Alliance initiative.
➢ This partnership between DB and Star Alliance builds on the Lufthansa Express Rail programme.

3. India has been elected as a member of the Intergovernmental Committee of UNESCO’s 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) for which cycle _____ 2022-2026.

Note:
➢ The elections for the Intergovernmental Committee was held during the two-day General Assembly of the 2003 Convention at UNESCO headquarters in Paris.
➢ India has already served as a member of the ICH Committee, from 2006 to 2010 and from 2014 to 2018.

4. Which country has become the 68th country to join the Interpol’s international child sexual exploitation (ICSE) database _____ India.

Note:
➢ This allow to draw links between victims, abusers and crime scene using audio-visual data.
➢ The CBI (Central Bureau of Investigation) is the India’s nodal agency for Interpol matters.
➢ As per the NCRB data (2021), Uttar Pradesh has topped the list of sexual offences against children followed by Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu.

5. As per the World Economic Forum has released the Global Gender Gap Index for 2022, what is the rank of India out of 146 countries. _______ 135.

Note:
➢ India was ranked 140 out of 156 countries in 2021.
➢ Top 10: Iceland, Finland, Norway, New Zealand, Sweden, Rwanda, Nicaragua, Namibia, Ireland, Germany.
➢ Worst performing: Afghanistan (146), Pakistan (145), Congo (144), Iran (143)
➢ India’s neighbouring countries: Bangladesh (71), Nepal (96), Sri Lanka (110), Maldives (117) and Bhutan (126)
Honor & Awards

1. Who has become the first woman and second Indian to feature on the ‘wall of former chief economists’ of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) _______ Gita Gopinath.
   Note:
   ➢ Gopinath was served as IMF Chief Economist for three years, since October 2018.
   ➢ Raghuram Rajan, was the first Indian who was featured on the IMF’s wall of former chief economists.
   ➢ He served as IMF’s Chief Economist and Director of Research between 2003 and 2006.

2. The government of Japan has conferred the ‘Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star’ award to Narayanan Kumar, who is a Vice Chairman of which company _____ Sanmar Group.
   Note:
   ➢ He received this honour for his contribution towards strengthening economic relations between Japan and India.
   ➢ He was honoured by Taga Masayuki (Consul General of Japan) in Chennai.
   ➢ He also heads Indo-Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry and served as the president of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

3. Who has bagged the Mrs Universe Divine Title 2022 at the finals held at Yeosu City, South Korea _____ Pallavi Singh.
   Note:
   ➢ She hails from Kanpur, and was the only contestant from Asia in the Mrs Universe contest.
   ➢ Pallavi Singh has won the title of Mrs India held in Jaipur in 2020 and Mrs Indo-Asia Universe in the Asia-level competition.

4. Which country has decided to award former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe with the highest order of nation, the Supreme Order of the Chrysanthemum posthumously _______ Japan.
   Note:
   ➢ Shinzo Abe was the longest-serving PM of Japan and he will be the fourth former prime minister to receive the decoration under the postwar Constitution.
   ➢ He was conferred with the Padma Vibhushan (2021) for “exceptional and distinguished service” in the field of public affairs.

Sports News

1. Who has clinched the Wimbledon 2022 title after beating Australian Nick Kyrgios in London _______ Novak Djokovic.
   Note:
   ➢ He became the fourth player in the open era after Roger Federer, Pete Sampras, and Bjorn Borg won four titles in a row.
   ➢ It is the 21st Grand Slam title of Djokovic.
   ➢ Kazakhstan tennis player, Elena Rybakina has clinched the Women’s Singles title.

2. Which mixed team archery duo has won a bronze medal at the 11th edition of World Games held at Birmingham, Alabama, USA _____ Abhishek Verma and Jyothi Surekha Vennam.
   Note:
   ➢ In the bronze medal round, the team defeated Canada’s Andrea Becerra & Miguel Becerra.
   ➢ Abhishek Verma is the only Indian archer to win medals at all stages of compound archery (World Games, World Championship, World Cup Final, World Cup, Asian Games, Asian Championship).

3. The 36th National Games will be held in which state between September 27 and October 10 _______ Gujarat.
   Note:
   ➢ The prestigious event is being held after a gap of seven years, the last was being held in 2015 in Kerala.
   ➢ PM Narendra Modi had launched the ‘Khel Mahakhumbh’ initiative in Gujarat in 2010 when he was the chief minister of the state.
   ➢ The National Games will have 34 sporting events including athletics, hockey, among others.

4. Which Indian Shooter has won his first gold medal in 10 m Air Rifle at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup stage at Changwon in South Korea _____ Arjun Babuta.
   Note:
   ➢ He defeated Lucas Kozeniesky (USA), who has won silver medal in Tokyo 2020.
   ➢ Sergey Richter from Israel has settled for bronze with a score of 259.9 and Paarth Makhija from India finished at fourth position.
   ➢ This was India’s first medal under new national foreign rifle coach Thomas Farnik.
5. Who has won the Gijon Chess Masters 2022 ________ D. Gukesh.
   Note:
   ➢ GM Alexandr Fier of Brazil has finished second with 6.5 points while International Master, Pedro Antonio Gines of Spain has finished third scoring six points.
   ➢ Gukesh took his FIDE rating to 2693. If he crosses the Elo rating of 2700, Gukesh could well become the sixth Indian to do so after Viswanathan Anand, Krishnan Sasikiran, P. Harikrishna, Vidit Gujarati and B. Adhiban.

6. Who has clinched the title of F1 Austrian Grand Prix 2022 ________ Ferrari’s Charles Leclerc.
   Note:
   ➢ Max Verstappen (Red Bull) and seven-time world champion, Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) settled for second and third place respectively.
   ➢ The 2022 Austrian Grand Prix was a F1 motor race held on 10 July 2022 at the Red Bull Ring in Spielberg, Austria.

7. Who has won gold in the 100m sprint at the 2022 World Masters Athletics Championships in Tampere, Finland ________ Bhagwani Devi Dagar.
   Note:
   ➢ She has clocked 24.74 seconds in the 100m sprint and also clinched the bronze medal in the shot put.
   ➢ She hails from Khidka village in Haryana.
   ➢ The World Masters Athletics Championships is an event for athletics (track and field) for athletes aged 35 years and over.

8. Who has been named as the International Cricket Council (ICC) has named the Player of the June 2022 in Men’s category ________ Jonny Bairstow (England).
   Note:
   ➢ Women’s Player: Batter, Marizanne Kapp (South Africa)
   ➢ Jonny Bairstow has received this title after his remarkable performances against New Zealand in May 2022.

9. Which team has bagged second gold medal for India in the 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup stage in South Korea ________ Mehuli Ghosh and Shahu Tushar Mane (India).
   Note:
   ➢ Indian team defeated Eszter Meszaros and Istvan Pen from the Hungary by 17-13.
   ➢ Another Indian duo of Palak and Shiva Narwal bagged bronze in the 10m Air Pistol mixed event after defeating Kazakhstan’s Irina Loktionova and Valeriy Rakhimzhan.

Books and Authors

1. Who is the writer of the book titled “Shinrin Yoku: The Rejuvenating Practice of Forest Bathing” ________ Hector Garcia and Francesc Miralles.
   Note:
   ➢ ‘Shinrin Yoku’, which translates as ‘forest bathing’, refers to taking mindful walks amidst nature to relieve stress and realign our energies.
   ➢ The term was coined by the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries in 1982.

2. Who has launched the book the titled, “Swadhinta Sangram na 75 Shoorveero” in Gujarati ________ Meenakshi Lekhi (Union Minister of Culture).
   Note:
   ➢ This book is a page-long summary of 75 freedom fighters of India like Tirupur Kumaran from Tamil Nadu who saved the Flag.
   ➢ It is a part of the "Swadhinta Ka Amrit Mahotsav" to mark the 75th year of the country's Independence.
   ➢ The book is published by the Hindu Spiritual & Service Foundation in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

   Note:
   ➢ He was a former Governor of Arunachal Pradesh and former Chief of Army Staff.
   ➢ The book is based on the experiences and research on the India-China border dispute.
   ➢ The book had laid emphasis on politics, history, structure and geography of the McMahon line.
Science and Defence

1. The defence ministry has allowed which three private sector banks to provide financial services to it for overseas procurement of military hardware _____ HDFC Bank Ltd, ICICI Bank, and Axis Bank.
   Note:
   ➢ Earlier, only authorised public sector banks were allowed to provide services such as issuance of letters of credit and DBT to the ministry.
   ➢ For one year on a concurrent basis, the selected banks may be allocated with LC business of Rs 2,000 crore, each on the capital and revenue side.

2. Which Indigenous Aircraft Carrier has been successfully completed its fourth phase of Sea Trials _____ Vikrant.
   Note:
   ➢ Vikrant has an indigenous content of 76%.
   ➢ The construction of the aircraft carrier began in 2009.
   ➢ The indigenous design and construction of Aircraft Carrier by Indian Navy and Cochin Shipyard Limited.

3. China has begun four-day naval exercises 'Sea Guardians-2' from the coast of Shanghai with which country _____ Pakistan.
   Note:
   ➢ This drill exercise involves Pakistan’s most advanced China-built frigate.
   ➢ Taimur is the second of four powerful Type 054A/P frigates built by China, was delivered to the Pakistan Navy.
   ➢ Theme: jointly dealing with maritime security threats.

4. Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh has launched how many defence products powered by artificial intelligence at the first-ever ‘AI in Defence’ symposium and exhibition _____ 75.
   Note:
   ➢ This exhibition was organised by the Ministry of Defence in New Delhi.
   ➢ Products include: AI Platform Automation; Autonomous/Unmanned/Robotics systems; Block Chain-based Automation; Command, Control, Computer & Intelligence and many more.
   ➢ These products will open up new business avenues for the Defence PSUs.
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