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Dear readers,

Bi-Weekly One-Liners Updates is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the **two weeks** (16-31st) 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.



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➤ 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.

20. As per the Asian Development Bank (ADB), what would be the economic growth forecast for India for the current fiscal year (2022-23) _____ **7.2%**.

Note:

➤ For the South Asian region: Cut the forecast for 2022 to 6.5% from 7% ; For 2023, from 7.4% to 7.1%

➤ Economic crisis in Sri Lanka, high inflation and associated monetary tightening in India

21. Which regulatory body has renewed its statement of commitment to the FX Global Code, a compilation of best market practices formulated by central banks worldwide _____ **RBI**.

Note:

➤ It is implemented by the Global FX Committee (GFXC) in co-ordination with the Local FX Committee (LFXC) in each jurisdiction.

➤ FX Global Code developed under the Bank for International Settlements.

22. How much amount has been approved by the New Development Bank for water, sanitation, ecotourism and transport to India, Brazil and China _____ **USD 875 million**.

Note:

➤ Brazil: \$ 300 million for water supply and sewage collection

➤ India: \$ 79 million for the Meghalaya Ecotourism Infrastructure Development Project.

➤ China: EUR 265 million for Lanzhou Zhongchuan International Airport and RMB 805 million for Xi'an Xianyang International Airport.

23. Of what amount the RBI has capped the withdrawal limit restrictions on Saibaba Janata Sahakari Bank, Maharashtra, due to its deteriorating financial positions _____ **Rs. 20,000**.

Note:

➤ RBI imposed restriction on Suri Friends' Union Co-operative Bank Ltd, West Bengal, United India Co-operative Bank Limited, Bijnor (UP) and National Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd, Bahraich (UP).

➤ Withdrawal limit: Suri Friends' Union Co-operative: Rs. 50,000; National Urban Co-operative: Rs.10,000

24. What the name of the mobile app, that was launched by the Canara Bank _____ **Canara ai1**.

Note:

➤ It is available in 11 languages to cater to multiple sections of the society in their preferred language.

➤ Features: Intuitive UI and UX with multiple themes and customised menus which can be personalised as per the user's choice.

➤ Security features: Device binding, malware detection, detection of remote administration tools and a dynamic keyboard to provide safe and secure banking.

25. Which general insurance company has announced the launch of its add-on motor insurance cover, called 'Pay As You Consume' (PAYC) _____ **Bajaj Allianz General Insurance**.

Note:

➤ It is a usage-based motor insurance add-on cover, can be opted by the customer along with the basic Own Damage (OD plan) under Package Product, Bundled and Standalone OD cover.

➤ Customers can choose coverage based on their vehicle usage, further to which the premium will be calculated, i.e., kilometres driven annually.

26. According to the latest report released by the Reserve Bank of India, what is the foreign exchange reserves of India _____ **\$572.7 billion**.



Note:

- It is dropped from \$7.5 billion during the week ended July 15, 2022.
- Reason: It is mainly due to foreign currency assets that were down \$6.5 billion.
- Reserves have been fallen about \$60 billion in 2022 due to aggressive intervention by the central bank to curb the sharp volatility in the foreign exchange market.

27. Which bank has signed bancassurance partnership with Aditya Birla Health Insurance Co Ltd (ABHICL) for the distribution of health insurance products through the former's network of branches across the country _____ **City Union Bank.**

Note:

- CUB has already signed bancassurance pacts with Star Health and Alliance Insurance, and Care Health (formerly known as Religare Health Insurance Co).
- The CUB has also signed bancassurance pact with Royal Sundaram General Insurance

28. Which securities broker has partnered with Equitas SFB to provide demat accounts, and broking and investment services to its customers _____ **HDFC Securities Ltd.**

Note:

- Equitas Small Finance Bank will offer its customers 3-in-1 account, to access the services of HDFC Securities.
- With this partnership, Equitas Small Finance customers will be able to open their demat account for buying and selling shares and trading in futures, commodities, and currencies.

29. Life insurance corporation (LIC) has reduced shareholding in Sun Pharmaceuticals by selling how much percent stakes, in the company for about Rs 3,882 crore, to 5.024% _____ **2%.**

Note:

- The shares were sold through open market transactions during the period from May 17, 2021 to July 22, 2022.
- As per the norms of Sebi, listed companies are required to intimate the stock exchanges when their shareholding in an entity falls by 2% or more.

30. Which state's Grameen Aajivika Vikas Parishad (RGAV) has signed an agreement with Stree Nidhi-Telangana to set up a financial institution for women _____ **Rajasthan.**

Note:

- Rajasthan Mahila Nidhi is being set up in Rajasthan on the lines of Telangana's Stree Nidhi model.
- Rajasthan's CM, Ashok Gehlot had announced the setting up a bank run by women in the state budget 2022-23.

31. According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), what would be the gross domestic product (GDP) growth forecast for India for the current financial year (FY23) _____ **7.4%.**

Note:

- The IMF has also reduced the growth forecast for FY24 to 6.1% as against 6.9% earlier.
- Reason: Due to less favorable external conditions and more rapid policy tightening.

32. Which organization has received the non-banking finance company (NBFC) business license from RBI _____ **Piramal Enterprises.**

Note:

- The RBI has grant license under Section 45 IA of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.
- The license was received by the Company on 26th July, 2022.
- Last year, the Piramal Enterprises board approved the demerger of its pharmaceuticals business and simplification of the corporate structure.



33. Which organisation has launched a campaign to raise the awareness about the unclaimed deposits, with a focus on the eight states that have the maximum amount of unclaimed deposits _____ **RBI**.

Note:

- The unclaimed deposits in banks have increased to Rs 48,262 crore in FY22 from Rs 39,264 crore.
- Eight states: Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Bengal, Karnataka, Bihar and Telangana/Andhra Pradesh
- This campaign is launched in Hindi and English along with the languages of these eight states.

34. As per the RBI report, the amount involved in fraud cases reported by PSBs has been reduced to _____ in the last fiscal from Rs 28,884 crore in 2017-18 _____ **Rs 3,204 crore**.

Note:

- In 2018-19, a total of 9,092 cases were reported amounting to Rs 26,720 crore
- In 2019-20, the number of frauds rose to 11,074, involving a monetary value of Rs 21,170 crore.
- The gross NPAs (non-performing assets) of these banks also reduced to Rs 5,41,750 crore from Rs 6,16,616 crore in 2020-21.

35. After Singapore (27.01%), which country has emerged as the top sourcing countries in FDI equity flows into India in FY2021-22 _____ **USA (17.94%)**.

Note:

- Mauritius (15.98%) has been ranked third followed by Netherland (7.86%) and Switzerland (7.31%).
- Top 5 sectors: Computer Software & Hardware (24.60%), Services Sector, Automobile Industry, Trading and Construction (Infrastructure) Activities.
- Top 5 States: Karnataka (37.55%), Maharashtra (26.26%), Delhi (13.93%), Tamil Nadu, and Haryana

36. For ease of transition to an alternate system in respect of transactions where cardholders decide to enter the card details manually at the time of undertaking the transaction is known as _____ **Guest checkout transactions**.

Note:

- The RBI has relaxed card-on-file data storage norms pertaining to guest transactions checkout.
- Now, apart from the card issuer and the card network, the merchant or its payment aggregator involved in the settlement of the transactions can save the data for a maximum of T+4 days or till the settlement date, whichever is earlier.

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.

5. Anant Yashwant Khare, who has passed away, was a renowned writer in which language _____ **Marathi.**

Note:

➤ Noted work: 'Antajichi Bakhar', 'Bakhar Antakalachi' and 'Udya'

➤ He received the Bhai Madhavrao Bagal Award for his book 'Kahani Manav Pranyachi' in 2010.

➤ He was awarded with Granthali, Vidarbha Sahitya Sangh, and Lokmangal.

6. Sushovan Bandyopadhyay, fondly known as Bengal's 'one rupee doctor, who has passed away, received the Padma Shri in which year _____ **2020.**

Note:

➤ His name was recorded in the Guinness World Records for treating the maximum number of patients.

➤ He was a former MLA from Bolpur seat and had contested on a Congress ticket in 1984, but after the formation of Trinamool Congress, he became the president of Birbhum district.

7. David Trimble, who has passed away, awarded with the Nobel Peace Prize to end the conflict in Northern Ireland in which year _____ **1998.**

Note:

➤ He was also the Member of Parliament (MP) for Upper Bann from 1990 to 2005.

➤ He was known as the architect of the Good Friday Agreement in 1998, which ended the 30 years of disputes in Northern Ireland.

➤ In October 1998, John Hume and David Trimble were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for their efforts to end the conflict in Northern Ireland.

8. Balwinder Safri, who has passed away, was a renowned _____ **Punjabi singer.**

Note:

➤ He was based in Birmingham, UK, was part of the UK bhangra scene since 1980 and formed the Safri Boyz Band in 1990.

➤ He was known for his Punjabi tracks such as "Rahaye Rahaye" and "Chan Mere Makhna".

9. Writer of 'Namghoria', Atulananda Goswami known for his novels and short stories, who has been passed away, was famous writer of which language _____ **Assamese.**

Note:

➤ He had also received the Sahitya Akademi Award in 2006 for his short story collection 'Seneh Jarir Ganthi'.

➤ Awards: Ambikagiri Roy Choudhury Sahitya Award, the Kumar Kishor Memorial Award, the Katha Award and the Sneha Bharati Sahitya Samman, among other honours.

➤ He also translated many English, Bengali and Odia texts into Assamese.

10. Nirmala Mishra, who has passed away, was a renowned singer in which language _____ **Bengali.**



Note:

- She also sang various songs in Odia and Assamese films.
- The West Bengal government has also awarded her 'Sangeet Samman', 'Sangeet Mahasamman' and 'Bangabhibhushan' awards.
- She has been conferred with the Sangeet Sudhakar Balakrushna Das Award for her lifetime contribution to the Odia music.

11. Fidel Ramos, who has passed away was a former president of which country _____ **Philippines.**

Note:

- He was the 12th president of the Republic of the Philippines from 1992 to 1998.
- During his tenure, the Philippines was recognized as a budding "tiger economy".

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.



6. The World Fragile X Awareness Day is marked on which date every year to celebrate families impacted by Fragile X _____ **22 July**.

Note:

- The FRAXA Research Foundation was launched in 1994, by Clapp and her husband Michael Tranfaglia, MD.
- The World Fragile X Day was initiated by the US-based FRAXA Research Foundation.

7. National Broadcasting Day is observed on which date in India _____ **July 23**.

Note:

- Both the Azad Hind Radio of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and the Congress Radio helped rouse Indians against the British before independence.
- Akashvani was also instrumental in helping Bangladesh gain independence from an oppressive Pakistan in the 1971 war.

8. The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has observed the 163rd anniversary of Income Tax Day on which date _____ **July 24**.

Note:

- Income Tax was introduced for the first time in India by Sir James Wilson on 24 July 1860.
- Purpose: To compensate for the losses incurred by the British regime during the first war of independence against British Rule in 1857.

9. World Drowning Prevention Day is observed every year on which date _____ **July 25**.

Note:

- It was established by the UN General Assembly Resolution "Global drowning prevention" from April 2021.

10. International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem is observed every year on which date _____ **July 26**.

Note:

- The day is observed to raise awareness of the importance of mangrove ecosystems and to promote solutions for their sustainable management, conservation and uses.
- The UN Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) General Conference established the day in 2015.

11. Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated by India on which date _____ **July 26**.

Note:

- It is a historic win over Pakistan on July 26, 1999.
- The Indian Army successfully removed Pakistani forces who were illegally occupying a hilltop at the Indian side of the Line of Control (LoC) at Kargil, Ladakh.
- To commemorate this victory and remember those who sacrificed their lives for this country, Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated annually in India on July 26.

12. World Hepatitis Day has observed annually on which date to raise awareness and promote global action on viral hepatitis _____ **28 July**.

Note:

- Theme 2022: Bringing hepatitis care closer to you
- The World Health Assembly has decided to celebrate the birthday of Baruch Samuel Blumberg (July 28) World Hepatitis Day, who discovered Hepatitis B in the 1960s.
- Viral Hepatitis is an inflammation of the liver.

13. International Tiger Day is observed every year on which date to raise awareness about the importance of the conservation of tigers _____ **July 29**.



Note:

- As per World Wildlife Fund, approximately 95% of the population of tigers has declined in the last 150 years.
- Theme 2022: "India launches Project Tiger to revive the tiger population"
- 2,967 tigers have been recorded in India, as per the fourth round of the national assessment of tiger numbers done in 2018.

14. World Day Against Trafficking is observed annually on which date to aware people about the ordeal of human trafficking victims and the ways to safeguard their rights _____ **30 July**.

Note:

- Theme 2022: Use and abuse of technology.
- The World Day Against Trafficking in Persons was observed for the first time in 2013.
- The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) collect data and analysis ways to protect the rights of the victims since 2003.

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.

8. Who has been elected as the 15th President of India, after securing 64% of the votes _____
Droupadi Murmu.

Note:

- She is the first tribal woman and the second woman (First: Pratibha Patil) to hold the position of President of India.
- CJI, N V Ramana will administer the oath of office to Droupadi
- She was born in Mayurbhanj district of Odisha.
- Tribe: Santhal
- She served as Governor of Jharkhand from 2015 to 2021.

9. Who has been appointed as acting president of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) after the resignation of Indian administrator Narinder Batra from the post _____
Seif Ahmed (Egypt).

Note:

- Batra has resigned as FIH president and also quit as chief of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA).
- He also gave up his International Olympic Committee (IOC) membership which was directly linked with his IOA position.

10. Who has appointed as MD of ONGC Videsh Ltd, is an overseas investment arm of state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) _____
Rajarshi Gupta.

Note:

- He has replaced Alok Gupta who was superannuated in June 2022.
- He has more than 33 years of experience in supervisory, managerial and strategic planning capacities in domestic and international operations of ONGC and ONGC Videsh.

11. Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Sri Lanka along with 17 other cabinet ministers _____
Dinesh Gunawardena.

Note:

- Along with Prime Minister ship, he has additional charge of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Council, and Local Government.



12. Who has been appointed as an additional independent director of YES bank for a period of five years, effective from July 23, 2022 _____ **Rama Subramaniam Gandhi.**

Note:

- He is currently serving as a financial sector policy expert and adviser.
- He was a Deputy Governor of the RBI for three years from 2014 to 2017.
- He had a three-year secondment to the SEBI and also served as Director of the Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT), Hyderabad.

13. Who has been named as the official representative of the International Association of Ports and Harbors' (IAPH) in India _____ **Ennarasu Karunesan.**

Note:

- He has started his career in the port industry with the Mumbai port and later worked as the general manager of operations and CEO of the Westport Container Terminal in Port Klang, Malaysia (from 2001 to 2004).
- IAPH is the world's port industry's forum for cooperation and excellence.

14. Who has appointed as new chief executive officer of Vodafone Idea with effect from August 19, 2022 for a period of three years _____ **Akshaya Moondra.**

Note:

- He will succeed Ravinder Takkar.
- Takkar will continue to be a non-executive and non-independent director of the company post completion of his term as the MD & CEO.
- Moondra has over 30 years of international experience and over 14 years' experience in the Indian telecom sector.

15. Who has been appointed as a new Chief Economist and Senior Vice President for Development Economics of World Bank, will be effective September 1, 2022 _____ **Indermit Gill.**

Note:

- He will succeed American economist, Carmen Reinhart.
- He is currently serving as the Vice President for Equitable Growth, Finance, and Institutions.
- He will be the second Indian to serve as chief economist after Kaushik Basu who was Chief Economist of the World Bank from 2012 to 2016.

16. Ahmad Nawaf Al Ahmad Al Sabah has been appointed as the Prime Minister of which country _____ **Kuwait.**

Note:

- He succeeded Sheikh Sabah Al Khaled, who resigned in April 2022.
- He is a retired Kuwaiti military with the rank of Lieutenant-General at the Ministry of Interior and the First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior since March 9, 2022.

17. Who has been appointed as the Additional Director (Independent) of LIC Housing Finance Ltd (LIC HFL), effective from July 25, 2022 _____ **Ravi Kishan Takkar.**

Note:

- He served as an MD & CEO of UCO Bank for three years till November 01, 2018.

18. Who has been appointed as the CEO of Paytm Payments Services Ltd (PPSL) _____ **Nakul Jain.**

Note:

- He replaced Praveen Sharma, who is now serving as the acting CEO of PPSL.
- Praveen Sharma has been promoted to oversee the organisation's commerce vertical in addition to his other duties.



➤ Nakul Jain has served as managing director of private banking, priority banking, deposits and branch banking at Standard Chartered Bank.

19. Who has been sworn-in as the President of the Republic of Albania and becomes the ninth president of the country _____ **Bajram Begaj**.

Note:

- He was elected as president on June 4, 2022 after receiving 78 votes in favour out of 83 votes.
- He was a major general and hold the post of chief of general staff of the Albanian Armed Forces.

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.



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➤ 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.

20. Which organisation has released its report on digital banks, offering a template and roadmap for licencing and regulatory regimes _____**Niti Aayog**.

Note:

- Report titled: A proposal for Digital Banks in India: Licensing and Regulatory Regime
- Report recommendations: (1) Issuing a restricted digital bank licence. (2) Inclusion (of the licensee) in a regulatory sandbox framework enacted by RBI (3) Issuance of a "full-scale" digital bank licence

21. Name the India's first passenger drone, launched by PM Narendra Modi _____**Varuna**.

Note:

- This drone is capable of carrying one person, equipment, or supplies from one moving warship to another with the help of autonomous take-off and landing features.
- It can also be used for medical evacuation.

22. Which district has become the first certified Har Ghar Jal district in India, where all people have access to safe drinking water through taps _____**Burhanpur, Madhya Pradesh**.

Note:

- At the time of the launch of Jal Jeevan Mission, the district had only 36.54% households can accessed the potable drinking water through tap connections.
- Jal Jeevan Mission was launched: 15th August 2019
- Aim: Supply 55 liters of water per person per day to every rural household through Tap by 2024.

23. Which organisation has released India Innovation Index 2021, that stated the Gross expenditure on research and development (GERD) of India is one of the lowest in the world (just \$43 per capita or as a percentage of GDP of 0.70%) _____**NITI Aayog**.

Note:

- India needs to boost this expenditure and at least be on a par with countries like Russia (\$285), Brazil (\$173), and Malaysia (\$293).
- This is lower than Brazil (1.16%), South Africa (0.83%) and others. Only Mexico (0.31%) had a lower share of GERD.

24. Union Minister for Road Transport, Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated the Savner-Dhapewada-Goundkhairi section of National Highway 547-E in which city _____**Nagpur**.



Note:

- The length of this section is 28.88 km.
- The four-laning of the Savner - Dhapewada - Goundakhairi section will provide better connectivity to the pilgrims like Ganesha Temple at Adasa and the Vitthal-Rukmini Temple at Dhapewada in the area.
- The bridge is over the Chandrabhaga river will relieve traffic jams in Dhapewada .

25. Who has launched NDDDB MRIDA Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary company of National Dairy Development Board (NDDDB)_____ **Parshottam Rupala (Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying).**

Note:

- Aim: To provide structured impetus to manure management efforts.
- NDDDB has established NDDDB MRIDA Limited (Unlisted Public Limited Company) under the Companies Act, 2013 on July 1, 2022.
- This will help in savings to the farmers by virtue of the replacement of cooking fuel with biogas.

26. With the addition of five new wetlands, then what is the total number of Ramsar sites in the India _____ **54.**

Note:

- Tamil Nadu: Karikili Bird Sanctuary, Pallikaranai Marsh Reserve Forest & Pichavaram Mangrove
- Mizoram: Pala wetland
- Madhya Pradesh: Sakhya Sagar
- The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands (international treaty) aims at the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands.

27. Which state run organisation has launched a new scheme to provide enhanced export credit risk insurance cover to the extent of 90% to support small exporters _____ **Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (ECGC).**

Note:

- Under the Export Credit Insurance for Banks Whole Turnover Packaging Credit and Post Shipment (ECIB- WTPC & PS).
- This scheme will benefit small-scale exporters availing of export credit with banks which hold the ECGC WT-ECIB covers.

28. India has signed an agreement with which country to provide student mobility and academic collaboration between higher education institutions (HEIs) _____ **United Kingdom.**

Note:

- Signed by: James Bowler, Permanent Secretary, Department of International Trade of United Kingdom (UK) and K Sanjay Murthy, Secretary (Higher Education), Ministry of Education, India.
- In May 2021, a comprehensive Roadmap to 2030 was adopted for an enhanced bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

29. Name the COP 26 President, who has launched two significant initiatives — E-AMRIT and the Report on Advanced Chemistry Cell Battery Reuse and Recycling Market in India along with NITI Aayog _____ **Alok Sharma.**

Note:

- E-AMRIT refers to Accelerated e-Mobility Revolution for India's Transportation, is an mobile application, will raise the awareness on electric mobility.
- India is among 42 leaders to back and sign up to the UK's Glasgow Breakthroughs, which was launched at the COP26 climate summit.



30. Which country has signed an MoU with India, for judicial cooperation to speed up the court digitization and boost prospects for IT companies & start-ups in both countries, that has been approved by Union Cabinet _____ **Maldives**.

Note:

- This is the eighth MoU signed between India and other countries in the field of Judicial Cooperation.
- India was among the first to recognize the Maldives after its independence in 1965 and shares good diplomatic relations with the country.

31. Which Shipyard Limited has signed an agreement with the Indian Institute of Management-Kozhikode (IIMK) to boost start-ups in the maritime sector _____ **Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)**.

Note:

- Aim: Create an ecosystem for supporting startups in the maritime sector from the technical, regulatory, financial, and marketing
- The CSL and IIMK's business incubator Laboratory for Innovation Venturing and Entrepreneurship (LIVE) plans to bring the stakeholders together.

32. Name the industry which has signed a strategic pact with Aequs for long-term collaboration and joint business development in the commercial aerospace sector _____ **Hindalco Industries**.

Note:

- Aequs has signed for supply of raw materials including, billets and extrusions by Hindalco Industries Ltd (Hindalco) through its manufacturing units and/or its subsidiary, Hindalco Almex Aerospace Ltd (HAAL).
- It will be ultimately consumed by commercial aerospace OEMs (original equipment manufacturers).

33. Which state run organisation has signed a gas-selling agreement with GAIL India and Assam Gas Company Ltd (AGCL) at Khubal under Panisagar of North Tripura _____ **Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)**.

Note:

- The ONGC will supply 50,000 standard cubic metres (per day) of gas to GAIL and AGCL and a total 0.1 million standard cubic metres per day (MSCMD) gas will be supplied from ONGC's Khubal gas collecting station.
- Khubal station would have a capacity to process 0.44 MSCMD of gas.

34. Which organisation has partnered with Talgo with an aim to manufacture high speed trains in India _____ **BF Infrastructure**.

Note:

- Talgo, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Patentes Talgo, it is Spain-based high speed passenger train manufacturer.
- Focus: To bring high-speed rail technology and solution to Indian Railways.
- Recently, the government has floated a tender for 100 Vande Bharat trains with maximum speed of 200kmph.

35. Which organisation has inked a pact with Aarav Unmanned Systems (AUS) for drone-based mining solutions for effective mine management _____ **Tata Steel**.

Note:

- Primary goal: To jointly develop and offer sustainable and end-to-end integrated solutions that will focus on efficiency, safety, and productivity of open cast mining operations.
- These end-to-end mining solutions are economical, demand fewer on-foot exploration requirements, and improve production, efficiency, and site safety.



36. Which state run organisation has signed an MoU with renewable energy company Greenko ZeroC to make green hydrogen _____ **Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)**.

Note:

- Aim: To pursue opportunities in renewables, and other derivatives of green hydrogen.
- This MoU is in line with the National Hydrogen Mission of the government that aims to transform the country into a global green hydrogen hub.
- India is targeting to produce 5 million tonnes of green hydrogen per annum by 2030.

37. Which edition of Agricultural Census (2021-22) has been launched by Union Minister for Agriculture, Narendra Singh Tomar with an aim to provide information on a variety of agricultural parameters at a relatively minute level ____ **13th**.

Note:

- Agriculture Census is conducted every 5 years, but it was delayed due to corona pandemic.
- He has released the Handbook on Operational Guidelines for Census for the use of States/UTs, and launched the Data Collection Portal/App.

38. Which renewable energy company has signed an agreement with the Egyptian government to invest as much as \$8 billion to produce green hydrogen manufacturing facility at the Suez Canal Economic Zone in Egypt _____ **ReNew Power**.

Note:

- ReNew will produce 220,000 tonnes of the clean fuel annually in Egypt in the coming years.
- ReNew is supported by investors including Goldman Sachs Group Inc and Abu Dhabi Investment Authority.

39. Which aeronautics company has signed a contract worth over \$100 million with Honeywell _____ **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)**.

Note:

- Aim: For the supply and manufacture of 88 TPE331-12B engines/kits along with the maintenance and support services to power the Hindustan Trainer Aircraft (HTT-40).
- The TPE331-12B engine is a single shaft turboprop engine with integral inlet and gearbox, two stage centrifugal compressor, power turbine, gearbox, three stage axial turbine and turbine exhaust diffuser.

40. Who has addressed the inaugural session of the first All India District Legal Services Authorities (DLSA) meeting conducted by National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) _____ **Narendra Modi**.

Note:

- Aim: Creation of an integrated procedure in order to bring homogeneity and synchronisation across DLSAs.
- There are a total of 676 DLSAs in the country and are headed by the District Judge, acts as Chairman of the authority.

41. PM Narendra Modi has participated in the grand finale of which event via video conferencing to revamp the distribution sector scheme. _____ **Ujjwal Bharat Ujjwal Bhavishya - Power @2047**.

Note:

- During the event, he launched the revamped distribution sector scheme.
- He also laid the foundation stone of various green energy projects of the National Thermal Power Corporation Limited.
- The initiative proposes to provide financial support to discoms with an outlay of more than Rs 3 lakh crore for five-year period till FY 2025-26.

42. Along with Ola Electric and Rajesh Exports, which company has signed an agreement to build battery cells under the Indian government's Rs 18,000 crore incentive program _____ **Reliance New Energy**.



Note:

- The government had selected these companies to build a total of 50 gigawatt hours of battery storage capacity.
- It is estimated that the PLI scheme for Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) battery storage will result in direct investments of around Rs 45,000 crore in manufacturing projects.

Important News – State

1. Pushkar Singh Dhami 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 Mukht 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 (RSLSA) 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.



6. Which state has become the first state in India to connect all registered commercial vehicles equipped with Vehicle Location Tracking Device (VLT) with Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) _____ **Himachal Pradesh.**

Note:

- Vehicles can be tracked anywhere in the country through VLT.
- It will be monitored by both the police and the transport department.
- CM also introduced the facility of panic button for the safety of women and children in public vehicles.

7. Which state has launched a scheme Deen Dayal Upadhyaya State Employees Cashless Medical Scheme _____ **Uttar Pradesh.**

Note:

- Aim: To provide cashless medical facility to state government employees, pensioners and their dependents.
- The eligible people will receive cashless medical facilities at government-run institutions, medical colleges and hospitals without any financial limit.

8. Name the Chief Minister of Jharkhand, who has launched Jharkhand Tourism Policy 2022, to prepare a roadmap for tourism to thrive in the state _____ **Hemant Soren.**

Note:

- The state new tourism policy focuses on eco-tourism and incentives to bring in investors into the state.
- The policy also focusing to civic amenities and adopting ways of beautification for sites like Deoghar, Parasnath, Madhuban and Itkhori.

9. Which state government has approved the proposal for the creation of Barak Bhuban Wildlife Sanctuary (second wildlife sanctuary) in Barak Valley _____ **Assam.**

Note:

- The Barak Bhuban Wildlife Sanctuary will be spread over an area of 320 sq Km between the Barak river and Sonai river.
- Eight recorded species: Slow loris, Rhesus macaque, Pig-tailed macaque, Stump-tailed macaque, Assamese macaque, capped langur, phayre's leaf monkey and hoolock gibbon.
- It is also an important habitat for king cobra.

10. Name the Health Minister of Karnataka, who has inaugurated India's first brain health clinic under the Karnataka Brain Health Initiative (Ka-BHI) at Jayanagar General Hospital _____ **Dr K Sudhakar.**

Note:

- The inauguration ceremony was held on World Brain Day (22nd July).
- Two more such centres will come up in Chikkaballapura and Kolar districts in association with Nimhans.
- Karnataka Brain Health Initiative (Ka-Bhi) ambassador, Robin Uthappa, had also participated in the event.

11. Which state cabinet has gave their approval to the state Employment Policy 2022-25' for increasing job opportunities in the state _____ **Karnataka.**

Note:

- If an industry is planning to increase the working capital by ₹50 crore, it has to create a minimum of 30-50 jobs.
- For increasing investment up to ₹100 crore, the minimum 35 jobs should be created for locals.
- For ultra mega units, which were earlier required to create a minimum of 400 jobs, will now have to generate 510.



12. Union home minister, Amit Shah has launched an e-FIR filing system in which state to enable citizens to file FIRs online, without visiting a police station _____ **Gandhinagar.**

Note:

- With the help of this system, citizens will not need to go the police station to register a complaint for a vehicle theft or mobile phone theft.
- The e-FIR service has been linked with the Gujarat state police CCTV command and control centre.

13. The Asian Development Bank has approved \$96.3 million loan for safe drinking water and sanitation project to which state _____ **Himachal Pradesh.**

Note:

- The loan has been provided under the Himachal Pradesh Rural Drinking Water Improvement and Livelihood Project.
- Aim: To provide piped water to all rural households by 2024.
- This also upgrade water supply infrastructure and strengthen institutional capacity to ensure safe, sustainable, and inclusive rural water supply and sanitation services.

14. Name the application based system, that has been launched by Haryana CM for police attendance and real-time monitoring of patrolling by personnel in Gurugram _____ **'Smart E-Beat'.**

Note:

- This system has been introduced in Gurugram under the 'Smart Policing Initiative' (SPI).
- Before this, the policemen deployed at the beat, used to mark their attendance manually. But, this GIS-based system will enable more effective monitoring.

15. Which state has become the first state to launch a Semiconductor Policy 2022-27, with an aim to boost manufacturing of semiconductors in the state _____ **Gujarat.**

Note:

- The policy also offers incentives and subsidies to manufacture semiconductors.
- The state government has also set up Gujarat State Electronics Mission, as the nodal agency for the policy implementation.
- The eligible projects will be given 75% subsidy on purchase of the first 200 acre land for setting up manufacturing units.

16. Which government is set to launch its own e-taxi service named 'Savari' from August _____ **Kerala.**

Note:

- This online taxi hiring service is being rolled out by the state Labour Department which is linking the existing auto-taxi networks in the state.
- Aim: To ensure safe and dispute-free travel for the public at affordable rates prevailing in the state.
- The new service would be launched in a function to be held at Kanakakkunnu Palace.

17. Which state chief minister has announced to roll out a breakfast scheme for state-run school children of Classes 1 to 5 _____ **Tamil Nadu CM, M K Stalin.**

Note:

- The project incurs the cost of Rs 33.56 crores.
- The breakfast meal included sambar and vegetables, will be provided to children in all working schools.
- Every student is to be provided a 150-500 gram breakfast with sambar with vegetables.

18. Which state Women Commission has organised 'Mukhyamantri Mahtari Nyay Rath Yatra' to make the women of the state aware of their constitutional rights and laws _____ **Chhattisgarh.**



Note:

- CM Bhupesh Baghel has flag off the 'Mukhyamantri Mahtari Nyay Rath' (chariots) on the occasion of Hareli Tihaar festival.
- The Information regarding women's rights and concerning laws spread through short films, messages and brochures.

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.

8. According to a World Health Organisation report, how much amount has been received by India as remittances in 2021 and becomes the top remittance recipient _____ **\$87 billion**.

Note:

➤ The United States was the largest source country for remittances in 2020, followed by the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia and Switzerland.

➤ In 2021, the top five remittance recipients in current US dollars were India, China, Mexico, the Philippines (36 billion dollars) and Egypt (33 billion dollars).

9. Name the company which has received the European Commission's approval for its Imvanex vaccine, to protect against monkeypox _____ **Bavarian Nordic (BAVA.CO)**.

Note:

➤ Imvanex has been approved in the EU since 2013 for the prevention of smallpox.

➤ This is considered a potential vaccine for monkeypox because of the similarity between monkeypox and smallpox.

➤ Recently, the WHO has declared monkeypox a public health emergency of international concern.

10. India has contributed how much amount to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) _____ **USD 2.5 million**.

Note:

➤ India is a dedicated donor to UNRWA and donated USD 20 million in support of core UNRWA services to Palestine refugees across the Middle East since 2018.

➤ The UNRWA was established as a humanitarian agency in 1949.

➤ This agency is fully funded through voluntary contributions and grants from donor countries.

11. Name the mountaineer which has become the first Bangladeshi to scale the second highest mountain peak K2, that is administered by Pakistan) _____ **Wasifa Nazreen**.

Note:

12. She has climbed the 8611 metres high K2 mountain peak.

➤ Wasifa Nazreen has also climbed Mount Everest in 2012 and became the second woman from Bangladesh to do so.

➤ The team consisted of 21 mountaineers, including some of the most renowned climbers in the world like Mingma Tenzi Sherpa, Mingma David Sherpa, and Nirmal Purja.



13. According to the Airports Council International, published World Airport Traffic Dataset, what is the rank of Delhi Airport on the list of the world's busiest airports for 2021 _____ **13th**.

Note:

- IGIA has witnessed 3.7 crore passenger footfall in 2021.
- The Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) has topped the 2021 ranking with 7.6 crore footfall of passengers.
- Airports Council International HQ: Montreal, Canada
- International Civil Aviation Day: 7 December

14. As per the Kotak Private Banking-Hurun list, Roshni Nadar Malhotra has been crowned as the wealthiest woman in India with a fortune of Rs 84,330 cr in 2021, she is a chairperson of which company _____ **HCL Technologies**.

Note:

- Falguni Nayar (founder and CEO of Nykaa) has ranked second richest women in India with a net worth of ₹57,520 cr.
- Falguni Nayar has also emerged as the richest self-made woman.
- Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw (founder and CEO of Biocon) placed on third with the net worth of ₹29,030 cr.

15. Which country has launched gold coins named "Mosi-oa-Tunya" to control an inflation spike that has eroded the country's unstable currency _____ **Zimbabwe**.

Note:

- The move was announced by the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe (central bank), which has disbursed 2,000 coins to commercial banks.
- Coins have been given the status of liquid asset, which can be easily converted into cash.
- Coins can be used by Individuals or companies.
- They can purchase coins from banks and other authorised outlets.

16. According to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, who has become the richest women in Asia with \$11.3 billion fortune _____ **Savitri Jindal (72, Indian)**.

Note:

- She replaced China's Yang Huiya, with the net worth of \$11.0bn.
- Huiyan, who controls largest real estate developer Country Garden Holdings of China has lost half of his wealth drop from nearly \$24 billion last year to \$11 billion.
- Savitri Jindal became the chairperson of the Jindal Group, after the death of her husband OP Jindal.

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 organisation 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.

3. Who has won the prestigious Global Energy Prize for outstanding contributions to transportation electrification and energy efficiency technologies while reducing power generation emissions _____

Kaushik Rajashekara.

Note:

➤ He is an Indian-origin professor of engineering at the University of Houston.

➤ Only three people in the world were selected for the honor this year out of a record 119 nominations from 43 countries.

4. Name the actor who has won the 68th National Film Awards 2022 for the best actor along with Ajay Devgn _____ **Suriya (for Soorarai Pottru).**

Note:

➤ Aparna Balamurali has been named as the best actor in the female category for her film 'Soorarai Pottru.'

➤ Best Feature Film: Soorarai Pottru

➤ Best Director: Sachidanandan KR, Ayyappanum Koshiyum

➤ Best Feature Film in Hindi: Toolsidas Junior

➤ Most Film-Friendly State: Madhya Pradesh

➤ Best Audiography: Dollu (Kannada)

5. Name the actor, who has received the prestigious Golden Visa from the UAE government for 10 years _____ **Kamal Haasan.**

Note:

➤ Prior to Kamal Hasan, several actors including Nasser, Mammooty, Mohanlal, Tovino Thomas, Parthiepan, Amala Paul and Shah Rukh Khan have received this honour.

➤ The UAE Golden Visa is a long-term residence visa system, extending from five to 10 years.

➤ It is granted to achievers from various fields, professionals, investors and those with promising abilities.

6. Who has been awarded the Sir Winston Churchill Leadership Award by United Kingdom PM, Boris Johnson has presented for his efforts at the time of war _____ **Volodymyr Zelenskyy(Ukrainian President).**

Note:

➤ He accepted the award by video link during a ceremony held at London office of Johnson.

➤ Churchill leadership award was first presented in 2006.

7. Dinesh Shahra Foundation (DSF) has instituted a first-of-its-kind 'Dinesh Shahra Lifetime Award' for Excellence in which field _____ **Music.**

Note:

➤ The initiative is supported by the Indian Arts & Cultural Society.

➤ The Announcement of was made by Dinesh Shahra, Trustee of DSF, during a cultural event titled "Mausiqui" in Mumbai recently.

➤ The recognition will include trophy and also a significant cash component.

8. Name the Canadian scholar, who has been awarded with the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) 2021 Distinguished Indologist for his outstanding contribution in study, teaching and research in any of the fields of Indian Studies _____ **Jeffrey Armstrong.**



Note:

- He is the founder of the Vedic Academy of Science & Arts and author of The Bhagavad Gita comes Alive.
- The ICCR Distinguished Indologist award was instituted in 2015 during the First World Indology Conference.

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 Llewelin 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.

12. Who has clinched the silver medal with best throw of 88.13m, in the javelin throw final at 2022 World Championships, Eugene, Oregon _____ **Neeraj Chopra.**



Note:

- He also becomes only the second Indian and first male track and field athlete to win a medal.
- Anderson Peters (Grenada) has bagged gold with a best throw of 90.54m while Jakub Vadlejch (Czech Republic) took the bronze with 88.09m.

➤ Legendary long jumper, Anju Bobby George was the first Indian to win bronze in the 2003 at Paris.

13. Who has defeated two-time defending champion, Tadej Pogacar of Slovenia by three minutes and 34 seconds to win his first Tour de France title _____ **Jonas Vingegaard (Denmark).**

Note:

- Last year, Vingegaard has finished second after Pogacar.
- The Tour de France is a prestigious multistage bike race, held annually in France.
- The race, also known as Le Tour or La Grande Boucle, includes 21 stages and covers 3,328 kilometers in 2022.

14. Name the women cricketer, who has announced her retirement from all forms of Cricket _____ **Karuna.**

Note:

- She has played five Test matches out of which she made 195 runs with 40 as her highest score since making her debut against England at Delhi in November 2005.
- In August 2014, she has played her last Test for India against England at Wormsley.
- She has also played 44 ODIs and scored 987 runs with a solitary hundred and nine fifties and 103 as her highest score.

15. Who has won the 2022 French Grand Prix _____ **Max Verstappen (Red Bull).**

Note:

- While, the seven-time champion, Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) finished second in his 300th Grand Prix.
- George Russell (Mercedes) has finished third in the 2022 French GP.
- Red Bulls's Sergio Pérez and Ferrari's Carlos Sainz Jr., finished at fourth and fifth respectively.

16. Which country will host 2025 ICC Women's ODI World Cup _____ **India.**

Note:

- The 2024 Women's T20 World Cup event will be host by Bangladesh, while the 2026 edition will be held in England.
- Sri Lanka has secured hosting rights for the 2027 Women's T20 Champions Trophy.

17. Which company would replace Paytm as the title sponsor for all international and domestic cricket matches, organised by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) _____ **Mastercard.**

Note:

- The board has accepted the plea of Paytm for the reassignment of its title rights.
- Since 2015, Paytm has been the title sponsor of BCCI and renewed the contract in August 2019.
- The current agreement between Paytm and the BCCI runs from September 2019 to March 31, 2023.

18. Who were named as the India's flag bearer for the opening ceremony of the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games _____ **PV Sindhu (badminton player) and Manpreet Singh (Indian men's hockey team captain).**

Note:

- The Indian men's hockey team has bagged bronze medal under the leadership of Manpreet Singh at the Tokyo Olympics (2021).
- The Sports Authority of India has also launched a new campaign "Create for India" to cheer for Team India.



19. Name three countries, which have received the membership status of the International Cricket Council (ICC) _____ Cambodia and Uzbekistan (Asia), and Cote D'Ivoire (Africa).

Note:

- With this addition, the total number of ICC members take to 108 countries which includes 96 Associates.
- The total count of Asian countries reached to 25 while Cote D'Ivoire is the 21st country from Africa.

20. Which edition of FIDE Chess Olympiad held in Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai, Tamil Nadu _____ **44th**.

Note:

- The ceremony was attended by Tamil Nadu CM, MK Stalin, five-times chess champion Viswanathan Anand and several others.
- The competition is being hosted in India for the first time and in Asia after 30 years.
- A total of 343 teams from 187 countries are participating in the event.
- Chess Olympiad mascot: 'Thambi' (Chess Knight)
- Anthem: Vanakkam Chennai

21. Who has bagged silver in men's 55kg weightlifting, the India's first medal at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham _____ **Sanket Mahadev Sargar**.

Note:

- He has lifted a total weight of 248kg (113+135).
- Bin Kasdan Mohamad Aniq from Malaysia has claimed gold medal with a total lift of 249kg (107+142).
- Dilanka Isuru Kumara Yodage of Sri Lanka has bagged bronze with a total lift of 225kg (105+120).

22. Which company has come into partnership with Indian Olympic Association (IOA), which would involve the setting up of first-ever India House at Paris Olympics 2024 _____ **Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL)**.

Note:

- Aim: To elevate the performances of Indian athletes, support the national sports federations and build the credentials of India.
- This partnership will support Indian athletes in major events including the CWG, Asian Games, and the Olympics Games.

23. Name the Indian women weightlifter, who has claimed first gold medal for India in the Women's 49Kg event at Birmingham 2022 CWG _____ **Saikhom Mirabai Chanu**.

Note:

- She lifted total weight of 201Kg in snatch and clean and jerk category.
- Bindyarani Devi Sorokhaibam (Weightlifter) has bagged second Silver medal for India in Women's 55 Kg category.

24. Who has clinched the title of the 2022 Hungarian Grand Prix _____ **Max Verstappen (Red Bull)**.

Note:

- Followed by Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) and George Russell (Mercedes).
- With this title, he sealed his eighth victory of the 2022 Formula One season and the 28th of his career.

25. Gustav McKeon has become the youngest male player to score consecutive international hundreds in the T20 World Cup 2024, belongs to which country _____ **France**.

Note:

- Europe Qualifier Group B match (second international match for the youngster).
- He made his record against Norway at the Kerava National Cricket Ground in Finland.
- He smashed five fours and eight sixes in his 53-ball 101 against Norway.
- Earlier, he smashed 61-ball 109 against Switzerland in Vantaa.



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."

3. Who has released the Moods, Moments and Memories - Former Presidents of India (1950-2017) A Visual History, published by Directorate of Publications Division _____ **Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Anurag Thakur**.

Note:

- Other two books published by Directorate of Publications Division and released by Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Anurag Thakur are:
- (1) First Citizen - Pictorial Record of President Ram Nath Kovind's Term
- (2) Interpreting Geometries - Flooring of Rashtrapati Bhavan

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).

8. Which country has successfully launched the Wentian laboratory module (23-tonne), second space module to its permanent space station _____ **China.**

Note:

➤ This has been launched on the Long March 5B from the Wenchang Space Launch Center on the southern island of Hainan.

➤ This module will help astronauts to carry out their scientific experiments, along with the other lab module.

➤ First space module was Tianhe, was launched in April 2021 and the third module, Mengtian, will be launched soon.

9. Which country will withdraw from the International Space Station (ISS) after 2024 _____ **Russia.**



Note:

- Russia and the United States have worked side by side on the space station which has been in orbit since 1998.
- ISS is the largest modular space station currently in low Earth orbit.
- Five participating space agencies: NASA (US), Roscosmos (Russia), JAXA (Japan), ESA (Europe), and CSA (Canada).

10. A Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) has been conducted between Indian Navy and Maritime Self Defense Force of which country _____ **Japan**.

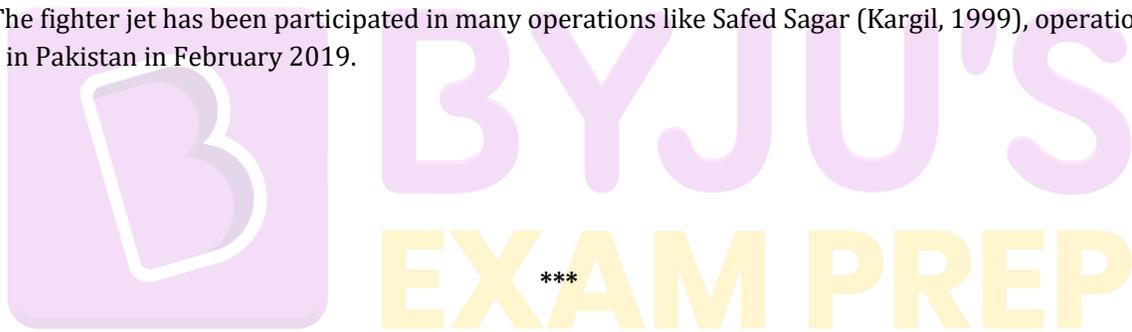
Note:

- INS Sukanya (offshore patrol vessel) and JS Samidare (Murasame class destroyer) undertook various exercises, which include seamanship activities, aircraft operations and tactical manoeuvres as part of the operational interaction.
- Aim: Enhancing interoperability and streamlining seamanship and communication procedures.

11. Which fighter jets will be retired by the Indian Air Force by 2022 September _____ **MiG-21**.

Note:

- Other three scheduled to be phased out by 2025.
- The old MiG-21s will be replaced with newer fighter jets.
- The air force received its first single-engine MiG-21 in 1963.
- The fighter jet has been participated in many operations like Safed Sagar (Kargil, 1999), operation of India in Pakistan in February 2019.



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