



# Bi-Weekly Current Affairs (1-15 Aug) English PDF

## Bi-Weekly One Liner Updates 1-15<sup>th</sup> August 2022

Dear readers,

**Bi-Weekly One-Liners Updates** is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the **two weeks** (1-15<sup>th</sup>) of **August 2022**. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

### **Banking & Financial Awareness**

1. How much amount of gross GST has been collected the government for July 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **₹1,48,995 crore**.  
**Note:**
  - The second highest collection ever since the introduction of the Goods and Services Tax.
  - The July 2022 revenue is 28% higher than the revenues in the July 2021 of ₹1,16,393 crore.
  - CGST is ₹25,751 crore, SGST is ₹32,807 crore, IGST is ₹79,518 crore (including ₹41,420 crore collected on import of goods) and cess is ₹10,920 crore (including ₹995 crore collected on import of goods).
2. Which bank has entered into a strategic partnership with Rupy for offering 100% paperless loan processing \_\_\_\_\_ **IndusInd Bank**.  
**Note:**
  - Rupy, digital lending platform, is a fintech arm of the Jaipur based, Girnarsoft Pvt Ltd (which houses brands like CarDekho, BikeDekho, Zigwheels, etc).
  - This partnership will simplified documentation and instant processing of vehicle loans from IndusInd Bank.
  - IndusInd Bank customers can now opt for flexible repayment options while transacting on 'Rupy'.
3. How much transactions of Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has been recorded by the NPCI in July 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **6 billion**.  
**Note:**
  - It is the highest ever since its inception in 2016.
  - According to data released by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), the UPI has reported 6.28 billion transactions amounting to Rs 10.62 trillion.
  - Month-on-month, the volume of transactions was up 7.16% and value increased 4.76%.
4. Which organisation has revised the guidelines on the anti-money laundering rules and counter financing of terrorism programme for insurance companies \_\_\_\_\_ **IRDAI**.  
**Note:**
  - The rules issued to consolidate and update guidelines replace the assorted norms issued since 2013.
  - No life, general, or health insurer can claim any relaxations to comply with the money-laundering rules, with effect from Nov 1, 2022.
5. Which co-operative Bank Ltd has entered into a partnership with Small Industries Development Bank in India (SIDBI) for empowering MSMEs \_\_\_\_\_ **SVC Co-operative Bank Ltd**.  
**Note:**
  - According to the agreement, SIDBI will extend refinance facility to SVC Bank to facilitate an improved flow of credit to MSMEs.
  - The agreement was signed by Ashish Singhal (MD, SVC Bank) and Sanjeev Gupta (GM, SIDBI) in Mumbai.
  - SIDBI is the Principal Financial Institution for Promotion, Financing and Development of the MSME sector.



6. Which bank has launched first ever, men-focused Committee 'EmpowerHim' as part of its flagship HR initiative 'Prerna' \_\_\_\_\_ **Union Bank of India.**

**Note:**

- Aim: To promote the employees' career trajectory and improve diversity in the Bank by picking out and resolving individual as well as common existing challenges.
- This Committee will complement the women focused; EmpowerHer Committee launched by the bank earlier in July 2022.

7. How much amount of loans have been written off by the bank in the last five financial years i.e. 2017-18 to 2021-22 \_\_\_\_\_ **Rs 10 lakh crores.**

**Note:**

- The write-off amount has come down to Rs 1,57,096 crore (2021-22) as compared to Rs 2,02,781 crore (2020-21).
- In 2019-20, the write-off has also come down from Rs 2,36,265 crore to Rs 2,34,170 crore.
- The commercial banks and financial institutions have reported credit information of all borrowers having aggregate credit exposure of Rs 5 crore and above to RBI.

8. The financial inclusion (FI) index has been increased to 56.4 in March 2022 from 53.9 in March 2021, is constructed by which organisation \_\_\_\_\_ **Reserve Bank of India.**

**Note:**

- It shows growth in across all sectors across the country.
- Financial inclusion index was constructed to capture the extent of financial inclusion across the country.
- Sectors: Banking, investments, insurance, postal, pension sector
- This index has been created without any base year, and published in July every year.

9. The government has lowered the mandatory turnover threshold from Rs 20 crore to \_\_\_\_\_ under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime from October 1, 2022 -- **Rs 10 crore.**

**Note:**

- Aim: Digitising a higher volume of transactions, transparency in sales reporting, reducing errors and mismatches, automating data entry work, and improving compliance.
- E-invoicing (electronic billing) has been started in October 2020.

10. Which organisation has restructured advisory committee on market data, that recommends policy measures pertaining to securities market data access and privacy \_\_\_\_\_ **SEBI.**

**Note:**

- The market data advisory committee will now have 20 members (earlier 21 members).
- Sebi has replaced former MD and CEO of NSE, Vikram Limaye by NSE current chief, Ashishkumar Chauhan.
- The committee is chaired by S Sahoo Professor at National Law University.

11. What is the current Repo Rate, that has been increased by the 50 basis points by the RBI \_\_\_\_\_ **5.40%.**

**Note:**

- Standing Deposit Facility Rate to 5.15%, MSF and Bank Rate revised to 5.65% in the latest bi-monthly monetary policy.
- Reason: to control the inflationary pressure
- As per the RBI, real GDP growth for the first quarter of the ensuing fiscal year is projected at 6.7%.
- GDP growth projection for 2022-23 retained at 7.2%.
- India's reserves remain the fourth largest globally.

12. Which Health Insurance Company Ltd has launched Smart Health+ Disease Management Rider, for its ReAssure customers \_\_\_\_\_ **Niva Bupa.**

**Note:**

- Coverage: It provide coverage for diabetes, hypertension and related complications from Day 1.
- It offers quarterly health check-ups.



- It also offers discount of up to 20% on health insurance renewal premium on managing a healthy lifestyle.

13. Which bank has become the first bank to list its Payment Gateway platform on the Income Tax Department's TIN 2.0 platform \_\_\_\_\_ **Federal Bank**.

**Note:**

- TIN 2.0 platform was launched on July 1, 2022.
- This "Payment Gateway" has been enabled by providing one more payment option to taxpayers.
- With this taxpayers can now make their payments with by using Credit/Debit Card, UPI, NEFT/RTGS and Internet Banking.

14. Which bank has collaborated with M2P Fintech to launch customer value propositions across payments and lending solutions \_\_\_\_\_ **IndusInd Bank**.

**Note:**

- The Bank will leverage M2P's cutting-edge technology backed by analytics.
- Aim: To deliver hyper personalised offering across payments and lending.
- M2P is fully equipped API infrastructure.
- It enables the bank to develop innovative products/experiences on top of Bank's core banking system (CBS).

15. Which insurance company has partnered with Future Generali India Insurance Company to offer a unique dog health cover \_\_\_\_\_ **InsuranceDekho**.

**Note:**

- This dog health insurance plans offers comprehensive coverage for over 25 breeds of dogs.
- Age of dog: Six months to 10 years.
- Premium: Rs 324 annually
- This insurance provide financial assistance for expenses incurred by pet parents towards hospitalisation, treatment of terminal illness, and surgery, subject to certain terms and conditions.

16. Bandhan Bank has opened its first currency chest in which state \_\_\_\_\_ **Deedargunj, Patna**.

**Note:**

- This is the first ever currency chest of bank.
- It will help in cash management for the branches and ATMs in the city.
- This currency chest will help people, MSMEs and small traders with supply of currency notes to the bank branches and the ATMs as and when required.
- The currency chest will also benefit the bank branches with storage.

17. RBI and Life Insurance Companies (LIC) have accepted the center's request to permit non-financial institutions and unregulated entities to own more than \_\_\_\_\_ stake in IDBI Bank \_\_\_\_\_ **40 %**.

**Note:**

- Also, allowed to sell between 51 and 74% of the lender through a strategic divestment process.
- Through a tactical divestiture, the government and LIC intend to sell 51-74% of the lender.

18. Which grameen bank has signed an agreement with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) to facilitate an improved flow of credit flow to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the state \_\_\_\_\_ **Andhra Pragathi Grameena Bank (APGB)**.

**Note:**

- APGB has started banking operations in 2006.
- This bank provide loan to agriculture and self-help groups in rural areas.
- SIDBI is playing a prominent role as an enabler in empowering the MSME ecosystem in the country.

19. According to a report, the Indian Food Processing industry could potentially grow at a CAGR of which percent, to reach \$500-530 bn by FY27 \_\_\_\_\_ **1011%**.

**Note:**

- This is due to its strong agricultural background and several favourable trends supporting its progress.



- According to the report, India has emerged as a global agricultural powerhouse.
  - Now it is the world's 2nd-largest agricultural producer, leading in the production of cereals, pulses, fruits and vegetables, sugar, and milk.
20. Which organisation will soon issue draft guidelines on outsourcing of financial services by financial institutions \_\_\_\_\_ **Reserve Bank of India.**
- Note:**
- The draft norms, deemed to be titled 'RBI (Managing Risks and Code of Conduct in Outsourcing of Financial Services) Directions, 2022', will be issued for public comments and feedback shortly.
  - The revised norms will expand the scope of the directions to include regional rural banks, local area banks, AIFI, CIC and non-scheduled payments banks.
21. Which Eye Hospitals has strengthened its presence in Maharashtra by acquiring five eye hospitals in Pune \_\_\_\_\_ **Dr Agarwals Eye Hospitals.**
- Note:**
- The leading eye care chain announced it has acquired Prabhudesai Eye Clinic (Kothrud); Global Eye Care Clinic (Pimpri Chinchwad and Sangvi); Om Eye Care (Viman Nagar and Vishrantwadi), all of which have been eyecare centres of repute in Pune for many years.
  - The eye care chain now runs 118 eye hospitals across the country and abroad.
22. The board of which Infrastructure Company has authorised the issuance of up to \$400 million, 5 per cent unsecured Foreign Currency Convertible Bonds (FCCBs) on a private placement basis \_\_\_\_\_ **Reliance Infrastructure.**
- Note:**
- The FCCBs shall be convertible into equity shares of ₹10 each of the company as per the FCCBs term, at ₹123 (including a premium of ₹113) per equity share.
  - The tenure of the bonds will be ten years.
  - Each FCCB of \$1,000,000 is equivalent to ₹7.94 crore.
23. The RBI has imposed a penalty of what amount on Bengaluru-based Jupiter Capital Private Ltd, for breach of norms on submission of credit information \_\_\_\_\_ **₹82 lakh.**
- Note:**
- RBI also imposed a fine of ₹32 lakh on Indian Bank for breach of directions on classification and reporting of frauds.
  - The examination of the Risk Assessment Report, Inspection Report and all related correspondence revealed that Indian Bank was in violation of certain provisions of RBI Directions, 2016.
24. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has constituted of Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) Advisory Committee under the chairmanship of \_\_\_\_\_ **former Chief Economic Adviser KV Subramanian.**
- Note:**
- Aim: To increase the overseas flows into the country.
  - Other members: Representing foreign banks, stock exchanges depositories and RBI.
  - The committee will review investment avenues available for FPIs and to advise on the feasibility of new investment avenues.
25. Which life insurance company has launched Max Life Smart Secure Easy Solution, a comprehensive three-in-one protection of life, critical illness & disability and accidental cover \_\_\_\_\_ **Max Life Insurance Company Ltd.**
- Note:**
- It covers self-employed individuals, salaried and other professionals to comprehensively guard against life's uncertainties.
  - Aim: Providing financial protection in case of any uncertainties in life with an accidental cover option and Max Life Critical Illness and Disability Health Rider.
26. After completion of how many year as AD Category-II, all scheduled small finance banks (SFBs) can be eligible for authorised dealer (AD) category-I licence \_\_\_\_\_ **atleast two years.**



**Note:**

- Eligibility norms for Small Finance Banks:
- It should have included in the Second Schedule to RBI Act 1934.
- It should have a minimum net worth of ₹500 crore.
- Its CRAR should not be less than 15%.
- The net NPAs of the bank should not exceed 6% (last four quarters).

27. Which organisation has launched its cross-border payments platform for small to medium-sized businesses named Global Pay \_\_\_\_\_ **American Express.**

**Note:**

- It will work as a digital solution that will let U.S. businesses make secure domestic and international B2B payments.
- In addition to this, the eligible customers can earn rewards points on foreign exchange payments.
- Global Pay is available to all eligible American Express Small Business Card Members in the U.S.

28. Which bank has signed an MoU with Hatchlab Research Centre, TBI of SRM University-AP to launch 'IND Spring Board' \_\_\_\_\_ **Indian Bank.**

**Note:**

- It is an initiative for financing start-ups and MSMEs.
- The bank will extend financial aid of up to Rs 50 crore to start-ups incubated at SRM Hatchlab for their working capital requirements.
- This collaboration is one of its kind in the state of Andhra Pradesh.

29. Which housing finance has revamped its 'Unnati' loan portfolio to offer affordable housing loans of ₹9-12 lakh to target customers \_\_\_\_\_ **PNB Housing Finance.**

**Note:**

- PNB Housing has created a small vertical under Unnati which will be different from existing ₹18-19 lakh as affordable housing loans.
- In the June quarter, PNB HFC has already opened 10 more branches.

30. Which bank has partnered with the LetsVenture have to support the startup ecosystem by providing curated products and solutions to startups (founders and investors) \_\_\_\_\_ **IDFC FIRST Bank.**

**Note:**

- IDFC FIRST Bank provides customised solutions to start-ups under its FIRST WINGS programme.
- With this, it makes IDFC FIRST Bank a preferred banker to all startups on LetsVenture's Scalix.
- LetsVenture's Scalix is a newly launched platform that supports the startUp ecosystem.

31. Axis Bank becomes the first Indian bank to launch Axis Receivables Suite (ARS). What is ARS \_\_\_\_\_ **Cash Management proposition.**

**Note:**

- Aim: Simplifies Receivables reconciliation, accelerates cash flow, enhances the client experience and reduces the cost of doing business.
- ARS is an end-to-end proposition to automate the reconciliation of receivables against sales invoices raised by clients.
- Benefit for Clients: Know about payments, real-time control over receivables

32. Which bank has joined hands with IBSFINtech (TreasuryTech Solution provider) to explore digital services for corporate clients \_\_\_\_\_ **YES Bank.**

**Note:**

- This partnership will strengthen the corporate treasury ecosystem with a strong decision-making tool and automated workflows.
- It will provide connectivity between a corporate's ERP (Enterprise resource planning) and a bank's solutions.

33. Which regulatory body has issued the regulatory framework to make digital lending safe for customers \_\_\_\_\_ **RBI.**



**Note:**

- The RBI has mandated that digital loans must be credited directly in the bank accounts of borrowers and not through any third party.
- Any fees, charges, payable to Lending Service Providers in the credit intermediation process shall be paid directly by Regulated Entities and not by the borrower.
- Automatic increase in credit limit without explicit consent of borrower is prohibited.

34. Name the co-operative Bank, which licence has been cancelled by the Reserve Bank of India \_\_\_\_\_  
**Rupee Co-operative Bank.**

**Note:**

- Reason: The bank is unable to pay its present depositors in full (capital inadequacy).
- It does not comply with the provisions of Section 11(1) and Section 22 (3) (d) with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- The bank has also prohibited from conducting the business of 'banking' which includes, acceptance and repayment of deposits.

35. Which payment company has partnered with the Piramal Capital & Housing Finance for expanding distribution of merchant loans to the small cities and towns of India \_\_\_\_\_ **Paytm.**

**Note:**

- With this, merchants can avail loans of up to Rs 10 lakh with a tenure of 6-24 months.
- It will also empower MSMEs from smaller cities and towns with access to digital credit.
- Piramal Capital & Housing Finance is a subsidiary of Piramal Enterprises Limited.

36. According to State Bank of India's economic research report "Ecowrap", India's home loan market would be **double** in the next \_\_\_\_\_ **5 years.**

**Note:**

- Currently valued at about ₹24 lakh crore and it is expected to double (₹48 lakh crore).
- The share of 'Housing Loans' in 'Bank Credit' has increased to 14.4% in June 2022 from 13.1% in March 2020.
- The total home loan portfolio grew by 10% in FY22 in tier-3 and tier-4 areas, faster rate than tier-1 and tier-2 districts.

37. Kotak Mahindra Bank has launched an account named Kotak Creme. This account has been categorized in which account \_\_\_\_\_ **salary account.**

**Note:**

- This account will offer an upgraded experience to its customers working in MNCs, retails, law firms, unicorns etc.
- The account will be available to all corporates in India and will also come with a host of privileges and rewards across lifestyle, travel, healthcare, dining, skilling and learning experiences.

38. What is Retail inflation in July 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **6.71%.**

**Note:**

- Inflation eased mainly due to easing prices in the Food & Beverages section.
- However, the retail inflation level remains above the mandated level of 4% with a margin of 2% on either side.
- CPI-based inflation or retail inflation: Change in the price index over a period.

39. Which bank has signed an agreement with High Commission of India in Dhaka to extend the operations of the Indian Visa Application Centre (IVAC) in Bangladesh for two more years \_\_\_\_\_  
**State Bank of India (SBI).**

**Note:**

- The IVAC will also start a few additional services which include facilitation for online form filling and submission of forms, slot booking and launching of a mobile app.
- A priority lounge was also inaugurated at the IVAC centre in Dhaka.

**Obituaries**

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1. T Mohandas M Pai, who has passed away, was founder of which newspaper \_\_\_\_\_ **Udayavani(Kannada daily)**.

**Note:**

- He was also the president of the Dr T M A Pai Foundation and Manipal Media Network, which runs 'Udayavani'.
- He also served as the chairman and non-executive director at ICDS limited.

2. Johnny Famechon, who has been passed away was belonged to which sports \_\_\_\_\_ **Boxing**.

**Note:**

- He was associated with professional boxing for more than 20 years and had a record of 56 wins (20 by knockout, six draws and five losses).
- He won his featherweight world title against Masahiko Harada from Japan.

3. Olivia Newton-John, who has recently passed away, was a popular \_\_\_\_\_ **Singer and actor**.

**Note:**

- She was best known for her music video Physical and the hit musical Grease.
- She received her first Grammy awards in 1973 in Best Female Country Vocal Performance category for "Let Me Be There".

4. K Maya Thevar, who has been passed away, was a former MP of which political party \_\_\_\_\_ **AIADMK**.

**Note:**

- He started his career as lawyer, and practised as an advocate at the Madras HC.
- Later he moved to politics and joined AIADMK, and becomes the candidate for the first-ever Lok Sabha election faced by the AIADMK after the formation of the party in 1972 by former CM MG Ramachandran.

5. P V Kamaraj who has been passed away, won the bronze at the Asian Championships, Tokyo in 4x400m Indian men's relay, held in which year \_\_\_\_\_ **1979**.

**Note:**

- He was retired as a Chief Reservation Officer with the Indian Railways and had contributed immensely to athletics in Tiruchi (hometown of Kamaraj).

6. Uma Pemmaraju, who has been passed away, was a \_\_\_\_\_ **Indian American journalist**.

**Note:**

- She was a part of various shows such as The Fox Report, Fox News Live, Fox News Now, and Fox On Trends.
- She has been awarded many Emmy Awards in her career for investigative reporting and journalism.

7. Rakesh Jhunjhunwala, who has been passed away, was a \_\_\_\_\_ **Stock market investor**.

**Note:**

- He was started his journey in stock markets while still in college with a capital of just 5,000 rupees.
- India's newest budget carrier, Akasa Air was one of the business ventures of Rakesh Jhunjhunwala.
- The airline began commercial operations this month with a maiden flight from Mumbai to Ahmedabad.

8. David McCullough, who won Pulitzer Prizes for his biographies of presidents John Adams and Harry Truman, has away, has won the first Pulitzer Prize in which year \_\_\_\_\_ **1993**.

**Note:**

- He won a Pulitzer Prize in 1993 for Truman, a biography about the 33rd president of the US and another Prize in 2002 for the biography about the second US president, John Adams.
- He has also earned National Book Awards for "The Path Between the Seas: The Creation of the Panama Canal and Mornings on Horseback".

**Important Days**



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1. Which week is observed annually on 1st -7th August \_\_\_\_\_ **World Breastfeeding Week.**

**Note:**

- To highlight the regular breastfeeding for babies
- Theme 2022: Step Up for Breastfeeding: Educate and Support.
- The World Health Organization (WHO) has created a memorandum in 1990 in association with United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF).
- The World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA) was established in 1991 and the inaugural World Breastfeeding Week was observed in 1992.

2. Which ministry has organized "Tiranga Utsav", to celebrate the 146th Birth Anniversary of Pingali Venkayya in New Delhi \_\_\_\_\_ **Ministry of Culture.**

**Note:**

- The event include the release of a commemorative Postal Stamp in honor of Pingali Venkayya for his invaluable contribution to the country.
- Pingali Venkayya was born on August 2, 1876, in Andhra Pradesh.
- He was the designer of India's National Flag.

3. The National Handloom Day in India has observed annually on which date to highlight the contribution of the handloom industry in the socio-economic development \_\_\_\_\_ **August 7.**

**Note:**

- The National Handloom Day is celebrated across the country under the aegis of the Ministry of Textiles.
- The handloom sector is one of the largest economic sectors in the country.
- This sector played an important role during the Swadeshi Movement (August 7, 1905).

4. The International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples observed on which date across the world \_\_\_\_\_ **August 9.**

**Note:**

- Aim: To highlight the role of indigenous people and the importance of preserving their rights, communities and knowledge.
- 2022 Theme: The Role of Indigenous Women in the Preservation and Transmission of Traditional Knowledge

5. World Biofuel Day is celebrated annually on which date to mark the importance of non-fossil fuels as a replacement for conventional fossil fuels \_\_\_\_\_ **August 10.**

**Note:**

- On this date, Sir Rudolf Diesel (German) successfully ran his diesel engine on peanut oil.
- In India, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change started celebrating World Biofuel Day 2015 onwards.
- Three types of biofuels used in India: Bioethanol, biodiesel, and biogas

6. International Youth Day observed annually on which date annually to create awareness about the issues faced by youth \_\_\_\_\_ **12th August.**

**Note:**

- Theme 2022: Intergenerational solidarity: creating a world for all ages
- In 1999, the General Assembly has passed a resolution 54/120, and declared 12 August as International Youth Day.
- This decision was made after the recommendation made by the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth (Lisbon, 8-12 August 1998).

7. International Lefthanders Day is observed on which date across the world \_\_\_\_\_ **August 13.**

**Note:**

- Aim: To raise awareness about being left-handed in a predominantly right-handed world.

8. World Organ Donation Day is observed globally on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **13th August.**

**Note:**

- This day is observed to spread awareness about the importance of donating organs.
- Theme for World Organ Donation Day 2022 is "let's pledge to donate organs and save lives".



9. World Elephant Day is celebrated on which date every year to raise awareness about the plight of elephants all over the world \_\_\_\_\_ **12 August.**

**Note:**

- This day was co-founded by Canadian filmmaker Patricia Sims and the Elephant Reintroduction Foundation of Thailand, an initiative of HM Queen Sirikit.

10. World Lion Day is observed globally on which date to spread awareness of lions and the urgent need to strive toward their conservation \_\_\_\_\_ **10th August.**

**Note:**

- In 2013, the first World Lion Day was observed. Dereck and Beverly Joubert, from the Big Cat Initiative and National Geographic, founded it.

11. The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) is celebrating the second 'Javelin Throw Day' on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **August 7, 2022.**

**Note:**

- The day was first observed in 2021 in honour of Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra, who won India's first Olympic gold medal in athletics at Tokyo.
- Neeraj Chopra has scripted history at the Olympic Stadium in Tokyo.
- He threw the javelin to a distance of 87.58m to end India's medal drought in athletics at the Olympics.

### New Appointments

1. Who has taken charge as police commissioner of Delhi \_\_\_\_\_ **Sanjay Arora.**

**Note:**

- He is due for retirement in 2025.
- He succeeded Rakesh Asthana (Gujarat cadre IPS officer), who retired after nearly 38 years in service.
- He was appointed the Director General of the paramilitary Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP).

2. Who has been appointed as the country director for India by World Bank \_\_\_\_\_ **Auguste Tano Kouamé.**

**Note:**

- He succeeded Junaid Kamal Ahmad (Bangladeshi economist), who has recently completed his term of five-year.
- He recently served as the country director of World Bank for Turkey.
- Earlier, he worked as the director of the department of human development and economic management in the World Bank Group's Independent Evaluation Group (IEG).

3. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador Noise for its upcoming smartwatch, X-Fit 2 series \_\_\_\_\_ **Vaani Kapoor.**

**Note:**

- Last year, the company had announced partnership with HRX, a fitness brand jointly owned by Hrithik Roshan and Exceed Entertainment.
- India's wearables market saw double-digit growth in Q1 2022 with products crossing 13.9 million units, according to the international Data Corporation India.

4. Who has assumed as the additional charge of Director General of Indo-Tibetan Border Police in New Delhi \_\_\_\_\_ **Dr. Sujoy Lal Thaosan.**

**Note:**

- He is an IPS Officer of the 1988 batch, Madhya Pradesh Cadre.
- He has taken charge from Sanjay Arora, who has recently appointed as the Police Commissioner of Delhi Police.

5. Who has been appointed as the principal director general of Press Information Bureau (PIB) \_\_\_\_\_ **Satyendra Prakash.**

**Note:**

- Earlier, he served as the principal DG of Central Bureau of Communication (HQ: New Delhi).



- He has a wide range of experience in the field of public communication, media management, administration, policy formulation and programme implementation.
  - He has also represented India in various national and international forums.
6. Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of state-run Oil India Ltd (OIL) \_\_\_\_\_ **Ranjit Rath.**
- Note:**
- He has replaced Sushil Chandra Mishra who superannuated on June 30.
  - Prior to his appointment, he served as the CMD Mineral Exploration & Consultancy Ltd.
  - He has also held the positions of the CEO of Khanij Bidesh India Limited, additional charge of the Director General of Geological Survey of India, and MD of Bharat Gold Mines Ltd
7. Who has been as the MD & CEO of Unity Small Finance Bank (USFB) \_\_\_\_\_ **Inderjit Camotra.**
- Note:**
- His appointment has been approved by the RBI and Unity Bank's Board.
  - Prior to this appointment he was interim CEO of the Bank.
  - Camotra has over 25 years of experience as a Banker in leadership positions at Standard Chartered Bank, ANZ and Citibank.
  - USFB has been promoted by Centrum Financial Services (Centrum Group) with Resilient Innovations (BharatPe) as joint investor.
8. Who has been appointed as the president of Catamaran, an investment firm \_\_\_\_\_ **Deepak Padaki.**
- Note:**
- MD Ranganath as its Chairman.
  - Padaki will be responsible for driving the firm's investment management strategy in its mission to nurture ideas from entrepreneurs into impactful business outcomes.
  - Ranganath served as the Chief Financial Officer at Infosys for 18 years till 2018.
9. Who has been appointed as the Director General of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) for two years \_\_\_\_\_ **Dr N. Kalaiselvi.**
- Note:**
- She succeeded Shekhar Mande, who superannuated in April 2022.
  - She is the first woman scientist to hold this position.
  - Currently, she is working as the head of the CSIR-Central Electrochemical Research Institute (CSIR-CECRI).
  - She is known for her work in the field of lithium-ion batteries.
10. Who has been elected as the deputy president of FIDE \_\_\_\_\_ **Viswanathan Anand.**
- Note:**
- While the present president, Arkady Dvorkovich (Russian) has been re-elected for a second term.
  - Anand was nominated by incumbent president Arkady Vladimirovich Dvorkovich as part of his team.
  - Dvorkovich a Muscovite has received 167 votes in his favour while his opponent Andrii Baryshpolets got 16.
11. Who has been elected as the 14th Vice President of India after defeating joint Opposition candidate Margaret Alva \_\_\_\_\_ **Jagdeep Dhankhar.**
- Note:**
- He will succeed M Venkaiah Naidu whose tenure ends on August 10.
  - He secured 528 votes out of the 710 valid votes in the Vice-Presidential election.
12. The Appointment Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved a one-year extension of which Union cabinet secretary \_\_\_\_\_ **Rajiv Gauba.**
- Note:**
- After the extension, he will remain in the same position till August 30, 2023.
  - He had taken over as the new Cabinet Secretary in the Government of India after the superannuation of PK Sinha in 2019.



- He is an IAS officer of the Jharkhand cadre (1982 batch) and served as like Union Home Secretary.
13. Who has sworn in as the first leftist President of Colombia \_\_\_\_\_ **Gustavo Petro**.
- Note:**
- He is a former member of Colombia's M-19 guerrilla group, who won the presidential election in June 2022 by beating conservative party candidate.
  - He also promised to implement outstanding provisions of the 2016 peace agreement that saw the rebel FARC movement lay down arms after nearly six decades of civil conflict.
14. Who has been appointed as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Powergrid Corporation of India Limited \_\_\_\_\_ **Pramod Kumar**.
- Note:**
- Prior to this, he served as the Executive Director (Finance) of the company.
  - He has an experience of 35 years in the Power Sector including Finance and Accounting functions i.e. finalisation of Corporate Accounts, formulation of Capital Budget etc.
15. Who has been re-elected as PM of Papua New Guinea for second term \_\_\_\_\_ **James Marape**.
- Note:**
- Papua New Guinea has been governed by multi-party coalitions.
  - He joined the PANGU Pati in May 2019 and announced to lead the PANGU Pati.
16. Who has been appointed as the 49th Chief Justice of India for three months \_\_\_\_\_ **Justice Uday Umesh Lalit**.
- Note:**
- He will replace CJI Justice N V Ramana, who will retire on 26th August 2022.
  - He was appointed as Judge of the Supreme Court (SC) in August 2014.
  - He will be the second CJI to be directly elevated to SC from the Bar, after Justice S.M. Sikri (13th CJI).
17. Who has been re-appointed as the managing director of Bharti Airtel for a period of five years (February 1, 2023 to January 31, 2028) \_\_\_\_\_ **Gopal Vittal**.
- Note:**
- He was re-appointed as the managing director and CEO with effect from February 1, 2018 for a period of 5 years, (upto January 31, 2023).
  - Fixed pay of Vittal (excluding perquisites) stood at Rs 9.1 crore in 2021-22, in addition to a variable pay component.
18. Kuwait has appointed whom as an ambassador to Iran since 2016 \_\_\_\_\_ **Bader Abdullah Al-Munaikh**.
- Note:**
- He has handed his credentials to Iranian Foreign Minister, Hossein Amirabdollahian in Tehran.
  - Foreign Ministry of Kuwait has also confirmed that Munaikh was appointed envoy to Iran.
  - This move comes as Saudi Arabia works to improve its ties with Iran.
19. Who has been named Head of Mission and Chief Military Observer for the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP) \_\_\_\_\_ **Rear Admiral Guillermo Pablo Rios**.
- Note:**
- He replaced Major General José Eladio Alcain of Uruguay, who steps down after the completion of his assignment.
  - He was also served as the Navy Warfare School's Education Department Chief (2018), Marines Infantry Fleet Commander (Brigade Commander) (2020–2021).

### Important News - India

1. Union Rail Minister, Ashwini Vaishnaw has flagged off the Badi Sadri-Udaipur City train service in which city \_\_\_\_\_ **Chittorgarh**.
- Note:**
- The minister has inaugurated the Badi Sadri-Mavli gauge converted rail section.



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- While, the Rewa-Udaipur City Special and Siuri-Sealdah-Siuri train services in West Bengal virtually.
  - The railway stations that are currently in the redevelopment phase are being built with a plan keeping in mind the next 50 years.
2. The government has constituted a task force on monkeypox to closely monitor the emerging situation in the country. Who is the head of this task force \_\_\_\_\_ **Dr V K Paul, NITI Aayog member (health).**
- Note:**
- The task force will provide guidance to the government on expansion of diagnostic facilities in the country and explore emerging trends related to vaccination for the disease.
  - The World Health Organisation (WHO) has recently declared monkeypox a global public health emergency.
3. Steel Ministry has constituted an advisory committee for secondary steel under the chairmanship of \_\_\_\_\_ **Jyotiraditya Scindia.**
- Note:**
- Aim: To identify and deliberate on the issues pertaining to the steel sector especially the secondary steel industry.
  - Secondary steel share in steel output of nation has been falling sharply from a level of 55% (2015) to 40% (now).
  - The secondary steel sector wants higher allocation of coal from Coal India.
4. Which conglomerate company will launch the 'First in India' seating system for Vande Bharat Express trains from September 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Tata Group.**
- Note:**
- The firm is also planning to invest Rs 3,000 crore on R&D by FY26.
  - The Composites division of Tata Steel has received, a Rs 145 crore, bulk order for seating systems of the Vande Bharat express.
  - It includes the supply of complete seating systems for 22 train sets, 16 coaches in each train set.
  - The specially designed seats can rotate 180 degrees.
5. To meet the workforce requirements, which airlines has raised the retirement age of pilots to 65 \_\_\_\_\_ **Air India.**
- Note:**
- Earlier, the age of retirement of AI pilots was 58, but now post-retirement age on a contractual basis for 5 years extendable to 65 years.
  - DGCA has also allowed pilots to fly till the age of 65 years.
6. How much amount of Trade deficit of India has been recorded in July 2022, with decline in exports and increase in imports \_\_\_\_\_ **\$31 Billion.**
- Note:**
- According to the data released by the commerce ministry, the merchandise exports have been declined to a five-month low at \$35.2 billion in July 2022 while imports eased sequentially to \$66 billion.
  - It has almost tripled from USD 10.63 billion in the same month of the previous fiscal.
  - Minister of Commerce and Industry: Piyush Goyal
7. According to the data published by the Indian consultancy Coalmint, which country has become the third-largest coal supplier of India in July 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Russia.**
- Note:**
- Russia has historically been the sixth-largest supplier of coal to India, after Indonesia, South Africa, Australia, and the United States, with Mozambique and Colombia alternatingly featuring in the top five.
  - Imports of India from Russia have increased nearly five times to over \$15 billion ever since Russia-Ukraine war.
8. India has added 10 more sites to Ramsar list, what is the total number of Ramsar sites in the country \_\_\_\_\_ **64.**



**Note:**

- 10 new wetland sites are from TN, Goa, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha.
- TN: Koonthankulam Bird Sanctuary, Gulf of Mannar Marine Biosphere Reserve; Vembannur Wetland Complex; Vellode Bird Sanctuary; Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary; Udhayamarthandapuram Bird Sanctuary
- Odisha: Satkosia Gorge
- Goa: Nanda Lake
- Karnataka: Ranganathittu BS
- Madhya Pradesh: Sirpur wetland

9. Which has organised Amrit Mahotsav named 'Badhe Chalo', to create a youth centric activation \_\_\_\_\_ **Ministry of Culture.**

**Note:**

- It is being held across 10 cities every day from 5th to 11th August 2022.
- Ten locations include: Lal Chowk, Ashtley Hall, Akashdeep Market, Central Mall, Telibandha Talab, CMR Mall, Gaurav Tower, Maharaja Sayajirao University, Alpha One Mall and Keshav Vatika.
- These events will be ended on the 12th August, at Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi.

10. Which armed force has signed an MoU with the Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) Space Applications Centre (SAC) on data sharing and cooperation on satellite-based naval applications in oceanology and meteorology \_\_\_\_\_ **Indian Navy.**

**Note:**

- This MoU is an extension of the MoU signed in 2017.
- Aim: Rapid development in the field of satellite data retrieval and applications.

11. As per the Ministry data which states of India are the top states providing highest power subsidy bill, accounting for ₹48,248 crore (36.4%) \_\_\_\_\_ **Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Karnataka.**

**Note:**

- Madhya Pradesh has spent ₹47,932 crore between 2018-19 and 2020-21 and Rajasthan spent ₹40,278 crore.
- About 1,70,000MW of electricity generation has been added since 2014.

12. Who has e-launched the onboarding of cooperatives on GeM portal, now all eligible cooperatives will be able to place orders on the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) portal \_\_\_\_\_ **HM Amit Shah.**

**Note:**

- Total 589 cooperatives have been shortlisted as eligible for onboarding.
- National Cooperative Union of India has prepared data of cooperatives with turnover and deposits of 100 crore rupees.
- GeM has been set up as the National procurement portal to provide an end-to-end online marketplace.

13. PM Narendra Modi has dedicated to the nation the 2nd Generation (2G) Ethanol Plant in which state \_\_\_\_\_ **Panipat, Haryana.**

**Note:**

- The 2G Ethanol Plant has been built by the Indian Oil Corporation Limited, at an estimated cost of over 900 crore rupees.
- The project will utilise about two lakh tonnes of rice straw (parali) annually to generate around three crore litres of Ethanol per annum.
- It will also contribute to a reduction of Greenhouse Gases.

14. Which company has launched the 'India ki Udaan' project to celebrate the 75 years of Independence of India \_\_\_\_\_ **Google.**

**Note:**

- It was executed by Google Arts and Culture.
- It is based on the theme 'Unwavering and undying spirit of India over these past 75 years'.
- The project will use rich archives and feature artistic illustrations to tell the story of India.



15. The Union Cabinet has approved the signing of an audio-visual (AV) co-production treaty between India and which country to promote co-production of films \_\_\_\_\_ **Australia**.

**Note:**

- Under this umbrella agreements, private, quasi-government or governmental agencies enter contracts to produce films together.
- So far, India has signed 15 audio visual co-production treaties with foreign countries.
- Australia has emerged as a preferred destination for shooting of Indian films.

16. What is the name of India's first Saline Water Lantern that was unveiled by Union Minister, Jitendra Singh \_\_\_\_\_ **Roshni**.

**Note:**

- It uses the sea water to power the specially designed LED lamps
- It will bring Ease of Living to the fishing community living along the 7500 km long coastal line of India.
- Saline water-powered Roshini LED lamps will boost and supplement Prime Minister Narendra Modi's UJALA scheme.
- It has been developed by the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai.

17. Who has announced the roll-out of model by-laws to govern all Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS) in the country during a national conference on rural cooperative banks \_\_\_\_\_ **HM Amit Shah**.

**Note:**

- It was organized by Ministry of Cooperation and National Federation of State Cooperative Banks (NAFSCOB) at Vignan Bhavan, New Delhi.
- There are more than 95,000 PACS currently, of which only about 63,000 PACS are functional.

18. Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Virendra Kumar has launched the 'SMILE' initiative in New Delhi. What is the full form of SMILE \_\_\_\_\_ **Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise**.

**Note:**

- It aims to make cities, towns, and municipal areas begging-free and make a strategy for comprehensive rehabilitation of the persons engaged in the act of begging through the coordinated action of various stakeholders.
- Total budget for smile-75: Rs 100 crores till 2025-26.

19. India has added 11 more wetlands to the list of Ramsar sites. What is the total number of Ramsar sites in India (August 2022) \_\_\_\_\_ **75 Ramsar sites**.

**Note:**

- These 11 new sites include, 4 in Tamil Nadu, 3 in Odisha, 2 in Jammu and Kashmir and 1 each in MP and Maharashtra.
- Total of 28 sites have been declared as Ramsar sites in 2022
- Tamil Nadu (14) has maximum number of Ramsar sites, followed by UP (10).

20. Which organisation has commenced Basmati crop survey to estimate acreage, assess crop health and expected yield of aromatic and long grain rice during 2022-2023 kharif crop season using climate-based yield modelling \_\_\_\_\_ **Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)**.

**Note:**

- It is being executed under Basmati Export Development Foundation (BEDF), APEDA
- Final survey report will be finalized by Dec 2022
- India has exported USD 12 billion Basmati in the last three years.

21. The World's highest railway bridge's 'Golden Joint' has been inaugurated which district of Jammu & Kashmir \_\_\_\_\_ **Reasi district**.

**Note:**

- The joints of bridge is connecting two ends of the deck of the world's highest railway bridge.
- Chenab Bridge is located in Chenab river, will be 35 meters higher than the Eiffel Tower (after completion of project).



- Aim: It will provide direct connectivity to the Kashmir valley.
22. Which IT company has become the first global Big Tech Company to join the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) \_\_\_\_\_ **Microsoft**.
- Note:**
- ONDC is an Indian government initiative for developing a first-of-its-kind open network for digital commerce.
  - Microsoft has intended to introduce social e-commerce via its app in the Indian market later this year.
  - Initially, the network began its pilot in De-lhi, Bengaluru, Coimbatore, Bho-pal and Shillong.
23. National Highways Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) has signed an MoU with which corporation to take up multiple initiatives contributing towards making India the Skill Capital \_\_\_\_\_ **National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)**.
- Note:**
- Signed by: MD of NHIDCL, Chanchal Kumar and COO & Officiating CEO of NSDC, Ved Mani Tiwari
  - NHIDCL is a fully owned company of the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways.
  - NSDC is PPP model under Ministry of Skill Development
24. Which ministry has signed MoU with Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) for providing technical support to Ministry of Ayush for digitalization of Ayush Sector under Ayush Grid project for 3 years \_\_\_\_\_ **Ministry of Ayush**.
- Note:**
- Ayush Grid project was initiated in 2018 by the Ministry for creating a comprehensive IT backbone for the entire sector.
  - Digitalization of the entire Ayush Sector will lead to its transformation in fields of health care delivery at all levels.
25. Regional Standardization Forum of International Telecommunication Union (ITU) for Asia and Oceania region has been hosted by which ministry \_\_\_\_\_ **Ministry of Communications**.
- Note:**
- Theme of 'Regulatory and Policy aspects of Telecommunications'.
  - MoS for Communications, Devusinh Chauhan has inaugurated the Regional Standardization Forum.
  - More than 250 delegates from 20 countries has been participated in the Forum, to provide an insight from policy and regulatory perspective.
26. Which country has hosted a virtual meet of the 'Asian Regional Forum' on August 11, 2022 on the theme of Making our Elections Inclusive, Accessible and Participative \_\_\_\_\_ **Election Commission of India (ECI), India**.
- Note:**
- This Regional Forum meet was a precursor to the "Summit for Electoral Democracy" that to be hosted by the National Electoral Institute of Mexico in the coming month.
  - Chief Election Commissioner of India: Rajiv Kumar
27. The government of India has made revised the rules of Atal Pension Yojana (APY), will be effective from from which date \_\_\_\_\_ **October 1, 2022**.
- Note:**
- No citizen who is or has been an income taxpayer will not be eligible to join the APY.
  - If an income tax-payer joins the APY scheme on or after October 1, 2022, the APY account will be liable to be closed.
  - Currently, all citizens of India between the age group of 18-40 years are eligible to join the scheme, irrespective of their tax-paying status.

**Important News – State**



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1. Which state government has launched Vidyanidhi Programme, under which, govt will provide scholarship from Rs 2,500 to Rs 11,000 to the children of farmers, weavers, taxi drivers and fishermen, who studying in 11th class \_\_\_\_\_ **Karnataka**.

**Note:**

- Swami Vivekananda Yuva Sangha: provide training to the youths to evolve into entrepreneurs.
  - SC/ST families will be provided free power supply up to 75 units
2. After carving out new districts from the existing West Bengal districts, what will be the new number of districts in West Bengal \_\_\_\_\_ **30**.

**Note:**

- Earlier there were 23 districts in Bengal, after this, West Bengal will have 30 district.
  - Seven new districts: Sunderban, Ichhemati, Ranaghat, Bishnupur, Jangipur, and Behrampur.
  - One more district will be named from the Basirhat region.
  - Aim: Smaller units would make governance easier and benefit the people by bringing the administration closer to them.
3. Which state government has launched Mission Bhumi Putra, a digital way to issue digitalised caste certificates to students \_\_\_\_\_ **Assam**.

**Note:**

- He has also inaugurated a Bhumi Putra Portal at a programme held at Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra.
  - This initiative was implemented by the Departments of Tribal Affairs (Plain) and Social Justice Empowerment.
  - The certificates issued will be available in the digi locker under the IT Act with digital signature of the respective DC.
4. Which state government has recently launched the "Chief Minister Equal Education Relief, Assistance and Grant (Cheerag)" scheme for EWS students \_\_\_\_\_ **Haryana**.

- Under the Cheerag scheme, government school students whose parents have an annual verified income of less than Rs 1.8 lakh can enroll in private schools from Class II to XII.
  - The government will reimburse:
  - Rs 700 per student from Classes II to V
  - Rs 900 per student from Classes VI to VIII
  - Rs 1,100 per student from Classes IX to XII
5. Which state government has announced the 'Panchamrut Yojana' will help to double the farmers' income \_\_\_\_\_ **Uttar Pradesh**.

**Note:**

- This can be achieved by introducing cost-effective technical measures and promotion of co-cropping method.
  - The UP Government has increased the sugarcane support price by Rs 350 in the last crushing season in advance, which included Rs 340 for normal and Rs 335 for species declared unsuitable.
6. Which state government has launched 'Nethanna Ku Bima' Scheme, an insurance scheme, which covers handloom and powerloom weavers in the State \_\_\_\_\_ **Telangana**.

**Note:**

- This scheme was launched by Telangana Handlooms Minister, KT Rama Rao virtually on the occasion of National Handloom Day.
  - The insurance coverage scheme will be implemented in association with LIC.
  - In case of natural or accidental death of a weaver, Rs. 5 lakh would be deposited into the nominees' account within 10 days.
7. Which UT has inaugurated "UMEED Market Place" under AVSAR Scheme of Airport Authority of India \_\_\_\_\_ **Jammu and Kashmir**.

**Note:**

- A similar Marketplace was also opened at Jammu Airport and both the outlets will exhibit products of all 20 districts.



- Aim: To support local art and artisans of Self Help Groups of J&K Rural Livelihood Mission.
  - The products of Self Help Groups will get exposed to the national market.
8. Agasthiyarmalai Elephant Reserve is fifth elephant reserve of which state \_\_\_\_\_ **Tamil Nadu**.
- Note:**
- The Union Environment Ministry has approved the proposal to designate 1,197.48 sq.km in Kanyakumari and Tirunelveli as the Agasthiyarmalai Elephant Reserve.
  - The forest department may be eligible for additional financing through the centrally sponsored Project Elephant after notifying the Agasthiyarmalai Elephant Reserve.

### Important News – World

1. Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, who has arrived in India on a four-day visit to India, is a president of which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Maldives**.
- Note:**
- He will hold talk with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and several agreements are expected to be signed after the talks.
  - He also scheduled to meet President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
  - Both countries share common perspectives on maritime security issues in the Indian Ocean.
2. Which country will host the special meeting of United Nations Security Council (UNSC) on counter-terrorism on October 29, 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **India**.
- Note:**
- The tenure of India as a non-permanent member at the UN Security Council will be ended on December 2022.
  - Theme: Mindful of the increasing threat posed by the misuse of new and emerging technologies
  - Non- permanent members: Albania, Brazil, Gabon, Ghana, India, Ireland, Kenya, Mexico, Norway and the UAE
3. According to the latest Fortune Global 500 list, which company has entered into Fortune Global 500 list, and ranked 98th with revenue of USD 97.26 billion and a profit of USD 553.8 million \_\_\_\_\_ **LIC**.
- Note:**
- While Reliance Industries has jumped 51 places to 104 on the 2022 list. The list has been topped by US retailer, Walmart.
  - Indian companies: IOC (142nd); ONGC (190th); Tata Motors (370th); Tata Steel (435th); Rajesh Exports (437th); SBI (236th) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation (295th).
4. Which country has signed an agreement with the World Bank for USD 300 million financing \_\_\_\_\_ **Bangladesh**.
- Note:**
- Aim: To strengthen its local urban institutions to respond and recover from the Covid 19 pandemic and improve preparedness for future shock.
  - It will also help cities and towns of Bangladesh to build back better as they recover from the pandemic and prepare for future shocks.
  - The project will carry out labour-intensive public works to ensure water supply.
5. Which country has declared its 200-year-old iconic green open space Padang as its 75th national monument as the country celebrates its 57th National Day (9th August) \_\_\_\_\_ **Singapore**.
- Note:**
- From this site, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose had given his 'Delhi Chalo' slogan in 1943.
  - From now, the Padang has been preserved and accorded the highest level of protection in Singapore under the Preservation of Monuments Act.
6. According to the UN, which country's population has owned 7.3% digital currency and ranked seventh in the list of top 20 global economies for digital currency ownership as share of population \_\_\_\_\_ **India**.
- Note:**



- Ukraine topped the list with 12.7%, followed by Russia (11.9%), Venezuela (10.3%), Singapore (9.4%), Kenya (8.5%) and the US (8.3%).
  - It also been observed that the global use of cryptocurrencies has increased exponentially during the COVID-19 pandemic (including developing countries).
7. Which two countries have withdrawn from a cooperation group amid the Western criticism of China over escalating military pressure on Taiwan \_\_\_\_\_ **Latvia and Estonia**.

**Note:**

- Reason: Both countries will continue to work towards constructive and pragmatic relations with China.
  - Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Greece, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia are among countries that remain in the cooperation format.
8. British govt has officially declared certain parts of southern, central, and eastern of which country as drought areas after a prolonged period of hot and dry weather \_\_\_\_\_ **England**.
- England suffered its driest July in 2022 since 1935, with only 35% of the average rainfall for the month, and parts of England and Wales are now in the middle of a 4-day extreme heat alert.
  - All water companies have reassured essential supplies and are prepared than ever before for periods of dry weather.
9. Clade IIb, is in news, is a variant of \_\_\_\_\_ **Monkeypox**.

**Note:**

- The World Health Organisation (WHO) has announced new names for variants of the monkeypox virus that are currently in circulation.
- The former Congo Basin clade (group of variants) in Central Africa as Clade I.
- The former West African clade as Clade II.
- The latter consists of two sub-clades, Clade IIa and Clade IIb, of which Clade IIb was the main group of variants circulating during the 2022 outbreak.
- The monkeypox virus was first discovered in 1958.

**Honor & Awards**

1. Which of the following bank has been awarded Agri Infra Fund awards in the category of Best Performing Banks \_\_\_\_\_ **SBI, PNB and Bank of India**.

**Note:**

- Narendra Singh Tomar (Minister for Agriculture) has presented Agri Infra Fund awards under various categories to honour Banks and State Governments.
  - Banks valuable contribution category: Bank of Baroda, Central Bank of India, Canara Bank and Kotak Mahindra
  - Best performing State: Madhya Pradesh
  - **PACS application:**
  - Best performer in sanction : Andhra Pradesh
  - Best performer in faster disposal: Karnataka
2. Name the Indian American teenager, who has been crowned with the title of Miss India USA 2022 in New Jersey \_\_\_\_\_ **Aarya Walvekar (Virginia)**.

**Note:**

- She is an advocate for Mental Health and Body Positivity Health at Every Size Movement and created various awareness campaigns.
  - She is also the founder of Euphoria Dance Studio that provides affordable dance lessons to local children.
  - Akshi Jain of Washington was crowned Mrs. India USA.
  - Tanvi Grover of New York was crowned as Miss Teen India USA.
3. Name the Indian professor, who has been marked on the 'Heritage Wall of Fame' of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) in the United States \_\_\_\_\_ **Ramadhhar Singh**.

**Note:**

- Currently, he is a professor at the Amrut Mody School of Management, Ahmedabad.
  - The Ohio State University, Columbus had nominated Ramadhar Singh for the induction to the 'Heritage Wall of Fame'.
  - SPSP was established in 1974, is the world's largest organisation of personality and social psychologist.
4. 14th Dalai Lama (Tibetan spiritual leader) has been honoured with the 'dPal rNgam Duston' award, is the highest civilian honour of which state/ UT \_\_\_\_\_ **Ladakh**.

**Note:**

- Reason: For his immense contribution to humanity, especially towards the union territory.
  - The sixth award was conferred by Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh.
  - The 'dPal rNgam Duston' is the celebration of the remarkable contribution and achievement of the heroes of Ladakh.
5. Architect, Marina Tabassum, who became the first person from the global south and first south Asian to win the prestigious Lisbon Triennale Millennium bcp Lifetime Achievement Award, is belong to which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Bangladesh**.

**Note:**

- She will receive an original artwork by the Portuguese artist and sculptor Carlos Nogueira as award during the Lisbon Triennale.
  - Marina Tabassum is known for her architectural designs that break away from commercialism and deeply embed environmental concerns.
6. Name the Senior Congress leader, who will be conferred with France's highest civilian award Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur for his writings and speeches \_\_\_\_\_ **Shashi Tharoor**.

**Note:**

- In 2010, he had received a similar honour from the Spanish government, when the King of Spain had bestowed upon him the Encomienda de la Real Order Espanola de Carlos III.
- He is a two-term Lok Sabha MP (Thiruvananthapuram constituency).

**Sports News**

1. Olympic medallist, Mairaj Ahmad Khan has claimed gold medals in men's category of which sports in the inaugural Digvijay Singh Memorial Shooting Championship \_\_\_\_\_ **Skeet**.

**Note:**

- Raiza Dhillon has claimed gold medals in women's skeet events.
  - Arjun Thakur of Madhya Pradesh has silver position and Gurjoat Singh from Punjab has settled for bronze in Men's category.
  - Dhillon has bagged double gold after winning the Junior Women's Skeet competition over Parinaaz Dhaliwal from Punjab.
2. Indian weightlifter, Achinta Sheuli has bagged gold medal in which men's category \_\_\_\_\_ **73 Kg**.

**Note:**

- Erry Hidayat Mohammad (Malaysia) has clinched Silver medal with a total of 303 kg, while Darsigny (Canada) won Bronze with a total of 298 kg.
  - Earlier, Mirabai Chanu and Jeremy Lalrinunnga have claimed gold medal while Bindyarani Devi and Sanketh Sargar bagged silver and Gururaja Poojary has settled for bronze.
3. Which team has defeated Germany by 2-1 in the final of the European Championship to win its first major women's soccer title at Wembley Stadium \_\_\_\_\_ **England**.

**Note:**

- Chloe Kelly (England) gave 2-1 win over Germany in the Women's European Championship final to claim their first-ever major title in front of a record crowd on home soil.
- England coach, Sarina Wiegman made history by becoming the first manager to win the Euros with two separate teams (England and Netherlands)



4. Who has clinched silver in women's judo 48kg category at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games \_\_\_\_\_ **Shushila Devi**.

**Note:**

- This is her second silver medal in CWG, she bagged her first silver in Commonwealth Games 2014 .
- While, Vijay Kumar Yadav has also bagged bronze medal in the judo men's- 60kg category in CWG 2022.
- In Weightlifting, Harjinder Kaur won the bronze medal in the women's 71kg category (logged 212kg (snatch - 93kg; clean and jerk - 119kg)).

5. India's women team has clinched first ever gold medal in the lawn bowls after defeating which country \_\_\_\_\_ **South Africa**.

**Note:**

- Women team Lawn bowl include: Nayanmoni Saikia, Pinki, Lovely Choubey and Rupa Rani Turkey.
- The Men's Table Tennis team clinched gold medal after defeating Singapore.
- Weightlifter, Vikas Thakur won the silver medal in men's 96-kilogram category.
- India's mixed badminton team settled for a silver medal.

6. Who has claimed Silver medal in Judo women's 78 kg category at Commonwealth Games 2022 in Birmingham \_\_\_\_\_ **Tulika Maan**

**Note:**

- This is India's third medal in Judo this Commonwealth Games.
- Indian weightlifter, Gurdeep Singh won bronze medal in the men's 109-plus kg final.
- Indian Saurav Ghosal won bronze medal in squash men's singles.
- India's Tejaswin Shankar won bronze, India's first medal in athletics at CWG 2022 in the men's high jump.

7. Name the para-powerlifter who has clinched the gold medal in the Men's Heavyweight, after defeating Ikechukwu Obichukwu (Nigeria), in the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, with the lift of 212kg \_\_\_\_\_ **Sudhir**.

**Note:**

- He won India's first gold in Para-Powerlifting at Commonwealth Games.
- India's M. Sreeshankar has clinched silver in Men's long jump.
- India's Saurav Ghosal has bagged the bronze medal in squash men's singles.

8. Sakshi Malik and Deepak Poonia presented a double gold delight at Commonwealth Games 2022 at Birmingham, are associated with which sports \_\_\_\_\_ **Wrestling**.

**Note:**

- Sakshi Malik stood atop the podium in the women's freestyle 62 kg category, while Deepak Ponia secured the gold medal in the men's freestyle 86 kg category.
- Sakshi was up against the Pan American champion – Ana Paula Godinez Gonzalez from Canada in the gold medal match.

9. Name the Indian para table tennis player who has clinched gold medal in the para table tennis women's singles at the Commonwealth Games 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Bhavina Patel**.

**Note:**

- She defeated Ifechukwude Christiana Ikpeoyi of Nigeria Classes 3-5.
- **Other winners:**
- Indian para TT player, Sonalben Manubhai Patel won bronze medal in the women's singles Classes 3-5.
- Saurav Ghosal and Dipika Pallikal won Bronze in Squash Mixed Doubles
- Vinesh Phogat won gold in the Women's Freestyle 53 kg Nordic category.

10. Who has become the 75th Grandmaster of India by winning the Limpedea Open in Baia Mare, Romania \_\_\_\_\_ **V Pranav**.



**Note:**

- He had won his maiden GM norm at the Serbia Open in 2021 and the second in the Vezerkepzo GM round-robin tourney in Budapest, Hungary in June 2022.
- He is the 27th Grandmaster from Tamil Nadu (list include Viswanathan Anand, D.Gukesh and R.Praggnanandhaa among others).

11. Which country has clinched the 4th edition of the SAFF U-20 football championship title by defeating Bangladesh by 5-2 goals in the final at Kalinga stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha \_\_\_\_\_ **India**.

**Note:**

- India won this championship for the second consecutive time (first crown in 2019).
- Top scorer: Indian Gurkirat Singh(8 goals), he has scored four goals in final.
- Best player: Indian Gurkirat Singh

12. Who won gold in the mixed doubles table tennis after defeating Javen Choong and Karen Lyne (Malaysian) at Commonwealth Games 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **A. Sharath Kamal and Sreeja Akula**.

**Note:**

- India's Eldhose Paul wins first-ever gold medal in Men's Triple Jump.
- Boxer, Nitu Ghangas wins gold in women's 48 kg category
- Boxer, Amit Panghal won the gold in the 48-51kg weight category
- Avinash Sable becomes the first Indian Man claim a medal (silver) in men's 3000m steeplechase.

13. Which country's women's cricket team has settled for the silver medal in Birmingham after losing to five-time T20 champions Australia (won gold) by 9 runs in the Commonwealth Games 2022 final \_\_\_\_\_ **India**.

**Note:**

- Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand won the Bronze Medal in Badminton Doubles.
- Annu Rani won Bronze medal in Women's Javelin Throw.
- India's Eldhose Paul and Abdulla Aboobacker won the gold and silver, respectively, in the men's triple jump final

14. Name the Badminton player, who has defeated Michelle Li of Canada by 21-15, 21-13 to win her first gold medal at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in women's singles \_\_\_\_\_ **PV Sindhu**.

**Note:**

- She won silver at Gold Coast in 2018 and bronze medal at Glasgow in 2014.
- Badminton player, Lakshya Sen has also clinched gold after defeating Ng Tze Yong of Malaysia in the men's singles.
- Indian Men's Hockey Team won silver (Australia: gold)
- Sharath Kamal won gold in Men's Singles Table Tennis

15. Which men's team has won the 44th edition of the Chess Olympiad that has been concluded in Chennai, Tamil Nadu \_\_\_\_\_ **Uzbekistan**.

**Note:**

- India 'B' team (Men's) comprising D Gukesh, R Praggnanandhaa, Raunak Sadhwani and Adhiban won the bronze medal after defeating Germany.
- India 'A' team (Women's) comprising Vaishali and Koneru Humphy, Tania Sachdev and Bhakti Kulkari won the bronze medal.
- Armenia clinched the silver medal in men's section

16. Serena Williams has announced her retirement from professional tennis, is associated with which country \_\_\_\_\_ **America**.

**Note:**

- The US Open 2022 would be her farewell tournament.
- She has been ranked singles world No.1 by the Women's Tennis Association for 319 weeks.



- She has won 23 Grand Slam singles titles, the second most of all time by any player in the open history after an Australian player, Margaret Court (24).
  - She won her first Grand Slam, the U.S. Open in 1999.
17. Who has been named the AIFF Men's Footballer of the Year for the seventh time, for the 2021-22 season \_\_\_\_\_ **Sunil Chhetri**.

**Note:**

- While Manisha Kalyan named the AIFF women's footballer for the 2021-22 season.
  - Chhetri and Kalyan were nominated as the winners by their respective national team coaches Igor Stimac and Thomas Dennerby.
  - He is the third highest goal scorer among active international players.
18. Name the fencer has secured gold medal in the women's senior individual sabre category at the Commonwealth Fencing Championships 2022 in London \_\_\_\_\_ **Indian fencer, Bhavani Devi**.

**Note:**

- She defeated Veronika (Australia), who has settled for silver in the event.
  - Bhavani Devi hails from Tamil Nadu and was the first Indian fencer to qualify for the Olympics (Tokyo 2020)
  - Fencing was recognised by the Commonwealth Games Federation as a sport.
19. Name the person, who has been named as the captain of the Bangladesh Cricket team for the Asia Cup, Tri-nation T-20 series with Pakistan \_\_\_\_\_ **Shakib Al Hasan**.

**Note:**

- Host team of New Zealand starting in October as well as the World Cup 2022 in Australia
- This decision was followed by the bad performance of the Bangladesh team in T-20 matches
- BCB also announced a 17-member team for the Asia Cup.

**Books and Authors**

1. A book titled, 'Madam President: A Biography of Draupadi Murmu' that will be released by the end of 2022, is written by \_\_\_\_\_ **Sandeep Sahu**.
2. Union Minister of State (IC) of the Ministry of Science and Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh, launched a poetry book titled 'Rusty Skies and Golden Winds', is written by \_\_\_\_\_ **Sannidhya Sharma**.

**Note:**

- Sandeep Sahu is a Bhubaneswar-based senior journalist.
  - The book will be published by Penguin Random House India (PRHI).
- She is a student of class 7th at Jammu.
  - The book is published by Blue-Rose Publishers.

**Science and Defence**

1. Which edition of Vietnam-India bilateral army exercise "Ex VINBAX 2022" has conducted at Chandimandir in Haryana till 20th August \_\_\_\_\_ **Third**.
2. The joint military Exercise "AL NAJAH -IV" between contingents of Indian Army and the Royal Army of Oman has conducted in which state of India \_\_\_\_\_ **Bikaner, Rajasthan**.

**Note:**

- Aim: To strengthen the bilateral relations between India and Vietnam.
  - Theme of Ex VINBAX - 2022: Employment and deployment of an Engineer Company and a Medical Team as part of United Nations Contingent for Peace Keeping Operations.
- The contingent of Royal Army of Oman is comprising 60 personnel from the Sultan of Oman Parachute Regiment and the Indian Army is represented by troops from the 18 Mechanised Infantry Battalion.



3. Along with 13 countries, India will take part in which exercise that has been organised by Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF), Australia \_\_\_\_\_ **Pitch Black**.

**Note:**

- This mega air exercise is scheduled to be held from August 19 to September 6.
- Participants (17 countries): Australia, Canada, India, France, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, the UAE, the UK and the US.

4. To commemorate the victory of the Indian Armed forces during the Kargil War, which point at Drass in Kargil Sector was renamed as 'Gun Hill' \_\_\_\_\_ **Point 5140**.

**Note:**

- The Regiment of Artillery, with lethal and accurate firepower, was able to have a telling effect on the enemy troops and their defences.
- On July 26, 1999, the Indian Army announced the success of 'Operation Vijay'.

5. Which edition of India and US mega military exercise "Yudh Abhyas" will be held in Auli, Uttarakhand from October 14 to 31, 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **18th**.

**Note:**

- Aim: To build the understanding, cooperation and interoperability between the two armies.
- The 17th edition of the exercise was held in Alaska in US.

6. Along with Indian army, which organisation has successfully test-fired indigenously developed Laser-Guided Anti-Tank Guided Missiles (ATGM) from Main Battle Tank (MBT) Arjun \_\_\_\_\_ **DRDO**.

**Note:**

- The missiles have hit the target successfully with the precision at two different ranges.
- Laser Guided ATGM employs a tandem High Explosive Anti-Tank (HEAT) warhead to defeat Explosive Reactive Armour protected armoured vehicles.
- This is currently under technical evaluation trials from MBT Arjun's 120 mm rifled gun

7. Five women officers of the which INAS have created history by completing the first all-women independent maritime reconnaissance and surveillance mission over the north Arabian Sea onboard a Dornier 228 aircraft \_\_\_\_\_ **INAS 314**.

**Note:**

- The INAS 314 is a frontline Naval Air Squadron based at Porbandar, Gujarat.
- Five women: Lt Commander Aanchal Sharma (Mission Commander); Lt Shivangi; Lt Apurva Gite; Lt Pooja Panda; Sub Lt Pooja Shekhawat

8. Which country has successfully launched its first lunar mission, Danuri, from Cape Canaveral in Florida \_\_\_\_\_ **South Korea**.

**Note:**

- It is also known as Korea Pathfinder Lunar Orbiter.
- This mission is jointly developed by Nasa and the Korea Aerospace Research Institute.
- South Korea has also planned to land its own spacecraft on the moon by 2030.

9. Which rocket launched by United Launch Alliance (ULA) from Space Launch Complex-41 at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station for carrying the Space Based Infrared System Geosynchronous Earth Orbit-6 (SBIRS GEO 6) mission for the U.S. Space Force's Space Systems Command \_\_\_\_\_ **Atlas V rocket**.

**Note:**

- SBIRS is an early missile warning system that will replace the Defense Support Program (launched in the 1950).
- The ULA is a joint venture between Lockheed Martin and Boeing.

10. Name the co-passenger satellite, that has been launched by the Indian Space Research Organization along with Earth Observation Satellite, EOS-02, but failed due to a technical anomaly in the cryogenic stage \_\_\_\_\_ **Azaadi SAT**.

**Note:**

- It is a three-stage vehicle with all solid propulsion stages.



- The 'Azaadi Satellite' is designed by 750 girl students of government schools in rural areas from Kashmir to Kanyakumari.

11. Which country successfully launched a pilot reusable spacecraft with its Long March-2F carrier rocket \_\_\_\_\_ **China**.

**Note:**

- The unidentified spacecraft, which was launched from China's Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center, will return to a planned landing site after operating in the orbit for some time to provide technical validations for reuses.
- A similar mission was launched by China in 2020.
- Spacecraft will operate in orbit for some time and then return to the intended landing site in China.

12. Which armed force has conducted a pan-India exercise called 'Skylight', to test and validate its entire satellite-based communication network \_\_\_\_\_ **Indian Army**.

**Note:**

- Reason: To ensure operational readiness in case of a conflict in the future.
- The exercise involved all kinds of satellite communication from the Andaman and Nicobar Islands to Ladakh, where India and China have engaged in a military stand-off for the past two years.

13. Rocket of which country has successfully launched an Iranian satellite named Khayyam, into orbit by the Soyuz rocket \_\_\_\_\_ **Russia**.

**Note:**

- It was launched from the Russia-leased Baikonur launch facility in Kazakhstan
- The name of satellite was named after Omar Khayyam, a Persian scientist who lived in the 11th and 12th centuries.
- The satellite fitted with high-resolution camera will be used for environmental monitoring and will remain fully under its control.

14. Indian Space Research Organisation has successfully completed the test-firing of the LEM of Crew Escape System from Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. What is the full form of LEM \_\_\_\_\_ **Low Altitude Escape Motor**.

**Note:**

- Objective: Evaluation of motor ballistic parameters; Validation of motor subsystem performance.
- LEM is a distinctive special purpose solid rocket motor.
- It has four reverse flow nozzles.
- It generates a maximum sea level thrust of 842 kN (nominal) with a burn time of 5.98 seconds (nominal).

15. Name the India's first virtual space museum that was launched by ISRO Chairman, S Somanath \_\_\_\_\_ **SPARK**.

**Note:**

- To showcase the digital content related to different ISRO missions in an interactive manner.
- SPARK can be accessed through the official website of ISRO or at: <https://spacepark.isro.gov.in>.
- Presently, the space organisation has also launched an application, the beta version of SPARK on their website.

16. India has officially began working with the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) of which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Bahrain**.

**Note:**

- Aim: To strengthen collaboration in regional security in the Western Indian Ocean.
- At the India-US 2+2 in April 2022, India had announced that it would join the CMF as an Associate Partner.
- CMF is a multi-national naval partnership (34 nation grouping) to promote security, stability and prosperity across the 3.2 million square miles of international waters.



17. Which edition of the Indo-US Joint Special Forces exercise, “Ex Vajra Prahar 2022” has started at Bakloh of Himachal Pradesh \_\_\_\_\_ **13th**.

**Note:**

- Aim: To share best practices and experiences and also improve inter-operability.
- The 12th edition was held at Joint Base Lewis Mcchord, Washington (USA) in October 2021.
- During the exercise, both armies would jointly train, plan and execute a series of Special Operations, Counter Terrorist Operations, and Air Borne operations.

18. The 12th edition of the Defence Expo, India's flagship exhibition on Land, Naval and Homeland Security systems will be organised in which state \_\_\_\_\_ **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**.

**Note:**

- The event will be held between October 18 and 22, 2022.
- Theme: Path to Pride
- Focus: Live demonstrations showcasing the equipment and skill set of the Armed Forces, DPSUs and Industry.
- The exhibition is in line with the vision of PM Modi to achieve self-reliance in defence and achieve export of \$5 billion by 2025.

19. A contingent of the Indian Air Force (IAF) has participated in a bilateral exercise named 'Udarashakti' with which country's air force \_\_\_\_\_ **Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF)**.

**Note:**

- Indian Air Force is participating in the air exercise with Su-30 MKI and C-17 aircraft while the RMAF will be flying Su 30 MKM aircraft.
- The four days of exercise will witness the conduct of various aerial combat drills between the two Air Forces.



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