

# Weekly One-liners

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Dear readers,

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

### **Banking & Financial Awareness**

1. Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the merger proposal of which bank with HDFC Ltd \_\_\_\_\_ **HDFC Bank**.  
**Note:**
  - The proposed combination envisages the merger of HDFC Investments and HDFC Holdings with HDFC Ltd in the first step and subsequently, the merger of HDFC Ltd into HDFC Bank.
  - Benefits of merger: Increased scale of business, new product lines, a strong balance sheet; reduction in unsecured loans
  - Chairman of HDFC Limited: Deepak Parekh
2. Which payment solution provider has become the first Indian company to be named in the 2022 Forbes Cloud 100 List in the definitive ranking of the top 100 private cloud companies in the world \_\_\_\_\_ **Razorpay**.  
**Note:**
  - The ranking has been published by Forbes in partnership with Bessemer Venture Partners and Salesforce Ventures.
  - Razorpay has entered the list for the second time, placed at 49th for being a Financial Solutions Software.
  - The list has been topped by Stripe (CEO: Patrick Collison)
3. Which bank has introduced a unique term deposit programme called "Utsav Deposit" \_\_\_\_\_ **SBI**.  
**Note:**
  - This fixed deposit scheme has higher interest rates and is only available for a limited time.
  - Under the Utsav Fixed Deposit Scheme, SBI is offering an interest rate of 6.10% per annum on fixed deposits with a tenure of 1000 days.
  - And senior citizens will be eligible to get an additional interest rate of 0.50% over and above the regular rate.
4. What is the Wholesale price inflation (WPI) for July month 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **13.93%**.  
**Note:**
  - According to the Commerce and Industry Ministry, WPI inflation fell on easing prices of food articles and manufactured products.
  - The WPI was at a record high of 15.88% in May 2022 and stood at 11.57 per cent in July 2021.
  - The retail inflation based on Consumer Price Index (CPI) was also declined to 6.71% in July 2022 from 7.01 in preceding month.
5. Paytm has partnered with which device stores across India to provide smart payments as well as its loan service Paytm Postpaid through deployment of point of sale devices \_\_\_\_\_ **Samsung**.  
**Note:**
  - Paytm through its postpaid service will provide credit limit of up to Rs 60,000 per month.
  - It will also give customers an option to avail personal loan of up to Rs 2 lakh
6. What is the name of first hackathon organised by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India \_\_\_\_\_ **Bima Manthan 2022**.  
**Note:**
  - Theme: Innovation in Insurance
  - Aim: To identify and develop solutions that have the potential to make the insurance available to every individual.
  - Problem areas: Automated Death Claim settlement, miss-selling of Insurance products, identify uninsured motor vehicles, distribution of insurance products, Fraud prevention in motor insurance
7. Which bank has launched a new Term Deposit Scheme, Amrit Samridhhi under ACC and Fixed Deposit for a tenure of 75 weeks (525 days), will be available for a limited time \_\_\_\_\_ **Karnataka Bank**.

**Note:**

- The interest rate for this Deposit Scheme is 6.10% per annum.
- With the new product, KBL Amrit Samridhi, the bank has extended the benefit of increase in the interest rates to customers.

8. Which bank has announced its partnership with SellerApp (a seller-centric intelligence platform) to adopt Open Network Digital Commerce (ONDC) \_\_\_\_\_ **Yes Bank**.

**Note:**

- This partnership will help them to expand their digital commerce footprint.
- ONDC is a strategic initiative of the Indian government with an aim to democratize the entire digital commerce space.
- The network is also being built as an alternative to e-tailers like Walmart-owned Flipkart and Amazon in the Indian ecommerce market.

9. Which bank has launched the 'Baroda Tiranga Deposit Scheme', a special retail term deposit product that offers interest rates of 5.75% for 444 days and 6% for 555 days \_\_\_\_\_ **Bank of Baroda (BoB)**.

**Note:**

- This scheme is applicable on retail deposits below ₹2 crore and remain in force till December 31, 2022.
- Senior citizens will earn an additional interest rate of 0.50%, while non-callable deposits will get 0.15% extra.

10. Indel Money Ltd has launched its mobile app and e-portal to provide digital personal loan. Who is the CEO of Indel Money Ltd \_\_\_\_\_ **Umesh Mohanan**.

**Note:**

- Initially this service will be offered to its existing customers, to provide complete digitalised experience with faster disbursement of loan.
- The rate of interest will be 10-20% based on the individual credit score.
- The repayment tenure is in the bracket of 3-6 months.

11. The State Bank of India (SBI) has launched its first "state-of-the-art" dedicated branch for start-ups in India to facilitate and support them in which location \_\_\_\_\_ **Koramangala, Bangalore**.

**Note:**

- After Bengaluru, the second and third branch will be launched in Gurgaon and Hyderabad respectively.
- The branch has also entered into MOUs with the government of Karnataka initiatives.

12. Which bank has signed an MoU with Food Corporation of India (FCI) to provide "Ultima Salary Package" with exclusive benefits & features to all its employees \_\_\_\_\_ **Axis Bank**.

**Note:**

- Personal Accidental cover: up to Rs.20 lakhs ; Additional Education Grant: upto Rs. 8 lakhs
- Total Permanent Disability Cover benefit: up to Rs. 20 lakhs; Permanent Partial disability: up to Rs.20 lakhs
- Air Accident cover of Rs. 1 Crore

13. As per the annual report of bank for FY 22, Amitabh Chaudhry was the highest-paid private bank chief in India in the previous financial year, has drawn a total of Rs 7.62 crore in annual salary, he is a CEO of which bank \_\_\_\_\_ **Axis Bank**.

**Note:**

- Followed by IndusInd Bank chief, Sumant Kathpalia, who made over Rs 7.31 crore in annual salary in FY22.
- Sandeep Bakhshi, MD of ICICI Bank, has earned Rs 7.05 crore in annual salary last fiscal.

14. Which bank has launched latest campaign 'Vigil Aunty' with an aim to promote safe banking habits among people \_\_\_\_\_ **HDFC Bank**.

**Note:**

- Anuradha Menon who plays the popular character of 'Lola Kutty' on television, will be the face of the 'Vigil Aunty' campaign.
- This campaign will run with the Bank's popular 'Mooh Band Rakho' campaign, that urges people not to share their confidential banking information with others.
- The Vigil Aunty campaign will run for 4-6 weeks.

15. The Reserve Bank of India has cancelled the licence of due to inadequate capital and earning prospects in August 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Deccan Urban Co-operative Bank**.

**Note:**

- As per the data submitted by the bank, more than 99 percent of the depositors are entitled to receive the full amount of their deposits from Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC).
- The cooperative bank ceases to carry on banking business, with effect from the close of business on 18 Aug.

16. Which organisation has commissioned a new green hydrogen plant at Hazira in Gujarat \_\_\_\_\_ **Larson & Toubro**.

**Note:**

- The development comes 5 months after the company inked a joint venture with Indian Oil Corporation and ReNew Power for the production of green hydrogen.
- L&T and IOC had also inked a separate joint venture for the production of electrolyzers.
- The plant will produce 45 kg of green hydrogen daily, which will be used for captive consumption in the company's Hazira manufacturing complex.

17. Which bank has opened its first all-women branch in Cherootty Road, north Kerala region in Kozhikode \_\_\_\_\_

**HDFC.**

**Note:**

- The four women bankers branch was inaugurated by the city Corporation Mayor, Beena Philip.
- According to the bank, as of March 31, 2022, women made up 21.7% (21,486) of the total workforce.
- The private lender wants to raise it to 25% by 2025.

### Obituaries

1. Anshu Jain, who has recently passed away, was a former co-Chief Executive Officer of which bank \_\_\_\_\_ **Deutsche Bank.**

**Note:**

- He started his career at Wall Street and also worked at financial major Merrill Lynch.
- He was appointed to the Management Board of Deutsche Bank in 2009, where he was responsible for the Corporate and Investment Bank division from 2010.
- He became the Co-CEO of Deutsche Bank in 2012.

2. Writer, Nicholas Evanshas, who has recently passed away. What is the name of his debut novel \_\_\_\_\_ **The Horse Whisperer.**

**Note:**

- It was published in 1995, was the bestselling novels in the United States for 1995 as determined by The New York Times.
- The book was turned into a movie in 1998.
- His other work includes "The Loop" (1998), "The Smoke Jumper" (2001), "The Divide" (2005) and "The Brave" (2010).

3. Amitabh Chaudhary, who has been passed away was a former acting secretary of which organisation \_\_\_\_\_ **BCCI.**

**Note:**

- He had also served as a president of Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA).
- He served as acting secretary of the BCCI until 2019.
- He was a retired senior IPS officer, who rose to the rank of IGP with the Jharkhand Police and was the chairman of Jharkhand Public Service Commission.
- He played a crucial role in developing infrastructure for Jharkhand cricket.

4. Kerala's first tribal novelist and short story writer, Narayan, who has recently passed away. What is the name of his debut novel \_\_\_\_\_ **Kocharethi.**

**Note:**

- He was born in the Malayaraya community in Kadayathur hills in Thodupuzha taluk in 1940.
- His debut novel, 'Kocharethi' published in 1998, was selected for the Kerala Sahitya Akademi award in 1999.
- The novel has been translated to English, Hindi and south Indian languages.

5. Samar 'Badru' Banerjee, who has recently passed away, was a former India team captain of which sports \_\_\_\_\_ **Football.**

**Note:**

- He led the country to a historic 4-place finish in the 1956 Melbourne Olympics.
- Fondly known as 'Badru Da', he was suffering from Alzheimer's, Azotemia and high-blood pressure-related ailments.
- Besides guiding Mohun Bagan to several trophies including their 1st ever Durand Cup (1953), Rovers Cup (1955), Banerjee has also won the Santosh Trophy twice as a player (1953, 1955) and once as coach (1962).

6. Senior Congress leader, Syed Sibtey Razi has been passed away, was a former governor of which state \_\_\_\_\_ **Jharkhand and Assam.**

**Note:**

- He had served as the governor of Jharkhand from the year 2004- 2009 and governor of Assam in 2009.
- He was born on March 7, 1939 in Rae Bareli, Uttar Pradesh and joined the Youth Congress in 1969.

- He was made president of the Youth Congress in 1971 -1973.
- He was served as a member of Rajya Sabha thrice.

### Important Days

1. World Photography Day is observed on which date every year to celebrate the beautiful art of photography \_\_\_\_\_ **August 19.**  
**Note:**
  - Theme 2022: Pandemic Lockdown through the lens
  - This day was originated after the invention of the 'daguerreotype'.
  - Daguerreotype is a photographic process that was developed in 1837 by Frenchmen Louis Daguerre and Joseph Nicéphore Niepce.
  - On August 19, 1839, the French government has announced about the invention of the daguerreotype.
2. International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism is observed on which date each year in memory of the victims of terrorism \_\_\_\_\_ **August 21.**  
**Note:**
  - The theme for 2022's International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism is "memories," as mentioned in a United Nations (UN).
3. World Senior Citizens' Day is celebrated on which date every year \_\_\_\_\_ **August 21.**  
**Note:**
  - It is also known as National Senior Citizens' Day in the United States (US).
  - World Senior Citizens' Day has its roots back in the August 19, 1988 proclamation by the then President of the United States of America, Ronald Reagan.
4. World Mosquito Day is observed on which date in order to honour Sir Ronald Ross who discovered the link between mosquitoes and the transmission of malaria in the year 1897 \_\_\_\_\_ **August 20.**  
**Note:**
  - As per his discovery, it is the female mosquitoes that disseminate malaria among humans.
  - The purpose of this day is to raise awareness about the causes of malaria and how it can be prevented.
5. India observes Akshay Urja Diwas or Renewable Energy Day on which date every year \_\_\_\_\_ **20th August.**  
**Note:**
  - This day aims to spread awareness about the development and adoption of renewable energy in India
  - Akshay Urja Diwas was first established in 2004 to support renewable energy development programs in India and promote the usage of natural resources.
6. India celebrates Sadbhavna Diwas in memory of which former PM birth anniversary \_\_\_\_\_ **Rajiv Gandhi.**  
**Note:**
  - Sadbhavna Diwas 2022 commemorates the 78th birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi on 20th August 2022.
  - Sadbhavna Diwas was instituted after the death of Rajiv Gandhi in 1992, by Congress.
7. World Humanitarian Day is celebrated on which date every year to recognise all aid and health workers who volunteer to help victims of disasters and crises against all odds \_\_\_\_\_ **August 19.**  
**Note:**
  - The 2022 campaign, according to the United Nations, shines a light on "thousands of volunteers, professionals and crisis-affected people who deliver urgent health care, shelter, food, protection, water and much more."

### New Appointments

1. The Central government has appointed IAS, Shah Faesal as Deputy Secretary in which ministry \_\_\_\_\_ **Tourism Ministry.**  
**Note:**
  - He is a 2010 batch IAS topper of erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir cadre.
  - He worked in various positions in the Jammu & Kashmir administration.
  - He had resigned from the services in January 2019 and joined politics, which he later quit in August 2020.
2. Secretary of United Nations, General António Guterres has appointed whom as the new executive secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) \_\_\_\_\_ **Simon Stiell.**  
**Note:**
  - He will replace Patricia Espinosa of Mexico.
  - Responsibilities: Keeping countries on track to meet international climate goals.

3. Who has been elected as the President of Kenya \_\_\_\_\_ **William Ruto**.  
**Note:**
  - He has won with 50.49% of the vote, defeated veteran opposition leader and former Prime Minister, Raila Odinga (contesting his fifth election).
  - With this win, he become the fifth President of Kenya since independence.
  - His party, Kenya Kwanza coalition, has also won a majority of seats in Senate of Kenya, the upper house of the parliament.
4. Who has been recommended by the Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) for the post of NABARD Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ **Mohammad Mustafa**.  
**Note:**
  - He is an IAS officer 1995 batch, UP cadre and served as the Chairman and Managing Director of Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).
  - He had also served as a Joint Secretary in the Department of Financial Services; as CMD of NHB and as MD of CERSAI.
5. Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty have been signed as the brand ambassadors of which financial services company to promote digital payment in India \_\_\_\_\_ **mastercard**.  
**Note:**
  - Focus: To spread awareness about safety, security, and convenience of digital payments in India.
  - This partnership will buildup the efforts of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and PM Modi's vision of Digital India.
  - The company had also signed Shiv Kapur and Anirban Lahiri as brand ambassador in 2021.
6. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bajaj Electricals \_\_\_\_\_ **Anuj Poddar**.  
  - The company has separated the post of Chairman & Managing Director to marks the company's commitment to strong corporate governance standards.
  - Shekhar Bajaj will continue as Executive Chairman of the company.
  - Bajaj Electricals had a turnover of Rs 4,813 crore in FY22.
7. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed Alkesh Kumar Sharma to a panel of 10 eminent experts on internet governance. He is the Secretary of India in which ministry \_\_\_\_\_ **Electronics and Information Technology**.  
**Note:**
  - The panel includes: Vint Cerf, Hatem Dowidar, Lise Fuhr, Maria Fernanda Garza, Toomas Hendrik Ilves, Maria Ressa, Karoline Edtstadler, Gbenga Sesan, Lan Xue.
  - Agenda: To deal with strategic and urgent issues of the Internet and provide solution
8. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has appointed Indian philanthropist, Ashish Dhawan, to its board of trustees, is a founder and CEO of which company \_\_\_\_\_ **Convergence Foundation**.  
**Note:**
  - The foundation has also appointed Dr Helene D Gayle, president of Spelman College, US.
  - Dhawan is also the chairperson of Ashoka University and Central Square Foundation.
  - The Gates Foundation has been working with the Indian government and other partners since 2003 on various issues like health.

### Important News - India

1. Which compnay has unfurled the Indian flag about 30 kilometres above the Earth on Independence Day \_\_\_\_\_ **Space Kidz India**.  
**Note:**
  - The flag was sent to an altitude of 1 lakh 6 thousand feet above the planet on a balloon that unfurled it.
  - Space Kidz India is creating 'young scientists for the country.
  - The organization has launched a satellite into Low Earth Orbit.
  - AzadiSAT was developed by 750 girl students from across India to mark the 75 years of Independence.
2. Which edition of the India International Seafood Show (IISS) will be held in the Biswa Bangala Mela Prangan, Kolkata from February 15-17, 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ **23rd**.  
**Note:**
  - The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) has collaborated with the Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI) to organise the event.

- This show will provide an ideal platform for interaction between Indian exporters and overseas importers of India's marine products.
3. According to a survey, conducted by Ipsos India, which institution is the most trusted institutions in the country \_\_\_\_\_ **Defence forces.**

**Note:**

- Followed by RBI, Prime Minister of India, Supreme Court of India.
  - Followed by the Central Bureau of Investigation.
  - Defence Forces with at least 2 in 3 (65% of respondents) reposing faith in them followed by RBI with 1 in 2 (50%).
  - Prime Minister of India as an institution was at the third spot with 49% citizens having trust in it.
4. Which international airport has announced to launch with a beta version of DigiYatra app for Android platform \_\_\_\_\_ **Delhi International Airport Limited.**

**Note:**

- Aim: To provide contactless, seamless processing of passengers at Airports.
  - The 'DigiYatra' is a Biometric Enabled Seamless Travel experience (BEST) based on Facial Recognition Technology.
  - This unique initiative of government of India, is coordinated by the Ministry of Civil Aviation.
5. Ministry of Mines has announced to launch an individual portal of the ministry, under which master plan \_\_\_\_\_ **Prime Minister Gati Shakti National Master Plan.**

**Note:**

- The portal is being created by the Indian Bureau of Mines.
  - The portal will have two data layers, in which the first layer covers the spatial data of Mineral concessions and the second layer includes mineral auction blocks.
6. Which organisation will construct a pilot road using steel slag Arunachal Pradesh, which can withstand heavy rains and adverse climatic conditions \_\_\_\_\_ **Border Roads Organisation.**

**Note:**

- If this found successful, then this can become a big solution for building durable roads along the strategic areas.
  - This project has been initiated after the success of using 100% steel slag on a port connectivity road in Gujarat, which has longer life and built at low cost.
7. Which force has launched a pan-India operation known as Operation Yatri Suraksha to provide round-the-clock security to passenger's \_\_\_\_\_ **Railway Protection Force (RPF).**

**Note:**

- It facilities surveillance through CCTV, checking on active criminals, presence of a person at different stations to reduce crime.
  - The RPF has launched a month-long pan-India drive against criminals who loot passengers in July 2022.
  - The RPF caught 365 suspects who were handed over to the concerned GRPs for legal action.
8. Cabinet has approved interest subvention of what percent on short term agriculture loan upto 3 lakh rupees \_\_\_\_\_ **1.5%.**

**Note:**

- This increase in Interest Subvention support requires additional budgetary provisions of 34,856 crore rupees for the period of 2022-23 to 2024-25 under the scheme.
  - Aim: To ensure the sustainability of credit flow in the agriculture sector as well as ensure financial health.
9. PM Narendra Modi has virtually addressed the Har Ghar Jal Utsav, that was organized in which state under the Jal Jeevan Mission \_\_\_\_\_ **Goa.**

**Note:**

- The event will be attended by the Union Minister of Jal Shakti, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Goa CM, Pramod Sawant.
  - During the event, the QR code payment system for water bills was also launched.
  - Goa is the first State, and Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu is the first UT in the country, to achieve 100% Har Ghar Jal certification.
10. The National Fisheries Development Board (NPFDB) has conducted the 9th governing body meeting in New Delhi, chaired by which minister \_\_\_\_\_ **Parshottam Rupala (Minister of Fisheries).**

**Note:**

- During the event, he has also launched an online marketplace feature - 'Aqua Bazar' app.
- The app will help the fish farmers and stakeholders to source the inputs such as fish seed, feed and medicines required for fish culture.

- He has released a book on Super Success Stories from Indian Fisheries.
11. Ministry of Civil Aviation's flagship program Regional Connectivity Scheme UDAN (UdeDeshkaAamNagrik) has completed how many years of success \_\_\_\_ **5 years**.

**Note:**

- Aim: An enhanced aviation infrastructure and air connectivity in tier II and tier III cities.
  - In 2014, there were 74 operational airports, but after the launch of the UDAN scheme this number has been increased to 141 by now.
  - Under the scheme, more than 1 crore passengers have been benefited till August 4, 2022.
12. Name the India's first electric double-decker air-conditioned bus, that has been unveiled by Union minister for road transport and highways, Nitin Gadkari in Mumbai \_\_\_\_ **Switch EiV 22**.

**Note:**

- The electric bus was designed, developed and manufactured in India by Switch Mobility, Ashok Leyland's electric vehicle arm.
  - The double decker has a lightweight aluminium body construction that provides higher passenger-to-weight ratio and a competitive cost per km, per passenger.
13. Who has invested in Goodfellows, a senior companionship startup that provides companionship services to senior citizens \_\_\_\_ **Ratan Tata**.

**Note:**

- The startup is designed to pair senior citizens with young graduates to form meaningful friendships.
  - The company offers a freemium subscription model in which the first month is free only to understand the concept without actually going through it.
  - The second month onward, the user has to pay a small subscription fee.
14. The 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2023 will be held which city \_\_\_\_ **Indore**.

**Note:**

- Secretary, Consular, Passport and Visa Division, Ausaf Sayeed and Chief Secretary of Madhya Pradesh Iqbal Singh Bains signed an MoU for hosting the Pravasi Bhartiya Divas.
- PBD is celebrated every year on the 9th Jan to mark the contribution of the overseas Indians to the development of India.

15. India's first database, NIDAAN has been made operational for use by various central and state prosecution agencies tasked to enforce anti-drugs laws in the country. What is the full form of NIDAAN \_\_\_\_ **National Integrated Database on Arrested Narco-offenders**.

- Developed by: Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB).
- This platform will sources its data from the ICJS (inter-operable criminal justice system) and e-Prisons (a cloud-based application) repository.
- This is a part of Narcotics Coordination Mechanism (NCORD)

16. Who has inaugurated Composite Indoor Shooting Range (CISR), a first of its kind firing range for all primary and secondary weapons in the Navy, on the premises of INS Kalinga near Bheemili, Andhra Pradesh \_\_\_\_ **Vice Admiral, Biswajit Dasgupta**.

- The CISR is a self-contained, 25m, six lane, live firing range for all primary and secondary weapons in the Navy.
- The range has been set up to contemporary international standards by an Indian firm.

17. Which institution has signed an MoU with the Chhattisgarh government for setting up a regional testing laboratory in Raipur district \_\_\_\_ **Central Power Research Institute (CPRI)**.

**Note:**

- The national-level testing unit will be established on an area of 10 acres in sector-30 of Nava Raipur Atar Nagar.
  - Test facilities: Transformers, energy meters, transformer oil, switch fuse unit and other electricity-related equipment.
  - Power companies will receive a rebate of 20% in the testing of equipment.
18. Which e-commerce organisation has signed an agreement with the Indian Institute of Millets Research (IIMR) to give Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and Self-Help Groups (SHGs) access to markets \_\_\_\_ **Flipkart**.

**Note:**

- As part of the partnership, Flipkart aims to empower local farming communities and SHGs by providing a pan-India market access to more than 400 million customers.
  - ICAR-IIMR will extend support with infrastructure and necessary approvals to take the partnership forward.
19. Which country's meteorological department has partnered with Japan, and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on Climate Change \_\_\_\_ **India Meteorological Department (IMD)**.

**Note:**



- Aim: To hasten climate action across 10 states and Union Territories in India.
  - 10 States: Bihar, Delhi–NCR, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Sikkim, Uttarakhand, and Uttar Pradesh
  - UNDP India has received climate grant of \$5.16 million from Japan for the project of IMD-UNDP.
20. Who has inaugurated a two-day National Security Strategies (NSS) Conference in New Delhi \_\_\_\_\_ **Amit Shah (Home Minister)**.

**Note:**

- Aim: To ensure a safe and secure nation by strengthening all aspects of national security mechanism.
  - During the conference, he has also inaugurated the National Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS) that was developed by NCRB.
  - NAFIS will help in quick and easy disposal of cases with the help of centralized finger print database.
21. Who will led Indian Parliamentary delegation while attending the 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference scheduled to be held in Halifax, Canada from August 20-26 \_\_\_\_\_ **Om Birla**.

**Note:**

- The Conference will also be attended by 23 Presiding Officers and 16 Secretaries from State Legislatures in India who are also members of the CPA.
- Om Birla will participate as a panellist in Workshop 'C' titled "A People's Parliament: Accessibility through Innovation".

### Important News – State

1. The Ministry of Home Affairs has sanctioned the approval for the creation of Village Defence Guard Scheme 2022 in which union territory \_\_\_\_\_ **Jammu and Kashmir**.

**Note:**

- This scheme has come into effect from August 15, 2022.
- Earlier, this scheme was known as Village Defence Committee in which volunteers from villages were trained by Indian Army and Police.
- Under this scheme, rifles were provided to VDC's to protect their villages from terrorist attacks in mountainous areas of Jammu region.

2. Which state has launched two welfare schemes for women - 'Aama Yojana' and 'Vatsalya Yojana' \_\_\_\_\_ **Sikkim**.

**Note:**

- Aama Yojana: All unemployed mothers in the state will receive Rs 20,000 annually.
- Amount will be deposited in their bank accounts.
- Vatsalya Yojana: An aid of Rs 3 lakh will be provided to childless women for in vitro fertilization treatment.
- The amount will be given in two phases (Rs 1 lakh in the first and Rs two lakh in the last phase).

3. The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet has approved the proposal for India's first night safari in Kukrail forest area, is located in which city of UP \_\_\_\_\_ **Lucknow**.

**Note:**

- It would be developed on the tunes of Singapore.
- As part of the project, the government will establish a zoological park on around 150 acres and night safari on 350 acres without disturbing the dense 2,027-hectare forest.
- The 75 acres of Kukrail would be dedicated for leopard and tiger each while 60 acres for wild bear.

4. Who has launched the 'Make India No. 1' mission to make India the number one country in the world \_\_\_\_\_ **Delhi CM, Arvind Kejriwal**.

- Five-point vision of this initiative: Free education; Free treatment; Employment for youth; Equal rights, dignity and security for women; and Fair price to farmers for their produce.
- This mission was launched at the Talkatora Stadium of Delhi.
- During the launch, he urged every citizen to join thin mission and make India No. 1 in the world.

5. Which state government has launched an app named 'Lucky Bill App' to curb Goods and Service Tax (GST) evasion \_\_\_\_\_ **Kerala**.

**Note:**

- The app was launched by chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan.
- Aim: To encourage the citizen to ask for a bill every-time they make a purchase.
- The users need to upload original bills of their purchases to win prizes, including a cash prize of ₹25 lakh.

- The app will also offer rewards such as gift packs from Kudumbashree and Vanashree as well as KTDC tour packages.

### Important News – World

1. Which organisation has released the Global Employment Trends for Youth 2022 report, which states that the unemployment rate for 15 - 24-year-olds stands at 15.6% \_\_\_\_\_ **International Labour Organisation.**

**Note:**

- The report is a part of Global Call to Action for a “human-centred recovery from the Covid-19 crisis”, which was adopted by the ILO in June 2021.
- In 2022, 27.4% of young women globally are employed as compared to 40.3% of young men.

2. Which country's authority has authorised a Covid-19 vaccine tailored to the Omicron variant, setting the stage for an autumn booster campaign using Moderna's two-strain shot \_\_\_\_\_ **Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Authority, UK.**

**Note:**

- It has granted conditional authorisation to the vaccine, which targets both the original strain of the virus and Omicron BA.1.
- This makes UK, the first country in the world to approve an original Covid-19 jab.

3. What is the rank of India in the report titled "Best Under A Billion" published by the Forbes Asia of the best 200 mid-sized companies in the AsiaPacific region \_\_\_\_\_ **4th.**

**Note:**

- Taiwan has the greatest number of companies listed at 30, followed by Japan with 29 and South Korea has 27.
- China placed 5th in the list with 22 firms.

4. How many artefacts, including a stone door jamb stolen from a Hindu temple in Uttar Pradesh, have been transferred back to India by Glasgow's museums \_\_\_\_\_ **Seven.**

**Note:**

- This is the part of Scotland's “largest-ever” repatriation of objects from a single collection.
- Glasgow Life, a charitable organization that runs the city's museums, had confirmed the handover earlier this year and the arrangement was formalized.
- The 7 antiquities include a ceremonial Indo-Persian talwar or sword.

### Honor & Awards

1. The south London home of whom has been honoured with a commemorative Blue Plaque \_\_\_\_\_ **Dadabhai Naoroji.**

**Note:**

- The red-brick home now has a plaque which mentions: “Dadabhai Naoroji 1825-1917 Indian Nationalist and MP lived here”.
- He was born in Mumbai, who known as the “grand old man of India”.
- The Blue Plaque scheme is run by the English Heritage charity and honours the historic significance of particular buildings across London.

2. Who has won the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne 2022 best actor award for his movie 83 \_\_\_\_\_ **Ranveer Singh.**

**Note:**

- Shefali Shah (Jalsa) has been awarded the best actress award.
- Best Film: 83
- Best Director: Shoojit Sircar (Sardar Udham) and Aparna Sen (The Rapist)
- Best Series: Mumbai Diaries 26/11
- Best Actor in a Series: Mohit Raina (Mumbai Diaries 26/11)
- Best Actress in a Series: Sakshi Tanwar (Mai)
- Lifetime Achievement Award: Kapil Dev

3. How many police personnel have been awarded Police Medals on the occasion of Independence Day, 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **1082.**

**Note:**

- 347 personnel were awarded the Police Medal for Gallantry, 87 with President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service.
- 648 personnel were awarded the Police Medal for Meritorious Service.
- 109 CRPF personnel and 108 J&K Police personnel have been awarded Police Medal for Gallantry.

- 38 personnel received the Correctional Service Medal for Meritorious Service.

### Sports News

1. The first ever Women's IPL will be held in which year \_\_\_\_\_ **March 2023.**

**Note:**

- This will be held in a one-month window and in all likelihood with five teams.
- The BCCI officials have also discussed that the March window has been found for the tournament after the Women's T20 World Cup in South Africa.

2. Which state is set to host the upcoming second edition of the North East Olympics from 30th October to 6th November \_\_\_\_\_ **Shillong, Meghalaya.**

**Note:**

- The first edition of Games was held in Manipur in 2018 with 12 disciplines.
- This edition of the Games will be special as Meghalaya is celebrating the 50th year of its Statehood.
- In this edition, about 4,000 participants from eight North Eastern States will be competing in 18 disciplines at 13 venues spread across Shillong.

3. The global football governing body FIFA has suspended which country's football federation due to influence from third parties \_\_\_\_\_ **India.**

- Impact: The FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2022, scheduled to held in India, cannot currently be held in India as planned.
- The suspension will be lifted once an order to set up a committee of administrators to assume the powers of the AIFF Executive Committee has been repealed.

4. The Delhi High Court has passed an order to constitute a 3-member Committee of Administrators (CoA) to run daily affairs of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA). The committee will be assisted by \_\_\_\_\_ **Abhinav Bindra (Shooter), Anju Bobby George (former long jumper) and L Bombayla Devi (archer).**

**Note:**

- Agenda: To prepare the new constitution of IOA as per the Sports Code and the court rulings, and prepare the electoral roll in order to hold fresh elections.

5. Which city will host FIBA U-18 women Asian Basketball championship from September 5th to 11th \_\_\_\_\_ **Bengaluru.**

**Note:**

- The international event will be organised in the Sree Kanteerava Indoor stadium and Koramangala Indoor stadiums.
- Division A team will compete with Division B team in the championship to qualify for the FIBA World Championship to be held in July 2023 in Spain.

6. Who has become the first Indian footballer to play at the UEFA Women's Champions League \_\_\_\_\_ **Manisha Kalyan.**

**Note:**

- She made her debut for Apollon Ladies FC in the European Club competition in Engomi, Cyprus.
- She replaced Cyprus' Marilena Georgiou in the 60th minute at the Makareio Stadium
- She was recently awarded the AIFF Women's Footballer of the Year for the 2021-22 season.
- Kalyan is the 2nd player from Gokulam Kerala to sign for an overseas club.

7. Name the Indian woman wrestler, who has become the first Indian woman wrestler to win Gold medal at Under-20 World Wrestling Championship in Sofia, Bulgaria \_\_\_\_\_ **Wrestler Antim Panghal.**

**Note:**

- She has defeated Atlyn Shagayeva of Kazakhstan in 53kg category.
- She belongs to Bhagana village in the Hisar district, Haryana.
- Two-time U17 world champion, Sonam Malik had to settle for silver after losing to Nonoka Ozaki in the final of the 62kg category.
- In the 65kg category, Priyanka had settled for silver.

8. Paralympic medalists, Sumit Antil has set a new record of 68.62m in which sports at the 4th Indian Open National Para Athletics Championships 2022 at Sree Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru. \_\_\_\_\_ **Javelin throw.**

**Note:**

- Discus thrower, Yogesh Kathuniya has also established new world records.
- Yogesh Kathuniya has set a record of 48.34m in Discus throw.

- Sumit Antil had won gold in the men's javelin F64/44 final at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.

### Books and Authors

1. "Bibi: My Story" is an autobiography of which former prime minister of Israel \_\_\_\_\_ **Benjamin Netanyahu.**

**Note:**

- The English translation will be released by American publisher Simon & Schuster while the Hebrew version will be released by Shibolet Library.
- He is the longest-serving leader in the history of Israel (1996-1999; 2019 -2021).
- He presently serves as the chairman of the National Liberal Movement (Likud party).

### Science and Defence

1. The Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh has handed over new weapons systems - F-INSAS, Nipun mines, LCA to the Indian army. What is the full form of F-INSAS \_\_\_\_\_ **Future Infantry Soldier As A System.**

**Note:**

- F-INSAS is designed to transform the infantry soldier into a self-contained fighting machine.
- Nipun mines: It will act as the first line of defence against enemy infantry or tanks or infiltration attempts by terrorists.
- Landing Craft Assault (LCA): It helps the Army more efficiently mobilise its forces.

2. Indian army and Chinese Army will attend the Vostok 2022 military exercises that will held in which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Russia.**

**Note:**

- Other participants: Belarus, Mongolia and Tajikstan.
- The strategic command and staff exercise will be held under the chief of Russia's General Staff, Valery Gerasimov, at 13 training grounds of the Eastern Military District.
- In 2021, India had attended ZAPAD 2021 drills in Russia in which 17 countries including China and Pakistan.

3. Which edition of Ex VINBAX 2022 Bilateral Army Exercise between India and Vietnam has been concluded at Chandimandir, Haryana \_\_\_\_\_ **3rd.**

**Note:**

- Theme of Ex VINBAX – 2022: Employment and deployment of an Engineer Company and a Medical Team under United Nations Contingent for Peacekeeping Operations.
- Focus: Strengthening mutual confidence and interoperability.
- The next edition of VINBAX will be hosted in Vietnam in 2023.

4. The Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) between the navies of India and which country have been concluded \_\_\_\_\_ **Australia.**

**Note:**

- INS Sumedha participated with HMAS Anzac in the exercise reaffirming the strong navy-to-navy links and interoperability between Indian Navy and Royal Australian Navy.
- The MPX included cross deck landing of helicopters, tactical manoeuvres and a farewell steam past.
- Indian Navy's INS Sumedha was docked at Perth in Australia to celebrate India's 76th Independence Day.

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