

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 second **week** (8-14th) of **August** 2022. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. 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.
2. 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).
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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

1. 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".

2. 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.

3. 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).

4. 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.

5. Rakesh Jhunjhunwala, who has been passed away, was a _____ **Stock market investor.**

Note:

- He 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.

6. David McCullough, who won Pulitzer Prizes for his biographies of presidents John Adams and Harry Truman, 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

1. 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

2. 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

3. 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).
4. 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.
5. 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".
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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).
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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).
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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
17. 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

1. Which state government has announced the 'Panchamrut Yojana' will help to double the farmers' income _____ **Uttar Pradesh.**
- Note:**
- This can be achieve 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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).

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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. 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.

2. 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 _____ **Ramadhar 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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. Who has become the 75th Grandmaster of India by winning the Limpedia 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).
2. 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
3. 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.
4. 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
5. 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
6. 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
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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. 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:

- She is a student of class 7th at Jammu.
- The book is published by Blue-Rose Publishers.

Science and Defence

1. 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.

2. 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).

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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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