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Dear readers,

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



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- 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 Samridhi 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 Cherooty 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.
18. Indian Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has partnered with which payments solutions provider to start its business in the UK market starting with QR code-based transactions _____ **PayXpert**.

Note:

- The NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) has partnered with PayXpert.
 - Aim: To internationalise the acceptance of its payment solutions in the UK.
 - UAE, Japan, the US, Singapore, Bhutan, Nepal and France are already accepting UPI payment services.
19. India has signed an loan agreement of what amount with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for safe drinking water and improve water supply and sanitation services in Himachal Pradesh _____ **USD 96.3 million (approx Rs 769 crore)**.

Note:

- This agreement was signed between the multilateral lending agency and the central government.
 - The project will build up the capacity of the Jal Shakti Vibhag of the Government of Himachal Pradesh and gram panchayat village water and sanitation committees.
20. Which gold finance provider has launched Milligram Reward Programme for its customers to strengthen its relationships with customers _____ **Muthoot Finance**.

Note:

- With this launch, the company has become the first gold loan NBFC to launch a new reward programme.



- Two year long programme, every customer referral transaction with the company will yield 20 mg of gold.
21. Which regulatory body has joined the Account Aggregator framework of RBI to boost the regulated financial-data sharing system _____ **SEBI**.
- Note:**
- It will allow customers to share information about their mutual fund and stock holdings with financial service providers.
 - The account aggregator (AA) is licensed by the RBI to enable the flow of data between Financial Information Providers (FIPs) and Financial Information Users (FIUs).
 - The user has to give consent while sharing data.
22. Which general insurance company has launched a portal named 'All Things EV' (www.allthingsev.io) for Electric Vehicles (EV) _____ **HDFC ERGO**.
- Note:**
- This is the country's first one-stop-solution portal that can be used by existing and potential EV users.
 - This portal provides information on nearby charging stations, locations of charging stations.
 - The platform serves to all Indians who have either purchased EVs or are planning to buy EV or to make an earning out of the booming EV space.
23. Which organisation has indirectly acquired a 29.18% stake in media and news broadcaster New Delhi Television (NDTV) _____ **AMG Media Networks Limited (AMNL)**.
- Note:**
- AMG Media Networks (AMN) would acquire 29.18% of NDTV through an investor in the channel, Vishvapradhan Commercial (VCPL).
 - VCPL will have to make an open offer to acquire 26 % of NDTV from public shareholders at Rs 294 apiece, a total cost of around Rs 483 crore.
24. Which digital insurer provider has partnered with health ministry to create digital health IDs under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission _____ **Edelweiss General Insurance**.
- Note:**
- Digital Health ID or ABHA (Ayushman Bharat Health Account) number is a 14-digit number that helps users to access their health records digitally with registered healthcare providers.
 - The National Health Authority (NHA) is the nodal agency for implementing this program under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission.
25. The Reserve Bank of India has lifted the business restrictions on financial card service provider and allows to restart onboarding of new domestic customers on its card network _____ **American Express Banking Corp**.
- Note:**
- RBI had put the curbs on American Express in May 2021.
 - Reason: For not complying with a circular issued on storage of payments data in 2018.
 - American Express is payment system operators authorised to operate card networks in India under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.
26. Reserve Bank of India has become the net seller of the US currency in June 2022 after selling how much amount on a net basis _____ **USD 3.719 billion**.
- Note:**
- The central bank has purchased USD 18.96 billion from the spot market and sold USD 22.679 billion.
 - In June 2021, RBI was net buyer of the greenback after it purchased USD 18.633 billion on a net basis from the spot market.
 - In May 2022, the RBI has net bought USD 2.001 billion (Purchased USD 10.143 billion and sold USD 8.142 billion).
27. The Centre has announced an amendment in the Foreign Exchange Management (Overseas Investment) Rules, came into effect from _____ **22nd August**.
- Note:**



- Reason: Simplify the existing framework for overseas investment
 - Presently, the overseas investment by a person residing in India is governed by the Foreign Exchange Management (Transfer or Issue of Any Foreign Security) Regulations, 2004 and Foreign Exchange Management (Acquisition and Transfer of Immovable Property Outside India) 2015
28. BASIX Social Enterprise has launched BASIX Farmers' Market (BFM) (AgriTech platform) in partnership with which card provider _____ **Mastercard**.
- Note:**
- Objective: To integrate farmers into the digital economy
 - BFM will leverage technology capabilities of Mastercard and deep industry expertise of BASIX in agriculture to improve the lives of small and marginal farmers.
 - This platform will digitizes data and workflows for FPOs with strong controls on data privacy and security.
29. Which organisation has partnered with banking solutions company, Cashfree Payments to offer an option to convert online purchases into EMIs, at the time of checkout _____ **KreditBee**.
- Note:**
- KreditBee has a large customer base which can avail the online checkout finance facility from merchant partners of Cashfree Payments.
 - The checkout finance loans range from ₹2,400 to ₹2 lakhs with a tenure of 3-18 months.
 - KreditBee is currently offering personal loans and a digital gold investment product.
30. Which non-life insurer organisation has partnered with Repco Home Finance for insuring home loans _____ **Universal Sompo General Insurance**.
- Note:**
- Aim: To provide security to home financier customers by insuring their home loans in the event of an unfortunate event during the repayment term of the loan.
 - This partnership will additionally disburse affordable insurance solutions like group credit protection and personal accident policies to customers of Repco.
31. Which bank has launched pre-qualified credit card which also including insurance coverage _____ **PNB**.
- Note:**
- It has also introduced a facility of overdraft against fixed deposit on PNB One in a few clicks and a single OTP.
 - This card facility will be available for salary account customers and they will be able to apply through PNB One, or website.
 - There is a concession of 0.25% on the interest rate when applied through digital platforms like PNB One.
32. Which organisation has partnered with the TP Renewable Microgrid Ltd (TPRMG), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tata Power, to set up 1,000 green energy enterprises throughout the country _____ **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)**.
- Note:**
- As per the agreement, SIDBI will provide them a "Go REsponsive, ENterprise incentive (GREENi)", after the entrepreneurs finish a capacity-building programme organised by TPRMG.
33. The RBI has imposed certain restrictions on which Kerala based, Co-operative Bank for a period of six months _____ **Thodupuzha Urban Co-operative Bank**.
- Note:**
- Reason: Due to its deteriorating financial condition
 - Restriction on granting or renewing loans and advances and making any investments.
34. Which regulatory body has given insurers more flexibility in paying commission by linking limits to the overall portfolio and company management expenses _____ **IRDAI**.
- Note:**
- IRDAI has proposed to cap commissions paid by the health and general insurers at 20 per cent of gross written premium (GWP).



- For life companies, IRDDAI has proposed to link commissions with expenses of management (EoM).
35. Which bank would invest in Go Digit Life Insurance Ltd, the general insurer backed by Canada-based Fairfax Group _____ **HDFC Bank.**
- Note:**
- HDFC Bank has proposed an investment of between Rs 49.9-69.9 crore (two tranches) by subscribing to equity shares of the company for an equity stake of up to 9.944% of the paid-up equity share capital of the company.
 - Recently, Go Digit General Insurance filed draft papers with SEBI to raise funds through an initial public offering (IPO).
36. Tata Neu and which bank have partnered to launch two co-branded credit cards variants named 'Plus Credit Card' and 'Infinity Credit Card' _____ **HDFC Bank.**
- Note:**
- Customers will earn 2% NeuCoins with Tata Neu Plus HDFC Bank Credit Card on all purchases on partner Tata brands.
 - And, customer will earn 5% NeuCoins with Tata Neu Infinity HDFC Bank Credit Card.
 - Tata Neu customers can apply for the credit card on the Tata Neu app and access its key details.
37. As per the latest data collated by PGA Labs shows that, which bank has topped debit cards market with a 30% market share, as of June 2022 _____ **State Bank Of India.**
- Note:**
- Followed by Bank of Baroda (8% market share), Bank of India, Canara Bank Union Bank, and Punjab National Bank with 5% each.
 - HDFC Bank also topped the charts in the credit cards segment with a market share of 22%, followed by SBI (18%), ICICI Bank (17%), Axis Bank (12%), RBL Bank (5%), and Kotak Mahindra Bank (5%).
38. Which Indian armed force has introduced a Yoddha co-branded credit card in association with BOB Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL) and National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) _____ **Indian Army.**
- Note:**
- This co-branded credit card will be available on the RuPay platform and have contactless features.
 - All members of the Indian Army will be eligible for the co-branded credit card's Life Time Free (LTF) offer.
 - The Yoddha credit card will offer features like Personal Accident Insurance and many more.
39. As per the report of RBI, the Bank credit growth has been accelerated to _____ in the quarter ended June 2022 from 6% June 2021 _____ **14.2%.**
- Note:**
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released the 'Quarterly Statistics on Deposits and Credit of SCBs for June 2022' that shows collected data from all scheduled commercial banks (SCBs), which include regional rural banks, small finance banks and payments banks.
 - In the quarter ended March 2022, bank credit had expanded by 10.8%.
40. The National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) has signed an agreement with which bank for the development of financial accounting software and mobile application _____ **ICICI Bank.**
- Note:**
- ICICI Bank will design, develop and deploy the application for NMDFC and provides source code and executable database information among others.
 - This MoU provides for the development of financial accounting software for NMDFC and State Channelizing Agencies, loan accounting software.
41. Minister of State (MoS) for External Affairs and Education, Rajkumar Ranjan Singh has ceremonially handed over a cheque of what amount for the BIMSTEC Secretariat's operational budget _____ **USD 1 million.**



Note:

- BIMSTEC Secretary General, Tenzin Lekphell who was on a visit to India and meet Rajkumar Ranjan Singh.
- He has also held discussions on cooperation in specific areas led by India including counter-terrorism, disaster management, maritime cooperation and energy security.

42. Along with Kochi Metro Rail Limited, which bank launched a campaign to promote the more use of Kochi-1 smart card in connection with Onam _____ **Axis Bank**.

Note:

- The bank has also partnered with the Amazon Pay to provide discounts on recharges, utility and bill payments.
- The 'Dining Delights' offer has been extended to Kochi1 card holders by which they can avail discounts on food and beverage bills.
- Customers can also avail dine-out deals with EazyDiner while using their Kochi1 card.

43. IRDAI Chairman, Debasish Panda has announced that IRDAI has eased the registration process of new companies by reducing the time taken to process new applications from 8 to _____ months **2 months**.

Note:

- The regulator has created a facilitation cell consisting of two officers for handholding the applicants so that the entity gets its approval to start its operations.
- According to Irdai data, the insurance penetration in the country is at 4.2% as of 2021, which is higher than China.

44. Which mutual fund has launched a new investor education and awareness website 'MoneyAndMe' _____ **PGIM India Mutual Fund**.

Note:

- This website contains exhaustive content on various aspects of personal finance including household budgeting, protection, savings and investing.
- The company also launched a consumer awareness campaign – 'Aapka HappinessPlanned' to promote the MoneyAndMe Initiative
- Aim: To help investors dealing with various financial challenges

45. Which bank has announced its partnership with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to launch Coral variant credit cards on payments network RuPay _____ **ICICI Bank**.

Note:

- The ICICI Bank RuPay Credit Card is presently available in the Coral variant of the Bank's Gemstone series.
- This will be soon followed by Rubyx and Sapphiro variants.
- It is a contactless card that comes with a slew of perks and benefits.

46. SEBI has imposed the monetary penalty of what amount on Aadhaar Ventures India Ltd and its directors for violating insider trading rules and listing conditions _____ **₹25 lakh (Total)**.

Note:

- Directors: Jils Raichand Madan, Somabhai Sunderbhai Meena and Jyoti Munver.
- SEBI has conducted an early investigation for alleged price manipulation in the scrip of AVIL.
- AVIL, Madan, Meena and Munver had failed to disclose the information to the stock exchange, thereby violating disclosure lapses.

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.
7. Abdul Gaffar Nadiadwala, fondly known as Gaffarbhai, has been passed away, was a _____ **Filmmaker.**

Note:

- He was known for his films including Mahabharat (1965), Jhutha Sach (1984), Lahoo Ke Do Rang (1997), Hera Pheri (2000), Welcome (2007) & More.
 - He had started his film production and media entertainment company in 1953.
8. Abhijit Sen, who has been passed away, was an eminent _____ **Economist.**

Note:



- In his career, he taught economics at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
- He was a member of Planning Commission from 2004 to 2014, during the tenure of PM Manmohan Singh.
- He was awarded the Padma Bhushan for public service in 2010.

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 Nicephore 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."



8. The World Water Week 2022 is being organised from _____ **3 August to 1 September.**

Note:

- The Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) has organized World Water Week to transform the global water challenges.
- Theme of World Water Week Conference 2022: Seeing the Unseen: The Value of Water
- There will be six main sessions held from August 23 to September 1.

9. International Whale Shark Day is observed on which date to raise awareness of the value of whale sharks and the need for their conservation _____ **August 30.**

Note:

- People can learn about the magnificent species on this day and take action to protect them on International Whale Shark Day 2022.

10. The International Day for People of African Descent is celebrated on which date globally _____ **31 August.**

Note:

- The day was first celebrated in 2021, halfway through the International Decade for People of African Descent (2015-2024).
- This day was created only recently by the United Nations and is set to be celebrated internationally for the first time this year.

11. The National Small Industry Day is celebrated on which date every year, to support and promote small industries for their overall growth potential and opportunities received for their development in the year _____ **30 August.**

Note:

- The day recognises the contribution of small industries to the country's growth.
- The day is also an opportunity for the central and state governments to encourage and support small industries.

12. International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances is observed globally on which date every year by United Nations _____ **30th of August.**

Note:

- To express deep concern about the rise in enforced or involuntary disappearances in different regions of the world including the incidents of arrest, detention and abduction.

13. International Day against Nuclear Tests is observed on which date to raise awareness about the devastating effects of testing nuclear weapons _____ **29th August.**

- This year marks the thirteenth anniversary of the event.
- Aim: To create public awareness regarding the effects of nuclear weapons tests, and detonations and further highlights the requirement for cessation of such nuclear tests.
- Nuclear technology was developed under J. Robert Oppenheimer of the Manhattan Project.

14. The National Sports Day is celebrated on which date in India to pay tribute to hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand who was born on this date in 1905 _____ **29th August.**

Note:

- It was 2012 when the day was first designated and celebrated as India's National Sports Day.
- The president gives away sports awards such as the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award, Arjuna Award, Dronacharya Award, and Dhyan Chand Awards on this occasion.

15. Women's Equality Day 2022 is celebrated on which date _____ **26th August.**

Note:

- In 1973, the first Women's Equality Day was celebrated across the world.
- Women's Equality Day 2022 theme is "Gender Equality Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow".

16. International Dog Day is celebrated annually on which date to promote the adoption of dogs instead of buying them from pet shops _____ **August 26.**

Note:

- The day was founded by Animal Welfare Advocate and Pet Lifestyle expert Collen Paige.
- Aim: Promoting this day is to raise awareness about adopting these animals who are currently in rescue centres.



17. Internaut Day is celebrated around the world on which date to mark the invention of the World Wide Web _____ **August 23.**

Note:

- An “internaut” is a person who possesses a thorough knowledge of how to use the Internet and its history.
- On this day, in the year 1991 for the first time by WWW inventor Tim Berners Lee as he allowed its access, CERN announced that the internet would be free to everyone and there would be no fee for its use.

18. World Gujarati Language Day 2022 is celebrated every year on which date _____ **24 August.**

Note:

- This day is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of the great writer of Gujarat ‘Veer Narmad’.
- ‘Gujarati Diwas’ is celebrated because the poet Narmad was considered to be the creator of the Gujarati language.

19. The International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition is celebrated on which date _____ **August 23.**

Note:

- The day was chosen by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to memorialize the transatlantic slave trade.
- The theme for this year is ‘Decolonisation.’

20. International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism is observed on which date each year _____ **August 21.**

Note:

- It is observed in memory of the victims of terrorism.
- The day is observed to show the victims of terrorism that they are not forgotten and they are respected and recognised across the world.
- The theme 2022 for this day is “memories”.

21. International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief is observed on which date _____ **August 22.**

Note:

- On this day, the international community honours the survivors and victims of religious-based violence.
- The day aims to remember the victims and survivors of evil acts on the basis of or in the name of religion or belief.

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.**



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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.

9. Shareholders of One97 Communications have approved the re-appointment of whom as managing director and chief executive officer of Paytm _____ **Vijay Shekhar Sharma.**

Note:

- According to the scrutinizer report, 99.67% votes were in favour of Sharma's re-appointment while only 0.33% voted against the resolution.
- Remuneration of Vijay Shekhar will be remain fixed for the next three years without any annual increment.

10. Which bank has appointed Gopal Jain and Dr. Sivakumar Gopalan as the non-executive directors _____ **RBL Bank.**

Note:

- Gopal Jain: He cofounded Gaja Capital in 2004 and is a Managing Partner at firm.
- He has also been a member of Alternative Investment Policy Advisory Committee of SEBI since 2018.
- Dr. Sivakumar Gopalan: He has been a faculty of the Dept of Computer Science and Engineering, IIT Bombay, since 1991.

11. Which country's military has appointed Colonel, Abdoulaye Maiga as the interim Prime Minister of the country _____ **Mali**.

Note:

- He replaced civilian Prime Minister of Mali, Choguel Kokalla Maiga, as he was admitted to hospital.
- Prior to this, he was working as a government spokesman and Minister of Territorial Administration and Decentralisation.
- Mali is governed by a military that promised to organise democratic elections in 2024

12. Who has been appointed as the director of the National Institute of Immunology (NII) _____ **Debasisa Mohanty**.

Note:

- He is currently working as the staff scientist with the institute.
- In another order, Revenue Secretary, Tarun Bajaj has been given additional charge as Corporate Affairs Secretary.
- Rajesh Verma, a 1987-batch IAS officer of Odisha cadre, was appointed as the Secretary to President, Droupadi Murmu.

13. Which investment banking company has appointed Dixit Joshi as chief financial officer with effect from October 1, 2022 and Francesca McDonagh as group chief operating officer from September 19, 2022 _____ **Credit Suisse**.

Note:

- Prior to this, Dixit Joshi was group treasurer at Deutsche Bank and also worked at Credit Suisse from 1995 to 2003.
- He replaced David Mathers, who stepped down from the post.

14. Who has been named interim head coach of Team India in Dubai for the 2022 Asia Cup _____ **VVS Laxman**.

Note:

- This decision was confirmed by BCCI, as Rahul Dravid, India's head coach, did not travel with the team after testing positive for COVID-19.
- Rohit Sharma and KL Rahul will lead the team as captain and vice-captain respectively for the Asia Cup 2022.

15. Who has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the UK _____ **Vikram Doraiswami**.

Note:

- He started his career as the journalist and joined the Indian Foreign Service (IFS) in 1992.
- He had also served as the Third Secretary in the Indian Embassy in Hong Kong in May 1994.

16. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has appointed whom as chairman, from the date of his assumption of charge till 60 years or until further orders, whichever is earlier _____ **Dr Samir V Kamat**.

Note:

- He will replace G Satheesh Reddy, who has been named as scientific adviser to Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh.
- Presently, He is serving as the Director General, Naval Systems & Materials (NS&M).

17. Who has been appointed as the Executive Director for India at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) _____ **KV Subramanian**.

Note:

- His term will begin from November 2022 and will continue for a period of three years or until further orders, whichever is earlier.



- He will replace the eminent economist, Surjit S Bhalla as ED (India), IMF whose tenure will end on 31 October, 2022.
18. India's first premium sports experiences and travel platform, DreamSetGo has appointed whom as its first brand ambassador _____ **Sourav Ganguly**.
- Note:**
- He will play a key role in promoting DSG's curated experiences through its key partnerships with Manchester City, Chelsea FC, ICC Travel and more.
 - DreamSetGo became the 'Official Travel Agent' of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup Australia 2022 and the 'Official Tour Operator' of the Australian Open 2023.
 - DreamSetGo was founded by Monish Shah in 2019.
19. Who has been elected as the Speaker of Bihar Assembly under Nitish kumar-RJD led Mahagathbandhan _____ **Senior RJD MLA Awadh Bihari Chaudhary**.
- Note:**
- Election for the post of Speaker was necessitated following the resignation of Vijay Kumar Sinha from the post in the changed political scenario in Bihar.
20. Who has been appointed as the fourth whole-time member (WTM) of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) _____ **Ananth Narayan Gopalkrishnan**.
- Note:**
- He has been appointed for an initial period of 3 years.
 - Other WTMs: SK Mohanty, Ashwani Bhatia, Ananta Barua
 - Prior to SP Jain, Narayan was the Regional Head of Financial Markets for ASEAN and South Asia at Standard Chartered Bank
21. Luxury carmaker, Mercedes-Benz has appointed whom as the Managing Director & CEO of the Indian operations with effect from January 1, 2023 _____ **Santosh Iyer**.
- Note:**
- He is currently serving as the Vice President of Sales & Marketing
 - He will succeed Martin Schwenk who will take charge as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Mercedes-Benz Thailand
 - He joined Mercedes-Benz as VP of Customer Services & Retail Training business in 2016

Important News - India

1. Which compmay 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 (NPFBD) 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".

22. Who has unveiled country's first hydrogen fuel cell bus _____ **Union Minister of State, Jitendra Singh**.

Note:

- The eco-friendly bus has been built by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and KPIT Limited.
- Hydrogen fuel cell: It works like conventional batteries of electric vehicles, but they don't need to be recharged with electricity.
- It provides a better alternative to completely eliminate the on-road emissions.

23. The Centre govt has amended which act for providing additional post-retirement benefits to retired Chief Justices and SC judges _____ **SC Judges (Salaries and Conditions of Service) Act, 1958**.

Note:

- Those judges, who retire from SC will be entitled to a rent free Type-VII accommodation at Delhi (other than the designated official residence) for a period of 6 months from the date of retirement.
- The retired SC CJI and judges will get a chauffeur and secretarial assistant for 1 year.

24. Which institution has developed a new method, ultrasound-assisted fermentation, to produce a safe sugar substitute called 'Xylitol' from sugarcane waste _____ **IIT Guwahati**.

Note:

- Xylitol is a sugar alcohol derived from natural products.



- It has potential antidiabetic and anti-obesogenic effects and is a mild prebiotic and protects teeth against caries.
 - The research team was led by Professor VS Moholkar.
 - Other team members: Dr. Belachew Zegale Tizazu and Dr. Kuldeep Roy.
25. Who has launched 'Azadi Quest, a series of online educational mobile games _____ **Anurag Singh Thakur**.
- Note:**
- This game has been developed by Zynga India in collaboration with the Publications Division and Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR).
 - The Azadi Quest games are available for android and iOS devices in English and Hindi from September 2022.
 - Zynga India was established in 2010 in Bengaluru.
26. Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and NITI Aayog will establish more than _____ Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) in Jammu and Kashmir to nurture an innovative mind-set among high school students _____ **500**.
- Note:**
- It will encourage young minds in the field, and challenge students to become producers of products themselves instead of consumer
 - AIM was launched to create and promote an ecosystem of innovation and entrepreneurship across the country via school, university, research, MSME, etc.
27. Which airlines has come into a partnership with CAE to integrate the CAE Rise™ Training System into the airline's simulator training program _____ **AirAsia India**.
- Note:**
- With this partnership, AirAsia India becomes the first airline in India to adopt a data-driven training program using CAE Rise™.
 - As long-time collaborators, both companies have worked together since 2014 on pilot training at CAE network training centers.
28. Which union minister has participated in the 'Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar' campaign organised at Puducherry _____ **'Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar'**.
- Note:**
- Aim: To promote environmental sustainability.
 - This campaign is a 75-day citizen-led initiative to improve the coastal and ocean health via community action.
 - The campaign was spearheaded by the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) in partnership with MoEFCC, NDMA, and other central organisations and social organisations.
29. The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has observed its Silver Jubilee in New Delhi on which date _____ **August 29**.
- Note:**
- On the occasion, Chemicals and Fertilizers Minister, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya has also launched an Integrated Pharmaceutical Database Management System 2.0.
 - It is an integrated responsive cloud-based application.
 - It will provide a single window for submissions of various forms as mandated under Drug Price Control Order, 2013.
30. PM Modi has inaugurated the Smriti Van memorial to celebrate the courage shown by people during the devastating 2001 earthquake in which state _____ **Gujarat (Epicentre: Bhuj)**.
- Note:**
- The grand structure is spread over 470 acres on Bhujiyo Hill near Bhuj town.
 - It celebrates the strength and resistance of people of Kutch.
 - It also has a state-of-the-art Smriti Van Earthquake Museum.
 - He also inaugurated the 300m long 'Atal Bridge' for pedestrians across the Sabarmati River.
31. Which oil refiner has planned to invest more than Rs 2 lakh crore (or \$25 billion) to achieve net-zero emissions from its operations by 2046 _____ **Indian Oil Corp (IOC)**.



Note:

- The target set is in line with India's aim to reach net-zero emissions by 2070.
- IOC oil refining and petrochemicals business has a total emission of 21.5 million tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO₂)
- IOC has already prepared a road map to achieve its net zero scope 1 and 2 emissions

32. Reliance Industries (RIL) chairman, Mukesh Ambani has announced to invest a whopping _____ to build its Pan-India true 5G network _____ **₹2 lakh crore.**

Note:

- The Reliance Jio Infocomm has prepared an ambitious and fastest ever 5G rollout plan for the country.
- Jio plans to roll out Jio 5G by this Diwali 2022 in metropolises of Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, and Chennai.
- He also announced that Reliance will launch the Nita Mukesh Ambani Junior School.

33. The Home ministry has released Accidental Deaths & Suicides in India (ADSI) and Crime in India (CII) reports for 2021, were published by which organisation _____ **NCRB.**

Note:

- Deaths by suicide has increased in India by 7.2% from 2020
- Report says every year more than 1,00,000 people die by suicide in the country
- Majority of suicides: Maharashtra, TN, MP, WB and Karnataka
- Delhi has reported the highest number of suicides among UTs
- Highest rate of crime against women in 2021: Assam

34. The 10th National Conference of Women Police has been started in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, inaugurated by whom _____ **Union Minister of State for Home affairs, Nityanand Rai.**

Note:

- The conference is being organised by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD) in collaboration with Himachal Police.
- Objective: To enhance the leadership potential of women police officers and discuss their problems and challenges.

35. Who has chaired the 23rd edition of Central Zonal Council meeting in Bhopal _____ **HM Amit Shah.**

Note:

- Issues: connectivity, power, sharing of river water and other matters of common interests
- The meeting was attended by CMs, ministers and senior officers of the member states.
- The Central Zonal Council comprises Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

36. Who has attended the SCO Defence Ministers' meeting at Tashkent in Uzbekistan _____ **Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh.**

Note:

- He also hold the bilateral meetings with his counterparts Lieutenant General, Bakhodir Kurbanov (Uzbekistan); Colonel, General Zhaksylykov Ruslan Zhaksylykov (Kazakhstan) and Lieutenant General, Viktor Khrenin (Belarus).
- Aim: The entire spectrum of defence cooperation with the three countries was reviewed to expand mutually beneficial collaboration.

37. Which edition of meeting of Ministerial level Joint Rivers Commission (JRC) of India and Bangladesh was held in New Delhi _____ **38th.**

Note:

- Aim: Finalized the text of MoU on 'Interim Water Sharing of Kushiyara river'
- Both sides have finalized the design and location of the water intake point on the Feni River to meet the drinking water needs of Sabroom town in Tripura, as per the October 2019 India-Bangladesh MoU on the subject.
- The JRC of India and Bangladesh was constituted in 1972.

38. Who has inaugurated the 8th India International MSME Start-up Expo & Summit at New Delhi _____ **LG, J&K, Manoj Sinha.**



Note:

- This Expo provides a platform to SMEs, startups, trade, industry, service providers to explore new opportunities for buyers and sellers, and exchange information about federal, state, and local programmes.
- J&K has one of the fastest growing horticulture markets in the country.

39. Which renewable energy organisation has signed an agreement with Mahatma Phule Renewable Energy and Infrastructure Technology Ltd (MAHAPREIT) to provide loans for green energy projects _____ **Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA).**

Note:

- IREDA will provide financial facilities and techno-financial consultancy to MAHAPREIT for renewable energy.
- MAHAPREIT is a wholly owned subsidiary of MPBCDC (49% of Govt. of India and 51% of Govt. of Maharashtra).

40. Royal Enfield and which organisation have been partnered to promote and safeguard the 'Intangible Cultural Heritage' of India _____ **UNESCO.**

Note:

- UNESCO has been running a movement to identify, document and preserve the Intangible Cultural Heritage of India.
- India is one of the 178 countries, who had adopted the 2003 UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, for decades.

41. Which organisation has signed an MoU with Assam, Manipur and Tripura governments for the development and promotion of oil palm cultivation _____ **Godrej Agrovet.**

Note:

- Godrej Agrovet would be allotted land across the three states for the promotion and development of sustainable palm oil plantations in the region under the National Mission on Edible Oils-Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) scheme.
- Godrej Agrovet is a diversified food and agri conglomerate.

42. Which ministry has signed an MoU with National Health Authority for providing an Comprehensive Medical Package to Transgender Persons _____ **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.**

Note:

- Recently, the Ministry has launched SMILE (Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise) scheme which includes several comprehensive measures for Transgender Community.
- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is a nodal Ministry for matters related to Transgender Persons.

43. Which organisation has signed the tripartite agreement with Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), and Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) for centralizing the freight consolidation and reduce logistics costs from 14 % to less than 10 % of GDP at par with International Standards _____ **National Highways Logistics Management Limited (NHLML).**

Note:

- Multi Modal Logistics Parks (MMLP) will ensure that cargo is swapped or shifted from and to Waterways, Dedicated Freight Corridors, and Road Transport.

44. Which organisation has signed MoU with LFV Air Navigation Services of Sweden at Headquarters of AAI in New Delhi _____ **Airports Authority of India (AAI).**

Note:

- It will bring together two air navigation service providers, India and Sweden, with demonstrated capabilities in building and operationalizing the next generation of sustainable aviation technology, to explore smart aviation solutions.
- It will pave the way for bi-lateral exchange of aviation expertise and technology between the two countries.

45. Which institution researchers have joined hands with Inspire Institute of Sports, Karnataka to develop an advanced boxing analytics platform named Smartboxer _____ **IIT Madras.**



Note:

- Aim: To increase India's boxing medal tally at the 2024 Olympics.
- This multi version software is being developed by the Center of Excellence for Sports Science and Analytics at IIT Madras.
- Feature: Provide feedback and performance assessments using Internet of Things (IoT)-enabled wearable sensors and video cameras.

46. Which airline has joined a sustainability initiative led by the World Economic Forum (WEF) _____
Indigo Airlines.

Note:

- The airline has become a signatory to "Clear Skies for Tomorrow" coalition campaign of India.
- Commitment of Indigo: To deploy sustainable programmes to achieve the significant scale of SAF (sustainable aviation fuel), achieve critical mass and cost-effectiveness for widespread adoption in India.
- Clean Skies for Tomorrow was launched in January 2019.

47. Which commission has signed an MoU with the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission for Inter-Ministerial cooperation for promotion and facilitation of One Herb, One Standard _____
Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy.

Note:

- The MoU will also help in promoting exchange of information in the area of standardization of Traditional medicine by sharing of scientific information and drug raw materials or extracts, seminars, workshops, training and brainstorming programs.

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 this 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.
6. Union government has awarded Geographical Indication (GI) tag to Mithila Makhana, is associated with which state _____ **Bihar**.
- Note:**
- It is a special variety of aquatic fox nut, that cultivated in Mithila region of Bihar and Nepal.
 - Once a product gets this tag, any person or company cannot sell a similar item under that name.
7. The Central government has planned to collaborate with which state government to develop a "district good governance portal" _____ **Arunachal Pradesh**.
- Note:**
- Aim: To monitor the performance of each district of the state on a monthly basis and help in benchmarking performance.
 - Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), under the Ministry of Personnel, in collaboration with the Arunachal Pradesh government will develop the portal.
8. Which state govt will take a loan of 4,000 crore rupees from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for setting up medical colleges in 12 districts of the state _____ **Maharashtra**.
- Note:**
- 12 districts: Jalgaon, Satara, Alibaug, Sindhudurg, Usmanabad, Parbhani, Amravati, Ratnagiri, Gadchiroli, Bhandara and Ambernath.
 - Asian Development Bank has agreed to provide 4,000 crore rupees for setting up medical colleges in these districts.
 - The target is to complete all of these projects within the 2 years.
9. Rajasthan's Chief Minister, Ashok Gehlot has inaugurated R-CAT in Jaipur and three incubation centres in Kota, Bikaner and Churu that will promote the start-up culture in the state. What is the full form of R-CAT _____ **Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Advanced Technologies**.
- Note:**
- The inauguration ceremony of RCAT was held on DigiFest 2022 at Birla Auditorium.
 - RCAT would provide an opportunity for the state's youth to learn advanced and emerging technologies in areas like Artificial Intelligence, Cloud Computing.
10. Which state governments have been agreed to rename Chandigarh's international airport after the freedom struggle icon Shaheed Bhagat Singh _____ **Punjab and Haryana**.
- Note:**
- The collective decision was taken by Punjab Chief Minister, Bhagwant Mann and Haryana Deputy CM, Dushyant Chautala.
 - The terminal building of airport falls in Punjab's Mohali town.
 - This airport project is a joint venture of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) and the governments of Punjab and Haryana.
11. Which government is planning to build an education township in the state, will be developed on the idea of 'Single Entry, Multiple Exit' (come like a blank paper and carry multiple skills) _____ **Uttar Pradesh**.
- Note:**
- Aim: To enhance quality education in the state.



- This will provide high-quality education to the youth and equip them with a variety of professional skills in a single place.
 - The similar education township concept has already exist in the city of Pittsburgh, USA.
12. Which state government has launched its Footwear & Leather Products Policy 2022 with a vision to transform the State into a favoured destination for footwear and leather products manufacture in Asia _____ **Tamil Nadu.**

Note:

- This policy will offer a special package for footwear and leather products (FLP) manufacture and incentives for FLP Design Studios.
 - The State government has also signed MoUs with five companies - KICL SEMS; Wagon International; KICL; Walkaroo and KICL (footwear cluster)
13. The first commercial space situational awareness observatory of India will be set up in the Garhwal region of which state by Digantara, a space sector start-up _____ **Uttarakhand.**

Note:

- Aim: To track objects as small as 10 cm in size orbiting the earth.
 - The space situational awareness (SSA) observatory will help in tracking any activity in space.
 - This observatory will strengthen indigenous capabilities of India to monitor space activity over the subcontinent providing a strategic advantage.
14. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has announced to establish and provide all possible support to the first 'Divyang Park' in which district of Maharashtra _____ **Nagpur.**

Note:

- It will have different kind of facilities for Divyangjans like sensory garden, textile Pathway touch, smell garden, skill training facility, rehabilitation facility, Sports-infotainment etc
 - During the occasion, 'Samajik Adhikarita Shivar' for distribution of aids and assistive devices to Senior citizens was also held.
15. Who has officially flagged off the first passenger train service name the Donyi Polo Express from Shokhuvi Railway station (Second station of state) in Choumukedima District _____ **Nagaland CM, Neiphiu Rio.**

Note:

- Dimapur was the first station, opened in 1903.
 - Shokhuvi Railway station is part of the Dimapur-Zubza Railway project.
 - This railway station is an alternative train route for Nagaland and Manipur passengers to Guwahati.
16. The central government has given its nod to which state government Family ID plan named the Parivar Kalyan Card _____ **UP.**

Note:

- Aim: To establish a comprehensive database of the family units for its various schemes.
- It will provide a unique 12-digit ID number for each family.
- The initial collection of data for families will be conducted through ration cards.
- The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY) has allowed the UP government to link Aadhaar data with the PKC.

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.

5. Kyriakos Mitsotakis has announced that it has exited the enhanced surveillance framework of European Union after 12 years, he is a prime minister of which country _____ **Greece.**

Note:

- Economic performance and policies of Greece have been monitored under the framework since 2018 to ensure it implemented reforms promised under three international bailouts.
- Greece was badly hit with the pension cuts, spending constraint, tax increases and bank controls after it was forced to seek its first bailout in 2010.

6. Who has become the the youngest person to fly solo around the world in a small aircraft _____ **Mack Rutherford.**

Note:

- He landed on an airstrip of Sofia (Capital of Bulgaria) to complete his task and claimed two Guinness World Records.
- Rutherford is also the youngest person to circumnavigate the globe in a microlight plane.
- His solo trip flying around the world was sponsored by the web hosting company ICDSOft, is headquartered in Sofia.

7. Which country has launched world's first fleet of 14 hydrogen-powered passenger trains, replacing 15 diesel trains that previously operated on non-electrified tracks in the state of Lower Saxony _____ **Germany.**

Note:

- These 14 trains use hydrogen fuel cells to generate electricity that powers the engines.
- They have a range of up to 1,000 km (621 miles) and a maximum speed of 140 kmph (87 mph).
- It is manufactured by French company Alstom and are operated by regional rail company LNVG.

8. President of India, Droupadi Murmu has met with the Queen Máxima of which country at Rashtrapati Bhavan to discuss the various aspects to strengthen the bilateral relation _____ **Netherlands.**

Note:

- Queen Máxima of Netherland is on a three day visit to India (29-31 August 2022).
- During their discussion, both leaders discussed the universal financial inclusion initiatives.

Honor & Awards



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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.

4. Name the Indian neurologist, who has been elected as a Fellow of American Academy of Neurology (FAAN) _____ **Dr N V Sundara Chary.**

Note:

- It is regarded as one of the world's most prestigious honour in the field of neurology and medicine.
- This honour has been awarded by American Academy of Neurologists (AAN) to very few neurologists across the world for making valuable contributions in the field of neurology.
- He is a professor and HOD of neurology in Siddhartha Medical College, Vijayawada.

5. Fahmida Azim, who has been selected for the 2022 Pulitzer prize under the category of Illustrated Reporting and Commentary is belong to which country _____**Bangladesh.**

Note:

- Presently, she is working for the Insider online magazine of US.
- She is among the four journalists including Anthony Del Col, Josh Adams and Walt Hickey of Insider, selected for their work on the Chinese oppression of the Uyghurs.
- Fahmida Azim is an illustrator and story teller. Her work centers on themes of identity, culture and autonomy

6. Volodymyr Zelenskyy will be conferred with the 2022 Liberty Medal, is a president of which country _____**Ukraine.**

Note:

- The National Constitution Center has announced that Zelenskyy will be honored in a ceremony in October 2022 for his heroic defense of liberty in the face of Russian tyranny.
- The Liberty Medal was established in 1988 to mark the U.S. Constitution's bicentennial.
- It is presented to individuals who strive to secure the blessings of liberty for people around the globe.



7. Who has been awarded the 2022 Unesco Peace Prize for her efforts to welcome refugees _____
Former German chancellor, Angela Merkel.

Note:

- In 2015, Merkel has opened German borders for refugees (Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and Eritrea) who were streaming into Europe.
- This honour is officially known as Felix Houphouet-Boigny- Unesco

8. The NITI Aayog has declared which city in Uttarakhand as the best aspirational district on five parameters and has become entitled to receive additional allocation of ₹3 crore _____ **Haridwar.**

Note:

- The Haridwar district has been allocated to union commerce and industries minister Piyush Goyal
- The allocated money will be used to improve the health sector including the hospitals in Roorkee and district hospital Haridwar.
- NITI Aayog Vice Chairperson: Suman Bery; CEO: Parameswaran Iyer

9. Who has won the prestigious title of Miss Diva Universe 2022 _____ **Divita Rai.**

Note:

- Pragnya Ayyagari from Telangana has been crowned LIVA Miss Diva Supranational 2022.
- Ojasvi Sharma was adjudged the LIVA Miss Popular Choice 2022.
- Sandhu was also awarded the Pride of India trophy by the Times of India Group ownership for her remarkable achievement of making India proud globally.

10. Which movie has been awarded the 67th Filmfare award 2022 for best movie _____ **Shershaah.**

Note:

- This movie was directed by Vishnuvardhan, who has won the best director award for Shershaah.
- Best Actor: Ranveer Singh (83) as Kapil Dev
- Best Actress: Kriti Sanon, Mimi as Mimi Rathore
- Best Supporting Actor: Pankaj Tripathi (Mimi)
- Best Supporting Actress: Sai Tamhankar (Mimi)
- Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award: Subhash Ghai

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.
9. Indian men's volleyball team won bronze medal after defeating which country by 3-2 in the 14th Asian U-18 Championship in Tehran _____ **South Korea.**

Note:

- In the preliminary league round, India defeated Korea but lost to Iran in the semifinal.
- The Indian U-18 team has been qualified along with Japan, Iran, and South Korea for the FIVB World U-19 Men's Volleyball Championship.
- Japan has secured the gold after beating Iran (Silver) in the final match.
10. Who has defeated Spain's David Anton Guijarro in the ninth and final round with 7.5 points and a performance rating of 2893 to win the 28th Abu Dhabi Masters chess tournament _____ **Indian Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi.**



Note:

- He has gained 35 Elo rating points after the recently concluded Chess Olympiad in India.
- The second spot in the Abu Dhabi Masters was claimed by Uzbekistan's Javokhir Sindarov after defeating Iran's M Amin Tabatabaei.

11. Tokyo Olympics gold medalist Neeraj Chopra has won the Javelin Throw competition at the Lausanne Diamond League with a best throw of _____ **89.08 metre.**

Note:

- He became the first Indian to clinch the prestigious Diamond League Meet title.
- He has thus qualified for the Diamond League Finals, which will take place in Zurich, Switzerland on 7th and 8th September.
- He is also now qualified for the 2023 World Championships, which is to be held in Budapest, Hungary.

12. Who has secured the India's first-ever gold medal in Judo World Championships at the World Judo Cadet (U18) Championships _____ **Linthoi Chanambam.**

Note:

- She has defeated Bianca Reis of Brazil in the Women's 57kg category.
- She became the first Indian judoka to win a medal at any age-group of the World Championships.
- She has also won gold medal at the Sub-Junior National Judo Championships in 2017, since then she has been training at JSW's Inspire Institute of Sports judo programme.

13. Which cricketer has become the first Indian and the second player overall in international cricket history to have played 100 matches each in all three formats of the game _____ **Virat Kohli.**

Note:

- Kohli has now 100 T20Is to his name in addition to 102 Tests and 262 ODIs since his international debut in August 2008.
- New Zealand batter, Ross Taylor is the first player, who played 112 Tests, 236 ODIs and 102 T20Is between 2006 and 2022.
- Rohit has already played 132 matches in the shorter format.

14. Who has clinched his second BWF World Championships men's singles title after beating Kunlavut Vitidsarn from Thailand in Tokyo _____ **Viktor Axelsen.**

Note:

- The women's singles title has been retained by Akane Yamaguchi from Japan.
- She has defeated China's Olympic champion, Chen Yufei in the final.
- Men's Double: Malaysia Aaron Chia; Malaysia Soh Wooi Yik
- Women's Double: China Chen Qingchen; China Jia Yifan
- Mixed Double: China Zheng Siwei; China Huang Yaqiong

15. Which organisation has lifted the ban imposed on the All India Football Federation (AIFF) after the Supreme Court terminated the mandate of the Committee of Administrators (CoA) _____ **FIFA.**

Note:

- FIFA has also cleared the decks for India to host the Women's U-17 World Cup in October 2022.
- Background:
- FIFA had suspended AIFF on August 15 for "undue influence from third parties" and the revocation came 11 days after that.

16. Who has clinched the F1 Belgian Grand Prix 2022 _____ **Max Verstappen.**

Note:

- Sergio Perez (Red Bull's driver) and Carlos Sainz (Ferrari's driver) have finished at second and third positions respectively.
- Max Verstappen has won 9 races out of 14 races of this season.
- George Russell (Mercedes driver) has finished at fourth in the F1 Belgian Grand Prix 2022.



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).

2. Former Vice President, M Venkaiah Naidu has released a book titled, 'New India - a compilation of selected articles 2014-19' on the death anniversary of which former Union Minister _____ **Arun Jaitley**.

Note:

- Arun Jaitley has served as the Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs of the Government of India from 2014 to 2019.
- He was awarded the Padma Vibhushan (second highest civilian award of India), posthumously in 2020 in the field of Public Affairs.

3. A book titled, "The Hero of Tiger Hill", is an autobiography of _____ **Subedar Major (Honorary Captain)**.

Note:

- Yogendra Singh Yadav is the youngest Param Vir Chakra awardee (India's highest gallantry award) at the age of 19 for his actions in the 1999 Kargil conflict.
- This book was published by Srishti Publishers.
- It is the true story of a brave soldier who left no stone unturned and fought valiantly for the honour of India

4. Who has authored a new book titled "Indian Banking in Retrospect – 75 years of Independence" _____ **Dr Ashutosh Raravikar**.

Note:

- He is the Director of the Department of Economic & Policy Research (DEPR), Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- The book is published by Aswad Prakashan Private Limited. Bibek Debroy, Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India has written the foreword of the book.

5. Who is the writer of the self-help memoir, "Free Fall: My Experiments with Living" _____ **Mallika Sarabhai**.

Note:

- The book is about "coming to terms with yourself, your body and finding the lifestyle that works for you".
- It is published by Speaking Tiger.

6. A new book named 'India's Economy From Nehru To Modi: A Brief History' written by whom _____ **Pulapre Balakrishnan**.

Note:

- The book, India's Economy 'From Nehru To Modi: A Brief History' is written about the economic progression of India from the time of Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru to the current time of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Independent The 75-year odyssey of the Indian economy is coming to an end.

Science and Defence



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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.
5. South Korea and which country have started began their largest joint military drills, 'Ulchi Freedom Shield', and scheduled to end on 1st of September _____ **United States.**

Note:

- South Korea has also launched the four-day Ulchi civil defence drills separately, that is designed to boost government readiness.
 - Aim: To normalise the combined exercises and boost deterrence against North Korea.
 - The exercise also aimed at improving the country's preparedness to match the changing patterns of war.
6. As per the official sources, PM Modi will commission the India's first indigenously-built aircraft carrier (IAC) Vikrant on which date _____ **September 2, 2022.**

Note:

- The four trial phases of IAC Vikrant was completed on 10th July 2022.
 - The IAC Vikrant was designed by Indian Navy's in-house Directorate of Naval Design (DND) and built by the Cochin Shipyard Limited.
 - The IAC is 262 metres long, 62 metres wide and has a height of 59 metres.
 - The construction of IAC Vikrant was began in 2009.
7. India has successfully test-fired VL-SRSAM from the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur off the Odisha coast. What is the fullform of VLSRSAM _____ **Vertical Launch Short Range Surface-to-Air Missile.**



- The missile was tested by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Navy.
 - This missile is equipped with indigenous radio frequency (RF) seeker, intercepted the target with high accuracy.
 - The missile system has been indigenously designed and developed by DRDO
8. Which armed force has received the first made in India produced 30mm ammunition for AK-630 guns fitted on warships _____ **Indian Navy**.

Note:

- Satyanarayan Nuwal (CMD of Economic Explosives Limited) has handed over the first consignment of the ammunition to Navy Vice Chief Vice Admiral SN Ghormade.
 - It achievement has been done in 12 months and all components are indigenous.
 - It is the first time that the services have placed an order on the Indian private industry for the delivery of gun ammunition
9. India and which country has decided to set up a task force to prepare a five-year roadmap to boost bilateral defence cooperation _____ **Tanzania**.

Note:

- This decision was taken during wide-ranging talks between Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh and his visiting Tanzanian counterpart, Stergomona Lawrence Tax.
 - Aim: To boost the bilateral defence ties as well as military-to-military cooperation.
 - Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh has also invited Tax to the India-Africa Defence Dialogue and the DefExpo.
10. Which armed force has concluded the 10th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise SAREX - 22 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu _____ **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)**.

Note:

- Theme of 10th edition of the biennial exercise is "Capacity Building towards Marine Passenger Safety".
- This exercise was reviewed by Indian Coast Guard chief VS Pathania along with other agencies and foreign participants.
- The two-day exercise was conducted under the aegis of the National Maritime Search and Rescue Board (NMSARB)



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