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1. Which bank has hit the mark of Rs 5-trillion in market capitalization (market cap) for the first time after its shares touched a record high of Rs 564.45, up 1% on the BSE in intra-day trade in an otherwise weak market_____ **SBI**.

Note:

- With a market cap of Rs 5.03 trillion, SBI stood at the seventh position in the overall market cap ranking.
- After, HDFC Bank (market cap of Rs 8.38 trillion) and ICICI Bank (market cap of Rs 6.33 trillion), SBI has become the third lender in the country.

Banking & Financial Awareness

2. Which insurance company has launched an AI-powered digital voice agent in collaboration with an AI-based SaaS voice automation platform named Skit.ai_____ **ICICI Lombard**.

Note:

- Feature: It will assist customers with the status of their insurance claims for health and motor insurance policies.
- The Digital Voice Agent has already started helping customers to complete the process of receiving updates on the status of their claims in under a minute.

3. As per the Commerce and Industry Ministry data, what is the wholesale price-based inflation in August 2022 _____ **12.4%**.

Note:

- Reason: The WPI inflation fell on easing prices of Manufactured products.
- The Wholesale inflation was at a record high of 15.88% in May 2022 and stood at 11.64% in August 2022.
- August is the 17th consecutive month of double-digit wholesale price inflation (WPI).

4. As per the Fitch ratings, what would be the India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth forecast for 2022-23 _____ **7%**.

Note:

- Reason: Due to the impact of the global economic slowdown, elevated inflation and tighter monetary policy.
- The European gas crisis, high inflation and a sharp acceleration in the pace of global monetary policy tightening are taking a heavy toll on economic prospects.
- The Fitch has predicted the growth to be slowed down to 6.7% in 2023-24 from 7.4%.

5. Which ministry has revised the threshold for paid up capital of "small companies" to facilitate the Ease of Doing Business and reduce the compliance burden on small companies_____ **Ministry of Corporate Affairs**.

Note:

- Thresholds for paid up capital: Increased from Rs 2 crore to 4 crore.
- Turnover: Increased from Rs 20 crore to Rs 40 Crore.
- Benefits: No need to prepare cash flow statement; Advantage of preparing and filing an Abridged Annual Return, etc.

6. Which bank has become the only Indian bank to be listed by Great Place to Work®, the global authority on workplace culture_____ **Federal Bank**.

Note:

- The bank has ranked 63 on the Best Workplaces™ in Asia 2022.

- This recognition is based on confidential survey data assessing employee experiences of trust, innovation, company values and leadership
 - Companies are also evaluated on how well they are creating For All™ workplace experience, inclusive of all employees irrespective of position
7. Which general insurance company has tied up with Chennai-based Repco Home Finance Ltd (RHFL) to offer insurance solutions to the home loan customers of the latter _____ **Edelweiss General Insurance (EGI)**.
- Note:**
- EGI will offer property insurance cover and loan protection cover to RHFL's customers through their branches spread across India.
 - EGI will offer customized, affordable, and convenient insurance solutions to financially protect loan borrowers.
8. Which country's central bank has signed a FinTech Co-operation Agreement with IFSCA to provide regulatory collaboration and partnership in FinTech technology _____ **Monetary Authority of Singapore**.
- Note:**
- MAS is Singapore's central bank and integrated financial regulator.
 - IFSCA is a unified authority for the development and regulation of financial products in the International Financial Services Centres in India.
9. Which bank has collaborated with Remitly to provide safe and simple remittances to India _____ **SBI**.
- Note:**
- The collaboration will enable NRIs to send money through SBI via Remitly to their family members by using mobile and web applications.
 - Depending on the form and amount of transfers, Remitly provides superior exchange rates, immediate credits, and no remittance charge.
 - The US Department of Treasury has certified Remitly as a money services firm.
10. SBI has extended the deadline to invest in its senior citizen FD scheme, SBI WeCare FD, till which year _____ **March 31, 2023**.
- Note:**
- Aim: To secure senior citizens' income by paying additional interest on term deposits.
 - Period of Deposit: 5 to 10 years
 - Interest Rate: Additional premium of 30 bps (over and above existing premium of 50 bps) over card rate for Public.
 - Interest rate applicable to the FD will be 6.45%.
 - It also provides availability of Loan Facility.
11. RBI has decided to remove which bank from its Prompt Corrective Action Framework (PCAF) _____ **Central Bank of India**.
- Note:**
- Reason: Improvement in various financial ratios, including minimum regulatory capital
 - PCA norms: It is a supervisory tool and is imposed on banks, when they breach certain regulatory thresholds on capital to risk weighted assets ratio, net NPAs, and return on assets.
 - The RBI imposed PCA norms on the bank in June 2017 due to its high net NPA and negative RoA.
12. Which state government has received a loan of \$150 million (approx Rs 1,200 crore) from the World Bank to help the state better manage its financial resources and improve access to public services _____ **Punjab**.
- Note:**
- Punjab at present has a debt of Rs 2.63 lakh crore.
 - The \$150 million loan has a maturity of 15 years including a grace period of 6 months.
 - Punjab government will launch new projects with World Bank's assistance to attain its development goals.
13. CCI has approved the proposed merger of which OTT platform with Viacom18 Media to make one of the largest OTT platform _____ **Jio Cinema OTT**.
- Note:**
- Under this, Jio Cinema OTT app of Reliance will be transferred to Viacom18.
 - In April 2022, RIL and Viacom18 have announced a strategic partnership with Bodhi Tree Systems (BTS).
 - BTS will invest Rs 13,500 crore in Viacom18 while Reliance Projects & Property Management Services will invest Rs 1,645 crore in the broadcaster.
 - BTS is an investment firm of Uday Shankar (ex-chairman of Star).

Obituaries

1. S. Samy Vellu, who has been passed away, was a cabinet minister of which country _____ **Malaysia**.

Note:

- He has served as Minister of Works from June 1983 to June 1989 and again from May 1995 to March 2008.
- He has also hold the post of Minister of Energy, Telecommunications from June 1989 to May 1995.
- He was the longest-serving MIC president after holding the position for 31 years from 1979.

2. Asad Rauf, has been passed away, was former umpire of which country _____ **Pakistan**.

Note:

- He had made his first appearance as an umpire in international cricket in 2000.
- He officiated in 64 Tests, 139 ODIs and 28 T20Is and was one of Pakistan's leading umpires in the mid-2000s.
- He had played 71 first-class matches for National Bank and Railways before taking up umpiring, was appointed in the ICC elite panel in April 2006.

3. Naresh Kumar, who has been passed away recently, was a former player of which sport _____ **Tennis**.

Note:

- Naresh Kumar went on to become a big name in Indian tennis after Independence.
- He made news by reaching the final of the Northern Championships (later known as Manchester Open) in England in 1949.

4. Manikrao Gavit, who has recently passed away was a related to which field _____ **politics**.

Note:

- The Congress leader was the home minister of state in the 2004 Manmohan Singh-led government.
- A nine-time Lok Sabha MP, Gavit represented the tribal-dominated Nandurbar constituency from 1980 to 2009 and lost the election in 2014.
- Gavit's son Bharat joined the BJP after he was denied a ticket by the Congress in 2019.

5. Raju Srivastava, who has been passed away, was a _____ **Comedian**.

Note:

- He was the chairman of the Film Development Council Uttar Pradesh.
- He got fame after participating in the first season of the reality stand-up comedy show "The Great Indian Laughter Challenge" in 2005.
- He played supporting roles in Hindi films such as Maine Pyar Kiya, Baazigar, the remake of Bombay to Goa and Aamdani Atthani Kharcha Rupaiya.

6. Csmonaut, Vladimirovich Polyakov, who holds the record for the longest single stay in space, has been passed, was a related to which country _____ **Russia**.

Note:

- He flew his first mission into space in 1988 and returning in 1989 after eight months.
- He had lived and worked in space for a record 437 days in one stint, orbiting Earth aboard the Mir space station more than 7,000 times between January 8, 1994 and March 22, 1995.
- He undertook two space expeditions during his career (678 days and 16 hours).

Important Days

1. India observes National Engineer's Day on which date every year to recognise the contribution of engineers in the development of the nation _____ **September 15**.

Note:

- This day commemorates the birth anniversary of Sir Moksha Gundam Visvesvaraya, who is considered one of the greatest engineers of India.
- MV was the Chief Engineer of Krishna Raja Sagar dam in the north-west suburb of Mysuru city.
- Along with India, Sri Lanka and Tanzania also celebrate Engineers Day on September 15, 2022.

2. Which organisation has started Swachh Amrit Mahotsav, fortnight of activities to galvanize action around swachhata from 17th September 2022, Seva Diwas, till 2nd October 2022, Gandhi Jayanti _____ **Indian Swachhata League**.

Note:

- It began with whole-hearted participation and the presence of highly motivated youth teams carrying with pride their own team identity.
- It is an inter-city competition played on the parameters of swachhata powered by the youth of the city.

3. Which day is observed every year on 17th September to create awareness about different safety measures that should be taken to ensure patient safety _____ **World Patient Safety Day**.

Note:

- It is one of the WHO's global public health days.
- It was established in 2019 by the 72nd World Health Assembly through the adoption of resolution WHA72.6 – Global action on patient safety.
- Theme of Patient Safety Day 2022: Medication without Harm.

4. The International Week of the Deaf (IWD) is observed on the full week ending on which day of September_____ **last Sunday.**

Note:

- In 2022, IWD is being observed from September 19 to 25 September 2022.
- The theme of the 2022: Building Inclusive Communities for All
- It is an initiative of the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) and was first launched in 1958 in Rome, Italy to commemorate the month when the first World Congress of the WFD was held.

5. World Bamboo Day 2022 is observed on which date in order to raise awareness about the conservation of this extremely useful plant_____ **September 18.**

Note:

- This day has been conceptualised by the World Bamboo Organisation (WBO).
- This day also promotes the bamboo industry by highlighting its concerns.
- WBD was officially declared by the World Bamboo Organization on September 18 at the 8th World Bamboo Congress held in Bangkok in 2009.

6. International Equal Pay Day, celebrated on which date to represent the longstanding efforts towards the achievement of equal pay for work of equal value_____ **18 September.**

Note:

- International Equal Pay Day was first observed back in 1996 by the National Committee on Pay Equity.
- The goal was to achieve pay equity. It was not until 2019 that the Equal Pay International Coalition began officially marking it as a day to raise awareness.

7. World Patient Safety Day is observed every year on which date to create awareness about different safety measures that should be taken to ensure patient safety_____ **17 September.**

Note:

- Theme: Medication Safety along with the slogan 'Medication Without Harm' with a call to action to 'Know, Check & Ask'.

8. World Ozone Day or the International Day for the preservation of the Ozone Layer is observed on the which date _____ **16th of September.**

Note:

- The day aims to create awareness about the importance and need of the Ozone layer which is the single protection on Earth against UV rays coming out from the sun.
- Theme: Global Cooperation Protecting Life on Earth.

9. World Lymphoma Awareness Day (WLAD) is held on which date every year to raise the awareness of lymphoma, an increasingly common form of cancer_____ **September 15.**

Note:

- It is a global initiative hosted by the Lymphoma Coalition.

10. International Day of Democracy is observed on which date_____ **September 15.**

Note:

- This year, this day marks the 15th anniversary of the International Day of Democracy.
- This year, the day is focused on the "importance of media freedom to democracy, peace, and delivering on the Sustainable Development Goals".
- The International Day of Democracy was established after a resolution was passed by the United Nations General Assembly in 2007.

11. World Alzheimer's Day is observed every year on which date to raise awareness about neurological disorders _____ **September 21.**

Note:

- The theme 2022: know dementia, know Alzheimer's.
- Alzheimer's disease: It is the most common form of dementia. It destroys the brain cells which causes memory loss, memory changes, erratic behaviour, and loss of body functions.

12. The International Day of Peace is observed globally on which date to promote ideals of peace among nations and people by observing non-violence and ceasefire for 24 hours_____ **September 21.**

Note:

- Theme for the International Day of Peace 2022 is “End racism. Build peace.”
- The day was established in 1981 by the United Nations General Assembly.

New Appointments

- Who will be the 14th Attorney General for India again after KK Venugopal vacates the post_____ **Mukul Rohatgi**.
Note:
 - Mukul Rohatgi has served as AG between June 2014 and June 2017.
 - At the end of June this year, AG Venugopal's tenure was extended for a period of three months or “until further orders”.
 - This extension is set to expire on September 30.
- The Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) has elected whom as its president for 2022-23_____ **Vinod Aggarwal (MD & CEO of Volvo Eicher Commercial Vehicles)**.
Note:
 - He succeeded Kenichi Ayukawa, Executive Vice Chairman & Whole Time Director, Maruti Suzuki India.
 - Earlier, he was served as the vice president of SIAM.
 - The SIAM has also elected MD of Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles and Tata Passenger Electric Mobility, Shailesh Chandra as the vice president for 2022-23.
- IndusInd Bank has approved the re-appointment of whom as managing director and chief executive officer (MD & CEO) for three years with effect from March 24, 2023_____ **Sumant Kathpalia**.
Note:
 - He was appointed as MD & CEO of IndusInd Bank in March 2020.
 - Prior to joining IndusInd Bank, he had stints with Citibank, Bank of America and ABN Amro.
- Who has been appointed as the newest UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador_____ **Ugandan climate activist, Vanessa Nakate**.
Note:
 - Her collaboration with the organisation and recognising her outstanding global advocacy for climate justice for current and future generations.
 - She started her activism in January 2019 with a protest with her siblings and cousins on the streets of Kampala, inspired by Greta Thunberg.
- The Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) has selected whom as the Chairman and Managing Director of NLC India Limited_____ **Prasanna Kumar Motupalli**.
Note:
 - He is currently serving as the Executive Director of NTPC limited.
 - He is a gold medalist in Mechanical Engineering and Master of Business Management in Operation Management, HR Management, Marketing, and Financial Management.
- Who has been assumed charge as Ex-Servicemen Welfare Secretary_____ **Senior bureaucrat, Vijoy Kumar Singh**.
Note:
 - He is a 1990-batch IAS officer of Punjab cadre and has an experience of more than 32 years in administration.
 - He recently served as special secretary in Ministry of Textiles.
- Who has been elected as a member of the Governance Committee of the Asia Pacific Forum (APF)_____ **Arun Kumar Mishra**.
Note:
 - He has also been elected as a member of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) Bureau at the 27th Annual General Meeting of the APF.
 - The GANHRI is one of the largest human rights networks worldwide.
- The Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of whom as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of CSB Bank for three years_____ **Pralay Mondal**.
Note:
 - He was the Deputy Managing Director of the bank since February 17, 2022.
 - He was subsequently appointed as interim MD & CEO with effect from April 1, 2022.
 - Prior to joining CSB Bank, Mondal was Executive Director and Head, of Retail Banking at Axis Bank.
- Who has been appointed as the new Chairman & Managing Director of the India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO) _____ **BVR Subrahmanyam (IAS)**.
Note:
 - He will be replacing LC Goyal.

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the appointment of Subrahmanyam on September 15.
 - A 1987 batch Indian Administrative Services officer of Chhattisgarh cadre, he is currently working as the Secretary, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
10. Who has been named managing director of the CSC e-Governance India SPV, which is run by the central government _____ **Sanjay Kumar Rakesh**.

Note:

- The appointment follows Dinesh Tyagi's resignation from the position, who was instrumental in increasing the number of CSCs from 60,000 in 2014 to over 5 lakh at the moment.
11. Burjeel Holdings, a private healthcare services provider in the MENA region has signed which Bollywood actor as its new brand ambassador _____ **Shah Rukh Khan**.

Note:

- The company is owned by UAE-based Indian entrepreneur Shamsheer Vayalil.
- The actor will appear in a multi-platform advertising campaign in the region for the group that will be unveiled in the coming weeks.

Important News – India

1. Which state legislative assembly has approved the University of Forestry (UOF) Act 2022 _____ **Telangana**.

Note:

- The 'University of Forestry (UOF)' will be the first of its kind in the country.
- With only Russia and China having forest universities in the world, globally, this will be the third university of forestry.
- The Government of Telangana has decided to expand Forest College and Research Institute (FCRI) in Hyderabad into a full-fledged university.

2. Which ministry has recently released the Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MEE-ZOO) report 2022 _____ **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**

Note:

- The report was created on the survey of zoos across India
- India has 147 recognized zoos {large (17), medium (23), small (33), mini-zoos (60) and rescue centres (14)}.
- Top performers Zoo in different categories:
- Large: Vandalur Zoo, TN
- Medium: Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, WB
- Planning element: Vandalur Zoo

3. NCPCR has revamped the online portal E-Baal Nidan. What is the full form of NCPCR _____ **National Commission for Protection of Child Rights**.

Note:

- Aim: For timebound redressal of grievances against violation of child rights.
- Feature: It include bifurcation of complaints based on the nature of the complaint into their subject matters like Juvenile Justice, POCSO, Labour and Education.
- It will be beneficial for the complainants as well as the commission while dealing with complaints.

4. Narikoravan and Kurivikkaran community of belongs to which state _____ **Tamil Nadu**.

Note:

- The Cabinet has cleared the proposal to notify several tribal communities under the ST category in Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Uttar Pradesh.
- Betta-Kuruba community as a synonym of Kadu Kuruba of Karnataka
- Gonds, along with its five sub-castes, in Bhadohi district of Uttar Pradesh
- Hatti community living in Himachal's Sirmour area
- Brijjia community and 11 other tribes from Chhattisgarh

5. Who has launched National Logistics Policy at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi _____ **PM Narendra Modi**.

Note:

- The policy ensures quick last mile delivery, end transport-related challenges, save time and money of the manufacturers, prevent wastage of the agro-products.
- PM also launched Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP) that will bring all the digital services of transportation sector into a single portal
- Under this, Ease of logistics Services -E-Logs has also been started.

6. PM Narendra Modi has released how many wild Cheetahs in Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh, which has been brought from Namibi_____8.
Note:
 - Cheetah was declared extinct from India in 1952.
 - Cheetahs are being introduced in India under Project Cheetah, which is world's first inter-continental large wild carnivore translocation project.
 - Out of the eight Cheetahs, there are 5 female and 3 male Cheetahs.
7. Which organisation has organizing Hackathon 3.0 titled 'KRITAGYA' on promoting 'speed breeding for crop improvement'_____Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).
Note:
 - It will provide an opportunity for Students and others to showcase innovative approaches and technology solutions to promote innovation for crop improvement.
 - Registration for this event is open till 26th September 2022.
8. Who has presented 'INSPIRE' awards to 60 Start-Ups and financial support to over 53,000 students_____Union Science and Technology Minister, Jitendra Singh.
Note:
 - It is instituted by Department of Science and Technology and these innovators will be extended complete incubation support for entrepreneurship journey
 - Annual INSPIRE Awards-MANAK (Million Minds Augmenting National Aspiration and Knowledge) competition attracted an unprecedented 6.53 Lakh ideas and innovations from all States
9. As per the analysis firm Chainalysis, India has been ranked at which place in the 2022 Global Crypto Adoption Index _____Fourth.
 - The index is led by Vietnam for the second consecutive year, emerging as the country that is most eager to embrace cryptocurrency adoption.
 - Aim: To track countries adopting cryptocurrencies or investing in the digital assets.
 - India has categorised cryptocurrency as virtual digital assets (VDA) and profits generated from crypto fall under the 30% tax bracket.
10. Which country has emerged as the second-biggest oil supplier to India after a three-month gap_____Saudi Arabia.
Note:
 - Saudi Arabia has overtaken the Russia by a thin margin, while Iraq retained the top spot in August 2022.
 - India is the world's third biggest oil importer and consumer, shipped in 863,950 barrels per day (bpd) of crude from Saudi Arabia (up 4.8% from the previous month).
 - UAE has ranked four, while Kazakhstan replaced Kuwait to become fifth oil supplier to India, followed by US.
11. Which state has accounts for more than 70% of the 13.81 lakh pending trials in fast-track courts in cases of heinous crimes against women, children and senior citizens _____ UP.
Note:
 - More than 9.33 lakh cases are pending in the fast-track courts of Uttar Pradesh, followed by over 1.4 lakh cases in Maharashtra, 1.06 lakh cases in Tamil Nadu, 71,260 cases in West Bengal and 12,538 cases in Telangana.
 - As many as 3,28,556 cases are pending in the FTSCs across 28 states and Union territories.
12. Jal Shakti Minister, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has declared which state/UT as India's first Swachh Sujal Pradesh _____Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
Note:
 - He handed over the certificate to A&N's LG Admiral DK Joshi.
 - All the villages of Andaman and Nicobar Island have been certified as Har Ghar Jal and verified as open defecation free - ODF plus.
 - On World Water Day (22 March 2021) A&N Islands were declared to have achieved 100% coverage of rural households with tap water connection.
13. Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Dharmendra Pradhan has launched Ramakrishna Mission's 'Awakening' Programme for students of which classes_____I to V.
Note:
 - The NEP 2020 is inspired by the philosophy of Swami Vivekananda.
 - Ramkrishna Mission has a legacy of imparting applied education.
 - NEP 2020 has emphasized on creating value-based educational programs for 9th and 12th in addition to creating programs for classes I to VIII.
14. Which organization has signed an MoU with National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) for the development of sports in India_____National Sports Development Fund (NSDF).

Note:

- NTPC and REC have been provided financial support of 215 crore rupees for the development of sports.
- NTPC: Contributed an amount of Rs115 crore for Archery (5 years).
- REC: Committed an amount of Rs 100 crore to support Women's Hockey, Athletics and Boxing (3 years).

15. The government of India has decided to invite Bangladesh, Egypt, Mauritius, Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Singapore, Spain and UAE as Guest Countries to take part in which meeting during its Presidency _____ **G 20.**

Note:

- International Organisations: UN, IMF, World Bank, WHO, WTO, ILO, FSB, OECD and AU, AUDA-NEPAD and ASEAN, ISA, CDRI and ADB.
- This is a part of the G20 tradition of inviting some Guest Countries and International Organisations (IO) to its meetings and summit.

16. PM Narendra Modi is on two-day visit of which country from September 15 to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit _____ **Samarkand in Uzbekistan.**

Note:

- Mr. Modi has received an invitation from Uzbekistan President Shavkat Mirziyoyev.
- Agenda: To review the grouping's activities over the past two decades and discuss the prospects of multilateral cooperation.
- The SCO is an inter-governmental organisation founded in Shanghai in June 2001

17. Who will lead the Joint Indian Ministerial official delegation in the Global Clean Energy Action Forum _____ **Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh.**

Note:

- The coveted joint convening of the Clean Energy Ministerial CEM13 and Mission Innovation MI-7 will take place from 21st to 23rd of September at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, USA.
- Aim: To bring together thousands of clean energy leaders from across the world to accelerate clean energy innovation and deployment.

18. Which group has overtaken the Tata-led conglomerate with an overall market capitalization on the BSE at over ₹ 22 lakh crore makes it the most valued in India _____ **Adani group.**

Note:

- The combined consolidated revenues and net profit of listed companies of Tata Group were Rs 8.6 trillion and Rs 74,523 crore in FY22 respectively.
- Mukesh Ambani's group of nine companies stood third on the list with a market capitalisation of more than ₹ 17 lakh crore.

Important News – State

1. Which city has implemented a fully digital addressing system that makes Indore the first city in India to do so _____ **Indore (MP).**

Note:

- For this smart city initiative, an MoU was signed with the firm Pataa Navigations.
- Pataa: This organisation has developed patented technology and is working with ISRO to develop a digital addressing system for the nation.
- Users of the Pataa App can upload images of their homes, landmarks, etc, along with their addresses in the full text.

2. Which state has launched Sports Policy 2022 with an aim to reduce bottlenecks from the path of sportspersons in excelling at national and international events _____ **Jharkhand.**

Note:

- Aim: To create the country's first sports digital database for all the players of the state, establishment of a sports university, reservation for sportspersons in jobs and educational institutions.
- The sports policy has been made for a period of five years.

3. The Delhi and which state governments have joined hands to use Pusa bio-decomposer on 5,000 acres of land in the agrarian state to prevent stubble burning which is a major cause of air pollution _____ **Punjab.**

Note:

- Pusa bio-decomposer is a microbial solution that can decompose paddy straw in 15 to 20 days.
- In 2022, the total area under paddy cultivation in Punjab is pegged at 29-30 lakh hectares.
- The state on an average generates around 20 million tons of paddy straw annually.

4. Which state government has launched a web portal named 'CM Da Haisi' (Inform to CM) _____ **Manipur.**

Note:

- Aim: To receive complaints and grievances from the general public.
- The public can raise their grievances in the web portal by logging on to www.cmdahaisi.mn.gov.in.
- With the help of this portal, the complainants can also check the status of their complaints.
- This portal will be used by the Public Grievances Redressal and Anti-Corruption Cell stationed at CM Secretariat.

5. Which state government is ready to introduce a 'no-bag day' rule in schools and a mandatory games period at least once a week to reduce the burden on students_____ **Bihar**.

Note:

- Aim: To engage students in various activities which can positively impact their learning.
- As per the notification, the weekly "no-bag day" will have task-based practical classes.
- At least once a week, students will come to school only with their lunch boxes. They do not need to carry books.

6. Which state government has approved Rs 261 crore for regeneration of coastal ecosystem and to enhance climate resilience among people living on the coast_____ **Odisha**.

Note:

- The government has decided to implement this livelihood action plan from the current year till 2026-27.
- The main coastal landscapes to be treated under the project and would include areas like Bhitarkanika in Kendrapara district, Bahuda and Chilika in Ganjam district, and Devi Mouth, Chilika in Puri district.

Important News – World

1. Mastercard Lighthouse MASSIV has partnered with which international organisation to amplifying the private sector's role in creating a significant positive impact on people_____ **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**.

Note:

- It is a free-of-charge startup partnership program dedicated to helping one billion people live more prosperous and secure lives by 2025.
- Purpose: To support the impact tech companies on their impact measurement and management and connect them to the broader UN initiatives.

2. India has launched a joint whitepaper on 'Urban Wastewater Scenario in India' with which country at World Water Congress and Exhibition 2022_____ **Denmark**.

Note:

- Aim: Capturing the current status of wastewater treatment in India and potential pathways for future treatment structures, co-creation, and collaborations
- The event was attended by Jal Shakti Minister, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat along with Danish Environment Minister Lea Wermelin.

3. In the declaration, the rotational presidency of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) has been handed over to which Samarkand, Uzbekistan_____ **India**.

Note:

- India will hold the presidency of SCO for a year until September 2023 and also host the SCO summit in 2023.
- The leaders of SCO Member States have signed the Samarkand Declaration in the meeting of the Council of Heads of State.
- Member of States has highlighted the impacts of global climate change.

4. India has overtaken which country to emerge as the largest bilateral lender for Sri Lanka_____ **China**.

Note:

- India has provided a total of 968 million US dollars in loans to Sri Lanka in four months of 2022.
- In the past five years from 2017-2021, China has been the largest bilateral lender to Sri Lanka.
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) has been the largest multilateral lender in the past five years and disbursed funds amounting to 610 million dollars in 2021.

5. According to **Bloomberg Billionaires Index**, who has become the second richest person in the world, after surpassing Amazon founder Jeff Bezos_____ **Gautam Adani**.

Note:

- As of 17th September 2022, the net worth of Adani is \$147 billion and Tesla's founder Elon Musk who has net worth of \$264 billion.
- Bezos' net worth has declined \$45.5 billion so far this year while Adani's wealth has jumped by \$70.3 billion.
- Ambani has been ranked tenth on the list with net worth of \$88.7 billion.

6. Which country is the current presidency of Asia-Pacific Institute of Broadcasting Development (AIBD)_____ **India**.

Note:

- The decision was taken unanimously by the AIBD member countries at the two-day General Conference held in New Delhi.
- Currently, CEO of Prasar Bharati and DG of Doordarshan, Mayank Kumar Agrawal is the President of AIBD.
- The conference was inaugurated by Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur.

7. SBI Foundation has partnered with which organisation to generate fine-scale information on Red Panda species at a transboundary level and engage with communities in safeguarding them in the Khangchendzonga landscape of Sikkim and West Bengal_____ **WWF India**.

Note:

- The event was organised at the Himalayan Zoological Park in Gangtok.
- International Red Panda Day is celebrated every year on the third Saturday of September to support Red Panda conservation.
- SBI Foundation is the CSR arm of SBI.

Honor & Awards

1. Who has been honoured with the 13th Social Entrepreneur of the Year (SEOY) Award-India_____ **CEO of Haqdarshak, Aniket Doegar**.

Note:

- The award has been established by Jubilant Bhartia Foundation and Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship.
- Haqdarshak is a tech platform that connects citizens with their eligible government welfare schemes.
- The award has been presented by Anurag Singh Thakur, Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting.

2. Science magazine 'Vigyan Pragati' has received National Rajbhasha Kirti Award at the Second All India Rajbhasha Sammelan held during 14th-15th September 2022 in the Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Indoor Stadium, Surat. This magazine has been published by which organisation_____ **CSIR**.

Note:

- It was organized by Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs.
- Vigyan Pragati is one of India's best popular science magazines and was started by Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) in 1952.

3. Which startup has won the NASSCOM-NIPP GCC Fintech Challenge in the 'Predictive Analytics for Customer Retention' category_____ **TRaiCEInc**.

Note:

- Reason: By showcasing how the platform uses predictive AI to help lenders improve operational efficiencies for faster and safer financing.
- TRaiCEInc is a no-code AI-augmented Early Warning and Business Risk Monitoring System.
- The NIPP GCC Fintech Challenge is a competition where startups can pitch solutions that address in financial services sector.

4. Who has been conferred the top civilian honour of France 'Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur or Knight of the Legion of Honour' by Catherine Colonna (France's Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs)_____ **Dr Swati Piramal**.

Note:

- She has been honoured for her contributions in the fields of business and industry, science, medicine, and towards strengthening Indo-French ties.
- She is the vice-chairperson of the Piramal Group.
- She has also received the Padma Shri in 2012.

5. Which Gujarati Film has been selected as the India's submission to the Best International Feature Film category at the 95th Academy Awards_____ **Chhello Show (Last Film Show)**.

Note:

- This movie was directed by Pan Nalin.
- This movie was honoured the Golden Spike at the 66th Valladolid International Film Festival in 2021.
- This movie was premiered at Tribeca Film Festival in 2021.

Sports News

1. Which country has secured the **South Asian Football Federation (SAFF)** U-17 Championship title after defeating Nepal by 4-0 in the final in Colombo, Sri Lanka_____ **India**.

Note:

- India has played well to lift the title for the fourth time (2013, 2017, 2019, 2022).
- India captain, Vanlalpeka Guite has named the **Most Valuable Player** of the Tournament, while goalkeeper, Sahil won the Best Goalkeeper awards
- SAFF members: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka

2. Which Indian woman wrestler has clinched a bronze in 53-kilogram category at the World Championships, in Belgrade, Serbia_____ **Vinesh Phogat**.

Note:

- She becomes the first Indian woman wrestler to win two medals at the World Championships.
- She has defeated reigning European champion, Emma Malmgren of Sweden.
- This is her second bronze medal at the Championships.

3. Roger Federer has announced his retirement, is associated with which sports_____ **Tennis**.

Note:

- He has played more than 1500 matches over 24 years the Marvel of Tennis exponent Federer.
- He has played his first junior match in 1996 at the age of 14 at a grade 2 tournament in Switzerland.
- He won his first grand slam championship at Wimbledon in 2003 at 21.

4. Rachael Haynes, who has announced her retirement from international cricket at the age of 35, is belong to which country _____ **Australian**.

Note:

- But, she would play one more season for Sydney Thunder in the Women's Big Bash League.
- The left-hand batter has scored 3,818 runs in more than 150 internationals over all three formats since her debut in 2009.
- She has won six global titles with Australia and became the vice-captain in 2018.

5. Who has become the 76th Grandmaster of India in the ongoing World Youth Chess Championship in Mamaia, Romania _____ **Pranav Anand**.

Note:

- He has crossed the 2,500 Elo mark in the ongoing event in Romania.
- He has already met the other requirements that are necessary for a GM title.
- Eligibility to become GM: A player need to secure three GM norms and cross the live rating of 2,500 Elo points.
- He had scored the third and final GM norm at the 55th Biel Chess in Switzerland.

6. Who has secured the 2022 WTA Chennai Open after beating third seed, Magda Linette (Poland) by 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 at the SDAT Stadium, Chennai_____ **Linda Fruhvirtova (Czech)**.

Note:

- At 17 years and 141 days old, she is the youngest titlist of the season on the WTA Tour so far.
- She is the youngest singles champion on tour since Coco Gauff won Parma last year at 17 years, 70 days old.
- Doubles WTS Chennai Open: Gabriela Dabrowski and Luisa Stefani.

7. In men's wrestling, who has secured bronze medal in the men's 65 kg category at World Wrestling Championships _____ **Bajrang Punia**.

Note:

- He defeated Sebastian C Rivera from Puerto Rico by 11-9.
- This is Punia's fourth medal at the Championships, starting his journey with bronze in 2013.
- This is India's second medal at the ongoing edition of the World Wrestling Championships.

8. Which team has defeated Indian Super League (ISL) giants Mumbai City FC by 2-1 to clinch the 131st edition of the Durand Cup at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan in Kolkata_____ **Bengaluru FC**.

Note:

- The goal by Alan Costa in 61st minute gave Bengaluru FC the winning lead against Mumbai.
- The first edition of the competition was played in 1888.

9. Which country has secured the maiden SAFF Women's Championship title at the Dashrath Rangshala Stadium in Kathmandu, Nepal_____ **Bangladesh**.

Note:

- The Bangladesh has defeated hosts Nepal by 3-1 in the finals.
- Sabina Khatun (Bangladesh skipper) has become the top scorer of the tournament with 8 goals in 5 matches.

- She was also named as the Most Valuable Player of the tournament for her extraordinary game.

Books and Authors

1. Who has released a book titled “Ambedkar and Modi: Reformer’s Ideas Performer’s Implementation” in New Delhi _____ **Former President Ram Nath Kovind.**

Note:

- It illustrates life, works and achievements of Dr. B.R Ambedkar and presents a convergence between the ideals of Dr. Ambedkar and New India’s development journey.
- It has been compiled in 12 chapters by Bluekraft Digital Foundation and has a foreword by music composer and Rajya Sabha member Ilaiyaraaja.

2. Noted Film Actor, Manoj Bajpayee has released a book titled Muskurate Chand Lamhe aur Kuchh Khamoshiyan, was authored by whom _____ **Jiwesh Nandan.**

Note:

- The book has been released in presence of Information and Broadcasting Secretary Apurva Chandra in New Delhi.
- The book offers a collection of poems.
- The book has been published by Shobit Arya, the founder and publisher of Wisdom Tree, an Indian publishing organisation.

Science sand Defence

1. Which space agency has agreed to join hands with UAE's Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Centre to land a rover on the Moon aboard a lander developed by the latter _____ **China's space agency.**

Note:

- Presently, the UAE is working on launching a rover to the Moon later 2022, under the Emirates Lunar Mission in a lander.
- The lander has been developed by a Japanese company named ispace.
- Rover named Rashid, is the robotic rover weighing 10 kg will be carried to the Moon inside the HAKUTO-R (lander).

2. The first female camel riding squad of BSF is ready to be deployed along the India-Pakistan border in Rajasthan and which state _____ **Gujarat.**

Note:

- The squad will also participate for the first time in the BSF Raising Day Parade on 1st December.
- This Squad will be the first of its kind in the world.
- This squad has received intensive training at the Bikaner Regional Headquarters of BSF under the supervision of skilled trainers.

3. Indian Navy has decommissioned which INS after rendering 32 years of glorious service to the nation at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai _____ **INS Ajay.**

Note:

- It was commissioned on January 24, 1990 at Poti, Georgia in the erstwhile USSR.
- It was a part of the 23rd Patrol Vessel Squadron under the operational control of Flag Officer Commanding, Maharashtra Naval Area.
- Participation: Op Talwar during Kargil War and Op Parakram in 2001

4. ENC Yachting Championship was conducted by INWTC, INS Circas under the aegis of HQENC at which place _____ **Vishakhapatnam.**

Note:

- The Prize distribution and closing ceremony were facilitated by the Chief Guest, Cmde Sumantra Hazarika, Director MWC (V).
- In total 38 races were conducted in Enterprise Dinghy, ILCA 6, ILCA 7 classes, and BicNova Wind Surfer.
- A total of 46 yachtsmen and 8 yatch women took part in the ENC Yachting Championship.

5. Which country's Heron drones would be equipped with strike capabilities as part of the Indian Air Force's Project Cheetah under the Make in India programme _____ **Israel.**

Note:

- The Project Cheetah aims to improve the Indian Air Force's fleet of Israeli-made Heron unmanned aerial vehicles with stronger communication capabilities and long-range missiles that can hit enemy sites.

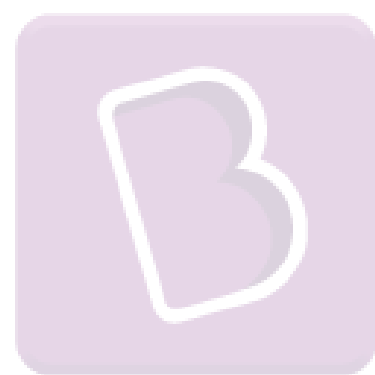
6. How many satellites of OneWeb, the Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite Communications Company has been arrived at Satish Dhawan Space Centre ahead of a planned launch from Sriharikota_____36.

Note:

- The satellites will be launched by the heaviest ISRO rocket, the GSLV-MkIII.
- OneWeb has partnered with NewSpace India Limited (NSIL) to facilitate the launch.
- NSIL is the commercial arm of national space agency Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

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