

Weekly One-liners

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Dear readers,

Weekly One Liners Update is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the third week (15-21st) of January 2023. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. According to SBI Research's latest Ecwrap report, what would be the retail inflation rate of India based on CPI by March 2023 ____ **5%**.
Note:
 - Reason: Latest figures showed a marginal decline and further moderation in retail inflation as compared with the last month.
 - The retail inflation for December 2022 was at 5.72%.
 - For Jan-Mar 2023, the average retail inflation is seen at 4.7%.
2. According to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry data, what was the WPI for December 2022 ____ **4.95%**.
Note:
 - Reason: Due to falling in prices of food articles, especially vegetables, and oilseeds
 - The WPI inflation was 5.85% in November 2022 and 14.27% in December 2021.
 - In a reported period, food articles segment slipped to 0.65 %.
 - The Fuel and power increased marginally from 17.35% in November to 18.09% in December 2022.
3. Which payment bank has received final approval from RBI to operate as a Bharat Bill Payment Operating Unit (BBPOU) ____ **Paytm Payments Bank**.
Note:
 - Under Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS), a BBPOU is allowed to facilitate bill payment services for electricity, phone, gas insurance, loan repayments, credit card bill, and municipal taxes.
 - BBPS is owned by the National Payments Corporation of India.
 - So far, Paytm Payments Bank was undertaking this activity under in-principle authorization from RBI.
4. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has proposed a framework for the adoption of an _____ for provisioning by banks, instead of an 'incurred loss' approach ____ **Expected Loss**.
Note:
 - Presently, banks are required to make loan loss provisions based on an 'incurred loss' approach.
 - Aim: To enhance the resilience of the banking system
 - Adopting the forward-looking expected credit loss approach to estimating loss provisions is likely to result in excess provisions as compared to a shortfall in provisions.
5. According to the RBI report, the GFD of states is budgeted to narrow to 3.4 % of GDP in 2022-23 from 4.1% in 2020-21. In this context of this, what is the full form of GFD ____ **Gross Fiscal Deficit**.
Note:
 - While states' debt is budgeted to ease to 29.5% of GDP in 2022-23 as against 31.1% in 2020-21.
 - But, it is higher than the 20% recommended by the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Review Committee in 2018.
 - The RBI has also advised governments to set up a fund for long-term expenditure when revenue collection is strong.
6. Which bank and Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) signed an agreement to provide financial assistance to the dealers of SAIL across the country ____ **South Indian Bank**.
Note:
 - With the vast network of the bank, they will be able to serve the MSME and corporate customers of SAIL located in different geographies.
 - SAIL has a vast network of dealers who ensure availability of quality steel in virtually all districts of the country.
7. Which organisation has received approval from RBI for its wholly-owned subsidiary to operate as an account aggregator ____ **Protean eGov Technologies**.

Note:

- Account aggregators: They help individuals securely and digitally access and share information from one financial institution (they have an account with) to another regulated financial entity.
- It has also collaborated with the govt to create digital public infrastructure and develop innovative citizen-centric e-governance solutions.

8. As per the directions on “Acquisition and Holding of Shares or Voting Rights in Banking Companies”, issued by the RBI, allowed promoters to hold _____ of the paid-up share capital or voting rights of the bank after the completion of 15 years from the commencement of its business _____ **26%**.

Note:

- The promoters of banking companies may be allowed to hold a higher percentage of shareholding as part of the licensing conditions.

9. Which financial service provider has launched the new phase of its flagship programme 'Girls4Tech' in India _____ **Mastercard**.

Note:

- This programme is supported by the Mastercard Impact Fund and American India Foundation.
- Aim: To reach female students across the country by 2024 to encourage them to take up STEM education.
- STEM refers to Science, Technology, engineering and mathematics.
- STEM courses will be offered to girls aged 8 to 14.

10. Which insurance organisation has launched Jeevan Azad to offer an attractive combination of protection and savings _____ **LIC**.

Note:

- Aim: To offer Individual savings and life insurance
- It is a limited-period payment endowment plan.
- It provides financial support for the family in case of unfortunate death of the life assured during the policy term.
- The minimum age of entry is 90 days completed and the maximum age at entry is 50 years.

11. Which bank becomes the first public sector bank to launch credit cards against fixed deposits digitally _____ **PNB**.

Note:

- Aim: To offer for those account holders, who don't meet the eligibility criteria for regular credit cards.
- The bank offers RuPay or VISA credit cards digitally against single or multiple FDs with 80% credit limit.
- PNB has raised the Interest rates on term deposits below ₹2 crore between one year and three years by 50 basis points to 6.75%.

12. Which General Insurance has partnered with Doers NGO to assist Himachal Pradesh police in reducing the number of traffic accidents under the corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative _____ **SBI General Insurance**.

Note:

- Under this, SBI General has donated a well-equipped ambulance which would provide timely medical care to the road accident victims in Mandi district within the 'Golden hour'.
- MD & CEO of SBI General Insurance: Kishore Kumar Poludasu.

Obituaries

1. Santokh Singh Chaudhary, who passed away at 76, was associated with which political party _____ **Congress**.

Note:

- He was a Cabinet Minister of Punjab and a member of parliament from Jalandhar (Lok Sabha constituency).
- He won the 2014 Indian general election and the Indian general election in 2019.
- He was a cabinet minister from Phillaur in 1992, 1997, and 2002.
- He lost two assembly elections in 2007 and 2012.

2. Mukarram Jah Bahadur who passed away recently was descendants of which royal dynasty _____ **Nizam of Hyderabad**.

Note:

- He was the successor and grandson of the last Nizam of Hyderabad Mir Osman Ali Khan Bahadur.
- He was born to Prince Azam Jah and Princess Durru Shehvar, the imperial princess of the Ottoman Empire, on October 6, 1933, in France.
- He was coronated as Asaf Jah the Eighth on April 6, 1967, after the passing away of Mir Osman Ali Khan in February 1967.

3. David Crosby, who passed away recently, was a veteran _____ **Rock Singer**.

Note:

- He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame with two different groups.
 - He was a founding member of Byrds, and Crosby, Stills & Nash.
 - He was known for his intricate vocal harmonies, unorthodox open tunings on the guitar, and incisive songwriting.
 - He was awarded the Grammy for Best New Artist of 1969 for his debut album "I See You".
4. Lakshmi Vishwanathan, who passed away, was a renowned dancer of which of the following classical dances _____ **Bharatanatyam**.

Note:

- She was awarded many awards such as Kalaimamani from the Tamil Nadu government, and the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award.
- She was a gold medallist in English literature from Madras University.
- She authored four books Kunjamma-Ode to a Nightingale (a biography of M.S. Subbulakshmi); Women of Pride-the Devadasi Heritage; Kapaliswara Temple; and Bharatanatyam: The Tamil Heritage.

Important Days

1. India has observed the 75th India Army Day on which date _____ **January 15**.

Note:

- This day was observed to mark Field Marshall, K M Cariappa, who took over as the first Indian Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army, replacing his British predecessor in 1949.
- The 75th Army Day Parade was held at the MEG and Centre in Bengaluru.
- The event featured a fly-past by the Army Aviation Dhruv and Rudra helicopters and Indian Air Force's Sukhoi-30Mki

2. UNESCO has decided to dedicate the International Day of Education on which date _____ **24th January**.

Note:

- According to UNESCO, currently, around 80% of school-aged Afghan girls and young women are out of school under Taliban rule, as they denied them access to secondary schools and universities.
- UNESCO will also publish a global report, 2023 SDG4 Scorecard

3. India observed which date as National Startup Day _____ **January 16**.

Note:

- The inaugural National Startup Day 2023 Summit and Bharat Startup Awards were hosted in Bangalore.
- In 2022, PM Modi designated this day as National Startup Day.

New Appointments

1. Which has been recommended for the position of MD & CEO at the Bank of Baroda by the FSIB _____ **Debadatta Chand**.

Note:

- While Rajneesh Karnatak was selected for MD & CEO at the Bank of India.
- The final decision on the FSIB recommendation would be taken by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet headed by PM Modi.

2. Who has been selected as the next Chief Economist of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), with effect from 2 May 2023 _____ **Clare Lombardelli (UK Treasury Adviser)**.

Note:

- She has 20 years of experience in economic analysis and policy-making in the United Kingdom.
- She started her career as an economist at the Bank of England.
- She has also worked at 10 Downing Street, and as a technical advisor for the International Monetary Fund.

3. Who was appointed as the Deputy National Security Adviser (NSA) in National Security Council Secretariat for two years _____ **Pankaj Kumar Singh**.

Note:

- He is a 1988-batch IPS officer of the Rajasthan cadre.
- He retired as the BSF chief on December 31, 2022.
- Earlier, he served as Inspector General of the CRPF in Chhattisgarh and IG (Operations) at CRPF, Delhi.
- He has also served in the Rajasthan Police and CBI.

4. Who has been selected as the new chief executive officer (CEO) Cairn Oil & Gas vertical of Vedanta Limited _____ **Nick Walker.**

Note:

- Prior to this post, he served as the president and CEO at Lundin Energy.
- He has also worked in various companies like BP, Talisman Energy, and Africa Oil.
- He has over 30 years of diverse international experience in technical, commercial, and executive leadership roles.

5. Who has been appointed as the administrator of Shooting World Cup 2023 by Delhi High Court _____ **Justice Arjan Kumar Sikri.**

Note:

- He has been appointed to oversee the utilization of funds for the upcoming International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup, which is scheduled to be held in India in March.
- ISSF is the governing body of Olympic shooting events in rifle, pistol, and shotgun disciplines, and of several non-Olympic shooting sport events.

6. Who would replace Jacinda Ardern as the new Prime Minister of New Zealand _____ **Chris Hipkins.**

Note:

- New Zealand's police and education minister Chris Hipkins (44 years) will replace Jacinda Ardern as Prime Minister after emerging as the only candidate nominated to lead the ruling Labour Party.
- He was first elected to parliament for the Labour Party in 2008 and was later being appointed minister for COVID-19 in November 2020.
- New Zealand is an island country in the southwestern Pacific Ocean and is the sixth-largest island country by area.

7. Who has been appointed as the new chief of the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) _____ **Sanjay Mohan.**

Note:

- Apart from him, Rikant Pittie, co-founder of EaseMyTrip, and Yang Li, head-public affairs (APAC), Booking.com, will be the new co-chairs of IAMAI.
- This committee's membership includes MakeMyTrip, Airbnb India, ConfirmTkt, Zophop Technologies and Booking.com.

8. Reed Hastings, who recently stepped down from the post of CEO, was CEO of which organization _____ **Netflix.**

Note:

- Netflix Inc co-founder Reed Hastings is stepping down as chief executive officer (CEO), handing the reins of the streaming service to longtime partner and co-CEO Ted Sarandos and the company's chief operating officer, Greg Peters.
- He had co-founded Netflix as a DVD-by-mail business in 1997, saying the idea came from his frustration at having returned a rental of Apollo 13 to the local Blockbuster, a chain of physical stores in the US from where movies could be rented.

Important News - India

1. PM Modi flagged off the Vande Bharat Express train that connects Secunderabad (Telangana) with which city in Andhra Pradesh on 15th January 2023 _____ **Visakhapatnam.**

Note:

- As per the Railway officials, it will cover a distance of around 700 km in 8 hours and 30 minutes.
- It is the eighth Vande Bharat Express to be introduced by Indian Railways.
- The first Vande Bharat train was launched in 2019, between New Delhi and Varanasi.
- It will enhance the ease of living, and benefit the economy.

2. Union Minister for Science and Technology has launched Geospatial Hackathon to promote Innovation and Start-Ups in India's Geospatial ecosystem. Who is he _____ **Dr. Jitendra Singh.**

Note:

- This hackathon also aims to promote partnerships among the public and private geospatial.
- It was jointly launched by the Survey of India, the Ministry of Science and Technology, IIIT Hyderabad, and Microsoft India.
- There will be two sets of challenges - (1) Research Challenge and (2) Start-Up Challenge

3. The GeM has organized an event to celebrate the success of "Womaniya on GeM" in New Delhi. What is the full form of GeM _____ **Government eMarketplace.**

Note:

- This event was organized in partnership with the Self-Employed Women's Association, Bharat.
 - Presently, over 1,44,000 Udyam-verified women Micro, Small Enterprises are registered on GeM, known as "Womaniya".
 - This initiative was launched in 2019 to encourage women entrepreneurs' participation and SHG from the informal sector on GeM.
4. Earth Sciences Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh announced that India will be covered by Doppler Weather Radar Network by which year _____ **2025**.

Note:

- This announcement was made at the 148th Foundation Day of the Indian Meteorological Department.
 - Aim: To predict extreme weather events more accurately
 - It will enhance weather monitoring capabilities and benefit the farmers to contribute significantly to the economy.
 - IMD has taken proactive steps to increase the Radar Network from a mere 15 in 2013 to 37 in 2023.
5. Which Indian Railway's wholly owned subsidiary has received an order worth ₹170.11 crores from the Puducherry government _____ **RailTel Corporation of India Ltd.**

Note:

- Agenda: To design, develop, supply, install, test, commission, and operations, and maintenance of integrated command control centre (ICCC) and other associated activities for the smart city.
 - The contract is for five years and will be completed in 10 months.
6. The Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music And Culture Amongst Youth (SPIC MACAY), New Delhi Municipal Council, and which ministry have organized 'Music in the Park' series under the name 'Shruti Amrut' _____ **Ministry of Culture**.

Note:

- Under this series, the first event of 2023 was organized in Nehru Park, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi.
 - The concert started with a Sarod performance by Aman Ali Bangash (7th Generation musician from Senia Bangash Gharana)
7. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the second phase of Saansad Khel Mahakumbh 2022-23 in which district of Uttar Pradesh _____ **Basti District of Uttar Pradesh**.

Note:

- It organizes diverse competitions in both indoor and outdoor sports.
 - Apart from these, competitions in essay writing, painting, rangoli making will also be organized.
 - This event is being organized in two phases.
8. Which of the following districts was declared the country's first Constitution-literate district _____ **Kollam**.

Note:

- It is achieved through 'The Citizen', a Constitution literacy campaign.
 - This campaign was jointly launched by the Kollam district panchayat, the District Planning Committee, and the Kerala Institute of Local Administration.
 - Aim: To provide constitution literacy to 23 lakh citizens belonging to 7 lakh families in the district.
9. Who has laid the foundation stone and inaugurated several projects in the northern districts of Yadgiri, and Kalaburagi (Karnataka), and Maharashtra _____ **PM Modi**.

Note:

- Developmental projects in Yadgiri district: Related to irrigation, drinking water, and NH development project
 - Kalaburagi district: Distribution of title deeds to the eligible beneficiaries of newly declared revenue villages.
 - Maharashtra: Inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of projects worth around ₹38,800 crores
10. The Ministry of Tourism will organize the first Global Tourism Investors Summit from 10th to 12th April 2023 in which state/UT _____ **Pragati Maidan, New Delhi**.

Note:

- Aim: To bring together global policymakers and business leaders to understand and explore Tourism Business opportunities in India
 - In this regard, Tourism Ministry has organized a Roadshow for the Northern region, Chandigarh.
 - Focus: Promoting India as an investment destination for travel, tourism, and hospitality
11. Along with Adani Enterprises, and Ashok Leyland, which organization has signed a deal to develop Asia's first hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric Truck (FCET) for mining logistics and transportation _____ **Ballard Power**.

Note:

- The FCET is scheduled to be launched in India in 2023.
- The demonstration project will be led by Adani Enterprises Limited.

- Ballard will supply the FCmove™ fuel cell engine for the hydrogen truck.
 - Ashok Leyland will provide the vehicle platform and technical support.
12. Warehousing Development Regulatory Authority (WDRA) signed an MoU with which bank to facilitate farmers in providing low-interest rate loans _____ **SBI**.
- Note:**
- Reason: To promote awareness about the new loan product called Produce Marketing Loan to exclusively fund against e-NWRs (electronic Negotiable Warehouse Receipt).
 - It also aimed to provide information to depositors about the benefits, besides doing further outreach activities to improve agricultural pledge finance in India.
13. The annual meeting of the World Economic Forum started in which country from 16-20 January, 2023 _____ **Davos, Switzerland**.
- Note:**
- The theme of the 53rd annual event is 'Cooperation in a Fragmented World'.
 - Aim: To address the pressing issues the world is facing and promote innovative solutions
 - A range of topics will be discussed at the 2023 meeting - New Energy, Climate Change, Jobs, Travel and Tourism, Health, Tech, and Banking.
14. The first G20 Health Working Group meeting has started at which state _____ **Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala**.
- Note:**
- It was attended by Bharati Pravin Pawar (MoS Health and Family Welfare) and V. Muraleedharan (MoS External Affairs).
 - Focus: Health emergencies prevention, preparedness and response; strengthening cooperation in the pharmaceutical sector; and digital health innovations to aid universal health coverage
 - Other locations of HWG meetings: Goa, Hyderabad, and Gandhinagar
15. First Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group Meeting of G20 will be held from 9th to 11th Feb in which city of India _____ **Bengaluru**.
- Note:**
- Aim: promotion of the blue economy along with coastal sustainability, restoration of degraded lands and ecosystems, enhancement of biodiversity and circular economy
 - Conference focused on Master Planning and Building the National Capacity for species Management & Conservation Breeding
16. Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended All India Conference of Directors General and Inspectors General of Police 2022 in which state/UT _____ **New Delhi**.
- Note:**
- It is a three-day conference which was inaugurated by Home Minister Amit Shah.
 - Conference held discussions on futuristic themes in policing and security, Cyber Crime, Technology in Policing, Counter Terrorism challenges, Left Wing Extremism, Capacity Building, and Prison Reforms.
17. Business20 (B20) inception meeting will be held in which state of India from January 22-24 as a part of India's G 20 presidency _____ **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**.
- Note:**
- It will be held to formulate policy recommendations to be submitted to G20 ahead of the leaders' summit and will be the first of 15 events that the state is set to organize as part of India's G20 presidency.
 - More than 150 policymakers, business executives, CEOs, and senior executives will take part in the inaugural meeting.

Important News - State

1. Which state has become the first State in India to implement a blindness control policy to ensure the "right to sight" _____ **Rajasthan**.
- Note:**
- This drive aims to reduce the rate of blindness and bring light into the lives of people suffering from visual impairment
 - The prevalence rate of blindness was 1.1% in 2020, aimed to bring it down to 0.3% through the policy
 - The State government would mandatorily run keratoplasty centres for cornea transplants and eye banks in medical colleges
2. NTPC Renewable Energy Ltd (NTPC REL) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with which state government for the development of Floating and Ground Mounted based Renewable Energy Projects in the state _____ **Tripura**.
- Note:**

- This MoU was signed by Rajiv Gupta (Chief GM, NTPC REL) and Mahananda Debbarma (DG and CEO, Tripura Renewable Energy Development Agency).
 - It also embarks upon the journey towards the development of large-sized Renewable Energy Projects in Tripura.
3. Which state government launched its first major education project, 'Schools of Eminence' on 21st January 2023 _____ **Punjab**.

Note:

- It will be launched at the Indian School of Business (ISB), Mohali.
 - Under the project, the state government will upgrade existing govt schools into 'Schools of Eminence' for classes 9 to 12.
 - Under phase 1, the govt plans to upgrade nearly 110 government schools as 'Schools of Eminence'.
 - The Punjab govt had set aside a fund of Rs 200 crore for this project.
4. Kanti Velugu initiative was launched by which state government _____ **Telangana**.

Note:

- Telangana CM, K Chandrasekhar Rao launched the second phase of 'Kanti Velugu' initiative in Khammam district on January 18, 2023.
 - It is considered to be the world's largest eye screening programme.
 - It is a free eye screening programme
 - It will be organized at the special health camps for 100 days with 1500 medical teams
 - 1st phase: It was conducted for eight months by 827 health teams
 - The health camps will commence on January 19 in the rest of the state.
5. Which state government has signed a deal with Taiwan's Gogoro and automotive system maker Belrise Industries for an investment of \$2.5 billion for eight years _____ **Maharashtra**.

Note:

- Reason: To establish batteries as a leading source for mobility and energy storage in Maharashtra
- Gogoro is known for its green-hued battery swap distribution network for riders in Taiwan.
- India's Belrise Industries Ltd produces about one-third of all two-wheel and three-wheel chassis made in the country.

Important News - World

1. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) awarded \$ 425 million to which aircraft industry company for the agency's sustainable flight demonstrator project _____ **Boeing**.

Note:

- Boeing and NASA will work together to build, test, and fly a full-scale demonstrator aircraft.
- They will also validate technologies, that aimed to lower emissions.
- NASA will invest \$425 million and the remaining amount of the agreement funding (estimated at 725 million dollars) will be contributed by the Boeing and its partners.

2. During the visit to Maldives, EAM Dr. S Jaishankar announced an additional grant of how much Maldivian Rufiyaa for community development projects in Maldives _____ **100 Million Maldivian Rufiyaa**.

Note:

- He also witnessed an MoU between Maldivian National University and Kochi University of Science & Technology.
- He has also announced that India has handed over two sea ambulances to help the Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF).
- India has completed 23 out of 45 impactful community development projects.

3. Which mobile application was fined 5.5 million euros (\$5.95 million) by the Data Privacy Commissioner (DPC) of Ireland for an additional breach of the EU's privacy laws _____ **WhatsApp**.

Note:

- The DPC acts as the EU's lead privacy regulator for Meta.
- The DPC has issued a similar order to Meta's other main platforms, Facebook and Instagram, which stated Meta must reassess the legal basis upon which it targets advertising through the use of personal data.

4. How many Indian companies have been featured in the list of the world's top 10 most valuable IT service brands list, released by Brand Finance's rankings for 2023 _____ **Four**.

Note:

- Four Indian companies are TCS (2), Infosys (3), HCLTech (8), and Wipro (9).

- While Accenture has succeeded in retaining its position as the most valuable IT services brand for the fifth consecutive year.
 - While IBM ranked fourth followed by Capgemini, NTT Data, Cognizant.
5. According to the report, released by the Dealroom and London & Partners, India ranked ____ globally with USD \$24.1\$ billion worth of venture capital (VC) investments in 2022 ____ **4th**.

Note:

- The United States of America (USA) with a USD \$233.3\$ billion tech investment topped the list, followed by China (USD 48 billion) and the United Kingdom (UK) (USD \$29.9\$ billion).
 - As per the research, USD \$10.7\$ billions of the total tech investment to India went into Bengaluru-based companies.
6. Name the Indian, who has been ranked second on Brand Finance's list of the world's top CEOs ____ **Mukesh Ambani**
- Note:**
- Top performer of Brand Guardianship Index 2023: Jensen Huang (Nvidia CEO).
 - The Index was released annually by brand valuation consultancy Brand Finance, celebrates CEOs who balance the needs of commercial success with long-term brand building and personal reputation management.
 - Satya Nadella has been slipped to 3rd place, followed by Sundar Pichai.

Honor & Awards

1. R'Bonney Gabriel is associated with which country who has been crowned the Miss Universe 2022 at the 71st Miss Universe pageant organized in New Orleans, Louisiana ____ **USA**.

Note:

- She is a model, fashion designer, and sewing instructor who prioritizes the environment in her work.
 - She is also the first Filipino American to win Miss USA.
 - Amanda Dudamel from Venezuela was the first runner-up, and Andreína Martínez from the Dominican Republic was the second runner-up.
2. DNPA has announced Digital Impact awards 2023 in eight categories. What is the full form of DNPA ____ **Digital News Publishers Association**.

Note:

- The Digital News Publishers Association (DNPA) has announced Digital Impact awards 2023 in eight categories.
 - Categories (Best Use of Digital Media):
 - For Health – CoWIN App
 - For Women & Child Welfare Reforms – (A) Poshan Tracker App, (B) Himmat Plus Ap
 - For Ease of Living –Digilocker
 - For Financial Reforms – PMJDY
 - For Human Resource Development & Education – DIKSHA
 - For Sustainability and Environment Protection – CAMPA
3. Name the writer who won the first-ever Federal Bank Literary Award 2022 for his autobiography 'Oranweshananthinte Katha' ____ **K Venu**.

Note:

- The award was presented by the chairman and independent director of the Federal Bank, Balagopal Chandrasekhar.
 - It was presented at an event held as part of the ongoing sixth edition Kerala Literature Festival, Kozhikode beach.
 - The prize money was handed over by Nandakumar V (executive vice-president of the bank).
4. Which Indian film has won the Critics Choice Awards 2023 in the Best Foreign Language Film category ____ **RRR**.

Note:

- India's 'RRR' directed by SS Rajamouli has won the Critics Choice Awards 2023 in the Best Foreign Language Film category and Best Song category for 'Naatu Naatu'
- Television:
 - Best Actor: Bob Odenkirk (Best Drama Series: Better Call Saul)
 - Best Actress: Zendaya (Euphoria)
- Film:
 - Best Actor: Brendan Fraser (The Whale as Charlie)
 - Best Actress: Cate Blanchett (Tár)

- Best Director: Daniel Kwan and Daniel Scheinert (Best Movie: Everything Everywhere All at Once)
5. Which bank was awarded the Best Small Bank Award 2022 under the category of banks with a book size of less than ₹1 lakh crore, in the Best Banks Survey for the year 2022 conducted by Business Today-KPMG _____ **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (TMB).**

Note:

- The award was presented by Union Minister, Nitin Gadkari to S.Krishnan (TMB MD and CEO).
 - TMB was awarded under the category of banks with a book size of less than ₹1 lakh crore.
 - BT-KPMG: It is conducting BT-KPMG Best banks survey and awarding the best banks with 37 parameters.
6. The writer of the book titled, 'Broke to Breakthrough' has won Gaja Capital Business Book Prize 2022. Who is he _____ **Harish Damodaran.**

Note:

- This book is a detailed and perceptive account of the rise of dairy company Hatsun Agro and its founder R.G. Chandramogan.
 - Gaja Capital Business Book Prize:
 - It was instituted in 2019.
 - Aim: To encourage Indian entrepreneurs, writers, and journalists to tell stories
7. "Naanera" has won the 'Golden Kailasha' award for the best movie at the 8th Ajanta-Ellora film festival. This movie belongs to which regional cinema _____ **Rajasthani.**

Note:

- It was directed by Deepankar Prakash.
 - It has also bagged awards for best director, best screenplay, and best editor.
 - Best Actress: Akshatha Pandavapura
 - Best Actor: Jeetu Kamal (Bengali film: Aparajito)
 - As many as 55 films were screened in this five day film festival.
8. Dr Sanduk Ruit, who won the top civilian award of Bahrain, the ISA Award for Service to Humanity, is associated with which country _____ **Nepal.**

Note:

- He is a co-founder of the Himalayan Cataract Project.
- He is a pioneer in delivering high-quality microsurgical procedures in remote eye camps.
- The award carries a cash prize (\$1 million), a certificate, and a gold medal
- He was awarded the Honorary Officer of the Order of Australia (2007), the Ramon Magsaysay Award (2006), and Padma Shri (2018).

Sports News

1. Name the Indian duo in tennis who won the men's double Bangkok Open title 2023 organized at Nonthaburi, Thailand _____ **Yuki Bhambri and Saketh Myneni.**

Note:

- They defeated Christopher Rungkat and Akira Santillan (Indonesian-Australian team).
 - With this win, Yuki will get a career-high doubles rank of 90 and Saketh should also touch a career-best 74 in the ATP doubles chart.
 - They will next compete in the Australian Open where they have been given a wild card entry.
2. Yonex- Sunrise India Open 2023, also known as India Open, is being organized in which sports complex from 17-22 January 2023 _____ **KD Jadhav Indoor Hall.**

Note:

- The tournament organized at the KD Jadhav Indoor Hall.
 - Since 2008, it will be the first time when India Open is organized in the super 750 status category.
 - The tournament will see some top players from 29 countries, and a total of 97 players will compete in various categories.
3. Which media company has won the bid for the media rights for the Women's IPL for a whopping Rs 951 crore for five years _____ **Viacom 18.**

Note:

- The auction for the T20 League was conducted by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) in Mumbai.
- BCCI will launch the Women's Indian Premier League in March 2023.
- The detailed terms and conditions governing the tender process including eligibility requirements etc. are contained in the 'Invitation to Tender' (ITT).

4. Who won the men's singles Malaysia Open title 2023, after defeating Kodai Naraoka from Japan ____ **Viktor Axelsen.**

Note:

- While Akane Yamaguchi (Japanese player) lifted the title in the women's final, after beating South Korea's An Se-young.
- Men's doubles: Fajar Alfian and Muhammad Rian Ardianto (Indonesia)
- Women's doubles: Chen Qingchen and Jia Yifan (China)
- Mixed doubles: Zheng Siwei and Huang Yaqiong (China)

5. Name the India cricketer who become the fifth Indian player to score a double-hundred in the One Day International (ODI) match against New Zealand ____ **Shubman Gill.**

Note:

- With this feat, he has broken several records including the fastest Indian to score 1,000 runs in ODI cricket (19 ODI innings).
- He has also broken the records of Shikhar Dhawan and Virat Kohli, who complete 1,000 runs in 24 innings.
- He also broke Tendulkar's record of the highest individual score against New Zealand in an ODI.

6. Who has defeated Aditya Mehta by 9-6 to win the final of the 'Baulkline' NSCI All India Snooker Open 2023 ____ **Laxman Rawat of Petroleum Sports Promotion Board (PSPB).**

Note:

- Cash prize: Rs 3 lakh (winner); Rs 1.5 lakh (Runner-up)
- NSCI Snooker Open Crown is a snooker tournament, organized by the National Sports Club of India (NSCI).
- This is open to players from all over India and features a best-of-17-frame final.

7. Which team has lifted the 14th CEC Ice Hockey Cup 2023 in the men's category, after defeating the Humas Warriors Drass ____ **Friends Pashkum.**

Note:

- While in the women's category, DownHill Kargil won the cup, after beating Wakha Mulbekh.
- CEC LAHDC Kargil, Feroz Ahmad was the chief guest of this event.
- The tournament was held in Ladakh and was participated by 27 teams, including 4 Women's teams.
- The efforts of the Rural Development Dept and Youths service and Sports Dept were appreciated.

Books and Authors

1. Who is a writer of a book titled 'COACHING BEYOND: My Days with the Indian Cricket Team' ____ **R. Kaushik & R. Sridhar.**

Note:

- The book reflects primarily on R. Sridhar's seven-year coaching tenure with the Indian cricket team as its fielding coach.
- This book isn't as technical as it is anecdotal.

Science and Defence

1. European officials and Carl XVI Gustaf (Swedish King) have inaugurated the first mainland orbital launch complex of the European Union in which country ____ **Sweden.**

Note:

- Aim: To bolster the capacity to launch small satellites into space with a new launchpad in Arctic Sweden.
- The new facility should complement the EU's current launching capabilities in French Guiana.

2. Astronomers from McGill University in Canada and which institute detected a radio signal, originating from atomic hydrogen in a distant galaxy ____ **Indian Institute of Science (IISc).**

Note:

- The signal was detected with the help of data from the Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT) in Pune.
- The findings have been published in the Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society.
- It is also the first confirmed detection of strong lensing of 21 cm emission from a galaxy.

3. According to a report, the Shukrayaan I, the ISRO Venus mission may be delayed until which year ____ **2031.**

Note:

- The mission was scheduled to launch in December 2024
- The concept was conceived in 2012

- After five years, the Department of Space received a 23% increase in the 2017–2018 budget and ISRO started preliminary investigations
 - The best time to launch from Earth to Venus is once every 19 months or thereabouts
4. Which Indian institute incubated firm has developed an Indigenous Mobile Operating System named 'BharOS' _____ **IIT Madras.**

Note:

- About BharOS:
 - It can be installed on commercial off-the-shelf handsets.
 - It provides access to trusted apps from organization-specific Private App Store Services (PASS).
 - It comes with No Default Apps (NDA), which means that users are not forced to use apps that they may not be familiar with or that they may not trust.
 - Developed by: JandK Operations Private Limited
5. A Science Literature Festival 'Vigyanika' will be organized from 22-23 January 2023 at the Indian International Science Festival (IISF) in which state of India _____ **Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.**

Note:

- "Science Literature Festival" is being organized as part of the 8th IISF.
 - In 2023, IISF is being coordinated and organized by the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Ministry of Science & Technology, and Vijnana Bharati.
6. The Geotail spacecraft ended after 30 years in orbit due to the failure of the spacecraft's remaining data recorder. This was a mission operation of NASA and which space agency _____ **JAXA.**

Note:

- Reason: Failure of the spacecraft's remaining data recorder.
 - This mission was launched on July 24, 1992.
 - Geotail orbited Earth had gathered an immense dataset on the structure and dynamics of the magnetosphere, Earth's protective magnetic bubble.
 - It was originally slated for a four-year run, but the mission was extended due to its high-quality data return.
7. The fifth and last vessel of the series of Fast Patrol Vessels (FPV), the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) ship 'Kamla Devi' was commissioned at Kolkata, West Bengal. It was designed, built, and delivered by which ship building and repairing company _____ **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd.**

Note:

- ICGS Kamla Devi:
 - It is 48.9 meters long and 7.5 meters wide with a displacement of 308 Tons.
 - It has three engines and water jets.
 - It is capable of a top speed of 34 knots and an endurance of over 1,500 nautical miles.
8. Which edition of the bilateral naval exercise between India and France 'VARUNA' was organized on the Western Seaboard from 16 -20 January 2023 _____ **21st.**

Note:

- It will witness advanced air defense exercises, tactical manoeuvres, surface firings, underway replenishment, and other maritime operations.
 - This exercise will provide an opportunity to learn best practices from each other.
 - It was initiated in 1993 and was christened 'VARUNA' in 2001.
9. Which edition of "SAINYA RANAKSHETRAM 2.0" was organized by the Indian Army under the aegis of HQ Army Training Command from October 2022 to January 2023 _____ **Second.**

Note:

- Aim: To provide a platform to identify indigenous talent in niche domains and enhance the standard of training in domains of Cyber Deterrence, Security Software Coding, Electro Magnetic Spectrum Operations.
10. The 14th edition of Aero India 2023 will be held in which city from 13-17 February 2023 _____ **Yelahanka, Bengaluru.**

Note:

- This event will be a combination of the major trade exhibition of the aerospace and defence industries as well as an aerial display by IAF.
- It will also be participated by global leaders and big investors in the aerospace industry.
- This platform provides a unique opportunity for the exchange of information, and new developments in the aviation industry.

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