

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 **first week** (1-7th) of **January 2023**. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. Which state government has signed an agreement with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for a power project worth Rs 2,275 crore _____ **Tripura**.
Note:
 - Of the total cost of the project, the state government would spend an amount of Rs 455 crore.
 - The project include the replacement of Rokhia's existing 63 MW (3X21 MW) Open Cycle power project with a 120 MW Combined Cycle power project.
 - The project would also boost the efficiency of the Gumti hydroelectric power plant in Gomati district.
2. SBI Cards has partnered with which bank to launch three variants of co-brand credit cards i.e. ELITE, PRIME, and SimplySAVE for the bank's customer _____ **Punjab & Sind Bank**.
Note:
 - PSB SBI Card ELITE and PSB SBI Card PRIME have been designed to offer lifestyle privileges and best in class experience to premium and mass premium customers, respectively.
 - PSB SimplySAVE SBI Card offers rewarding experience to value conscious customers.
3. Which Mutual Funds provider has signed an agreement with LIC MF to transfer its schemes of _____ to LIC MF to comply with Regulation 7B of SEBI MF Regulations _____ **IDBI MF**.
Note:
 - MF rules prohibit a single promoter from owning more than 10% stake in multiple asset management companies.
 - Since LIC took over IDBI Bank in 2019, the insurance major ended up holding a majority stake in both LIC MF and IDFC MF.
 - Hence, the life insurer had only two options — either to sell one of MF or merge the two.
4. The government of India has collected how much gross GST revenue during December 2022 _____ **Rs 1,49,507 crore**.
Note:
 - Out of which, CGST is Rs 26,711 crore, SGST is Rs 33,357 crore, IGST is Rs 78,434 crore and Cess is Rs 11,005 crore.
 - The revenues for December 2022 are 15% higher than the GST revenues in December 2021.
 - The total revenue of Centre and the States after regular settlements in the month of December 2022 is Rs 63,380 crore for CGST and Rs 64,451 crore for the SGST.
5. Who has launched Utkarsh 2.0, the second phase of RBI's medium-term strategy for strengthening regulatory and supervisory mechanism ____ **RBI Governor, Shaktikanta Das**.
Note:
 - The Vision in Utkarsh 2.0 that will guide RBI over the period 2023-25 are:
 - Excellence in performance of its functions
 - Strengthened trust of citizens and Institutions in the RBI
 - Enhanced relevance and significance in national and global roles
 - Transparent, accountable and ethics-driven internal governance
6. India has signed various loan agreements with which International bank to boost the infrastructure sector of Maharashtra, Assam and Chennai (TN) _____ **Asian Development Bank (ADB)**.
Note:
 - A loan agreement of 350 million US dollars was signed to improve connectivity in Maharashtra.
 - Govt also signed agreement worth 300 million US dollars to upgrade over 300 Km of State highways and district roads in Assam.

- A 220 million dollar loan agreement was signed to improve energy security, and resilience of the power sector in Tripura.
7. Which bank has partnered with Microsoft in the next phase of its digital transformation _____ **HDFC Bank**.
- Note:**
- Aim: To unlock business value by transforming the application portfolio, modernising the data landscape, and securing the enterprise with Microsoft Cloud.
 - The bank is developing in-house intellectual properties (IP) as well as partnering with several companies.
 - The bank has leveraged Microsoft Azure to consolidate and modernise its enterprise data landscape by Federated Data Lake.
8. Which organisation has launched a program created to nurture and co-innovate with the startup ecosystem in India named 'i3 Launchpad' _____ **India Accelerator**.
- Note:**
- This has been developed in collaboration with ICICI Bank and Infosys Finacle.
 - Objective: To support a community of entrepreneurs who are on a mission to create brands that can have a global impact.
 - The program is open to startups across all industries and will onboard two cohorts a year, with a target of 12-18 startups in each cohort.
9. Which health insurance provider has signed a corporate agency agreement with Sundaram Finance Limited to increase the customer portfolio _____ **Niva Bupa Health Insurance Company**.
- Note:**
- Sundaram Finance will use its network across the country to reach out to customers as part of this partnership
 - Niva Bupa's select range of indemnity plans would be offered to Sundaram Finance's growing customers
10. Which bank has launched its campaign 'Jahaan _____, Wahaan Trust', featuring cricketer Sourav Ganguly as its brand ambassador _____ **Bandhan Bank**.
- Note:**
- The campaign was conceptualised by Leo Burnett Orchard.
 - Bandhan was constituted in 2001 as a not-for-profit entity.
 - The RBI had accorded 'universal banking licence', following which the Bank has started operating on August 23, 2015.
 - Objective: To bring in financial inclusion and women empowerment
11. According to the annual report of Ombudsman Schemes, 2021-22, released by the RBI, the complaints received under ombudsman schemes has been increased by how much percent in 2021-22 _____ **9.39%**.
- Note:**
- The volume of complaints received under the RB-IOs and consumer education and protection cells stood at 4,18,184 in 2021-22.
 - About 42% complaints were related to the digital modes of payment and transactions.
 - Reserve Bank - Integrated Ombudsman Scheme (RB-IOs) was launched on November 12, 2021.
12. RBI has lifted restrictions on which financial institution for loan recovery via third-party services _____ **Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Limited**.
- Note:**
- On September 22, 2022, RBI had directed Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services to immediately cease carrying out any recovery or repossession activity through outsourcing arrangements, till further orders.
 - Mahindra Finance could continue recovery or repossession activities through its own employees.
13. Which bank has launched 'digital solutions for exporters', a comprehensive set of banking and value-added services on a single platform _____ **ICICI Bank**.
- Note:**
- Aim: To simplify the journey of exporters by decongesting the current time-intensive manual procedures
 - It will digitise the entire export life-cycle from discovery of export markets, foreign exchange services to receipt of export incentives.
 - Key services: Insta EPC, Trade accounts, Paperless exports solutions, and many more
14. Which insurance company has launched iTerm Prime Insurance plan catering to the need of self-employed individuals with a special 10% discount on first-year premium _____ **Aegon Life Insurance**.
- Note:**
- It offers a minimum sum assured of ₹25 lakhs, with no upper limit on a consumer's requirement.
 - It also offers a 'Special Exit Value' option that allows the policyholder to get all premiums back when they turn 55 years old.

- It is designed to encourage emerging India to gain access to life insurance.
15. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the proposal of SBI Funds Management to acquire up to how much percent of the paid-up equity capital of Equitas Small Finance Bank through the schemes of SBI Mutual Fund (SBI MF) _____ **9.99%**.

Note:

- The banking regulator's approval is subject to compliance with the relevant regulations issued by RBI and SEBI and is valid for one year till 2 January 2024.

16. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued a periodic updation of KYC details for customers. What is the full form of KYC _____ **Know Your Customer**.

Note:

- As per the release, a fresh process of KYC can be done by visiting a bank branch, or remotely through a video-based Customer Identification Process (V-CIP).
- If there is no change in the KYC, a self-declaration from the individual customer is sufficient to complete the re-KYC process.
- Customers can use registered details (Such as ATMs) to do re-KYC.

17. RBI has selected how many entities for the 'Test Phase' under regulatory sandbox for the theme 'Prevention and Mitigation of Financial Frauds' _____ **Six**.

Note:

- The selected entities will commence testing of their products from February 2023.
- The six entities are Bahwan Cybertek, Crediwatch Information Analytics, enStage Software (Wibmo), HSBC in collaboration with Wibmo, napID Cybersec and Trusting Social.
- Aim: To promote efficiency and bring benefits to consumers

18. GoldenPi Technologies has issued a debt broker license from which organisation _____ **SEBI**.

Note:

- With the development, GoldenPi became the first online bond platform provider to receive a debt brokerage license from Sebi.
- In 2022, SEBI has introduced regulations for online debt trading platforms.
- As per this platform, no company or individual shall act as an online bond platform provider without the certificate of registration as a stock broker under the SEBI Regulations, 2021.

19. Which bank has partnered with OPEN to provide a fully native digital current account journey for its customers including SMEs, freelancers, homepreneurs, influencers and more _____ **Axis Bank**.

Note:

- This agreement offers the larger business community access to the holistic banking experience of Axis Bank with OPEN's end-to-end financial automation tools for business management.
- This is Axis Bank's first-ever partnership with a fintech player to launch a fully digital current account.

Obituaries

1. Arata Isozaki, who has been passed away at the age of 91, was a veteran _____ **Architect**.

Note:

- He was also known as a post-modern giant, who blended culture and history of the East and the West in his designs.
- He was awarded the awarded the RIBA Gold Medal in 1986 and the Pritzker Architecture Prize in 2019.
- He started his architectural career under the apprenticeship of Japanese legend Kenzo Tangem who won Pritzker prize in 1987.

2. Dr Manjula Subramaniam, who has been passed away at the age of 74 due to health complications, was a first woman chief secretary of which state _____ **Gujarat**.

Note:

- She was appointed as the first woman chief secretary of Gujarat in 2007.
- PM Narendra Modi was the Chief Minister of Gujarat then.
- After retirement, she was appointed as chief vigilance commissioner of Gujarat.

3. Veteran R Krishnakumar, who has been passed away at the age of 84, was associated with which organisation _____ **Tata group**.

Note:

- He started working for Tata Administrative Services in 1963 and joined Tata Global Beverages (erstwhile Tata Finlay) in 1965.

- He had also worked through Tata Global Beverages' transformation into Tata Tea and became VP of South India Plantations in 1982.
 - He was honoured with the India's fourth highest civilian honour, Padma Shri in 2009 for contributions to the country's trade and business.
4. Siddeshwara Swamiji, who has been passed away at the age of 82, was one of the prominent Lingayat seers in which state _____ **Karnataka**.

Note:

- He was born and brought up in Bijjaragi, Vijayapura in Karnataka.
 - He was often referred to as the 'Walking God of North Karnataka'.
 - He was ordained as a math seer by his guru, Vedanta Kesari Sri Mallikarjuna Mahashivayogi.
5. Sumitra Sen, who has been passed away at the age of 89, was as noted exponent of which music form _____ **Rabindra Sangeet**.

Note:

- Her rendition of songs include Jokhon Porbe Na Mor, Sokhi Vabona Kahare Bole and Mone Ki Dwidha.
 - In 2012, she was honoured with the Sangeet Mahasamman award by West Bengal government.
 - Rabindra Sangeet also known as Tagore Songs, are songs from the Indian subcontinent written and composed by the Bengali polymath Rabindranath Tagore.
6. Walter Cunningham, who has been passed away at the age of 90, was the last surviving astronaut from which space mission of NASA _____ **NASA's Apollo programme**.

Note:

- He was one of the three astronauts of Apollo 7 mission, that was launched in 1968 and lasted for 11 days.
- Before joining NASA, he was enlisted in the US Navy and began training as a pilot in 1952.

Important Days

1. World Braille Day has observed on which date to spread the significance of Braille as a form of communication for the partially sighted and blind _____ **January 4**.

Note:

- The United Nations has been commemorating the day since 2019.
- World Braille Day also commemorates the birth anniversary of Louis Braille, who was born on January 4, 1809.

2. The World Day of War Orphans is observed on which date every year _____ **January 6**.

Note:

- Aim: To raise awareness about children orphaned in wars.
- These children are subjected to hardships that are more than just physical neglect after losing their caregivers.

3. Global Family Day is celebrated on which date each year _____ **January 1**.

Note:

- Aim: To create a sense of unity, community and brotherhood across nations and cultures through the idea of families.
- This day is celebrated to discourage unwarranted negative attitudes towards other cultures, nations, which may breed hatred, encourage social aloofness and lead to violence.

4. Which country has sponsored the proposal to designate the year 2023 as International Year of Millets (IYM) _____

India.

Note:

- It was accepted by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).
- The declaration has been instrumental for the Government of India to be at the forefront in celebrating the IYM.
- PM Narendra Modi has also shared his vision to make IYM 2023 a 'People's Movement' alongside positioning India as the 'Global Hub for Millets'.

New Appointments

1. IDBI Bank's Board of Directors have approved the re-appointment of whom as Deputy Managing Director (DMD) for a period of one year with effect from January 15, 2023 _____ **Suresh Kishinchand Khatanhar**.

Note:

- This re-appointment is as per approval of the Reserve Bank of India received in this regard.
- Khatanhar has joined IDBI Bank in 1997 from Dena Bank.
- He was appointed as DMD by IDBI Bank's Board on January 15, 2020 for a period of three years.

2. USA Vice President, Kamala Harris has named which Indian American to a key national space advisory group _____ **Rajeev Badyal**.

Note:

- He will be responsible to maintain a robust and responsible US space enterprise and preserve space for current and future generations.
- Presently, he is serving as the vice-president of Project Kuiper of Amazon.
- Prior to this role, he was the vice president of satellites at SpaceX.

3. Who has been sworn in as the 39th president of Brazil _____ **Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva**.

Note:

- He has defeated Jair Bolsonaro in October 2022 to win an unprecedented third presidential term.
- In election, he has secured 50.83% of the votes, whereas his opponent, Bolsonaro got 49.17% votes.
- He was served as the president of Brazil for two terms from 2003 to 2006 and then 2007 to 2011.

4. Who has been appointed as MD and CEO of Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) with effect from January 1, 2023 _____ **Ajay Kumar Srivastava**.

Note:

- Presently, he is serving as the executive director of IOB.
- He started his banking career as a probationary officer in 1991 with Allahabad Bank.
- After the successful completion of about 27 years in Allahabad Bank he was elevated as Executive Director of IOB in October 2017.

5. The Union government has given an additional charge as Border Security Force (BSF) DG to whom _____ **CRPF Director General (DG), Sujoy Lal Thaisen**.

Note:

- He replaced Pankaj Kumar Singh, who retired on December 31, 2022.

6. Who has been appointed as the chief executive officer (CEO) of the Bank of Singapore, with effect from March 6, 2023 _____ **Jason Moo**.

Note:

- He will replace Vincent Choo, who assumed the role of interim CEO on January 1, 2023 after the retirement of former CEO Bahren Shaari on December 31, 2023.
- He has more than 25 years of experience in private banking, wealth management and capital markets.

7. BharatPe has appointed whom as the interim chief executive officer (CEO) _____ **Nalin Negi**.

Note:

- He has replaced Suhail Sameer, who stepped down from the position.
- He will take on the role of strategic advisor, effective January 7, 2023.
- Negi has previously worked at GE Capital and SBI Card.
- He was the CFO of SBI Card for over ten years.

8. Which payment bank has received approval from the Reserve Bank of India for the appointment of Surinder Chawla as its new chief executive _____ **Paytm Payments Bank**.

Note:

- He is currently serving as head of branch banking at RBL Bank.
- He had also worked with HDFC Bank as head of retail liabilities product group and senior executive VP.
- Paytm Payments Bank CEO, Satish Kumar Gupta was retired in October 2022.

9. The All India Gem and Jewellery Domestic Council (GJC) has elected whom as Chairman and Rajesh Rokde as Vice Chairman of the industry body for a period of two years (2023-24) _____ **Saiyam Mehra**.

Note:

- GJC represents over 6,00,000 industry players comprising manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, distributors, laboratories, gemologists, designers and allied services providers.
- Aim: To promote and progress its growth, while protecting the industry's interests

Important News – India

1. According to the data, released by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), India's unemployment rate in December 2022 has been increased to a 16-month high at _____ from 8% in November 2022 _____ **8.30%**.

Note:

- The urban unemployment rate has been increased to 10.09% in December from 8.96%.
- While, the rural unemployment rate has been slipped to 7.44% from 7.55%.

- In December, the unemployment rate rose to 37.4% in Haryana, followed by Rajasthan (28.5) and Delhi (20.8%).
2. Which Maharatna Company has organized 'Bijli Utsav' in Anandapur Gaon of Baksa district and adjoining villages in Assam _____ **REC Limited.**
- Note:**
- The event has highlighted the consumer rights of electricity, benefits and the challenges faced during electrification in remote areas.
 - Various competitions and cultural programs were also organised.
 - It was concluded with distribution of LED bulbs and geometry boxes as prizes to the winners of the competitions.
3. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate which edition of Indian Science Congress through video conferencing on 3rd January, 2023 _____ **108th.**
- Note:**
- Theme 2023: Science and Technology for Sustainable Development with Women Empowerment
 - The inaugural ceremony will be hosted by Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University (RTMNU) at its Amravati Road Campus.
4. Which ministry under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission has launched the Prajjwala Challenge with an aim to invite ideas, solutions and actions that can transform rural economy _____ **Ministry of Rural Development.**
- Note:**
- The broad contours fall into following categories: Focus on Women and Marginalized section of community; Localised Models; Sustainability; Cost Effective solutions; Multi sectoral ideas and solutions
5. The government of India has constituted 17 member, High Powered Committee (HPC). Who is the head of this committee _____ **Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai.**
- Note:**
- Reason: To discuss measures to protect unique culture, language and employment of Ladakh.
 - The committee includes Ladakh LG, RK Mathur; MP Jamyang Tsering Namgyal; Chairmans of Leh and Kargil Hill councils, representatives of Apex Body Leh, Kargil Democratic Alliance and nominee officials of Home ministry.
6. The National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) and the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) have launched 'SMART' program. What is the full form of SMART _____ **Scope for Mainstreaming Ayurveda Research in Teaching Professionals.**
- Note:**
- Aim: To boost scientific research in priority healthcare research areas through Ayurveda colleges and hospitals.
 - The program was launched by Vaidya Jayant Deopujari (Chairman, NCISM) and Prof. Rabinarayan Acharya (DG, CCRAS).
7. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated the 100-metre, Siyom Bridge in Siang district of which state _____ **Arunachal Pradesh.**
- Note:**
- This bridge will open an alternative route to the India-China border.
 - The Siyom Bridge is one of the 28 projects completed by the Border Roads Organisation at a cost of Rs 724 crore to strengthen border infrastructure.
 - He has virtually inaugurated other 27 projects in Ladakh, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Punjab and J&K.
8. Along with Ministry of Defence (MoD), Ministry of Education (MoE), and all three Services, which ministry has signed MoUs to facilitate the continued education of Agniveers while serving in the Armed Forces _____ **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE).**
- Note:**
- National Institute of Open School and IGNOU will awarded 12th Class certificates and Bachelor's degrees to Agniveers.
 - This will enable Agniveers to complete education in a timely manner and develop additional qualities and skills
9. The Government has approved the investment for the 382 MW Sunni Dam Hydro Electric Project in which state with an estimated cost of over 2,614 crore rupees (Rs 2,246.40 crore (Hard cost amounting), Rs 358.96 crore (Interest During Construction) and 9.15 crore (Financing Charges) _____ **Himachal Pradesh.**
- Note:**
- The project will be built on the Sutlej river.
 - It will be constructed by Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam limited in over 5 years.

10. The government has approved the National Green Hydrogen Mission with an initial outlay of how much amount _____ **19,744 crore rupees.**

Note:

- Aim: To make India a Global Hub for production, utilisation and export of Green Hydrogen.
- Of the Rs 19,744 crore outlay, 17,490 crore for Strategic Interventions for Green Hydrogen Transition Programme (SIGHT) programme.
- The ministry of new and renewable energy (MNRE) will also formulate the scheme guidelines for implementation of the respective components.

11. University Grants Commission's (UGC) Chairman has unveiled the draft norms to allow foreign universities to set up campuses in India. Who is the chairman of UGC _____ **M Jagadesh Kumar.**

Note:

- As per the draft norms, foreign universities can set up their campuses in India after receiving the approval from UGC.
- The initial approval will be for 10 years.
- Foreign varsities with campuses in the country will only be allowed to offer full-time programmes in physical mode (No online or distance learning).

12. Which UT's tourism department has collaborated with National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) to develop Hydro tourism at world's highest hydro power project on the Indus river, near Alchi _____ **Ladakh.**

Note:

- Aquatic sports like Jet Skiing, Motorboating, Ice Skating during winter, and boating during summer season will be rolled out in a phased manner.
- Similarly, tourism department is also introducing border tourism in cooperation with Fire and Fury Corps of Indian Army.

13. Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar has inaugurated the three-day 'North East Krishi Kumbha-2023' in which state _____ **Meghalaya.**

Note:

- He also participated in the 49th Foundation Day celebration of the ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam.
- The event included live demonstrations and exhibition of recent technologies through 102 stalls, by the host institute and its regional centers along with all the ICAR institutes.

14. The Govt has approved continuation of schemes of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, with an outlay of how much amount for the balance period of the 15th Finance Commission (2022-23 to 2025-26) _____ **12,882 crore rupees.**

Note:

- Outlay for the North East Special Infrastructure Scheme will be Rs.8139.5 crore.
- Outlay for 'Schemes of NEC' will be Rs.3202.7 crore including committed liabilities of ongoing projects.

15. According to the Ministry of Culture report titled 'Issues relating to Untraceable Monuments and Protection of Monuments in India' submit to the Parliamentary Standing Committee, how many India's centrally protected monuments have gone disappear _____ **50.**

Note:

- The rapid urbanisation has engulfed 14 monuments.
- As many as 12 monuments have been submerged by the constructions of reservoirs and dams, while 24 have gone missing.
- Only 248 monuments are protected by security guards.

16. As per the bird survey conducted at the Silent Valley National Park in December 2022, how many new bird species have been added to the existing list _____ **17.**

Note:

- So far, 175 species of birds have been spotted in Silent Valley.
- The survey was held in the last week of December 2022, to mark the 30th anniversary of the first bird survey in Silent Valley.
- The first survey was held in the last week of December 1990.

17. Leh Sub Area and Looms of Ladakh Co-operative Limited under the aegis of which Corps have signed an MoU at Leh, Ladakh with an aim to impart weaving and tailoring training to Veer Naris, widows and dependent ladies of veterans from Ladakh in three cycles of two months each _____ **Fire and Fury Corps.**

Note:

- Looms of Ladakh will also employ them post-completion of their training.

- With this agreement, approximately, 200 Veer Naris, widows and dependent ladies of veterans will be benefitted.
18. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved Central Sector Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development (BIND) Scheme with an outlay of how much amount up to 2025-26 _____ **2,539.61 crore rupees.**

Note:

- Aim: For the infrastructure development of Prasar Bharati i.e. All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan (DD).
 - At present, Doordarshan operates 36 TV channels including 28 regional channels and All India Radio (AIR) operates more than 500 broadcasting centres.
19. The Jal Shakti Ministry has organised the first All India Annual State Ministers Conference on Water in which state _____ **Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.**

Note:

- Theme: Water Vision @ 2047
 - Aim: To bring together key policymakers to discuss ways to harness water resources for sustainable development and human progress.
 - The Conference has also deliberated on '5P' mantra (Political will, Public financing, Partnerships, Public Participation and Persuasion for sustainability)
20. The G20 foreign minister meet is scheduled to take place in which state/UT in March 2023 _____ **Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.**

Note:

- The government has issued an expected guest list that includes Joe Biden (US President), Vladimir Putin (Russia President), Rishi Sunak (UK Prime Minister), Xi Jinping (China President), among others.
 - Special invitee guest countries: Bangladesh, Egypt, Mauritius, Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Singapore, Spain and UAE.
21. Which country will host a special 'Voice of Global South Summit' virtually on 12th and 13th of January 2023 _____ **India.**

Note:

- Theme of the Summit is Unity of Voice, Unity of Purpose.
 - The Summit aimed to bring together countries of the G20 and share their perspectives and priorities on a common platform across a whole range of issues.
 - This initiative is inspired by PM Modi vision of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas Aur Sabka Prayas and India's principle of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.
22. Which community of Manipur has celebrated the Gaan Ngai festival on 4th January 2023 _____ **Zeliangrong community.**

Note:

- This festival also marks the end of the year when the farmers have stored their foodgrain in their granaries.
- They show their gratitude by offering to the almighty a good harvest and praying for a better life.
- It is a custom to produce new fire by rubbing dry wood and split bamboo pieces and distributing them.
- The Zeliangrong community comprises Rongmei, Liangmei, and Zeme tribes.

Important News – State

1. Which community of Manipur celebrated Imoinu Eratpa festival every year _____ **Meitei community.**
- Note:**
- They regard the Imoinu goddess as a goddess of wealth and prosperity.
 - She is also associated as one of the incarnations of the goddess Leimarel Sidabi.
 - This festival falls on the twelfth lunar day of Wakching month of Meitei calendar (falls either in December or January according to the Gregorian calendar).
2. Which state government has launched two programme named 'Didir Suraksha Kawach' and 'Didir Doot', ahead of the 2023 panchayat polls _____ **West Bengal.**

Note:

- The programme will focus on 15 state government schemes, covering various sectors such as food, housing, health, education, social security, income and employment.
 - 'Didir Doot', a mobile application has also been developed for people to register their problems.
3. The Election Commission has appointed folk singer, Maithili Thakur as the state icon for which state _____ **Bihar.**

Note:

- She will create awareness among the voters for their participation in the electoral process.
 - She was born in Madhubani district of Bihar.
 - She is a trained in Indian classical and folk music.
 - She was recently selected for the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar of the Sangeet Natak Akademi for her contribution to the folk music of Bihar for 2021.
4. Which state government has signed an MoU with six UAE-based companies worth Rs 18,590 crore ahead of the Global Investors Summit to be held in Lucknow in February 2023 _____ **Uttar Pradesh**.

Note:

- Aim: To create over 20,000 new employment opportunities.
 - Astha Green Energy Venture and Shree Siddharth Infratech and Services will invest in renewable energy worth Rs 4480 and Rs 8000 crore respectively.
 - Sharaf Group and Hindustan Port will invest in the Logistics Park sector.
5. Which state government has launched the Chief Minister's Residential Land Rights scheme (Mukhyamantri Awasiya Bhu Adhikar Yojana) at the Bagaj Mata temple complex in Tikamgarh district _____ **MP**.

Note:

- Under the scheme, plots worth about 129 crore rupees were distributed to 10 thousand 918 families of Tikamgarh district.
 - Aim: To provide free plots to the poor living in rural areas for building their houses.
6. Which state government has inaugurated the Birsa Munda International Hockey Stadium, the largest hockey stadium in the country _____ **Odisha**.

Note:

- Rourkela is the second venue of the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2023 after the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar
- Rourkela will host 20 of the 44 matches while the remaining 24 matches will be played at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar.

Important News – World

1. Which country has assumed the chairmanship of the plenary of the Wassenaar Arrangement for one year on 1st January 2023 _____ **India**.

Note:

- At the 26th annual plenary of the Wassenaar Arrangement, Eoin O'Leary (Ireland's ambassador) has handed over the chairmanship to Jaideep Mazumdar (India's ambassador).
- Jaideep Mazumdar is the permanent representative to the UN and international organisations in Vienna.
- India joined the Wassenaar Arrangement in December 2017 as 42nd participating state.

2. Which country will take charge of the Asian Pacific Postal Union (APPU) in Bangkok, Thailand from January 2023 _____ **India**.

Note:

- Dr. Vinaya Prakash Singh will take over the charge of Secretary General of the Union for a tenure of four years.
- The APPU is an intergovernmental organization of 32-member countries of the Asian-Pacific region.
- Aim of APPU: To extend, facilitate and improve postal relations between member countries and to promote cooperation in the field of postal services.

3. Which country has adopted the euro as its currency with effect from 1 January 2023 and become the 20th member of the eurozone _____ **Croatia**.

Note:

- Croatia has entered the EU in 2013.
- It becomes the 27th country to join the Schengen area.
- Schengen Area: It is an area that comprises 27 European countries that have abolished all passports and border control at their respective mutual borders
- Eurozone: It is officially called the euro area.

4. According to aviation analytics firm Cirium, Along with Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport, which Indian international airport was among the top 10 on-time airports globally _____ **Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport**.

Note:

- Bengaluru's airport was the second best airport globally in 2022 in terms of on-time arrivals and departures.
- While, Japan's Haneda Airport was the best-performing airport.

- Indira Gandhi Airport stood seventh in the on-time rankings globally.

Honor & Awards

1. The government of India has selected how many people for the highest honour for overseas Indians, Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award (PBSA) 2023 _____ **27**.

Note:

- The awards will be conferred by the President Droupadi Murmu at 17th edition of the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention held at Indore in Madhya Pradesh from January 8-10, 2023.
- President of Guyana Mohamed Irfaan Ali will be the chief guest this year.
- PBW 2023 theme: Diaspora: Reliable Partners for India's Progress in Amrit Kaal

2. Assam CM, Himanta Biswa Sarma has selected how many personalities for the Assam State Civilian Awards 2022 _____ **21**.

- The State's highest civilian award, 'Assam Baibhav' to Dr. Tapan Saikia for his contributions in the field of cancer care.
- Assam Saurav (Assam second highest civilian award) will be conferred to Krishna Roy; Gilbertson Sangma; Nayanmoni Saikia; Dr. Binoi Kumar Saikia and Dr. Shashidhar Phukan.
- Asom Gaurav (third highest civilian award) will be conferred to 15 people.

3. Which India filmmaker has honoured with the Best Director Award for RRR at the New York Film Critics Circle Awards 2022 _____ **SS Rajamouli**.

Note:

- RRR has also been nominated in the Best Foreign Film category, and Best Original Song (for Naatu Naatu Song) at the Golden Globe Awards 2023.
- Naatu Naatu has also shortlisted in the Best Song category at the 95th Academy Awards.
- Best Picture: Tar (Directed by Todd Field)
- Best Actor: Colin Farrell (Tar)
- Best Actress: Cate Blanchett

4. Which Indian state has won the UN-Habitat's World Habitat Awards 2023 for Jaga Mission (5T initiative of the state) _____ **Odisha**.

Note:

- 5T: Team work, Technology, Transparency, Transformation and Time limit.
- It is the world's largest land titling and slum upgrading program that aims to empower the lives of slum dwellers.
- Under this mission, 100% households in 2,724 slums have been provided with pipe water connections, and 8 cities become slum-free.

5. Jalna district police and Nagpur city police in which state have bagged the 'Best Police Unit' awards for 2021 in the state _____ **Maharashtra**.

Note:

- The award has been given under different classes for maintaining law and order, and evolving community policing.
- The Jalna police got the award in 'Class A' and the Nagpur police in 'Class B'.
- Police units with less than 6,100 Indian Penal Code cases are grouped in 'Class A', while those with more than 6,100 IPC cases are grouped in 'Class B'.

Sports News

1. Which state has clinched the Qualifiers title of Khelo India Youth Games 2022 Men's Under-18 after defeating Odisha by 6-5 in the final at Bhubaneswar, Odisha _____ **Madhya Pradesh**.

Note:

- Ali Ahmad, Mohammad Zaid Khan and Captain Ankit Pal netted one goal each for Madhya Pradesh.
- While, Haryana claimed third place in the competition with a win against Jharkhand.
- With this, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Haryana and Jharkhand have qualified for the 2023 Khelo India Youth Games to be held in MP.

2. Which entertainment platform has signed a partnership agreement with Manchester City to become the Official Mobile Communications Network Partner of Club in the country _____ **Jio Platforms Limited (Jio)**.

Note:

- Man City's OTT platform 'CITY' will be integrated into the JioTV platform.
 - It will provide fans further access to exclusive club content including match highlights, live Manchester City Women's team and Elite Development Squad fixtures, matchday content and City Studios documentaries.
3. The president of World Boxing Council, Mauricio Sulaiman has announced that it will introduce which category from 2023 _____ **Transgender Category**.

Note:

- A 'at birth rule' will be used, which means a transgender boxer who is registered as male at birth will be allowed to fight others who have also been registered as male at birth.
 - While, those registered as female at birth will be allowed to fight others who have been registered as female at birth.
 - World Boxing Council HQ: Mexico
4. Who has become 78th Grandmaster of India at the MPL 59th National Senior Chess Championship in New Delhi _____ **Koustav Chatterjee**.

Note:

- He is also the tenth Grandmaster of West Bengal.
 - He won his maiden GM-norm in October 2021 at Sheikh Russel GM 2021 in Bangladesh.
 - He scored his second GM-norm at Asian Continental Championship in November 2022.
 - He has also crossed 2500 in the August FIDE rating list.
5. Who has secured the title in the 2022/2023 Rilton Cup, the first tournament of the FIDE Circuit, to become the 79th chess Grandmaster of India _____ **M Pranesh**.

Note:

- He has crossed the live rating of 2,500 Elo points.
 - He won his first norm at the 18th Delhi GM Open, second norm at the Sunway Sitges International Chess Festival in Spain and third norm at the Asian Continental Chess Championship in Stockholm, Sweden.
 - He was trained by renowned coach RB Ramesh.
6. Which female Indian tennis player has announced her retirement from professional Tennis _____ **Sania Mirza**.

Note:

- She will retire at the WTA 1000 event in Dubai in February 2023.
- She became the first Indian to win a WTA singles title, when she won her hometown Hyderabad event in 2005.
- She broke into the top 30 by 2007 and reached her career-high ranking of world number 27.

Books and Authors

1. Who is the writer of a book titled 'Ambedkar: A Life', that has been launched at the Kitaab Kolkata event _____ **Shashi Tharoor**.

Note:

- The event was organized by Prabha Khaitan Foundation (PKF) at the ITC Sonar presented by Shree Cement.
- The event was attended by bibliophiles young and old, members of Ehsaas Women and FICCI FLO.
- Other notable books of Shashi Tharoor: Riot (2001), Why I Am A Hindu (2018), The Paradoxical Prime Minister (2018), India: From Midnight to the Millennium (1997)

Science and Defence

1. Indian Space and Research Organization, National Centre for Earth Sciences (NCES), and which university have researched and concluded that constant rip current zones at Rushikonda beach and RK Beach have become a danger to the beach visitors _____ **Andhra University (AU)**.

Note:

- They have set up equipment to identify Rip currents to warn marines and local police.
 - Rip currents are common at all beaches across the globe.
 - People can enter the waters in rip current zones up to knee-deep levels.
2. Which institution's Centre of Excellence (CoE) has collaborated with the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) to develop Advanced Defence Technologies _____ **IIT Madras**.

Note:

- IIT Madras CoE- 'DRDO Industry Academia- Ramanujan Centre of Excellence' (DIA-RCoE) will be conducting a directed research process to meet the national defence and security needs of the nation.
 - DIA-RCoE was initially established by DRDO and then IIT Madras took it over.
3. Which Space start-up has launched its second satellite Pushan-Alpha as rideshare onboard SpaceX's Transporter-6 mission from Cape Canaveral in Florida, US _____ **Digantara**.

Note:

- The satellite will serve as a space weather testbed in the sun synchronous orbit.
 - It will also enhance precision driven situational space awareness applications.
 - Its observations will help complement Digantara's ROBI (ROBust Integrating proton fluence meter) mission.
4. Who has become the first woman officer to be operationally deployed in Kumar Post (height: 15,632 feet) at the highest battlefield in the world-Siachen _____ **Captain Shiva Chauhan (Indian Army's Fire and Fury Corps)**.

Note:

- She hails from Rajasthan.
- She led an arduous 508-km long 'Sura Soi' Siachen Sappers cycling expedition from the Siachen War Memorial to Kargil War Memorial in July 2022.
- She got inducted to the Siachen Glacier on January 2 after an arduous climb.

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