

Weekly One-liners

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Dear readers,

Weekly One Liners Update is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the second **week** (8-14th) of **January 2023**. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. The Reserve Bank of India has announced that first Sovereign Green Bonds (SGrBs) would be issued of _____ amount in two tranches _____ **Rs 16,000 crore.**

Note:

- The proceeds will be utilised for funding public sector projects seeking to reduce carbon emissions.
- The first auction would be done on January 25, 2023 while the second on February 9, 2023
- SGrBs will be issued through uniform price auction and 5% of the notified amount of sale will be reserved for retail investors

2. Neeru Yadav, who is fondly known as 'Hockey Wali Sarpanch' has signed an agreement with which bank to start the Farmers Producers Organisation (FPO) with the assistance of SIIRD (Society of Indian Institute of Rural Development) _____ **NABARD.**

Note:

- This initiative will strengthen farmers of Lambi Ahir Village, Rajasthan.
- FPO: It is a legal entity formed by primary producers.
- Producers such as farmers, milk producers, fishermen, etc, can form a company basis equity share.

3. Which state government declared itself as the first state in the country to go fully digital in its banking service _____ **Kerala.**

Note:

- It was possible due to social interventions through local self-government institutions along with infrastructure development and technological advances in the banking sector.
- He has also announced that the ambitious Kerala Fibre Optic Network (KFON) project of the state government will reduce the digital divide.

4. RBI has imposed a monetary penalty on how many cooperative banks for non-compliance with varied central bank directions _____ **Five.**

Note:

- The monetary penalties slapped on these entities range between Rs 50,000 to Rs 3 lakh.
- Banks: Shree Mahayogi Lakshamma Co-operative Bank (Andhra Pradesh); The Attur Town Co-operative Bank (TN); Gondia District Central Co-operative Bank (Maharashtra); Shirpur Peoples' Co-operative Bank (Maharashtra); and Tirupati Urban Co-operative Bank (Maharashtra)

5. As per the guidelines issued by SEBI, the trading hours in case of an outage at a stock exchange along with standard operating procedures for stock exchanges for handling such an outage will be extended, What will be the new time at the time of outage _____ **5pm.**

Note:

- An outage would mean stoppage of continuous trading, either suo motu by the exchange or by reasons beyond their control.
- If there is a failure to start pre-opening by 2:15 pm, then trading hours will be extended till 5 pm for the day.

6. Which bank has launched a MSME online portal providing instant online 'In Principle' approval of up to ₹1 crore _____ **South Indian Bank.**

Note:

- Aim: To provide quick loans to micro and small businesses
- MSME enterprises are the most important pillars of the economy and the government is working towards making the sector stronger.
- This development is at the backdrop of central government considering to make India a \$5 trillion economy.

7. Which bank has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru to establish a Centre for Mathematics and Computing at the Institute _____ **Axis Bank**.

Note:

- The centre will have labs and programmes benefitting faculty and students.
- Besides, it will also host the new IISc BTech programme in Mathematics and Computing and the ongoing Interdisciplinary PhD programme in Mathematical Sciences.

8. The Union Cabinet has given its approval to the incentive scheme for the promotion of _____ Debit Cards and low-value BHIM-UPI transactions _____ **RuPay**.

Note:

- The scheme has a financial outlay of 2,600 crore rupees.
- Aim: To help in building a robust digital payment system.
- Besides, the Cabinet has also given its approval to rename the National Centre for Drinking Water, Sanitation, and Quality at Joka, Kolkata as Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee National Institution of Water and Sanitation.

9. Which bank has entered into a revised agreement with Max Financial to acquire the remaining 7% stake in the latter _____ **Axis Bank**.

Note:

- The parties agreed that the valuation for the right to acquire the remaining 7% stake of Max Life will be through fair market value using discounted cash flow.
- Axis Entities have earlier acquired 12.99% stake in Max Life at Rs 35 per share with the right to purchase an additional 7% stake in the company.

10. Which platforms have received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as an online payment aggregator _____ **EnKash, Hitachi and BharatPe**.

Note:

- Payment aggregators: They facilitate e-commerce sites and merchants to accept payment instruments from customers.
- They help to connect merchants with acquirers.
- BharatPe and Hitachi Payment Services have also received in-principle authorization to operate as payment aggregators.

11. The World Bank has projected that India's economy would grow at which percent in FY23, which is much lower than the 8.7% growth achieved by the country in the previous financial year (FY2021/22) _____ **6.9%**.

Note:

- Report title: Global Economic Prospects Report
- The World Bank has also predicted that global growth in 2023 would slow to 1.7% from the 3%.
- Reason: Elevated inflation, higher interest rates, reduced investment, and disruptions caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine

12. The Securities and Exchange Board of India has allowed exchanges to introduce which type of derivatives on Corporate Bond Indices _____ **future contracts**.

Note:

- The index should be composed of corporate debt securities, constituents of the index should have adequate liquidity and diversification at the issuer level and the constituents of the index should be periodically reviewed.
- The single issuer should not have more than 15% weight in the index.

13. Which bank has associated with National e-Governance Services Ltd (NeSL) to launch e-Bank Guarantee (e-BG) facility _____ **SBI**.

Note:

- It will bring a revolutionary change in the banking ecosystem, where bank guarantee is frequently used in large volumes.
- Presently, the bank issues these guarantees with physical stamping and wet signatures.
- It will replace this function with e-stamping and e-signature.
- This initiative will enhance transparency and reduce turnaround time from days to minutes.

14. Which organisation has allowed non-resident holders - NRE/ NRO accounts to get onboarded and transact through UPI _____ **NPCI**.

Note:

- The UPI ecosystem members must comply with NPCI's directions by April 30, 2023.
- Allowed countries (10 countries): Singapore, Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Oman, Qatar, USA, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, and the United Kingdom

- This is subject to the fact that the member banks must ensure that such accounts are only allowed as per extant FEMA regulations.
15. The RBI imposed a monetary penalty of how much amount on Delhi-based Bahadur Chand Investments _____ ₹30 lakh.

Note:

- The penalty has been levied for non-compliance with certain provisions of the 'Core Investment Companies (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2016' and directions on 'Information Technology Framework for the NBFC Sector'.
- This penalty has been imposed in the exercise of powers vested in RBI under the provisions of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.

16. Which group has sold a 3.1% stake in Paytm worth \$125 million through a block deal _____ **Alibaba Group**.

Note:

- Alibaba retained a 6.26 % stake in Paytm as of end-September 2022.
- Paytm was listed in 2021 after a mega \$2.5 billion initial public offer (IPO).
- Block deal: Single transaction between two institutional players of a minimum quantity of 5 lakh shares or at least Rs. 5 Crores in value.
- It happens at the start of trading hours for about 35 minutes through a separate trading window.

Obituaries

1. Keshari Nath Tripathi, who has been passed away recently, was a veteran _____ **Politician**.

Note:

- He was the governor of West Bengal from July 2014 to July 2019.
- He had also served as the governor of Bihar, Meghalaya and Mizoram, and speaker of UP legislative assembly.
- He had also worked as a senior advocate at the Allahabad High Court.
- He authored several books such as "The Age of Wings", "Sanchayita:Kesharinath Tripathi", "Destination Jesus".

2. Prof Rehman Rahi, who has been passed away recently, was a veteran _____ **Writer**.

Note:

- He received the Sahitya Akademi Award for his collection of poems 'Nawroz-i-Saba' in 1961.
- He was honoured with the country's highest literary award, the Jnanpith, for his work "Siyah Rood-e-Jaerenn Manz" in 2007.
- He has also awarded Padma Shri in 2000 by the govt of India.

3. Sharad Yadav, who has been passed away recently, was a veteran _____ **Politician**.

Note:

- He had started his political career during the anti-emergency movement of the mid-1970s.
- He was first elected to the Lok Sabha at the age of 27 in 1974.
- He was elected from Uttar Pradesh's Badaun parliamentary seat in 1989.
- He was also elected from Bihar's Madhepura Lok Sabha constituency in 1991, 1996, 1999, and 2009.

Important Days

1. Union Minister of Science and Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh has released the theme of National Science Day 2023. What is the theme of National Science Day 2023 _____ **Global Science for Global Wellbeing**.

Note:

- The theme has been selected for the purpose of raising public appreciation of scientific issues in a global context which is having a bearing on global Well-being
- National Science Day is celebrated every year on the 28th February to celebrate the discovery of the Raman Effect by Indian Physicist Sir C V Raman.

2. World Hindi Day is observed on which date every year to promote awareness about the language across the world _____ **January 10**.

Note:

- Theme 2023: "Hindi – Traditional Knowledge to Artificial Intelligence"
- On this day, Hindi (India's national language) was spoken for the first time in the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).
- The 12th World Hindi Conference will be organised in Fiji by the Foreign Ministry in collaboration with the Fiji government from February 15 to 17, 2023.

3. Which ministry observed the Road Safety Week from 11 - 17 January, 2023 across the country _____ **Ministry of Road Transport and Highways**.

Note:

- Aim: To propagate the cause of safer roads for all under the Swachhata Pakhwada.
 - Various activities such as awareness campaigns related to causes of road accidents and measures to prevent them, will be organised throughout the Country.
 - Activities like Nukkad Nataks and Sensitization Campaigns will be conducted at various locations in New Delhi.
4. Which day is celebrated on 14th January to mark formally retirement of the first Indian Commander in Chief of Indian Army- Field Marshal KM Cariappa, who led Indian Forces to Victory in the 1947 war, from the Services ____ **Armed Forces Veterans Day**.
- Note:**
- The First Armed Forces Veterans Day was celebrated on January, 14, 2016
 - This year 7th Armed Forces Veterans Day celebrates on 2023
5. National Youth Day is celebrated every year on which date ____ **January 12**.
- Note:**
- Reason: To mark the 160th birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda The government organised National Youth Festival in collaboration with one state willing to host from January 12 to January 16.
 - This year Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurate the festival on January 12 in Huballi, Karnataka.
 - The theme for the four-day programme is “Viksit Yuva – Viksit Bharat (Developed Youth – Developed India).
6. The National Human Trafficking Awareness Day is observed every year in the United States on which date ____ **11th January**.
- Note:**
- Aim: To raise awareness about human trafficking
 - Even though the entire month of January has been recognised as the National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, January 11 specifically aims towards the prevention of illegal practices.
7. The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry has organised which week from 10th January 2023 to 16th January 2023 ____ **Startup India Innovation Week**.
- Note:**
- Aim: To celebrate the Indian Startup Ecosystem as well as National Startup Day (16th January 2023)
8. Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is formally observed on which date to celebrate the day when Gandhi Ji returned from South Africa to India ____ **9 January**.
- Note:**
- This year, it was conducted in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, from 8–10 January, 2023.
 - This is the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas, or NRI Day.
 - The official theme of the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2023 is “Diaspora: Reliable Partners for India’s Progress in Amrit Kaal.”

New Appointments

1. The government of India has extended the term of the deputy governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Michael Debabrata Patra, by ____ year with effect from January 15, 2023 ____ **One year**.
- Note:**
- His three-year tenure was coming to an end on January 14, 2023.
 - He looks after the monetary policy department as the deputy governor of the RBI.
 - He is also as a member of the Monetary Policy Committee.
 - The three other deputy governors of RBI are M K Jain, M Rajeshwar Rao and T Rabi Sankar.
2. Who has been appointed as the Director of Facebook-parent Meta's Global Business Group in India ____ **Vikas Purohit**.
- Note:**
- He will lead the strategy and delivery units under the advertising wing.
 - He has served as the chief executive at Tata CLiQ till October 2022.
 - He will report to Arun Srinivas, Director and Head of Ads Business for Meta in India.
 - He has also worked in companies such as Amazon, Reliance Brands, Aditya Birla Group and Tommy Hilfiger.
3. President of Gabon, Ali Bongo appointed whom as the country’s new vice-president ____ **Rose Christiane Ossouka Raponda**.
- Note:**
- She was appointed as the country's PM in July 2020.
 - She was also named budget minister in 2012 before being elected mayor of Libreville (Capital) in 2014.
 - While, former minister, Alain-Claude Bilie By Nze will replace PM Ossouka Raponda to form a new government.

4. Who has been re-appointed as the chairman of the five-member BCCI's senior selection committee _____ **Chetan Sharma**.

Note:

- He was the head of the board's selection committee from December 2020.
- His name was recommended by the Cricket Advisory Committee.
- The committee also named Shiv Sundar Das (Central Zone), Subroto Banerjee (East Zone), Salil Ankola (West Zone) and Sridharan Sharath (South Zone).

5. The Central government has appointed whom as the acting Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court, effective from January 12 _____ **Justice Nongmeikapam Kotiswar Singh**.

Note:

- He replaced Chief Justice, Rashmin Manharbhai Chhaya, who superannuated on 11 January 2023.
- In May 2022, he was appointed as the Acting Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court.
- While Supreme Court judges retire at the age of 65 years, high court judges retire at 62.

6. Who has been appointed as the new chief technologist of NASA _____ **AC Charania**.

Note:

- He will serve as principal advisor to Administrator Bill Nelson on technology policy and programmes.
- He joined the space agency in his new role on January 3, 2023.
- He has replaced Indian-American scientist, Bhavya Lal, who served as acting chief technologist prior to the former's appointment.
- He has also served as vice president of product strategy at Reliable Robotics

7. Who has been appointed as the new chief executive officer of Cognizant with immediate effect _____ **Ravi Kumar**.

Note:

- He has succeeded CEO Brian Humphries, who will be departing from the company on March 15, 2023.
- The IT Giant Cognizant had previously announced the appointment of Ravi as President of Cognizant Americas, which will be given to Cognizant veteran Surya Gummadi.
- He has 20 years of experience in Infosys, where he held various leadership roles.

8. Who was named as president of this year's COP28 climate talks _____ **Sultan al-Jaber (President of the UAE's national oil company)**.

Note:

- The chief executive of the ADNOC will be the first CEO to take the role at the UN summit.
- Jaber is also the Gulf state's special envoy for climate change and has taken part in more than 10 COP meetings.
- The Conference of Parties or COP is the world's biggest climate conference.

Important News - India

1. Minister for Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal has launched BIS portal for mapping of Industrial Units and Laboratories. What is the full form of BIS _____ **Bureau of Indian Standards**.

Note:

- It is a centralised platform.
- Aim: To provide information on industrial units and laboratories across the country.
- It will enable analysis of test facilities in the country and help entrepreneurs in accessing information about testing facilities.
- He has also launched Standards National Action Plan (SNAP) 2022- 27.

2. Who has launched the Aspirational Block Programme at the second National Conference of Chief Secretaries in New Delhi, to develop backward districts _____ **PM Modi**.

Note:

- This programme is on the lines of the Aspirational District Programme (launched in 2018).
- The programme will cover 500 districts across 31 states and Union Territories initially.
- Over half of these blocks are in 6 states—UP (68 blocks), Bihar (61), MP (42), Jharkhand (34), Odisha (29) and WB (29).

3. Union chemicals and fertilizers Mansukh Mandaviya has informed that the Fertilizer projects in Odisha's Talcher will be operational by which year _____ **October 2024**.

Note:

- It will be the largest and first coal gasification plant in India.

- Talcher Fertilizers Ltd has been mandated by the government to revive the erstwhile Talcher plant of FCIL by setting up a new coal gasification-based urea plant with an installed capacity of 12.7 lakh tonne per annum (LMTPA).
4. The India's first-of-its-kind inclusivity, 'Purple Fest: Celebrating Diversity' has been started in which state of India from January 6–8, 2023 _____ **Panjim, Goa.**

Note:

- The event was attended by Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr. Virendra Kumar; Goa CM, Dr Pramod Sawant; and Minister for Social Welfare, Goa government Subhash PhalDessai.
 - Aim: To showcase how we can come together to create a welcoming and inclusive world for everyone.
5. The National Health Authority (NHA) has introduced a new system to measure and grade hospital performance under AB PMJAY. What is the full form of AB PMJAY _____ **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.**

Note:

- Aim: To shift the focus of measuring the performance of hospitals from the volume of services provided to the value of healthcare services
 - The Health Ministry announced that the new model with the reward system will consequently reduce the effects of the disease in the population in the long term
6. Which organisation has installed India's first 3x platform wind turbine generators (WTGs) in Gadag, Karnataka _____ **ReNew Power.**

Note:

- The WTGs have a nameplate capacity of 3.3-3.465 MW and are 128-140m in height.
 - Aim: To improve capacity over models installed in India, which typically have a nameplate capacity of 2-3 MW.
 - This project will produce enough energy to power over 1 million households in India annually.
7. The Indian High Commission has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to establish a Hindi Chair at Sabaragamuwa University. This university is located in which country _____ **Sri Lanka.**

Note:

- The MoU was signed between Gopal Baglay (High Commissioner) and Prof. Udaya Rathnayake (Vice Chancellor of Sabaragamuwa University).
 - Aim: To help in familiarizing students with India, its history, and culture as well as pave way for popularising Hindi by deputing Indian faculties.
8. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 26th National Youth Festival in which state of India from 12th - 16th January 2023 _____ **Hubballi, Karnataka.**

Note:

- This festival is held every year to provide exposure to our talented youth at the national level.
 - It is being held on National Youth Day (12th January), which is celebrated on the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.
 - Theme of this event: "Viksit Yuva - Viksit Bharat"
9. PM Narendra Modi launched the World's Longest River Cruise-MV Ganga Vilas in which city of India via video conferencing on 13th Jan 2023 _____ **Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.**

Note:

- He has also inaugurated Tent City at Varanasi.
 - It will begin its journey from Varanasi to Dibrugarh in Assam via Bangladesh.
 - It will sail around 3,200 km in 51 days.
 - It will cover major cities of India and Bangladesh - Patna (Bihar), Sahib Ganj (Jharkhand), Kolkata (WB), Dhaka (Bangladesh), and Guwahati (Assam)
10. The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, Sarbananda Sonowal, and Tripura CM, Manik Saha have inaugurated the School of Logistics, Waterways, and Communication in which city of India _____ **Agartala, Tripura.**

Note:

- Aim: To enable the talent to become world-class experts in the transportation and logistics sector.
 - It has been set up under State Institute of Public Administration and Rural Development (SIPARD), an autonomous body funded by the govt of Tripura and MoRD.
11. The Godavari estuary in which the state of India has become a prime and safe habitat for the Indian skimmer (*Rynchops albicollis*) _____ **Andhra Pradesh.**

Note:

- On January 10, as many as 250 Indian Skimmers were sighted in the southern part of the Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary (Andhra Pradesh) in a day during the Asian Waterbird Census-2023.

- Indian Skimmer migrates to the Godavari estuary for feeding.
 - It is found in the coastal estuaries of western and eastern India.
 - IUCN status: Endangered
12. The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has notified comprehensive regulatory standards for which rice for the first time and will come into effect from 1 August 2023 ____ **Basmati Rice**.

Note:

- Aim: To establish fair practices in the trade of Basmati rice and protect consumer interest.
- As per the standards, Basmati rice shall possess natural fragrance characteristics of basmati rice and be free from artificial colouring, polishing agents, and artificial fragrances.

13. Who has announced the “Aarogya Maitri” project during the Voice of Global South Summit _____ **PM Modi**.

Note:

- Through this project, the country will provide essential medical supplies to any developing country affected by natural disasters or humanitarian crises.
- He also proposed setting up a ‘centre of excellence’ to facilitate development solutions to these countries
- Also, India will launch the Global South Science and Technology Initiative to share its expertise in space technology

14. A ‘Soul of Steel’ challenge was launched in which state of India that aimed to test one’s high-altitude endurance ____ **Uttarakhand**.

Note:

- The general area of the expedition would be the Nanda Devi National Park.
- The challenge is an initiative of CLAW Global and is being supported by the Indian Army.
- The idea behind Soul of Steel is pooling of skill sets and creating a challenge that will unlock the human ability to survive, stabilise and thrive in high altitude areas.

15. Union Minister for Labour and Employment, Forest, Environment and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav inaugurated the Regional Office of EPFO in which city of India ____ **Alwar, Rajasthan**.

Note:

- The Regional Office will help more than 2 lakh workers, 12,000 establishments, and 8,500 pensioners from Alwar and the neighboring districts of Bharatpur and Dholpur.
- The major industrial areas served by Regional Office are Bhiwadi, Khushkhera, Tapukara, Karoli, Neemrana, Behror, Gheelot, and Khairthal.

16. Commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal will launch the MAARG platform. What is the full form of MAARG ____ **Mentorship, Advisory, Assistance, Resilience, and Growth**.

Note:

- The portal will facilitate mentorship between startups and entrepreneurs across sectors, stages, and functions.
- Goyal will also announce the results of the National Startup Awards 2022.
- The winning startups will be given a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh
- One exceptional Incubator and one Accelerator each will also get a cash prize of Rs 15 lakh.

17. India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which country to enhance cooperation in the training of diplomat’s ____ **Panama**.

Note:

- The agreement was signed by EAM, Dr Subrahmanyam Jaishankar and Panama’s Foreign Minister, Janaina Tewaney Mencomo.
- Both countries have also discussed the opportunities for greater economic, health, finance and people to people linkages.
- Panamanian Minister has also joined the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention in Indore.

18. Which state-owned organisation signed non-binding MoUs with the UP govt to extend financial assistance for various projects during UP Global Investors Summit, Delhi ____ **REC**.

Note:

- It will help UP in employment generation as well as exponential growth in the state.
- REC, formerly Rural Electrification Corporation, is a subsidiary of Power Finance Corporation under the Union Power ministry.
- The PSU provides loans to central or state sector power utilities in the country, state electricity boards etc

19. Minister of Youth Affairs has launched the themes, logo, and website of Y20 summit India in Curtain raiser event in New Delhi. Who is he ____ **Anurag Singh Thakur**.

Note:

- Themes:

- Future of Work: Industry 4.0, Innovation & 21st Century skills
- Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction: Making Sustainability a way of life
- Peacebuilding and Reconciliation: Ushering in an era of No War
- Shared Future: Youth in Democracy and Governance and Health, Wellbeing & Sports: Agenda for Youth.

20. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has virtually inaugurated the two-day Global Investors Summit in which city of Madhya Pradesh _____ **Indore**.

Note:

- The inaugural session of summit was attended by Chandrika Prasad Santokhi (President of Suriname) and Dr Mohammed Irfan Ali (President of Guyana).
- Theme of the Global Investors Summit is 'Madhya Pradesh - a future-ready state'.
- Environmental protection has been taken care of in this summit that will be completely based on Carbon Neutral and Zero Waste.

21. The first G20 Infrastructure Working Group meeting under G20 India Presidency will be held on 16-17 January in which city of India _____ **Pune**.

Note:

- The meeting will be hosted by the Department of Economic Affairs along with Australia and Brazil as the co-chairs.
- The Group deliberates on various aspects of infrastructure investments, including developing infrastructure as an asset class
- The outcomes of the Working Group feed into the G20 Finance Track priorities and promote infrastructure development.

Important News – State

1. Which stock exchange has joined hands with the government of Goa for the development of Small Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the state _____ **Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)**.

Note:

- The exchange will look at creating awareness amongst SMEs in the state on the benefits of listing on the exchange.
- BSE will also guide them on the efficient ways of raising capital through equity infusion.
- The exchange will also provide training and capacity-building support to District Industries Centre officials.

2. Which state has celebrated the traditional Cherchera festival at Dudhadhari Math _____ **Chhattisgarh**.

Note:

- This traditional festival is celebrated on the full moon night of 'Paush' Hindu calendar month.
- It is celebrated in the happiness of taking the crops to their homes after cultivation.
- According to mythological belief, on this day Lord Shankar has begged from Mata Annapurna, so people used to donate green vegetables along with paddy on this day.

3. Union Home Minister, Amit Shah has inaugurated the _____foot-high Sagol Kangjei Statue at the Ibudhou Marjing complex at Heingang in Imphal, Manipur _____ **122 foot-high**.

Note:

- He has also inaugurated and laid foundation stones for several projects in the state.
- He has also inaugurated Churachandpur Medical College and hoisting of 175 feet tall National flag at INA headquarters, Moirang.
- Sagol Kangjei: It is the name of the game of polo played in Manipur.

4. Which state has organized the International Kite Festival 2023 from the 8th to 14th January, 2023 _____ **Gujarat**.

Note:

- The theme of this festival will be held with the theme of G20 - 'One Earth, One Family, One Future'.
- The event is organized after a gap of two years due to the covid 19 pandemic.
- The delegates from G20 countries have been invited to the inauguration of the international kite festival 2023 to exchange their culture.

5. Which state Tourism Board has signed MoUs with chapters of eight countries of the Global Organisation of People of Indian Origin (GOPIO) at the 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas Convention, Indore _____ **Madhya Pradesh**.

Note:

- Aim: To boost cooperation in the development of the Tourism sector of the State, and promotion, and publicity of tourist places.

- These MoUs were signed with France Metropole Paris, Mauritius, Reunion Island, Martinique, Sri Lanka, GOPIO International, Malaysia, and Mauritius.
6. Which state government launched the shared school bus system, prime tourism vehicles, and agriculture response vehicle scheme _____ **Meghalaya**.

Note:

- The buses are part of Sustainable Transport and Efficient Mobility Society (STEMS) programme.
 - Agriculture Response Vehicles: Provided to farmers' associations and groups for a strong transportation network
 - Prime tourist vehicles: Step to improve the overall tourism sector, and to provide good transportation services to tourists
7. Which state government's state-level steering committee for CAMPA (Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management & Planning Authority) has approved an annual plan of Rs 1,086 crore action plan for 2023-24 to reduce man-animal conflict _____ **Odisha**.

Note:

- The plan was approved during a meeting chaired by Chief Secretary S. C. Mohapatra
- He has also raised the issue relating to wildlife management activities that are being extensively being carried out through CAMPA funds.

Important News – World

1. According to the Nikkei Asia report, India has surpassed which country to become the third-largest auto market for the first time _____ **Japan**.

Note:

- As per the report, India's sales of new vehicles totalled at least 4.25 million units, based on preliminary results, topping the 4.2 million sold in Japan.
- According to the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers, New vehicles delivered in India totalled 4.13 million between January and November 2022
- China has topped the list, followed by US

2. LKAB, has discovered more than one million tonnes of rare earth oxides in the northern area of which country _____ **Sweden**.

Note:

- This is the largest known deposit in Europe.
- Currently, no rare earths are mined in Europe and it mostly imports them from other regions.
- Almost 98 per cent of rare earths used by the European Union were sent by China.

Honor & Awards

1. Name the veteran actor-director, who was honoured with the lifetime achievement award at the opening ceremony of the 15th edition of the Jaipur International Film Festival (JIFF) _____ **Aparna Sen**.

Note:

- She made her film debut in Teen Kanya (directed by Satyajit Ray) in 1961.
- She has directed acclaimed movies like 36 Chowringhee Lane (1981), Paroma (1985), Paromitar Ek Din (2000), and Mr and Mrs Iyer (2002).
- 282 films from 63 countries are being screened from 6th -10th January 2023.

2. The e-NAM was awarded the platinum award in Digital Empowerment of Citizens category by the President of India, Droupadi Murmu at the Digital India Awards 2022, is associated with which ministry _____ **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare**.

Note:

- The e-Vivechna App (Madhya Pradesh) was awarded the platinum award in Digital Initiatives at Grassroots Level.
- The Mine Mitra (Uttar Pradesh) was awarded in Digital Initiatives for Ease of Doing Business category.

3. Who has been selected for the "Award for Global Leadership" by the Harvard Law School Center _____ **CJI D.Y. Chandrachud**.

Note:

- Reason: In recognition of his lifetime service to the legal profession in the country and around the world.
- The award will be presented to him at an online event on January 11, 2023.
- He took over as the 50th CJI on November 9, 2022.

4. Which Indian movie has won the 2023 Golden Globe Awards for the best original song–motion picture for "Naatu Naatu" track _____ **RRR (Directed by SS Rajamouli).**

Note:

- The movie was also nominated for the 'best picture-non English'.
- This track was composed by veteran music director, MM Keeravaani and sung by Kala Bhairava and Rahul Sipligunj
- Best Film:
 - Drama: The Fabelmans
 - Musical or Comedy: The Banshees of Inisherin
- Best Drama Series: House of the Dragon
- Best Musical or Comedy Series: Abbott Elementary

5. Harry Brook has won his maiden ICC Men's Player of the Month crown for December 2022, is belonged to which country _____ **England.**

Note:

- Reason: His blistering run of scores which helped England win World Test Championship series in Pakistan.
- While, Australia's Ashleigh Gardner has won the ICC Women's Player of the Month award for December 2022
- Reason: For her contributions to win the T20I series in India
- She has scored 115 runs at an impressive strike rate of 166.66 and also took 7-wicket during T20I series.

Sports News

1. Which Indian squash prodigy has clinched the girl's Under-15 squash title at the 2023 British Junior Open tournament, held in Birmingham (United Kingdom) from January 4-8, 2023 _____ **Anahat Singh.**

Note:

- She defeated Sohaila Hazem of Egypt by 3-1 in the final.
- The British Junior Open is held in January every year in the UK.
- She has also won the 2022 Scottish Junior Open held in Edinburgh, Scotland in the Girls under-17 categories.

2. Which Indian batter has become the fastest player to reach 1,500 runs in T20 International cricket in terms of balls faced _____ **Suryakumar Yadav.**

Note:

- He took only 843 balls to reach this landmark.
- In 45 matches and 43 innings, Suryakumar has scored 1,578 runs at an average of 46.41.
- He has three centuries and 13 half-centuries in the format, with the best individual score of 117.

3. The Khelo India Senior Women National Kho Kho league organised at which university from January 10 to January 13, 2023 _____ **Chandigarh University, Punjab.**

Note:

- The league is being organized by the Kho Kho Federation of India.
- It will be held over three phases with full financial support from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- The Kho Kho women's league for junior and sub-junior age groups is scheduled from January 16 to 19 at the Alberta Ekka Kho Kho stadium in Hotwar, Ranchi.

4. Who has defeated America's Sebastian Korda to win the 2023 Adelaide International 1 men's singles title _____ **Novak Djokovic.**

Note:

- While, Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus) has won women's singles title, after defeating Czech Republic's Linda Nosková.
- Men's doubles: Lloyd Glasspool(United Kingdom) / Harri Heliövaara(Finland)
- Women's doubles: Asia Muhammad (United States) / Taylor Townsend (United States)

5. Name the Indian cricketer, who has equalled Sachin Tendulkar record of slamming 20 One Day International centuries on the home soil _____ **Virat Kohli.**

Note:

- He has scored a hundred in just 80 balls against Sri Lanka in the first ODI of the three-match series.
- He took only 99 innings to score his 20th ODI hundred on home soil, while Sachin did so in 160 innings.
- Kohli now has 73 centuries to his credit across all formats, second only to Tendulkar's 100 centuries.

6. Who won a gold medal at the national level in the Sqay championship _____ **Falak Mumtaz.**

Note:

- Falak is one of them who won the gold medal in the Sqay championship that was played last week in Jammu.
- She is currently studying 6th standard at Aisha Ali Academy in Kulgam.
- Recently four girls were selected for the Sqay championship.

Books and Authors

1. Name the former Chief Justice of India who has released a book titled 'Chief Minister's Diary No.1' _____ **Ranjan Gogoi.**

Note:

- This book containing the account of events of the first year in office of Assam CM, Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma.
- The book featured accounts of daily activities he undertook as a Chief Minister.
- His diary essentially featured the growth initiatives that the state has witnessed over the last 11 months.

2. Who has released an autobiography of Techno-educationalist, Professor K.K. Abdul Gaffar 'Njaan Sakshi' (me as the witness) _____ **Mahendra Singh Dhoni.**

Note:

- It will provide an insight into the journey of Prof. Gaffar and how education and students have changed over the time.
- The first copy of this book was received by Marwan Al Mulla, the CEO of Dubai Health Authority (DHA).
- He also presented copies of the book to dignitaries including actor Tovino Thomas at the occasion.

3. Home Minister, Amit Shah has released a book titled Revolutionaries- The Other Story of How India Won Its Freedom. This book was authored by veteran Economist _____ **Sanjeev Sanyal.**

Note:

- The book has written the stories of freedom fighters like Bhagat Singh, Chandra Shekhar Azad, V D Savarkar, Aurobindo Ghosh, Rashbehari Bose, and Bagha Jatin, in a collective manner.

4. Health and Family Welfare Minister, Mansukh Mandaviya has officially launched the book titled Braving A Viral Storm: India's Covid-19 Vaccine Story, was co-authored by _____ **Aashish Chandorkar and Suraj Sudhir.**

Note:

- This book has explained the growth of India as a self-sufficient nation where all sections of society contributed to fighting the pandemic.
- The book was launched ahead of India's second anniversary of starting its COVID-19 vaccination drive in January 2021.

Science and Defence

1. Which drone maker organisation and Former cricketer, Mahendra Singh Dhoni have launched a surveillance drone named 'Droni' _____ **Garuda Aerospace.**

Note:

- MS Dhoni is an investor-cum-ambassador of Garuda Aerospace.
- Droni is a battery-operated quadcopter surveillance drone.
- Garuda Aerospace recently became the first-ever drone company in India to get dual DGCA approvals for both drone manufacturing type certificate and RTPO.
- In 2022, he unveiled the camera drone called Droni at the Global Drone Expo in Chennai.

2. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully launched SRBM, Prithvi-II from the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur, Odisha coast. What is the full form of SRBM _____ **Short-Range Ballistic Missile.**

Note:

- Prithvi-II missile is a well-established system.
- It has been an integral part of nuclear deterrence in India.
- During the training launch, the missile hit its target with high accuracy and successfully validated all operational and technical parameters of the missile.
- Range: 350 km

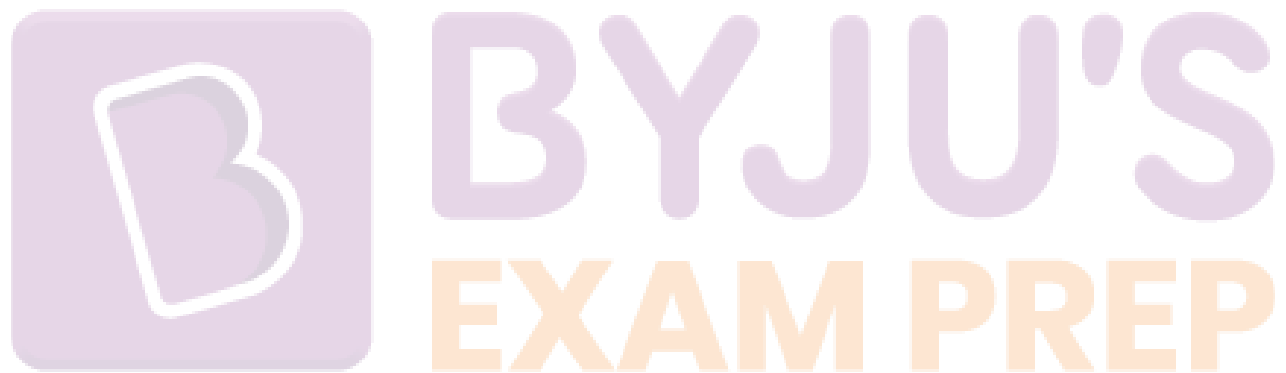
3. DAC under the chairmanship of Rajnath Singh, has given its approval to the proposal of worth Rs 4,276 crore with an aim to strengthen the Indian defence system. What is the full form of DAC _____ **Defence Acquisition Council.**

Note:

- The amount will utilised to procure the indigenous anti-tank missiles to be fitted onboard the advanced light helicopter and a new short-range air defence missile.

- All projects are under the Indigenously Designed Developed and Manufactured (IDDM) category.

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