

# Weekly One-liners

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## Weekly One Liners Updates 1st -7th October 2023

Dear readers,

**Weekly One Liners Update** is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the **first week** (1-7th) of **October 2023**. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

### **Banking & Financial Awareness**

1. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed monetary penalties on how many cooperative banks for violating rules **three**.

**Note:** The banks include:

- Saraswat Co-operative Bank,
- Rajkot Nagarik Sahakari Co-operative Bank
- Bassein Catholic Co-operative Bank.
- The RBI imposed a penalty of Rs 25 lakh, Rs 13 lakh and Rs 23 lakh on Bassein Catholic Co-operative Bank, Rajkot Nagarik Sahakari Bank Ltd and Saraswat Co-operative Bank, respectively.

2. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cancelled the certificate of registration of due to the Bank's inadequate capital. **Nashik Zilla Girna Sahakari Bank Ltd**

**Note:**

- According to RBI, on liquidation, every depositor in Nashik Zilla Girna Sahakari Bank would be entitled to receive the deposit insurance claim amount of his/ her deposits up to Rs5 lakh from Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC).

3. A leading private sector Bank is launching "Door -Step Gold Loan" facility named "KBL-Swarna Bandhu" **Karnataka Bank**.

**Note:**

- Aim: To provide Gold Loan Services at customer's door step.
- The bank has partnered with SahiBandhu a leading aggregator platform for gold loans backed by The Manipal Group.
- It help in improving the gold loan portfolio of Bank.

4. The Asian Development Bank approved capital management reforms that unlock in new funding capacity over the next decade to address the region's overlapping, crises. **\$100 billion**.

**Note:**

- The expansion of available funds will be further leveraged through mobilizing private and domestic capital to move from the billions to trillions to tackle the climate crisis.
- They expand the bank's annual new commitments capacity to more than \$36 billion an increase of approx \$10 billion.

5. Which bank has launched a first-of-its-kind NPS Preference Index that highlights the preference of NPS amongst different consumer groups. **HDFC**

**Note:**

- Aim: To provide financial security to Indian citizens during their retirement years.
- The National Pension System (NPS) is instrumental in facilitating an income post-retirement, making it pivotal for long-term financial security.
- NPS can be subscribed to by any Indian citizen, aged between 18-70 years, on a voluntary basis.

6. The Warehousing Development Regulatory Authority (WDRA) signed MoU the to facilitate farmers and traders in providing low-interest rate loans. **Bank of India**.

**Note:**

- Objective: To promote awareness against e-NWRs (electronic Negotiable Warehouse Receipt).
- Aim: To provide information to depositors of the benefits, besides doing further outreach activities to improve agricultural pledge finance in India.

7. Which Insurance company has signed a bancassurance pact with the State Bank of Sikkim (SBS) at the bank's headquarters in Gangtok, Sikkim **SBI Life Insurance Company**.

**Note:**

- Aim: To make insurance solutions accessible to the residents of Sikkim, through its trusted bancassurance partner.
- The partnership will see the extensive distribution network of the SBS spread across the state offer SBI Life's diverse range of protection, wealth creation, and savings insurance products to its customers.

8. What percentage growth according to the World Bank, the Indian economy's growth is expected in the FY23 -24 fiscal from 7.2 percent in FY 22. \_\_\_\_\_ **6.3 percent.**

**Note:**

- The expected slowdown is mainly due to waning base effects, slowing global growth, and domestic price pressures.
- The bank maintained that India will remain one of the fastest-growing major economies in the world.
- India's economy grew 7.8 percent in the first quarter of the fiscal owing to strong domestic demand.

9. Which bank launched a Mobile Handheld Device to enhance accessibility and convenience in availing banking services to the customers. \_\_\_\_\_ **State Bank of India.**

**Note:**

- Objective: To provide cash withdrawal, cash deposit, fund transfer, balance inquiry and mini statement at doorsteps of customers.
- Aim: To benefit customers who face challenges in accessing Bank Branch or Customer Service Point outlets due to health issues, Senior citizens and Divyangjans.

10. In Association with which bank Outlook Group announces the launch of its highly anticipated retirement planning event, "40After40", \_\_\_\_\_ **IDFC FIRST Bank.**

**Note:**

- Aim: To provide invaluable insights and expert guidance to individuals, helping them make informed decisions to secure a prosperous retirement.
- It's a one-stop shop for all conversations around timely retirement, panel discussions, chats, masterclasses, interactions with planners, product presentations etc.

11. Which bank has taken a significant step by forming an external working group (WG) to address the expected credit loss (ECL) framework for loan loss provisioning? \_\_\_\_\_ **RBI.**

**Note:**

- Aim: To gather independent insights into the intricacies of this substantial shift in the banking sector.
- It was led by R. Narayanaswamy and consists of eight experts, with representation from six banks and one member each from KPMG and the Indian School of Business, Hyderabad.

12. Which bank has launched 'INDIE,' a financial app offering personalized financial services, to offer tailored insights and an array of innovative features? \_\_\_\_\_ **IndusInd Bank.**

**Note:**

- Aim: To allow customers to borrow precisely what they need when they need it, paying interest solely on the borrowed amount.
- One of INDIE's features is its flexibility in financial product offerings.
- For instance, users can access an instant credit line of up to Rs. 5 lakh.

13. Which bank launched 'open by', its digital bank proposition in its latest advertising campaign that focuses on the Bank's digital capabilities. \_\_\_\_\_ **Axis Bank.**

**Note:**

- The Open 2023 campaign highlights the top 15 features of the Bank's digital offerings.
- It is a culmination of the Bank's multiyear effort to launch a digital bank within the bank, which is focused on delivering a personalized, intuitive, and hassle-free digital banking experience.

14. Which bank became the first bank in the country to issue an ONDC Network Gift Card? \_\_\_\_\_ **YES Bank.**

**Note:**

- This marks a shift in the way India shops and aims to revolutionize the shopping experience for Indian consumers.
- The ONDC Network Gift Card, issued in partnership with Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) is at the forefront of democratizing digital commerce.
- Unlike traditional gift cards, this concept empowers customers to utilize the gift card for purchasing products from any brand.

## Obituaries

1. Veteran Anathalavattom Anandan, who recently passed away belongs to which field \_\_\_\_\_ **Politician**

**Note:**

- He was 86 years old.
- He was born in Varkala, Thiruvananthapuram district, in 1937.
- His journey in the world of politics began in 1954 when he actively participated in an agitation advocating for higher wages for coir workers in his village.

### Important Days

1. International Day of Older Persons is observed on \_\_\_\_ **1st October**.

**Note:**

- It is a special day for senior citizens all over the world.
- **2023 Theme:** Fulfilling the Promises of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for Older Persons
- **Aim:** To raise awareness of the value of senior persons in our society and to show our appreciation for their contributions.
- The purpose of the day is to draw attention to how the world might better the lives of older people.

2. International Coffee Day is observed every year on \_\_\_\_ **1st October**.

**Note:**

- To recognize the work of millions of coffee farmers from all over the world, every year on October 1, the world celebrates International Coffee Day.
- **Theme 2023:** promoting the right to a safe and healthy working environment in the coffee supply chain.

3. The nation paid homage to the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi on his 154th birth anniversary on \_\_\_\_\_ **2nd October**.

**Note:**

- A Sarva Dharma Prarthana Sabha was organised at Babu's Samadhi at Rajghat in the national capital.
- Historic Gandhi Ashram at Noakhali organised a series of programmes in the premises to pay homage to Mahatma Gandhi.
- The nation is also remembering former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri on his birth anniversary.

4. World Animal Day is an annual event that is celebrated around the world on \_\_\_\_\_ **October 4**

**Note:**

- The theme of World Animal Day 2023 is Big or small, we love them all.
- It brings together and mobilizes the animal protection movement into a global force to make the world a better place for all animals.
- This day reminds us of our duty to protect and care for the many species that share our planet.

5. World Teachers' Day is celebrated every year on \_\_\_\_\_ **October 5**

**Note:**

- **Theme 2023:** "The teachers we need for the education we want: The global imperative to reverse the teacher shortage".
- **Aim:** At the importance of stopping the decline in the number of teachers and then starting to increase that number at the top of the global agenda.

6. World Cotton Day is observed on \_\_\_\_\_ **October 7**.

**Note:**

- **Aim:** To promote fair trade and help developing nations engage in all aspects of the cotton industry to improve their economies.
- The theme for World Cotton Day 2023, 'Making cotton fair and sustainable for all, from farm to fashion,' is championed by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

### New Appointments

1. Who has been elected as President of Maldives \_\_\_\_\_ **Mohamed Muizzu**.

**Note:**

- Muizzu defeated incumbent Mohamed Solih to become president of the island nation.
- Mohamed Muizzu, 45, is a British-educated civil engineer.
- He was an unlikely candidate for the presidency after serving as construction minister in the government of his mentor Abdulla Yameen.

2. Who has been appointed as the chairman of the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI). \_\_\_\_\_ **Saugata Gupta**.

**Note:**

- It is the leading self-regulatory organization in India and deals with communication guidelines in both offline and online advertising.
- It recently launched the 'ASCI Academy' to boost self-regulation during the creative process.
- His association with ASCI spans many yrs, including 2 yrs on the Board of Governors and 2 yrs as a special invitee on the Board of Governors

3. Who has been appointed as CEO of PayU, replaced Amrisha Rau. \_\_\_\_\_ **Anirban Mukherjee**

**Note:**

- He will join the Prosus leadership team and report directly to Ervin Tu, Prosus and Nasper's Interim CEO.
- He will be responsible for overall business operations of PayU
- This comes just two months after Netherlands-based investment firm Prosus announced that the fintech arm PayU is selling a part of its business to Israel's Rapyd.

4. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed as Executive Director (ED) with effect from October 3, 2023. \_\_\_\_\_ **Muneesh Kapur.**

**Note:**

- As executive director, he will look after the Department of Economic and Policy Research.
- He was Adviser-in-Charge of the Monetary Policy Department and secretary to the Monetary Policy Committee.
- He holds a Master's degree in Economics and is a Certified Associate of the Indian Institute of Bankers (CAIIB).

### Important News – India

1. The Central Force, in collaboration with the Ministry of Women and Child Development, will organize a bike expedition with Yashaswini, to celebrate women's power in the country \_\_\_\_ **Central Reserve Police Force.**

**Note:**

- A total of 150 women CRPF officers of three teams will embark on the cross-country rally.
- The teams will start their journeys from the Srinagar, Shillong, and Kanyakumari.
- They will converge at the Statue of Unity in Kevadia, Gujarat for the grand finale.

2. Under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, is organizing the 4th National EMRS Cultural, Literary and Kala Utsav – 2023 in Dehradun, Uttarakhand \_\_\_\_ **The National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS)**

**Note:**

- Aim: To showcase the artistic talent of school students through the Kala Utsav.
- This year 2023 Eklavya Vidyalaya Sangathan Samiti (EVSS), Uttarakhand (State EMRS Society) will host the event at Maharana Pratap Sports College, Dehradun.

3. National Zoological Park begins the celebration of 69th Wildlife Week with theme \_\_\_\_\_ **Partnerships for wildlife conservation.**

**Note:**

- The Nature Park is a serene and breathtaking space within the bustling Gujarat Science City.
- It is a must visit for nature enthusiasts and botanists alike.
- The park not only promotes biodiversity but also serves as an educational platform for people."
- It imparts valuable lessons on environmental conservation and sustainability.

4. What amount of rupees has the Prime Minister announced for the Sammakka Sarakka Tribal University of Telangana \_\_\_\_ **900 crore rupees.**

**Note:**

- Aim: To boost the farmers of the area as it will provide necessary infrastructure support, value addition, research facility and help in exports in a professional manner
- Awareness of the therapeutic value of turmeric had increased during the Covid pandemic leading to increased demand as well as exports.

5. Which company has retained the top spot with a brand value of \$43 billion in the latest edition of the Kantar BrandZ Top 75 Most Valuable Indian Brands Report. \_\_\_\_\_ **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS).**

**Note:**

- The top five positions are:
- TCS
- HDFC Bank



- Infosys
- Airtel
- State Bank of India
- TCS continues to successfully capitalize on global demand for digital transformation, despite a tough year for the business technology category in general.

6. President of Indonesia Joko Widodo inaugurated the first high-speed railway in Southeast Asia, a key project under the Road Infrastructure initiative of China. \_\_\_\_\_ **"Whoosh"**

**Note:**

- It is a collaborative venture between an Indonesian consortium of four state-owned companies and China Railway International Co. Ltd
- He has championed the 142 km railway
- Largely funded by China, USD 7.3 billion project was constructed by PT Kereta Cepat Indonesia-China, known as PT KCIC

7. Ambedkar Center India is all set to unveil the largest statue of B R Ambedkar outside on 14th October. \_\_\_\_\_ **North America.**

**Note:**

- According to the the Ambedkar International Center (AIC) the 19-foot statue, named Statue of Equality has been made by renowned artist and sculptor Ram Sutar.
- He also constructed the Sardar Patel statue in Ahmedabad.
- The statue of Ambedkar, the key architect of India's Constitution built on 13 acres of land in Accokeek City Maryland.

8. Which country has beaten developed countries like the UK and Japan and ranked 47th in the mobile Okla Speedtest Global Index. \_\_\_\_\_ **India.**

**Note:**

- According to Ookla Speedtest data, India's median download speed has improved remarkably, increasing by 3.59 times since 5G was launched in the country.
- 5G speeds in India are particularly impressive compared to those on 4G; in August 2023

9. India's National Investment and Infrastructure Fund and which country jointly launched a \$600 million fund for climate and environment projects. \_\_\_\_\_ **Japan.**

**Note:**

- The Indian gov will contribute 49% to the target corpus and remaining 51% will be contributed by JBIC.
- Objective: To invest in environmental sustainability and low carbon emission strategies and
- Aim: To play the role of being a partner of choice to further enhance Japanese investments into India

10. Which edition of the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Travel Mart 2023 is being organized by the Ministry of Tourism at IECC in New Delhi? \_\_\_\_\_ **46th edition.**

**Note:**

- The Mart is being organized from October 4th to 6th 2023.
- It is an opportunity to highlight unique destinations and members to develop networks , learn and socialize for delegates from all over the world and for business to expand.

11. Which country with India signed a strategic partnership agreement for Domestic Card Scheme Implementation? \_\_\_\_\_ **UAE.**

**Note:**

- As per the agreement, NPCI and AEP will work together to build, implement, and operationalize UAE's national domestic card scheme modelled on India's RuPay card.
- Aim: To expand the bilateral trade to make it 100 billion dollar.

12. Which country with India signed a MoU in Abu Dhabi to collaborate efforts in areas such as supply chain resilience? \_\_\_\_\_ **United Arab Emirates.**

**Note:**

- Aim: To facilitate industrial investments, technology transfer, and the implementation of key innovations across various industries.
- Goal: To yield mutual benefits, as both nations strive for joint industrial and technological advancements.

## Important News – State

1. Which state launched an e-cabinet system at Agartala to promote digital infrastructure development and digitization of government services and information \_\_\_\_\_ **Tripura.**

**Note:**

- Tripura has thus become the fourth state—and second in the Northeast—after Uttarakhand, UP, and Arunachal Pradesh, to have introduced an e-cabinet system.
- All future cabinet meetings in the state will be paperless, reducing the carbon footprint and environmental degradation in the process

2. The 50th India International Knit fair will be held from 12th to 14th October at the India Knit Fair Association complex (IKFA) \_\_\_\_\_ **Tamil Nadu.**

**Note:**

- The main theme of the fair is Active and Sportswear, Environmental Social Governance, Artificial Intelligence and digitalisation.
- The IKFA has tied up with Sourcing Consultants Association, Association of Buying Agents for Textiles, Brand Sourcing Leaders, and the NIFT Alumni.

3. Which are the 10 slowest cities in the world on the speed index according to the findings by a US-based private non-profit research organization? \_\_\_\_\_ **Bhiwandi in Maharashtra, Kolkata, and Bihar's Arrah**

**Note:**

- The study, conducted by the National Bureau of Economic Research covered over 1,200 cities in 152 countries
- The average travel speed of motor vehicles throughout the day is the highest in Flint, US, slowest in Bangladesh, Dhaka, and is the most congested in Bogota, Colombia

4. Which state inaugurated a 23-km long cycle track with a solar roof, making it India's first solar-covered cycle track. \_\_\_\_\_ **Hyderabad.**

**Note:**

- Telangana Municipal Minister K T Rama Rao laid the foundation for the cycle track along the service road of Outer Ring Road.
- The panels have the potential to generate 16MW of electricity, equivalent to powering 32,000 streetlights or illuminating 800 kilometers of city streets.

5. The organizations caught 6 persons with 955 live baby Gangetic turtles of different species at Nagpur, Bhopal, and Chennai. \_\_\_\_\_ **Directorate of Revenue Intelligence.**

**Note:**

- Intelligence was developed by the officers of DRI about a syndicate involved in illegal trafficking and trading of "Turtles of Ganges",
- Some turtles are specified as vulnerable/ near threatened species under the IUCN Red List and Schedule I and II of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

6. Which state launched the "Mukhyamantri Sukh Ashraya Yojana" from the Ridge Shimla to support orphans. \_\_\_\_\_ **Himachal Pradesh.**

**Note:**

- Aim: To provide comprehensive support to orphans, specially-abled children, destitute women, and elderly people in the state.
- In a first-of-its-kind initiative in the country, the state government took a decision to adopt the orphans, the specially-abled children as the 'children of the state' and work for their upliftment.

7. Which state government issued a notification for providing 35 percent reservation for women in recruitment, barring the forest department. \_\_\_\_\_ **Madhya Pradesh.**

**Note:**

- Madhya Pradesh was the first state to introduce 50 percent reservation for women in elections to panchayats and urban bodies.
- It also has a 30 percent reservation for women in the police.
- The state also offers concessional tariffs for registry of property in case it is in a woman's name.

8. Which state inaugurated India's largest pumped storage project \_\_\_\_\_ **Madhya Pradesh**

**Note:**

- The project is being developed by Greenko Group, India's largest energy storage company.
- The project, which is located in the Khemla block, Neemuch district, Madhya Pradesh

- It has a capacity of 1440 MW, with storage for 7.5 hours and is now being expanded to 1920 MW with storage of 6 hours to provide a storage of nearly 11 Giga watt hours (GWh) daily.
9. Which state announced the formation of three new districts in the state -- Malpura, Sujangarh and Kuchman City?  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Rajasthan.**

**Note:**

- Rajasthan would now have 53 districts.
- The state government had formed 17 new districts earlier in August 2023.
- The other new districts are Apoonagarh, Balotra, Beawar, Deeg, Didwana-Kuchaman, Dudu, Gangapur City, Kekri, Kotputli-Behror, Khairthal-Tijara, Neem ka Thana, Phalodi, Slumber, Sanchoe and Shahpura.

### Honor & Awards

1. Renowned author and philanthropist Became the First Woman to be honored with the Global Indian Award by the Canada India Foundation. \_\_\_\_\_ **Sudha Murty.**

**Note:**

- The Global Indian Award, worth \$50,000, is given annually to prominent Indians who have excelled in their respective fields.
- He was conferred by the Canada India Foundation at the Toronto gala event where she was accompanied by the parents of her son-in-law and British PM Rishi Sunak to the event.

2. The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2023 awarded to \_\_\_\_\_ **Katalin Kariko, and Drew Weissman.**

**Note:**

- The Nobel Assembly at Karolinska Institutet announced the recipient of the 2023 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine.
- The award has been given for their discoveries that enabled the development of effective mRNA vaccines against Covid-19.
- Six Nobel Prizes are awarded each year, recognizing an individual's or group's contribution to a specific field.
- There are 351 nominees for the Nobel Peace Prize this year.

3. Who awarded with the 2023 SASTRA Ramanujan Prize for his outstanding contributions to mathematics. \_\_\_\_\_ **Ruixiang Zhang.**

**Note:**

- The annual cash prize of USD 10,000 will be given at an international conference in Number Theory on December 20 and December 22 at SASTRA University in Kumbakonam
- He has made contributions to the Generalization of Vinogradov's Mean Value Theorem and Breakthroughs in Restriction Theory

4. Nobel Prize 2023 in Physics has been awarded to \_\_\_\_\_ **Pierre Agostini, Ferenc Krausz, and Anne L'Huillier.**

**Note:**

- For experimental methods that generate attosecond pulses of light for the study of electron dynamics in matter.
- The experiments gave humanity new tools to explore the world of electrons inside atoms and molecules.
- They developed a new way to create extremely short pulses of light that can be used to measure the rapid processes by which electrons move or change energy.

5. Which station has been awarded the platinum certificate by the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) for developing the railway station into a net zero energy building. \_\_\_\_\_ **Dr. MGR Chennai Central railway station**

**Note:**

- Southern Railway General Manager R.N. Singh received the IGBC platinum shield from Ajith Kumar Chordia, Chairman of IGBC
- The railway official said the Central station was the first station in the zone to install rooftop solar plant of 1.80 mega watt (MW).

6. A more than 100-year-old traditional craft from Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district, has got the Geographical Indication tag. \_\_\_\_\_ **Basohli Pashmina.**

**Note:**



- It is a hand-spun product known for extreme softness, fineness and light-weight, has insulating properties and extended life.
- Pashmina products include shawls for both men and women, mufflers, blankets and baskets.
- Earlier, the famed Basohli painting and Chikri wood from Rajouri district of Jammu division received the GI tag.

7. The Nobel Prize 2023 in Chemistry has been awarded to "for the discovery and synthesis of quantum dots."  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Moungi G Bawendi, Louis E Brus, and Alexei I Ekimov**

**Note:**

- The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences rewards the discovery and development of quantum dots, nanoparticles so tiny that their size determines their properties.
- The Nobel Laureates in Chemistry 2023 have succeeded in producing particles so small that their properties are determined by quantum phenomena.

8. Who has received the Spinoza Prize, the highest distinction in Dutch science for her work in the field of climate change.  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Joyeeta Gupta.**

**Note:**

- The prize was presented to her by the Netherlands' Minister for Education, Science, and Culture, Robert Dijkgraaf at The Hague.
- She is a Dutch environmental scientist who is professor of Environment and Development in the Global South at the University of Amsterdam.

9. Who has been awarded the 2023 Nobel Prize in Literature for his innovative plays and prose which give voice to the unsayable. \_\_\_\_\_ **Jon Fosse**

**Note:**

- He is today one of the most widely performed playwrights in the world and has become increasingly recognized for his prose.
- The human condition is the central theme of Fosse's body of work, irrespective of genre.
- He has now joined an illustrious list of past winners that ranges from Toni Morrison to Ernest Hemingway.

10. Who won the 2023 Nobel Peace Prize for her courageous struggle against the oppression of women in Iran and relentless fight for social reform? \_\_\_\_\_ **Narges Mohammadi.**

**Note:**

- She was awarded the prestigious prize for her efforts "to promote human rights and freedom for all".
- She is the deputy head of the Defenders of Human Rights Center, a non-governmental organization led by Shirin Ebadi, the 2003 Nobel Peace Prize laureate.

### Sports News

1. Indian athletic won the First-Ever gold medal in men's 3000m steeplechase at the Asian Games 2023\_\_ **Avinash Sable.**

**Note:**

- His medal is India's 12th gold at this edition of the Asian Games and the first track and field gold in China.
- He is 2022 Commonwealth Games silver medallist and holds the national record of 8min 11.20 sec.

2. Indian tennis players won the gold medal in the mixed doubles event at the Asian Games 2023 in Hangzhou \_\_\_\_\_ **Rohan Bopanna and Rutuja Bhosale.**

**Note:**

- The second-seeded Indian duo defeated ninth seeds Tsung-hao Huang and Liang En-shuo of Chinese Taipei in the final at the Hangzhou Olympic Sports Centre.
- Other Winners
- The men's doubles team of Saketh Myneni and Ramkumar Ramanathan won a silver in tennis.

3. Narendra Modi inaugurated the country's first high-tech sports training center for Divyangjan, named after former PM Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee \_\_\_\_\_ **Madhya Pradesh.**

**Note:**

- Aim: To provide equal opportunities in sports, enhance talent, and encourage participation in various sports disciplines.
- Objective: To demonstrate commitment to an inclusive and accessible sports ecosystem, emphasizing the power of sports

4. Indian Table Tennis players picked up a historic bronze medal in the women's doubles tournament in the Asian Games 2023 in Hangzhou. \_\_\_\_\_ **Ayhika Mukherjee and Sutirtha Mukherjee**

**Note:**

- The Indian duo lost to Suyong Cha and Sugyong Pak of North Korea in the semi-finals
- The Indian duo is ranked 16th in the world.
- With this, India's medal tally has now gone up to 56 medals, comprising of 13 gold, 21 silver, and 22 bronze.

5. Indian women's skating teams secured bronze medals in the speed skating 3000m relay competition at the Asian Games in Hangzhou. \_\_\_\_\_ **Heeral Sadhu, Kartika Jagadeeswaran and Aarathy Kasturi Raj.**

**Note:**

- Other Winners
- Indian boxer Preeti Pawar won a bronze medal
- India's men's team of Aryan Pal, Anand Kumar, Siddhant, and Vikram won bronze medals in the speed skating 3000m relay
- India bagged total of 62 medals at the 2023 Asian Games, consisting of 13 gold, 24 silver, and 25 bronze

6. Which country won the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Under-19 Championship at the Dashrath Rangasala Stadium in Kathmandu. \_\_\_\_\_ **India.**

7. Indian thrower secured the gold medal in the Men's Javelin Throw competition at the Asian Games 2023, held at Hangzhou. \_\_\_\_\_ **Neeraj Chopra.**

**Note:**

- Japan's Roderick Genki Dean secured the bronze medal
- Other Winners:
- India won gold in the compound archery mixed team final
- India won bronze in the 35km race walk mixed team final.
- Lovlina Borgohain won silver in women's 75 kg boxing final.
- Parveen settled for bronze in the 57kg women's boxing semifinal.

8. India Athletic clinched her second Asian Games medal, and her first gold, in women's javelin throws in Hangzhou in the Asian Games 2023. \_\_\_\_\_ **Annu Rani.**

**Note:**

- Sri Lanka's Dilhani Lekamge won silver while Lyu Huihui of China won bronze.
- Other winners:
- Parul Chaudhary earlier won the women's 5000m event, adding to the silver she won at the women's 3000m steeplechase final
- Tajinderpal Singh Toor bagged golds in shotput and men's 3000m steeplechase winner Avinash Sable.

9. Who is named as the 'Global Ambassador' for the Cricket World Cup 2023 by the ICC. \_\_\_\_\_ **Sachin Tendulkar.**

**Note:**

- Sachin, who has participated in a record six 50-over World Cups, will unveil the World Cup trophy before the inaugural match between England and New Zealand, thereby officially opening the tournament.
- The ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 will commence on October 5, with England and New Zealand at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad.

10. Which country won in Men's Hockey Team at the 19th Asian Games Hangzhou 2023 to claim the Gold medal. \_\_\_\_\_ **India.**

**Note:**

- With the win, the Indian men's hockey team also secured a berth at the Paris 2024 Olympics.
- This is India's fourth Gold medal in Men's Field Hockey at the Asian Games.
- India had previously won the Gold medal in 1966, 1998, and 2014.
- The Indian women are already out of the race after losing in the semi-finals to hosts China

11. Who clinched her third Gold Medal at the Asian Games 2023 in Compound Archery? \_\_\_\_\_ **Jyothi Surekha Vennam**

**Note:**

- Other winners:
- Ojas Praveen Deotale for striking Gold in the Compound Archery Men's Individual event at the Asian Games.
- Aditi Gopichand Swami brought home the Bronze Medal at the Asian Games in Compound Archery.
- Abhishek Verma won the Silver Medal in the Compound Archery Men's Individual event.

## Science and Defence

1. Which of India's Solar Missions successfully departed Earth's gravitational field by traveling more than 9.2 lakh kilometers away \_\_\_\_ Aditya L1.

**Note:**

- It is now navigating its path toward the Lagrange point L1 which is 1.5 million km from Earth.
- ISRO has informed the spacecraft is now on a trajectory that will take the spacecraft to the Sun-Earth L1 point.
- After 110 days, the spacecraft will be injected into an orbit around L1 through a maneuver from the Ground station.

2. Iran's Revolutionary Guards, a branch of the nation's armed forces, launched the spacecraft atop a three-stage Qasem rocket \_\_\_\_ **Noor 3**.

**Note:**

- "Noor" means "light" in Farsi, while "Qased" means "messenger."
- Noor 3 is an imaging satellite
- The spacecraft's two predecessors, Noor 1 and Noor 2, launched in April 2020 and March 2022, respectively, also atop Qased rockets
- The country has had many failed satellite launches in recent years

3. The Indian Air Force made significant strides to enhance its air Défense capabilities with the impending induction of indigenous Air-to-Air Missiles. \_\_\_\_ **Astra**.

**Note:**

- The IAF has entered into contracts with Bharat Dynamics Limited for these advanced missiles, marking a crucial step towards reducing import dependency and bolstering national security.
- The first batch of Astra-MK1 missiles, developed by the Defence Research and Development Laboratory.

4. India and Bangladesh commenced the 11th edition of an annual joint military exercise, on 03rd October 2023 in Umroi, Meghalaya. \_\_\_\_ **SAMPRITI**

**Note:**

- Aim: To enhance interoperability between the two armies, sharing tactical drills, and promoting best practices.
- SAMPRITI-XI, scheduled for 14 days, will engage approximately 350 personnel from both sides.
- SAMPRITI-XI will include a Command Post Exercise (CPX) and a Field Training Exercise (FTX), culminating in a Validation Exercise.

5. Name the vaccine which World Health Organization has validated a second malaria vaccine to protect children against the deadly disease. \_\_\_\_ **R21**.

**Note:**

- According to Researchers the vaccine, known as R21, is easier to make than the first-approved malaria vaccine, called RTS,S, and will be cheaper per dose.
- R21 met the WHO's target of 75% efficacy at preventing the disease in a trial with 4,800 children who received three doses before a seasonal malaria peak.

6. Rajnath Singh launched the Navy's updated indigenous programme at the Indian Navy's Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Organisation seminar in New Delhi. \_\_\_\_ **Swavalamban 2.0**.

**Note:**

- Highlights of the event:
- The release of the fifth Positive Indigenisation List of the Department of Military Affairs comprising 98 items.
- He launched 76 challenges for the industry under 10th Defence India Start-up Challenges & DISC 10 PRIME of Innovations for Defence Excellence.

7. Which company handed over the twin-seater variant of LCA Tejas fighter aircraft to Indian Air Force in Bengaluru. \_\_\_\_ **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited**.

**Note:**

- Aim: To join India in the list of a very few elite countries who have created such capability and have them operational in their defence forces.
- LCA Tejas twin seater is a light weight all weather, multi-role 4.5 generation aircraft.

- The aircraft developed indigenously has static stability, quadruplex fly by wire flight control.

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