

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 **October** 2023. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. The Asian Development Bank has approved a \$200 million loan to strengthen flood and riverbank erosion risk management in _____ **Assam**.
Note:
 - The project builds on the success and lessons from the ADB-financed Assam Integrated Flood and Riverbank Erosion Risk Management Investment Program (2010–2020).
 - Aim: To empower women through disaster-resilient economic activities, the project will benefit about 1 million people and increase crop production by over 50,000 hectares.
2. Which company with Guwahati-based North East Small Finance Bank (NESFB) have announced a merger between the two entities? _____ **Fintech credit and payments start-up Slice**.
Note:
 - The banking regulator, the Reserve Bank of India has approved the deal and will see slice becoming an SFB, a first-of-its-kind development in the fintech and banking space.
 - The Bengaluru-based slice was last valued at around \$1.8 billion during its previous fundraising in 2022.
3. The Indian Navy and which bank launched 'Nav-eCash' card, a unique e-cash card that can work in both online and offline mode? _____ **State Bank of India**.
Note:
 - The Indian Navy initiated its first step as an idea by one of their officers, Captain Vasu Dheeraj, towards a cashless and digital Indian Navy in 2020
 - By developing a business model and proof of concept with a startup for offline transactions at the high seas based upon a dual chip card system.
4. The Reserve Bank has imposed monetary penalties on how many co-operative banks for deficiencies in regulatory compliance? _____ **Five**.
Note:
 - These co-operative banks are:
 - SBPP Co-operative Bank
 - Sahayadri Sahakari Bank
 - Rahimatpur Sahakari Bank
 - Gadhinglaj Urban Co-operative Bank
 - Kalyan Janata Sahakari Bank
 - The RBI imposed a monetary penalty of ₹13 lakh on SBPP Co-operative Bank Limited for non-compliance with directions issued by RBI on 'Interest Rate on Deposits'.
5. What percent does the International Monetary Fund (IMF) raised its FY24 growth projection for India by 20 basis points citing stronger than expected consumption between April and June. _____ **6.3 percent**.
Note:
 - The IMF's latest World Economic Outlook (WEO) kept its global growth forecast unchanged at 3 per cent for 2023 and pared down the 2024 projection by 10 basis points to 2.9 per cent.
 - The IMF's inflation projection for India has been revised upward to 5.5 per cent for FY24.
6. What amount India's net direct tax collections grew 21.8% to surpassing over half of the Budget estimates for 2023 with personal income tax revenues rising 32.5%? _____ **₹9.57 lakh crore**
Note:
 - While tax refunds amounting to ₹1.5 lakh crore have been remitted to taxpayers so far, some refunds are being withheld on the basis of pending tax demands from the past that taxpayers are being given a chance to address.

7. What amount India's fiscal deficit in the first five months of the financial year 2023-24 (FY24) stood _____ **Rs 6.42 trillion.**

Note:

- In the same period in FY23, the fiscal deficit was 32.6 per cent of the full-year target.
- Aim: To narrow its fiscal deficit to 5.9 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) by the end of the current financial year, against 6.4 per cent last year.

8. Which insurance company has added surrogacy cover and oocyte donor cover to its popular women-centric policy, Star Women Care Insurance Policy? _____ **Star Health and Allied Insurance.**

Note:

- Aim: To address a growing demand for assisted reproduction treatment, extending health insurance coverage to surrogate mothers and oocyte donors while also offering reassurance to expectant couples
- It provides inpatient hospitalization coverage for post-partum delivery complications experienced by the surrogate mother

9. The RBI has ordered which bank to suspend further customer onboarding on its 'bob World' mobile app with immediate effect? _____ **Bank of Baroda.**

Note:

- Under section 35A, the RBI has power to give directions to banks 'to prevent the affairs of any banking company being conducted in a manner detrimental to the interests of the depositors or in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the banking company'.

10. What amount Asian Development Bank (ADB) agreed to provide to Bangladesh for manufacturing vaccines against various diseases? _____ **\$338 million.**

Note:

- This initiative will reduce the dependency on vaccine imports and facilitate more production in the country.
- The ADB committed \$3.5 billion financing to Bangladesh in the current fiscal year of which around \$2 billion would be concessional while the rest of \$1.5 billion would be regular.

11. The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a monetary penalty of five crore and thirty-nine lakh rupees on which bank for violation of Know Your Customer (KYC) and a few other norms? _____ **Paytm Payments Bank Limited.**

Note:

- RBI said, the bank had also violated certain provisions of 'RBI Guidelines for Licensing of Payments Banks', 'Guidelines on reporting of unusual cyber security incidents' and 'Securing mobile banking applications including UPI ecosystem'.

12. The Reserve Bank of India has canceled the Certificate of Registration of _____ **Chennai-based Ind Bank Housing Ltd.**

Note:

- Indian Bank and HUDCO (Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd) are major shareholders in the housing finance company, holding 51 per cent and 25 per cent stake, respectively.
- The company was set up in 1991.
- The housing finance company's net loss widened to ₹55.78 lakh in FY23 against ₹12.93 lakh in FY22.

13. Which Bank announced to launch of 'iFinance' to get a consolidated view of their savings and current accounts in one place? _____ **ICICI Bank.**

Note:

- The 'iFinance' facility is available across our mobile banking and internet banking platforms which provide ease of access to account information to the customers.
- Objective: To enable our customers as well as customers of other banks to view their account data in one place and provide them better control over their finances.

Obituaries

1. Michael Chiarello, a culinary expert known for his extraordinary talent, passed away was a _____ **Chef.**

Note:

- He succumbed to an acute allergic reaction that led to anaphylactic shock, as announced by his company Gruppo Chiarello in a statement.

- Over the years, Chiarello expanded his culinary empire, opening renowned restaurants such as Bottega, Ottimo, and Coqueta, each reflecting his distinct style and passion for creating unforgettable dining experiences.

2. Terence Davies, known for his thought-provoking and introspective films, has sadly passed away was a **Filmmaker**.

Note:

- He is recognized for his internationally acclaimed films, including 'Distant Voices, Still Lives' and 'The Long Day Closes'.

Important Days

1. World Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day is celebrated on **October 8th**

Note:

- Aim: To promote awareness and understanding of hydrogen as a clean and sustainable energy source, along with the versatile technology of fuel cells.
- Objective: To acknowledge the potential of hydrogen and fuel cells in addressing the pressing challenges of climate change.

2. Indian Air Force Day is celebrated every year on **8th October**.

Note:

- The theme of 2023 is 'IAF - Airpower Beyond Boundaries'.
- It is also the fourth largest airforce in all over the world after the United States, China and Russia.
- It will be celebrated in the holiest place of the Hindu religion in Prayagraj.
- The legendary Russian origin MIG-21 jets Will take part in The Indian Air Force day parade for the last time.

3. World Post Day is celebrated each year on **9 October**.

Note:

- Theme for World Post Day 2023 is "Together for Trust: Collaborating for a safe and connected future."
- The Posts in many countries use the event to introduce or promote new postal products and services.
- Post offices play a crucial role in fostering cohesive, inclusive, connected communities.

4. Indian Postal Day is celebrated **10th October**

Note:

- It is an extended celebration of World Post Day, which is observed on 9th October every year.
- Aim: To remember the service of the India Post, which is the most widely functioning government postal service in the world.
- It is also celebrated to honor the pivotal role of the national postal service in our lives.
- India Post was first established in 1854 by Lord Dalhousie.

5. World Mental Health Day is observed every year on **October 10**

Note:

- Aim: To create awareness about mental illness and to start a discussion on mental health issues like borderline personality disorder, depression, anxiety, etc.
- The theme for World Mental Health Day 2023 "Mental health is a universal human right" provides an opportunity for individuals and communities to come together to deal with mental health issues.

6. International Girl Child Day is observed every year on **October 11**.

Note:

- Aim: To focus on the importance of girls' education, their rights, and promoting gender equality.
- The theme of 2023 is "Invest in Girls' Rights: Our Leadership, Our Well-being,"
- It urges the global community to move beyond reaffirming commitments and invest boldly in the action needed to make changes that could empower girls.

7. The International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDR) is celebrated every year on **13 October**.

Note:

- The day is dedicated to create awareness about disasters, their impact on living beings, and preventive measures.
- One of the main aims behind observing this day is to educate communities about the risks posed by disasters, and prepare them to survive through both natural and human-made disasters.

8. World Standards Day, also known as International Standards Day is observed on **October 14**.

Note:

- The theme 2023 is “Shared Vision for a Better World: Incorporating Sustainable Development Goal for Good Health and Well-Being.”
 - Aim: To educate consumers, policymakers, and businesses on the importance of standardization.
 - It serves as an opportunity to raise awareness among nations and their citizens and encourages them towards a better quality of life.
9. The International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction, held each year on _____ **13 October**.

Note:

- Aim: To celebrates how people and communities around the world are reducing their exposure to natural hazards.
- In 2023, the International Day focuses on the reciprocal relationship between disasters and inequality
- The theme of International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 2023 is “Fighting inequality for a resilient future”.

New Appointments

1. Which country has been elected president of the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) General Conference (GC)? _____ **India**.

Note:

- AIBD, established in 1977 under the auspices of UNESCO, is a unique regional inter-governmental organization.
- India is one of the founding members of AIBD and Prasar Bharati, India’s public service broadcaster is the representative body of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Govt. of India at AIBD.

2. Who has been appointed as its new Chairman and Managing Director of General Insurance Corporation of India? _____ **Ramaswamy N.**

Note:

- He replaced Devesh Srivastava.
- Ramaswamy, a veteran in the insurance industry, has diverse experience of over three decades at GIC Re.
- He began his journey with GIC Re in 1988 as a direct recruit officer. Over the years, he managed a wide spectrum of non-life insurance classes, including Fire, Engineering, Miscellaneous, Motor.

3. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI)? _____ **Navneet Munot**.

Note:

- He replaced A Balasubramanian.
- He is a Chartered Accountant and a CFA charter holder and has over three decades of experience in financial services
- AMFI was incorporated as a non-profit organization. As of now, all the 44 asset management companies that are registered with SEBI, are its members.

4. Who has been appointed as the non-executive part-time chairman of the Thrissur-based South Indian Bank? _____ **VJ Kurian**.

Note:

- Kurian will succeed Salim Gangadharan, who will be retiring as non-executive part-time chairman of the bank on November 1 after completion of his term.
- His leadership will be instrumental in shaping the future direction of the South Indian Bank.
- South Indian Bank Headquarters: Thrissur, Kerala;
- South Indian Bank Founded: 25 January 1929.

Important News – India

1. Which country with India signed a MoU in Riyadh in the fields of Electrical Interconnections, Green / Clean Hydrogen, and Supply Chains? _____ **Saudi Arabia**.

Note:

- Aim: To establish a general framework for cooperation between the two countries in the field of electrical interconnection.
- It was also decided between the two energy ministers that B2B Business Summits and regular B2B interactions between the two countries will be conducted to establish complete supply and value chains.

2. Which organizations have committed to work with India to expand the Travel for LiFE initiative across the Asia Pacific region? _____ **Pacific Asia Travel Association**

Note:

- Ministry of Tourism will set up a PATA desk to strengthen engagement with PATA on Travel for LiFE and other areas of cooperation in tourism sector.
- Travel for LiFE embodies the spirit of the Pro Planet People and functions on the basic principles of “Lifestyle of the planet, for the planet and by the planet”.

3. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the _____ which edition of G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit, P-20 in New Delhi on 13th October? _____ **9th.**

Note:

- The main theme of the P20 this year is Parliament for One Earth, One Family, One Future.
- The two-day P-20 Summit will be held at the newly constructed India International Convention and Expo Center, Yashobhoomi, in Dwarka.
- It aims at bringing a parliamentary dimension to global governance.

4. The first free-standing Gandhi Museum in North America, dedicated to the life and legacy of Mahatma Gandhi is open to the public in the US city of _____ **Houston.**

Note:

- Museum in the United States, dedicated to Gandhi, to preserve and promote his ever-lasting legacy of nonviolent conflict resolution.
- The outer walls of the semi-circle-shaped museum depict various peace activists including Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr., Nelson Mandela, Betty Williams, and more.

5. Which country with India signed multiple MoUs ranging in various sectors including digital transformation, maritime sector and sports? _____ **Tanzania.**

Note:

- The Six MoU was signed in the field of:
 - Sports.
 - Maritime Industry.
 - Cultural Exchange.
 - Setting up an Industrial Park in Tanzania.
 - Sharing successful digital solutions implemented at population scale for digital transformation.
 - sharing White Shipping Information.

6. Which country with India recently celebrated the '10th India Sweden Innovation Day' with a special focus on the theme “Accelerating Green Growth” on October 9, 2023? _____ **Sweden.**

Note:

- Aim: To effectively address pressing global challenges while remaining steadfast in the pursuit of immediate objectives on the path to achieving a net-zero future.
- The meeting was addressed by Union Minister of State Science Jitendra Singh called for strengthening India-Sweden collaboration.

7. The largest Hindu temple outside India, BAPS Swaminarayan Akshardham, has been inaugurated in _____ **New Jersey.**

Note:

- Swaminarayan Akshardham is spread over 185 acres.
- Mahant Swami Maharaj conducted the 'Pran Prathistha' ritual at the temple.
- Akshardham in New Jersey marks the third such cultural complex globally.
- The first Akshardham was created in Gandhinagar, the capital of Gujarat, India, in 1992, followed by Akshardham in New Delhi in 2005

8. Who overtook Gautam Adani and reclaimed the title of the richest Indian, according to Hurun India Rich List 2023? _____ **Mukesh Ambani.**

Note:

- Adani's wealth fell significantly due to the effect of the Hindenburg report on the group's shares.
- Cyrus S Poonawalla and family remained in third position.
- Industrialist Kumar Mangalam Birla and family and Niraj Bajaj and family re-entered the top 10.

9. Hardeep Singh inaugurated the _____ which edition of Energy Technology Meet at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi? _____ **26th.**

Note:

- Aim: To provide a common forum for refiners and technology service providers for the exposition of recent advances.
- He announced that India had exceeded its biofuel blending targets, which are an important component of the country's green energy policy.
- The aim of 20% biofuel blending, which was originally set for 2030, has been pushed back to 2025.

10. Which country with India signed an agreement on defence cooperation during defence minister Rajnath Singh's visit to _____ **Italy**.

Note:

- Aim: To promote bilateral cooperation in areas such as security and defence policy, research and development, education in military field, maritime domain awareness, sharing of defence information
- The relationship between India and Italy was elevated to strategic partnership in March 2023 during the visit of Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni to India.

11. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) with the Olympic Museum has aligned with _____ **Reliance Foundation**.

Note:

- Aim: To build on the success of the Olympic Values Education Programme (OVEP) in India and signed a new cooperation agreement.
- It underscores the organisations' shared priority to promote Olympic values through sport among young people.
- Aim: To increase access to sport and bring the health and societal benefits of physical activity to communities across the globe.

12. The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has introduced the 'SHRESHTA'. What does it stand for? _____ **Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas**

Note:

- Aim: To extend the impact of government development programs and bridge service gaps in areas predominantly inhabited by SC communities within the education sector.
- The scheme's core strategy involves fostering collaboration between grant-in-aid institutions managed by NGOs and residential high schools

13. Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri launched the 12th City Gas Distribution (CGD) Bidding Round of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board in _____ **New Delhi**.

Note:

- Post this Bidding round, almost the entire country except Mizoram, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep, would have access to CGD networks.
- He said that from a 14 thousand-kilometer-long pipeline network in 2014 to a 23 thousand 500 long network in the present day, the goal is to achieve a 32 thousand-long network.

14. As per the data published by the National Health Commission, which country witnessed a record-low number of births in 2022? _____ **China**.

Note:

- China had just 9.56 million births in 2022.
- The number of babies born last year was the lowest figure since records began in 1949.
- Last year, the country's population also fell for the first time in sixty years.
- Its population was recorded to be 1.41 billion people.
- Nearly 40 percent of Chinese newborns last year were the second child.

15. What is the rank of India out of a total of 125 countries in the Global Hunger Index 2023? _____ **111**.

Note:

- India's ranking is based on a Global Hunger Index score of 28.7 on a 100-point scale where 0 is the best score (no hunger) and 100 is the worst
- India's severity of hunger as 'serious'
- The GHI score is based on a formula which combines four indicators that together capture the multi-dimensional nature of hunger, including under-nourishment, child stunting, child wasting, and child mortality.

Important News - State

1. Union Minister of Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda inaugurated the 10-day-long tribal festival Aadi Mahotsav in _____ **Jharkhand**.

Note:

- It is being organized from 7th – 16th October 2023.
 - Aim: To provide an opportunity to meet the artisans, learn about their way of life and get acquainted with the tribal culture
 - It is a celebration of the contribution of our tribal ancestors, the culture of various unique tribal communities, their lifestyle and the tribals themselves.
2. From which states three indigenous products Yak Churpi, Khamti rice and Tangsa textile have been granted the prestigious Geographical Indication tag by the GI Registry? _____ **Arunachal Pradesh.**

Note:

- About GI Tag Products:
 - Yak Churpi: Churpi is a cheese product prepared from the milk of Arunachali yak
 - Tangsa textile: Textile products of the Tangsa tribe of Changlang district are famous for their exotic designs and colors
 - Khamti rice: It is a variety of sticky rice produced in Namsai district
3. Nokia launches first-of-its-kind 6G Lab in which state in contributing to the 'Bharat 6G Vision'? _____ **Bengaluru.**

Note:

- The research areas will include foundational 6G technologies like Network as a Sensor, Network Exposure and Automation.
 - Aim: To position India as a key global contributor to the design, development and implementation of 6G technology
 - It is a platform for future collaboration for industry and academic stakeholders on 6G.
4. Which state has declared the Gangetic Dolphin as the state aquatic animal? _____ **Uttar Pradesh.**

Note:

- These dolphins are found in rivers like Ganga, Yamuna, Chambal, Ghaghra, Rapti, and Gerua.
 - The estimated population of Gangetic dolphins in Uttar Pradesh is estimated at around 2000.
 - Teams of the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and Forest Department have been recently counting dolphins with the help of GPS in Garh Ganga at Hapur district of Uttar Pradesh.
5. Which state government announced 10 per cent reservation for the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) in the judicial services and state-run law colleges and universities? _____ **Bihar.**

Note:

- The announcement came just a day after the government released the first set of data from the state's caste survey.
 - According to the data, Extremely Backward Communities (EBCs) account for 36.01% of the population, while Backward Classes comprise an additional 27.12%.
6. State-run NLC India (NLCIL) has secured a 810 megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) project from Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Nigam (RRVUNL) in _____ **Bikaner.**

Note:

- NLCIL has successfully garnered the entire capacity of the 810 MW tender floated by RRVUNL for developing the project of 2,000 MW ultra mega solar park.
 - The LoI for this project has been issued by RRVUNL representing a significant step forward in NLCIL's commitment to clean and sustainable energy solutions.
7. Which state inaugurated the Rozgar Prayag portal in the Yuva Mahotsav -2023? _____ **Uttarakhand.**

Note:

- He also launched the 'Yuva Uttarakhand' application and self employment centres at the employment exchanges of the State in the programme
 - Aim: To help the unemployed by providing information about the posts in different departments to be filled by outsourcing
 - MoUs signed with the IIT Roorkee and Microsoft International for technical support to the state government in skill development
8. The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India launched the 'A-HELP' (Accredited Agent for Health and Extension of Livestock Production) programme in _____ **Jharkhand.**

Note:

- Aim: To empower women by engaging them as Accredited Agent who contribute significantly to disease control, animal tagging, and livestock insurance.
- The new scheme would enhance access to veterinary services at the farmer's doorstep and empower Pashu Sakhis.

9. Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated Nagaland's first Medical College - Nagaland Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (NIMSR),in _____ **Kohima**.

Note:

- Nagaland's first Medical College will not only serve the purpose of providing medical education but will also contribute to research and finding solutions to any rare diseases for the people of Nagaland.

Honor & Awards

1. Who has won the prestigious 'Saraswati Samman' in 2022 for her memoirs, "Surya Vamsam"? _____ **Sivasankari**.

Note:

- The book was selected by a Chayan Parishad (Selection Committee), led by former Supreme Court judge Arjan Kumar Sikri.
- Surya Vamsam, a two-volume work, offers a profound glimpse into the life of an innocent child who evolved into an acclaimed author.

2. Who announced its significant achievement in securing a coveted spot on the prestigious Forbes "World's Best Employers 2023" List? _____ **NTPC Ltd.**

Note:

- It secured an impressive 261st rank among the World's Top 700 Companies, making it the only Indian Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) to feature in this prestigious global ranking.
- NTPC's inclusion on this esteemed list underscores its progressive approach.

Sports News

1. Which country won gold by defeating Chinese Taipei in the final at the 19th edition of the Asian Games in Hangzhou? _____ **India**.

Note:

- Other Winners:
- The Indian men's team also defeated Iran to bag another gold.
- In badminton, Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy clinched a historic gold by winning the mixed doubles final.
- The Indian men's cricket team was awarded gold against Afghanistan.
- In hockey, the Indian women's team defeated Japan and won a bronze medal

2. What is the rank of India on the scoreboard in the Asian Games 2023 in Hangzhou? _____ **fourth**.

Note:

- The Indian athletes finished their campaign by living up to the commitment of "Iss baar 100 paar" with a record haul of 107 medals comprised of 28 gold, 38 silver, and 41 bronze.
- Other Winners:
- Ranked 1st scored by People's Republic of China with 383 medals
- Ranked 2nd scored by Japan with 188 medals
- Ranked 3rd scored by Republic of Korea with 190 medals

3. Who became the fastest player in the history of the ICC Men's ODI World Cup to complete 1000 runs? _____ **David Warner**.

Note:

- He completed the feat within 19 innings, averaging 62 with three half-centuries and four tons since first being a part of the tournament back in 2011
- He was a part of the Australian World Cup-winning unit in 2015
- He is one of the best white-ball batters of all time surpassing Sachin and AB de Villiers' record of 20 innings

4. Who blazed his way to smash the world record by clocking a stunning 2:00:35 to win the Chicago Marathon 2023? _____ **Kelvin Kiptum**.

Note:

- The timing by World Athletics wiped off 34 seconds from the previous world mark of 2:01:09 set by his fellow countryman Eliud Kipchoge.
- The Chicago course a World Athletics Platinum Label marathon produced fast times even in the women's field, with Dutch star Sifan Hassan winning the women's title at 2:13:44.

5. Who Indian player slammed his 31st ODI century in the World Cup 2023? _____ **Rohit Sharma**.

Note:

- He completed his hundred off 63 balls, fetching him the record for the fastest century ever by an Indian in the history of World Cup surpassing the legendary Sachin Tendulkar for the most hundreds (7) in World Cup history.
- He completed 1000 runs in World Cup, becoming only the fourth Indian to the landmark.
- He struck 3 sixes to become the leading six-hitter in international cricket.

6. The state's sports minister Govind Gaude confirmed that the 37th edition of the National Games 2023 will be held in _____ **Goa**.

Note:

- The National Games are India's homespun Olympic-style multi-sport event where athletes from the various states and Union Territories compete for medals.
- This will be the first time Goa will host the National Games. Goa was awarded the hosting rights for the 36th edition, initially scheduled for 2016.

7. Who has been nominated for the Men's Athlete of the Year award 2023? _____ **Neeraj Chopra**.

Note:

- Javelin thrower Neeraj is an Indian Olympic and World Championships Gold medalist.
- World Athletics has confirmed a list of 11 nominees, selected by an international panel of athletics experts, comprising representatives from all six continental areas of World Athletics.

Books and Authors

1. Who has launched his latest book, "The Book of Life: My Dance with Buddha for Success" in Lucknow? _____ **Vivek Agnihotri**.

Note:

- He also directed a medical drama film 'The Vaccine War' in 2023. Balram Bhargava is the writer of the book on which the movie is based.
- Bhargava's book, 'Going Viral – Making of Covaxin: The Inside Story', documents his experiences.

Science and Defence

1. Which space agency would send a high-tech spacecraft called Psyche to an asteroid of the same name, 16 Psyche. _____ **NASA**.

Note:

- It will be a first-of-its-kind mission to study a metal-rich asteroid,
- Aim: To help scientists learn more about the formation of rocky bodies in our solar system.
- The launch of the mission will take place on Thursday (Oct 12) when NASA's Psyche spacecraft will take off from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida and travel 2.2 billion miles.

2. Which country launched the Miura-1 rocket marking Europe's first fully private rocket launch? _____ **Spain**.

Note:

- Miura-1, a recoverable rocket was launched from a site in southwest Spain.
- The launch is being viewed as a boost to Europe's stalled space ambitions.
- The Miura-1 rocket has been named after a breed of fighting bull. The rocket is as tall as a three-storey building. It has a 100-kg (220-pound) cargo capacity.

3. Which Exercise is an outcome of Hon'ble PM's directive promulgated during Combined Commanders' Conference 2015? _____ **Annual Joint HADR**.

Note:

- The exercise has been conducted by Indian Army, Indian Navy (IN) and Indian Air Force (IAF) in rotation since 2016.
- It is being hosted by the Indian Navy at Goa from 09 to 11 Oct 23.
- The 2023 edition would synergise efforts at the national level as well as witness participation from eight countries of the Indian Ocean Region.

4. Which organizations of India is organizing the first Indian Military Heritage Festival (IMHF) to address the gap in the national discourse and cultural calendar? _____ **United Service Institution**.

Note:

- Aim: To enhance our understanding of the country's rich military heritage and traditions; contemporary security and strategy concerns; and the push to achieve self-reliance in military capability.
 - It is scheduled to be held on October 21 and 22.
5. Indian Air Force chief Air Chief Marshal V.R. Chaudhari unveiled the new Indian Air Force ensign on its 91st anniversary in _____ **Prayagraj**.

Note:

- The new feature is the addition of the Air Force crest in the top right corner of the ensign, towards the fly side.
- The occasion was also the first Air Force Day Parade to be commanded by a woman officer, Gp Capt. Shaliza Dhami, who is also the first woman officer of the IAF to command a combat unit.

6. The ISRO in collaboration with Vijnana Bharati is organizing an exhibition called "Space on Wheels" in _____ **Arunachal Pradesh**.

Note:

- Objective: To provide valuable insights into ISRO's activities and India's space missions to school and college students
- Aim: To sensitize the youth about the exciting and rewarding career opportunities in the field of space science and to bring the wonders of space exploration to the doorstep of students and enthusiasts across the region

7. Which space agency launched of the "Gaganyaan" Test Vehicle Space flight, that is, the "Gaganyaan" Test Vehicle Development flight (TV-D1) on 21 October? _____ **ISRO**.

Note:

- ISRO will also test the efficacy of the Crew Escape System which is the crucial part of "Gaganyaan" mission, resulting in unmanned and manned missions to outer space by 2024
- The test is to be conducted at Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota
- Crew Module will carry the astronauts during the Gaganyaan mission to outer space

8. The first-ever defence tech show in Northeast India, called 'East Tech', has begun in _____ **Guwahati**.

Note:

- Aim: To expose manufacturers to the needs of the armed forces and enable direct procurement of their products
- The Indian Army and the Assam government organized the tech event, which also featured MSMEs, defence PSUs, and start-ups showcasing their goods
- Nearly 200 manufacturers have set up their booths at the two-day 'East Tech' event, launched by Lt Gen Rana Pratap Kalita

9. The Indian Army has installed a mobile tower in collaboration with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited for the first time at _____ **Siachen Glacier**.

Note:

- The Base Transceiver Station (BTS) was established at the forward post of the highest battlefield on October 6 for the Army soldiers.
- The Siachen Glacier is a glacier located in the eastern Karakoram range in the Himalayas.

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