

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 **fourth week** (22-31st) of **October 2023**. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. Which Bank introduces the **GO Savings Account**, a revolutionary subscription-based digital banking model offering high interest rates up to 7.5% per annum. _____ **RBL Bank**.
Note:
 - This zero-balance account is designed to cater to customers of all age groups, simplifying the account opening process and ensuring user-friendly features.
 - Moreover, this account provides extensive cyber insurance coverage, along with accident and travel insurance of up to Rs 1 crore.
2. Which bank has become the first Russian bank to register with the Indian markets regulator as a foreign portfolio investor (FPI) _____ **Sberbank of Russia**
Note:
 - Sberbank of Russia, a state-owned bank which already has a presence in India, registered with the Indian markets regulator for a Category I FPI licence last week.
 - FPIs with category I licence have to follow less lenient beneficial ownership disclosures, can subscribe to overseas derivative instruments which have Indian stocks as underlying and also enjoy certain taxation benefits.
3. Which Bank has introduced **XpressWay**, a digital platform that offers various banking products and services, providing customers with a swift and convenient banking experience _____ **HDFC Bank**.
Note:
 - Aim: To provide a fast, seamless, paperless, and self-service experience for new and existing customers.
 - About XpressWay
 - It offers a range of services, including Xpress Personal Loan, Xpress Business Loans, Xpress Car Loan, Xpress Loan on cards, Xpress Credit Card, Xpress Savings Accounts.
4. The RBI has taken regulatory action against Larsen & Tuobro Finance Limited by imposing a monetary penalty of _____ **₹2.50 crore**.
Note:
 - The NBFC did not disclose to its retail borrowers, the gradation of risk and rationale for charging different interest rates to different categories of borrowers in the sanction letter.
 - Penalty is based on deficiencies in regulatory compliance and is not intended to pronounce upon the validity of any transaction by the company with its customers.
5. Reserve Bank of India has asked private banks and wholly owned subsidiaries of foreign banks to ensure at least how many Whole Time Directors (WTDs), including the MD and CEO, on their boards to facilitate succession planning. _____
Two Whole Time Directors
Note:
 - The number of Whole Time Directors should be decided by the Board of the bank by taking into account factors such as the size of operations, business complexity, and other relevant aspects.
6. Which bank has announced a new partnership with National E-Governance Services Limited to issue its inaugural electronic Bank Guarantee through its platform. _____ **Kotak Mahindra Bank**
Note:

- Aim: To usher in the era of digital trade, effectively eliminating the traditional paper-based issuance of Bank Guarantees.
 - The digital transformation encompasses the issuance, modifications, closures, digital stamping, resulting in a significant reduction in the guaranteed turnaround time.
7. The RBI told lenders, financial institutions and credit bureaus to resolve complaints filed by customers within 30 days or pay a fine of _____ **₹100 per day.**
- Note:**
- The RBI also directed credit institutions (CIs) and credit information companies (CICs) to introduce a compensation framework for delayed updation or rectification of credit information.
 - They collect information from a variety of credit providers including banks, credit card companies and non-bank financial institutions.
8. Which organizations has finally received in-principle authorisation from the RBI to operate as a payments aggregator. _____ **Mobikwik's payment.**
- Note:**
- Aim: To support more businesses inspires us to continuously enhance the capabilities of our platform.
 - The in-principle approval comes two years after the Gurugram-based payments company filed its application with the RBI.
 - Mobikwik had applied for the payments aggregator licence in 2021, but was rejected by the regulator.
9. Which bank has launched the Bob LITE Savings Account, a lifetime zero-balance savings bank account, as part of its festive campaign? _____ **Bank of Baroda.**
- Note:**
- Bob LITE offers customers a hassle-free banking experience without any minimum balance requirement.
 - The account also includes a lifetime free RuPay Platinum Debit Card for account holders who maintain a nominal Quarterly Average Balance in the account.
 - Additionally, eligible account holders can avail of a lifetime free credit card.
10. Which bank has introduced its first **Green Fixed Deposit called Planet First** – AU Green Fixed Deposit _____ **AU Small Finance Bank.**
- Note:**
- Aim: To allocate its entire proceeds to support renewable and green projects.
 - It is in a unique position to contribute towards sustainable 'Badlaav' by gradually offering such retail products aligned with the guidance of the regulator.
 - Planet First - AU Green Fixed Deposit offers an interest rate of up to 8.5%, with an investment requirement of only ₹5,000.
11. Which organization announced that it is the official sponsor for the National Games being held in Goa _____ **Paytm.**
- Note:**
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the National Games at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Fatorda.
 - The Vijay Shekhar Sharma-led company would introduce QR codes, soundbox, and card machines in multiple government departments, including panchayats and municipalities, in the state.
12. Fincare Small Finance Bank (Fincare SFB) is set to merge with _____ **AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB).**
- Note:**
- AU SFB announced its approval of the amalgamation.
 - As per the terms of the merger, shareholders of Fincare SFB will receive 579 shares in AU SFB for every 2,000 shares they hold in Fincare SFB.
 - Following the transaction, it is expected that existing shareholders of Fincare SFB will maintain approximately 9.9% ownership in AU SFB.
13. Which bank announced a strategic collaboration with Viameer Corporation to offer digital inward remittance services to NRIs in the USA through Fast Remit', a remittance service platform. _____ **IndusInd Bank.**
- Note:**
- Aim: To enable NRIs to benefit from highly competitive exchange rates for digital inward remittances to India
 - Objective: To allow NRIs to book remittance transactions through auto debit payment mode as well as transfer funds through the overseas Bank account

Obituaries

1. The Executive Director (ED) of the Wagh Bakri Tea Group, has passed away _____ **Parag Desai**.

Note:

- He was the son of Rasesh Desai, the MD of the Wagh Bakri Tea Group.
- Parag Desai had done his MBA from Long Island University in the United States.
- Gujarat Tea Processors and Packers Limited (GTPPL) is an Indian multinational FMCG company, headquartered in Ahmedabad.
- It is best known for its Wagh Bakri brand of tea.

2. England World Cup winner and one of Manchester United's greatest players passed away at the age of 86. _____

Bobby Charlton.

Note:

- Charlton was a key figure in England's 1966 World Cup-winning team and played 758 games for United, scoring 249 goals.

3. **Bishan Singh Bedi** passed away, was a _____ Player

Note:

- The legendary spinner played 67 Tests for India between 1967 and 1979 and picked 266 wickets.
- He also took seven wickets in 10 One-Day Internationals.

4. **Birendra Nath Dutta** passed away at the age of 90 years, was a _____ **Musician**

Note:

- One of the experts of the research and education in the folklore sector of the State, and the entire north-eastern region, he was a source of inspiration as well as knowledge.
- He recognized with the prestigious Padma Shri award in the field of 'Literature and Education' in 2009, and the Jagaddhatri Harmohan Das Sahitya Puraskar in 2010.

5. The trailblazing actor who starred as the ultra-smooth private detective in several Shaft films beginning in the early 1970s, has passed away. _____ **Richard Roundtree**.

Note:

- He was born in New Rochelle, New York, was considered as the first Black action hero.
- He became one of the leading actors in the blaxploitation genre through his New York street smart John Shaft character in the Gordon Parks-directed film in 1971.

6. Former Chinese Premier has died after suffering a heart attack at the age of 68 was a _____ **Leader**.

Note:

- A reform-minded bureaucrat, Li was once tipped as the country's future leader only to be eclipsed by President Xi Jinping, under whom he served as premier for 10 years.
- During his time as premier, Li cultivated an image as a more modern apparatchik compared to his stiffer colleagues.

7. **Matthew Perry** passed away in Los Angeles home at the age of 54 was associated with _____ **Acting**.

Note:

- He was an incredibly gifted actor and an indelible part of the Warner Bros.
- The impact of his comedic genius was felt around the world, and his legacy will live on in the hearts of so many.
- He brought so much joy to hundreds of millions of people around the world with his pitch perfect comedic timing and wry wit.
- His legacy will live on through countless generations.

Important Days

1. International Stuttering Awareness Day is an annual observance that falls on _____ **October 22**

Note:

- It's a day to shed light on the challenges faced by people who stammer and to encourage a more inclusive and empathetic society.
- The theme for ISAD 2023 is "One Size Does NOT Fit All".

2. World Polio Day is celebrated every year on _____ **October 24**

Note:

- Aim: To create awareness around the importance of polio vaccination to protect children.

- Every year this day is remembered to raise awareness against the poliomyelitis disease, commonly known as polio, and the importance of polio vaccination.
 - Polio virus can live in an infected person's throat and intestines and can be contracted by food and water in unhygienic conditions.
3. The World Development Information Day is celebrated by the United Nations (UN) on _____ **October 24**
- Note:**
- This day aims to draw the attention of the world to development problems and the need to strengthen international cooperation to solve them.
 - The UN hopes that effective dissemination of information and the mobilization of public opinion, particularly among young people, would lead to greater awareness of the problems of development, thus, promoting efforts in the sphere of international cooperation for development.
4. The annual World Day for Audiovisual Heritage on _____ **October 27**
- Note:**
- Aim: To reminds us of the importance of archiving and preserving audiovisual sources.
 - The 2023 World Day for Audiovisual Heritage theme is "Your Window to the World."
 - It is also known as AV in short, audiovisual items can be anything from a short clip or a documentary to speeches or music.
 - Aim: To provide us with an insight into the social, political, economic, and linguistic realities of a given environment.
5. World Stroke Day is observed on _____ **29th October 2023**
- Note:**
- Objective: To serves as a critical reminder of the prevalence and impact of strokes on individuals and communities worldwide.
 - The theme for World Stroke Day 2023 is "Together we are Greater Than Stroke."
 - Aim: To raise awareness about strokes, their prevention, treatment, and the importance of timely intervention. Strokes, often referred to as brain attacks, are a leading cause of disability and death worldwide.
6. World Thrift Day or World Savings Day is celebrated each year on _____ **30 October.**
- Note:**
- The theme of World Thrift Day in 2023 is "Preparing for the future through saving."
 - Aim: To promote the importance of saving money and how savings can cushion our difficult times. It raises awareness about the importance of thrifting to save money.
7. The birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel is celebrated as National Unity Day or Rashtriya Ekta Diwas on _____ **October 31.**
- Note:**
- Aim: To maintain the integrity and unity of the Indian nation.
 - Vallabhbhai Jhaverbhai Patel also dubbed as 'Sardar Patel' was born on October 31, 1875, into a landowning family of the Leva Patidar caste. He earned the title "Iron Man of India."

New Appointments

1. Who is the new CEO and MD of Kotak Mahindra Bank? _____ **Ashok Vaswani**
- Note:**
- Vaswani will succeed Uday Kotak, who has quit as the MD of the bank in September this year.
 - Currently, Ashok Vaswani is the president of the US-Israeli AI fintech company Pagaya Technologies Ltd.
2. Who assumed the appointment of Director General Hospital Services (Armed Forces) in the office of DGAFMS. _____ **Sadhna S Nair.**
- Note:**
- Now, She become the first woman to hold the position on promotion to the rank of Air Marshal.
 - Prior to this appointment, the Air Officer was tenanted the appointment of Principal Medical Officer (PMO) at HQ Training Command (Air Force), Bengaluru.
3. Who has been elected as the Speaker of the House of Representatives, bringing an end to three weeks of uncertainty in US politics? _____ **Mike Johnson**
- Note:**
- He replaced Kevin McCarthy.

- The position of Speaker of the House of Representatives is one of the most powerful political chairs in the country and is third in the line of succession after the US President.
 - The 56th Speaker of the House of Representatives, he is a four-term Congressman from the Fourth Congressional District.
4. Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar will formally appoint as a National Icon of the EC. _____ **Rajkumar Rao.**
- Note:**
- He, whose portrayal of an official tasked with conducting polls in the Naxal-affected areas of Chhattisgarh in the Hindi film "Newton" won accolades, will be inducted as a National Icon by the Election Commission (EC).
 - The EC appoints prominent Indians as national icons to motivate voters to participate in elections.
5. The Board of Control for Cricket in India announced would take over as the Indian women's cricket head coach. _____
- Amol Muzumdar**
- Note:**
- He has served as the head coach of the Mumbai Ranji team till the 2022–2023 domestic campaign.
 - He has also held coaching positions with the South African national team and IPL team Rajasthan Royals.
 - A domestic titan, he scored over 11,000 first-class runs in 171 matches including 30 centuries during his 21-year playing career.
6. Who has been appointed as prime minister of Slovakia for the fourth time _____ **Robert Fico**
- Note:**
- He attend an EU summit in Brussels where the nation-first populist's fellow leaders should get an early indication of how obstructive he intends to be.
 - President Zuzana Čaputová formally approved the new three-party coalition government led by Fico, whose party won elections last month on pledges to end military aid to Ukraine, slash immigration and defend Slovakian sovereignty.
7. Malaysia 's royal families have elected ruler of southern Johor state as the country's new king. _____ **Sultan Ibrahim Iskanda**
- Note:**
- Sultan Ibrahim Iskandar, 64, will ascend to the throne for a five-year term.
 - He succeeds incumbent Sultan Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah of central Pahang
 - The ruler of Johor state bordering Singapore was next in line based on a rotation order established among the country's nine state rulers.
8. Who has been appointed as a member of the Strategic and Technical Advisory Group (STAG) for Tuberculosis by the World Health Organization (WHO). _____ **Professor Sarang Deo.**
- Note:**
- This appointment reflects his exceptional expertise and contributions to the battle against tuberculosis, particularly in India.
9. Lay's announces as its brand ambassador, starring in a campaign – 'No Lay's, No Game.' _____ **Mahendra Singh Dhoni**
- Note:**
- Lay's is set to introduce the 'No Lay's No Game' campaign to the Indian audience, globally acclaimed for its association with sports tournaments.
 - Harnessing Dhoni's universal appeal, the campaign emphasises truth, a match without Lay's is simply unthinkable for true fans.
10. In a significant move, Edtech startup Henry Harvin Education (HHE) recently announced acclaimed author and speaker as its Brand Ambassador. _____ **Chetan Bhagat**
- Note:**
- This partnership represents a shared vision and commitment to empowering the youth of India.
11. State Bank of India has roped in cricketing legend as the bank's official Brand Ambassador to strengthen its connection, especially with the younger population. _____ **Mahendra Singh Dhoni.**
- Note:**
- Dhoni will play a pivotal role in various marketing and promotional campaigns of SBI.
 - Among public sector banks, Bank of Baroda had appointed Rahul Dravid as its brand ambassador.
 - At present, badminton players P V Sindhu, K Srikanth, and cricketer Shafali Verma are BOB's brand ambassadors.

12. Who has become the global face of the Swiss watchmaking brand, Rado? _____ **Katrina Kaif.**

Note:

- Rado released the new Centrix models marking the partnership and onboarding of its new global brand ambassador.
- Centrix was first launched in 2010, the model took cues from the sand dunes.
- The partnership between the two transpired in which Katrina Kaif personifies confidence and grace, while walking out in a desert landscape with a Rado Centrix donning her wrist.

Important News – International

1. External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar unveiled a bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Ho Chi Minh City during an official visit to _____ **Vietnam.**

Note:

- In Vietnam, the EAM also met the Vietnamese leadership.
- This visit marked not only the strengthening of bilateral relations but also a celebration of the enduring principles and values adopted by Mahatma Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore.

2. Which country waived the visa fees for Indians and tourists from six other countries, as part of its efforts to boost tourist arrivals? _____ **Sri Lanka**

Note:

- The Cabinet announced implementation of a pilot project to issue free tourist visas to tourists from China, India, Russia, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Japan until March 31, 2024.
- India has remained Sri Lanka's top source market for many years.

3. India has announced plans to resume visa services for certain categories amid a diplomatic crisis with _____ **Canada.**

Note:

- According to the High Commission in Ottawa, it would restore services for entry, business, medical, and conference visas with effect from October 26.
- The development comes amid a brewing diplomatic crisis that recently prompted the expulsion of more than 40 Canadian diplomats from New Delhi.

4. Which country is embarking on a groundbreaking endeavor by constructing an immense telescope in the western Pacific Ocean. _____ **China**

Note:

- The primary mission of this massive facility is to detect elusive particles known as "ghost particles" or neutrinos.
- This ambitious undertaking will result in the world's largest neutrino-detecting telescope.

5. Which country will help fund India's 'Hunger Project' and help strengthen women leaders to protect the environment and promote food security in Uttarakhand? _____ **Norway.**

Note:

- Aim: To strengthen elected women's leadership in gram panchayats so that they can play a pivotal role in conserving forests and natural resources and adopt strategies.
- Objective: To promote sustainable living, and food security and collaborate with members of van panchayats and the local community, especially women.

Important News – India

1. According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Cyclone brewing in the Arabian Sea, intensified into an extremely severe cyclonic storm and is headed towards the Yemen-Oman coasts. _____ **Tej.**

Note:

- The IMD also issued warnings for fishermen to not venture into areas that could be affected by Cyclone Tej and the Bay of Bengal depression in the coming days

2. Hon'ble Union Minister of Textile Piyush Goyal launched website <https://kasturicotton.texprocil.org> of _____ **Kasturi Cotton Bharat.**

Note:

- This website provide a digital platform for necessary information and updates on this initiatives and highlights the registration process for ginners to produce Kasturi Cotton Bharat Brand and its processes that make the branded Indian cotton unique.

3. India sends Humanitarian aid to the people of _____ **Palestine**.

Note:

- An IAF C-17 flight carrying nearly 6.5 tonnes of medical aid and 32 tonnes of disaster relief material for the people of Palestine departs for El-Arish airport in Egypt.
- The material includes essential life-saving medicines, surgical items, tents, sleeping bags, tarpaulins, sanitary utilities, water purification tablets among other necessary items.

4. Union Minister Sh. Piyush Goyal is attending the 7th Edition of Future Investment Initiative (FII) in _____ **Riyadh**

Note:

- Mr. Goyal will co-chair a conclave session on the theme "From Risk to Opportunity: Strategies for Emerging Economies in the New Industrial Policy Era" along with the KSA Investment Minister.
- He will interact with the Indian community that forms an influential part of the Saudi economy.

5. Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated India's first liquid nano di-ammonia phosphate (DAP) plant established by IFFCO at Kalol in _____ **Gandhinagar**.

Note:

- This plant will hugely benefit the farmers and also help reduce the import of DAP in the country.
- He laid the foundation stone for various development works in the Sanand assembly area in Ahmedabad.

6. India Inc. will host the world's biggest textiles event, Bharat Tex 2024, from February 26 to 29 2024 in - _____ **Delhi**.

Note:

- Bharat Tex 2024 is envisaged to be a comprehensive showcase of the entire textile industry value chain, from India's rich cultural heritage and textile traditions to the latest technological innovations.

7. Union minister for road transport and highways Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the tallest national flag of 418 feet at Attari chief post on _____ **Wagah Border**

Note:

- The flag at the Attari border, which is a famous tourist destination and known for the beating retreat ceremony, will have the surveillance system that will help the BSF keep vigil along the international border.
- Earlier, there was a 360-foot flag that was installed in March 2017 at a cost of ₹3.5 crore

8. Which country become the world's third-largest economy, overtaking Germany and Japan, by 2030 _____ **India**

Note:

- On the strength of its youthful demographic profile and rapidly rising urban household incomes.
- India's gross domestic product (GDP) is expected to grow 6.2-6.3 per cent in the fiscal year ending in March 2024, being the fastest-growing major economy this fiscal year.
- Asia's third-largest economy grew by a stellar 7.8 per cent in the April-June quarter.

9. Who are at the forefront of migrating to OECD countries, also lead in acquiring foreign citizenship, according to a recent OECD report. _____ **Indians**.

Note:

- Among them, American citizenship remains dominant. However, Canada has witnessed the highest growth in granting citizenship to foreign nationals.
- Canada, in particular, recorded the most significant proportional increase, with a staggering 174% jump between 2021 and 2022.

10. A national hackathon has been unveiled with the goal of identifying innovative tools. _____ **"Vimarsh-2023"**.

Note:

- Aim: To ensure the secure utilization of 5G technology by law enforcement agencies during sensitive operations.
- The Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD) initiated the hackathon, which is a significant step towards enhancing the capabilities of police forces.
- The grand finale of VIMARSH 2023 will be organized on the 28th of February 2024.

11. Which company will make India's first homegrown iPhone after Wistron Corp approved the sale of an assembly plant near Bengaluru _____ **Tata Group**.

Note:

- Union Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar, manufacture would start within two and a half years.
- The airline-to-software conglomerate has been in talks with the Taiwanese iPhone maker for more than a year to take over the plant.
- Tata is also set to honour several manufacturing and hiring commitments made by Wistron as part of their agreement.

12. Who has become a part of the prestigious 18-member steering committee of the International Competition Network (ICN) after "consistent efforts". _____ **Competition Commission of India (CCI)**

Note:

- The steering committee is the ICN's apex body.
- The ICN, comprising 140 competition agencies, typically provides antitrust authorities with a specialised, yet informal, venue for maintaining regular contacts and addressing practical competition concerns.

13. Who scored the overall highest score of 6 out of 10 points according to research firm Fairwork India 2023. _____

Big Basket.

Note:

- Big Basket, BluSmart, Zomato, Urban Company, and Swiggy scored the highest points in the Fairwork India Report 2023.
- Fairwork assessed platforms against five principles: fair pay, fair conditions, fair contracts, fair management, and fair representation
- Ride-hailing majors Uber and Ola, along with Porter, are the worst platforms for gig workers

Important News – State

1. Which state launched the wildlife conservation project, 'Project Nilgiri Tahr' _____ **Tamil Nadu**

Note:

- Nilgiri Tahr is an endangered species endemic to the Western Ghats. There are references to Nilgiri Tahr in the Sangam Tamil literature.
- The project has an outlay of ₹25 crore.

2. Gujarat's Kutch district has been honored with the prestigious 'Best Tourism Village' title by the United Nations World Tourism Organization. _____ **Dhordo Village.**

Note:

- With this, Dhordo is now one of the 70 villages from nearly 40 countries that enjoy this prestigious title. Dhordo received this title at the Best Tourism Village - 2023 award ceremony organised by the UNWTO at the historic city of Samarkand in Uzbekistan.
- This recognition comes as a result of Dhordo's outstanding contributions to sustainable tourism, cultural preservation, and rural development.

3. Uttar Pradesh CM flags off new buses, commanded by women drivers, on the occasion of 'Maha Ashtami' during the Navratri festival, in _____ **Ayodhya.**

Note:

- These buses will be operated exclusively by women as drivers and conductors.
- The initiative seeks to connect and empower women drivers and conductors.

4. The government launched the 'iStart Talent Connect Portal' at Jaipur's Techno Hub to boost employment opportunities in the state, _____ **Rajasthan.**

Note:

- Aim: To serve as a user-friendly platform for both job providers and job seekers.
- The platform, launched in collaboration with Jaipur-based startup Hyrefox, not only allows companies to discover potential talent but also lets them post job openings and connect with their future employees

5. The government of has established the Urban Road Infrastructure Development Agency (URIDA). _____ **Uttar Pradesh**

Note:

- The government granted approval for the implementation of the CM Green Road Infrastructure Development Scheme (Urban), which boasts a substantial budget of Rs 500 crore.
- Aim: To enhance the visual and functional aspects of urban roadways while also shouldering the responsibility of overseeing, financing, and supervising road development within municipalities.

6. Which city become the second most polluted city among 109 places tracked by IQAir, a Swiss technology company measuring air quality in real-time. _____ **Mumbai.**

Note:

- The top 5 Cities in the world are:
 1. Beijing
 2. Mumbai

3. Karachi
4. Jerusalem
5. Shenyang

➤ The air quality index (AQI) score is based on the US system where a score of between 0-50 is good, 51-100 is moderate, 101-150 is unhealthy for sensitive groups, 151-200 is unhealthy, 201-300 is very unhealthy and >301 is hazardous.

7. Union Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda inaugurated the National Tribal Festival at Vastrapur Hat in _____ **Ahmedabad.**

Note:

- Aim: To celebrate and showcase the diverse cultural traditions of the tribal communities.
- Objective: To promote entrepreneurship, particularly in remote areas, with the aim of enhancing sustainable production.
- The National Tribal Festival in Ahmedabad features over 100 stalls that showcase India's tribal culture, handicrafts, and cuisine.

8. Which states has set up a pilot production facility of Graphene which will cost ₹200 crores _____ **Kerala.**

Note:

- The Kerala Digital University would be the implementing agency, and KINFRA has been appointed as a special purpose vehicle for infrastructure development.
- About Graphene:
- It is the thinnest and strongest material in the world ever known and has good chemical stability, high electrical conductivity, and a large surface area while being transparent and lightweight.

9. Airbus signed a MoU to promote research in advanced technologies and develop programs and activities to enhance technical capabilities. _____ **IIT Kanpur**

Note:

- Aim: To facilitate increased collaboration in developing education programs with a focus on research to foster talent development in the Indian aerospace sector.
- Objective: To explore collaboration opportunities with global institutes where students will get to work on projects relevant to the sector.

10. Which state launched Swayampurna e-bazaar online platform to give market to different kinds of products made by self-help groups and women. _____ **Goa.**

Note:

- The Swayampurna e-bazaar is an extension of the successful Swayampurna Chavath Bazar.
- Goan entrepreneurs and self-help groups can contact 9262626262 to join this platform and sell their products online, One can also shop via www.goabazaar.com, thereby supporting rural Goans' artisans and craftsmanship.

11. Who announced the rollout of its SpaceFiber satellite broadband service, which it showcased at the India Mobile Congress as the nation's inaugural satellite-driven giga fiber service _____ **Reliance Jio Ltd**

Note:

- The satellite broadband aims to extend high-speed internet access to previously untapped regions in India.
- To display its extensive reach, the Mukesh Ambani-backed telecom connected four distant locations: Gir in Gujarat, Korba in Chattisgarh, Nabrangpur in Odissa.

12. Which city relaunched Jai Bhim Mukhyamantri Pratibha Vikas Yojana to provide free coaching to medical, engineering, and civil services aspirants. _____ **Delhi.**

Note:

- According to Delhi SC and ST welfare minister Raaj Kumar Anand the government was going to introduce more competitive exams under the scheme for which free coaching will be provided to the eligible students.
- The redesigned scheme, Anand said, was almost ready and would be placed before the Cabinet for approval.

13. Hornbill is one of the most-awaited festivals that celebrates the rich cultural heritage of _____ **Nagaland.**

Note:

- This year, the festival will begin from December 1 and end on December 10, 2023.
- The state is famous as the 'Land of Festivals' and Hornbill is one of the grandest celebrations that is organised by the State Tourism of Arts and Culture Department, Government of Nagaland every year.

14. Which state became the first state in India to have hallmarking centres in all 14 districts? _____ **Kerala.**

Note:

- Aim: It will make Kerala a hub of gold business and further strengthen its claim to being the most reliable market in the country to buy gold ornaments

- There are about 12K gold merchants in the State with majority holding BIS registration.
 - Gold merchants gave hallmarking and unique identification numbers even for pieces with weight below two grams
15. Minister of State for Rural Development, Sadhvi Niranjana inaugurated the SARAS Ajeevika Mela showcasing the best of crafts by rural Self Help Group (SHG) Women at _____ **Gurugram**.

Note:

- This is the second edition of Saras Ajeevika Mela.
 - To empower at least two crores Lakhpati didis of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Rural Livelihoods Mission.
16. PM Modi released three books - 'Ashtadhyayi Bhashya', 'Rambhadracharya Charitam' and 'Bhagwan Shri Krishna ki Rashtraleela' in _____ **Chitrakoot**.

Note:

- Ashtadhyayi is a thousands-year-old text of India's linguistics, India's intellectuality, and our research culture."
 - Tulsi Peeth is an important religious and social service institution in Chitrakoot, MP established by Jagadguru Rambhadracharya in 1987.
 - It is one of the leading publishers of Hindu religious literature
17. Which state Forest Department and Wildlife Trust of India announced that NTT DATA, is supporting the development of the HAWK (Hostile Activity Watch Kernel) system. _____ **Karnataka**.

Note:

- This is a specialized software system that will be the nerve center of the state forest department as part of their modernization initiatives.
- HAWK is used to monitor all aspects of forest and wildlife crime, such as the death of wildlife, and movement of suspicious vehicles.

Honor & Awards

1. Who received the 'Award for Global Leadership,' the most esteemed professional recognition from Harvard Law School?
_____ **DY Chandrachud**.

Note:

- The Harvard Law School is also celebrating the 100th anniversary of its Graduate Law Program.
- The Chief Justice fondly remembered his time at Harvard as an LLM student in 1982-83 and then as an SJD candidate in 1983-1986.

2. Which station received the 'Best Green Military Station' award. _____ **Udhampur military station**

Note:

- The 'Best Green Military Station' award was presented by Army Chief Gen Manoj Pande at the Army Commanders' Conference.
- Dehradun Military Station secured the "Second Best" award.
- Bikaner Military Station got the "Best Transformative Station" award.
- The 'COAS Flight Safety Trophy' has been awarded to '671 Army Aviation Squadron (R&O)' for maintaining the highest standards of flight safety & proficiency.

3. The two Indian were awarded the National Medal of Technology and Innovation by US President Joe Biden at the White House. _____ **Americans Ashok Gadgil and Subra Suresh**

Note:

- President Biden also honored leading American scientists, technologists, and innovators at the award ceremony.
- The scientists, who were honored at the event, made discoveries enabling lifesaving medical treatments, helping fight the opioid epidemic, improving food security, and much more.

4. The US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) felicitated who with the 2023 Global Leadership Award for Philanthropy and Corporate Social Responsibility? _____ **Nita Ambani**.

Note:

- She is a businesswoman, has impacted millions of lives in India through Reliance Foundation's initiatives in education, arts, sports, and healthcare.
- She champions women's and children's causes, contributing significantly to bridging the gender divide and enhancing women's roles in India's economy.

Sports News

1. Who set a new record by becoming the fastest batter to reach 2,000 runs in ODI cricket _____ **Shubman Gill**.

Note:

- Gill accomplished this feat in just 38 innings, which is two innings fewer than South Africa's Hashim Amla, who took 40 innings to achieve the same milestone.
 - Gill, 24, has six centuries and 10 half-centuries in 37 ODI matches for India so far.
2. In a battle of future Badminton stars from India, beat Samiya Imad Farooqui to capture the women's singles title at the Abu Dhabi Masters 2023. _____ **Unnati Hooda**

Note:

- Unnati Hooda defeated the 20-year-old Samiya Imad Farooqui 21-16, 22-20.
 - This is her second BWF Super 100 World Tour title.
 - She became the youngest Indian to clinch a BWF title last year at 14 years of age.
3. Who bagged gold in para-athletes excelled in the javelin throw events at the Asian Para Games in Hangzhou, China, _____ **Sumit Antil**.

Note:

- In the men's javelin throw-F46 final, India's Sundar Singh Gurjar delivered an outstanding performance, breaking the world record with a throw of 68.60 meters.
4. Who Indian Chess players a gold medal in the men's chess at the Hangzhou Asian Para Games 2023 in Hangzhou, China. _____ **Darpan Inani, Soundrya Pradhan and Ashwin bagged**

Note:

- Other winners:
 - Kishan Gangoli, Aryan Joshi and Somendra won a bronze medal in the men's chess B2 category team.
 - Himanshi Rathi, Sanskruti More and Vruthi Jain won a bronze medal in the women's chess B1 category team
 - Anita and Narayana Konganapalle won a silver medal in rowing at the Hangzhou Asian Para Games
5. In shooting who secured the 11th Paris Olympics quota place for India after finishing fifth in women's 25-metre sports pistol at the Asian Championships in Changwon, Korea _____ **Manu Bhaker**.

Note:

- Arjun Babuta in men's 10 metre air rifle event and Sarabjot Singh in men's 10 metre air pistol event have also secured Paris 2024 quotas.
 - Manu is the second shooter after 10-metre air pistol marksman Sarabjot Singh to clinch an Olympic quota in the pistol events
6. Indian clinched a gold medal in the men's javelin throw-F55 event at the Hangzhou Asian Para Games 2023. _____ **Neeraj Yadav**.

Note:

- Other winners:
 - Tek Chand Mahlawat bagged a bronze medal in the men's javelin throw-F55 at the Hangzhou Asian Para Games 2023
 - Dilip bagged a gold medal in the men's 400m - T47 event at the Hangzhou Asian Para Games 2023
 - Pooja bagged a bronze medal in the women's 1500m T-20 event at the Hangzhou Asian Para Games 2023
7. Who achieved an incredible feat, setting a new National Games record in Men's 110M hurdles by finishing it in 13.80 minutes. _____ **Tejas Ashok Shirse**

Note:

- Priyanka Goswami of Uttar Pradesh has also set a new National Games record in the women's 20km Race Walk with an impressive time of 1:36:35.
- Gold medal of Women's 3M Springboard bagged by Palak Sharma of Madhya Pradesh and that of Men's won by H London Singh of Services.

Books and Authors

1. Former India cricketer and senior journalist R. Kaushik have set about exploring the evolution of Indian cricket in these 28 years in the book The Lords of Wankhede, which was unveiled at a star-studded function _____ **W.V. Raman**

Note:

- The tag of a world champion, though, was tough to wear, conceded Vengsarkar. “
 - It was very difficult because the BCCI invited the West Indies to India very soon,” the 67-year-old said, as the audience burst into laughter.
2. Former RBI governor, Raghuram Rajan has teamed up with which economist to write a book, "Breaking the Mould: Reimagining India's Economic Future". _____ **Rohit Lamba**

Note:

- Goal: To give the reader a rare glimpse into India's economic future.
- The book is being published by Penguin Random House India and is set to be released on December. This eagerly anticipated book seeks to delve into some of the critical questions surrounding India's economic trajectory.

Science and Defence

1. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched the army's project aimed at integrating ancient wisdom with modern military pedagogy. _____ **Udbhav**.

Note:

- Project Udbhav is a joint collaboration of the Indian Army and the United Service Institution of India.
- The project aims to promote indigenous discourse through the exploration and integration of the country's ancient strategic acumen into the contemporary military domain.

2. South Korea, together with which country held a joint aerial exercise near the Korean peninsula in the South Korean military said, marking the first such collaboration between the three countries. _____ **Japan and the United States**.

Note:

- The drill aimed to expand the countries' response capabilities against North Korea's nuclear and missile threats, South Korea's air force said in a statement.
- It involved a U.S. B-52 strategic bomber as well as fighter jets of the three nations.

3. Aerospace unveiled its indigenously built Vikram-1 rocket which is expected to deliver satellites to low earth orbit early 2024. _____ **Space start-up Skyroot**

Note:

- Science and Technology Minister Jitendra Singh also inaugurated 'The MAX-Q Campus', the new headquarters of the start-up at the GMR Aerospace and Industrial Park at Mamidipally in South Hyderabad.
- Vikram-1 is a multi-stage launch vehicle with a capacity to place around 300 kg of payloads in Low Earth Orbit.

4. Joint bilateral training exercise "Exercise Harimau Shakti 2023", between Indian & _____ **Malaysian Army**.

Note:

- The Malaysian Army contingent comprises troops from 5th Royal Battalion of Malaysian Army.
- The Indian contingent is being represented by a Battalion of THE RAJPUT REGIMENT.
- Ex Harimau Shakti, scheduled till 5th November 2023, aimed at enhancing military capability for conduct of Multi Domain Operations in a sub conventional scenario.

5. India and which union conducted their maiden joint naval exercise in the Gulf of Guinea on the west coast of Africa? _____ **European Union (EU)**

Note:

- During the exercise, Indian Navy's INS Sumedha, an Offshore Patrol Vessel, was joined by three EU Member States' ships in the Gulf of Guinea—Italian Navy Ship ITS Foscari, French Navy Ship FS Ventôse, and Spanish Navy Ship Tornado.

6. Which country launched the Shenzhou-17 manned spaceship from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center. _____ **China**.

Note:

- A Long March-2F carrier rocket, carrying the Shenzhou-17 spacecraft with three Chinese astronauts, known as taikonauts, blasted off.
- This is the 30th flight mission of China's manned space program, all of which are successful, and the 12th manned mission of the program.
- The trio will be welcomed by the Shenzhou-16 crew and conduct the country's third in-orbit rotation.

7. Who signed an MoU to develop industrial cooperation in ring forging manufacturing for commercial engines with Safran Aircraft Engines. _____ **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited**.

Note:

- HAL will produce Leading Edge Aviation Propulsion powering Airbus A320 Neo family and Boeing 737 Max engine forgings at its foundry & forge facility in Bengaluru

- Safran is a long standing partner, especially in helicopter programmes, as evidenced by the joint development of the “Shakti” helicopter engine

8. In Gangwon Province in South Korea, which country with South Korean militaries held joint future combat drill exercises?
_____ **US.**

Note:

- Aim: To beef up future combat capabilities, with the troops wearing multiple integrated laser engagement systems (MILES), which uses lasers to simulate actual battle.
- The South Korean army training was an attempt to modernize their military and improve their responses to North Korea's nuclear and missile threats.

9. The Indian Air Force recently signed a contract with an Indian manufacturer for the procurement of Automatic Weather Stations at _____ **82 IAF locations.**

Note:

- Aim: To provide a major boost to Aerospace Safety by making available real-time weather updates during flying operations and training.
- The IAF is working on the upgrade program of the Su-30MKI fleet where 84 planes would be upgraded indigenously with advanced made-in-India radars (Virupaaksha) and weapon systems.

10. Indian Army and Indian Air Force contingent comprising 120 personnel departed for Kazakhstan to take part in the 7th edition of Joint Military ‘Exercise _____ **KAZIND-2023’.**

Note:

- The Exercise will be conducted at Otar in Kazakhstan from 30th October to 11th November.
- The Joint Exercise between India and Kazakhstan was instituted as ‘Exercise PRABAL DOSTYK’ in 2016. After the second edition, the Exercise was upgraded to a company-level exercise and renamed as ‘Exercise KAZIND’.

11. Who will play a vital role in towing, berthing, and salvage operations, enhancing the Navy’s operational efficiency.
_____ **‘Mahabali’.**

Note:

- This addition underscores the Indian Navy’s commitment to modernization and its role in securing the nation’s maritime interests.
- Navy continues to invest in advanced technology to maintain its superiority in the Indian Ocean Region.

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