

# Weekly One-liners

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22-30 November 2023



## Weekly One Liners Updates 22-30th November 2023

Dear readers,

**Weekly One Liners Update** is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the fourth **week** (22-30th) of **November 2023**. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

### **Banking & Financial Awareness**

1. ACKO Partners with a Bollywood hero as their 'Voice of the Customer' \_\_\_ **R Madhavan**.

**Note:**

- This signifies a welcome shift in the way consumers have been perceiving and navigating insurance, a sector that has been operating at a trust deficit in India.
- Aim: To ensure that its customers can rely on the brand for a transparent and dependable insurance experience.

2. The government cancelled the bid process for the appointment of an asset valuer for strategic sale-bound on low bidder interest \_\_\_ **IDBI Bank**.

**Note:**

- A fresh Request For Proposal (RFP) would be invited soon after a review of some of the bid criteria to enable better interest from bidders.
- It has been decided with the approval of the competent authority to cancel the present RFP and to issue a fresh RFP for selection of an asset valuer for strategic disinvestment of IDBI Bank Ltd.

3. Employees' Provident Fund Organisation, EPFO has added how much members during September 2023 \_\_\_ **17.21 lakh**.

**Note:**

- This is an increase of 21 thousand 475 net members over the previous month of August.
- EPFO's provisional payroll data released today reveals that around 8.92 lakh new members have enrolled during September.
- The age-group of 18 to 25 years constitutes 58.92 percent of total new members added during the month.

4. Karnataka Bank Ltd.'s shares were up by 0.30 per cent after the company entered a corporate alliance with Insurance Company Ltd to distribute life insurance products \_\_\_ **HDFC Life Insurance Company Ltd**.

**Note:**

- Aim: To provide Karnataka Bank's customers a range of financial solutions by leveraging the bank's experience and HDFC Life's expertise in life insurance.
- The partnership focuses on delivering benefits related to financial security and life protection to customers.

5. Who has joined the likes of Centrum and Avendus to capitalise on the demand for private credit amid \_\_\_ **Nippon Life India Asset Management**

**Note:**

- Nippon Life India Alternative Investment Fund, which is set to raise ₹1,000 crore, has already deployed ₹100 crore in two strategic deals and aims to secure an additional ₹1,000 crore through a green shoe option.
- Nippon is raising funds from investors like high net-worth investors and family offices.

6. The Reserve Bank of India had superseded the board of Bank for a period of 12 months \_\_\_ **Abhyudaya Cooperative Bank**.

**Note:**

- It also appointed Satya Prakash Pathak, former Chief General Manager of State Bank of India as the 'Administrator' to manage the affairs of the bank during this period.
- This action was necessitated due to "certain material concerns emanating from poor governance standards observed in the bank".

7. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty aggregating ₹10.34 crore on \_\_\_ **three banks**.

**Note:**

- Citibank NA (₹5 crore), Bank of Baroda (₹4.34 crore) and Indian Overseas Bank (₹1 crore) —for non-compliance with some of its Directions.
  - Citibank, Bank of Baroda and Indian Overseas Bank penalised for not adhering to KYC, AML, CRILC, Loans & Advances, and Interest Rate on Deposits Directions.
8. Kotak Mahindra Bank collaborates with Information Utility to issue electronic Bank Guarantee\_\_ **NeSL**.
- Note:**
- This collaboration is poised to usher in the era of digital trade, effectively eliminating the traditional paper-based issuance of Bank Guarantees.
  - This new approach enables guarantees to be processed in just a few hours, a stark improvement compared to the two to three working days required by the conventional paper-based method.
9. Mastercard And U GRO Capital Collaborate for \_\_\_\_**MSME Financing**
- Note:**
- Mastercard, a global technology company in the payments industry, has tied up with U GRO Capital, a NBFC specialising in MSME financing, to extend financing solution to small businesses in India that require financial support to maintain and grow their operations.
10. Global rating agency S&P Global Ratings has revised India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth projection for financial year 2024\_\_\_\_ **6.4 percent**.
- Note:**
- S&P Global Ratings is a market leader in the field of credit risk research.
  - However, it lowered the growth projection for financial year 2025 to 6.4% from 6.9% earlier.

### Obituaries

1. The founder of Sankara Netralaya passed away in Chennai \_\_\_\_ **Dr.S.S Badrinath**.
- Note:**
- He founded the Sankara Nethralaya as a unit of the Medical Research Foundation in 1978.
  - He was a recipient of the Padma Shri in 1983 and Padma Bhushan in 1999.
2. Noted Malayalam novelist and short story writer passed away at the age of 85\_\_ **P Valsala**.
- Note:**
- A prolific writer who published nearly 20 novels and over 300 short stories, Valsala penned several biographies, travelogs, and children's stories.
  - Her important novels include Nellu, Agneyam, Kooman Kolli, Arakkillam, and Vilapam among others.
  - She was known as the narrator Thirunelli, as several of her works depicted the life of the tribals in the Wayanad district.
3. The first female Supreme Court judge, passes away at the age of 96\_\_ **Justice Fathima Beevi**.
- Note:**
- Justice Beevi embarked on her legal journey by earning her Bachelor of Law Degree from the prestigious Government Law College.
4. Dhanlaxmi Bank major shareholder, director passed away\_\_ **C K Gopinathan**
- Note:**
- Gopinathan has a 7.5 percent stake in the bank as of September 2023 and has permission to hold up to 9.99 percent.
5. Former United States Secretary of State and Nobel Peace Prize winner passed away\_\_ **Henry Kissinger**.
- Note:**
- He worked under two presidents, and left an indelible mark on US foreign policy.
  - Kissinger had been active past his centenary in May this year, attending meetings in the White House, publishing a book on leadership styles, and testifying before a Senate committee about the nuclear threat posed by North Korea.

### Important Days

1. World Television Day is globally observed to highlight the importance of the visual medium\_\_ **21<sup>st</sup> November**.
- Note:**
- The theme for this year's edition is 'Accessibility'.

- On this day in 1996, the United Nations held the First World Television Forum and decided to observe 21st November every year as World Television Day.
2. Guru Tegh Bahadur Singh whose martyrdom day is commemorated on \_\_\_ **24th November**.
- Note:**
- He became the 9th Guru of the Sikhs in 1665.
  - Gurudwara Sheesh Ganj Sahib is located in Chandni Chowk, Delhi.
3. International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women is celebrated every year on \_\_\_ **25th November**.
- Note:**
- This year's theme, "UNITE! Invest to prevent violence against women and girls", emphasises the need to fund prevention strategies proactively to stop gender-based violence.
4. India celebrates National Milk Day to commemorate the efforts of \_\_\_ **Dr Verghese Kurien**.
- Note:**
- Dr. Kurien was the father of the White Revolution in India and introduced 'Operation Flood,' under which dairy production was industrialized to improve milk production in the country.
  - The theme for National Milk Day is flexible and is a part of the broader concept of stressing the general importance of consuming milk.
5. Constitution Day is celebrated every year in India \_\_\_ 26th November.
- Note:**
- The constitution of India was adopted by the Constituent Assembly on 26th November 1949, and it came into effect on 26th January 1950.
6. Sikhs celebrate 554th Prakash Purb of Sri Guru Nanak Dev \_\_\_ **27th November**.
- Note:**
- Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the founder of Sikhism, was born on Kartik Purnamashi, in 1469 in the village of Talwandi (now Nankana Sahib).
  - This year marks the 554th anniversary of his birth, celebrated as Prakash Purb by Sikhs around the world.
7. National Cadet Corps (NCC), the youth wing of the Indian Armed Forces, is set to celebrate its 75th anniversary \_\_\_ **27th November**.
- Note:**
- NCC Day is observed annually to commemorate the core values encapsulated in the NCC motto, "Unity and Discipline."
  - The motto of the NCC, Unity and Discipline, encapsulates the values of duty, loyalty, dedication, and self-sacrifice.
8. International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People 2023 is observed every year across the globe \_\_\_ **29 November**
- Note:**
- The day aims to spread more awareness about the issues faced by the Palestinian people along with promoting a peaceful Palestine-Israel resolution.
  - Since 1978, the United Nations has commemorated the day as a way to express solidarity with the people of Palestine while the peace and resolution process remains stalled.
9. International Jaguar Day is observed every year across the globe \_\_\_ **29th November**.
- Note:**
- It is a day to pay tribute to the largest cats and find ways to protect them. It is important to note that the word 'Jaguar' derives from an indigenous word that means "he who kills with one leap".
  - A jaguar is an enigmatic animal whose existence is threatened.

### New Appointments

1. The Government of India has appointed as the **Managing Director** of State Bank of India \_\_\_ **Vinay M. Tonse**.
- Note:**
- Tonse, currently serving as the deputy MD, was recommended by the Financial Services Institutions Bureau.
  - The final decision on the FSIB recommendation has been taken by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
2. Who has officially been sworn in as Luxembourg prime minister \_\_\_ **Luc Frieden**.
- Note:**

- Frieden's CSV party won 21 seats and Bettel's DP took 14 seats in the Chamber of Deputies (out of 60 MPs) during the national elections in October.
3. Comptroller and Auditor General of India has been elected vice-chair of the UN Panel of External Auditors\_\_\_ **Girish Chandra Murmu**
- Note:**
- This recognition underscores India's commitment to the highest standards of external audit and its active participation in shaping the global audit landscape.
  - Murmu participated in the sixty-third session of the Panel of External Auditors, held at the UN headquarters in New York from 20-21 November 2023.
4. Bandhan Bank's board appointed the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (MD&CEO) for a period of three years \_\_\_ **Chandra Shekhar Ghosh.**
- Note:**
- Ghosh has more than three decades of experience in microfinance, banking, and development.
  - On October 18, Bandhan Bank reported a net profit of Rs 721.20 crore in the July–September quarter of the current financial year, up 244 percent YoY, from Rs 209.3 crore in the corresponding period last year
5. Mahindra Group's CEO has been appointed as the President-elect of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry \_\_\_ **Anish Shah.**
- Note:**
- Shah will succeed Subhrakant Panda, who is the Managing Director of Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Ltd.
  - He is also the Managing Director of M&M, the parent company of the Mahindra Group.
  - The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry is a non-governmental trade association and advocacy group based in India.
6. Fino Payments Bank has appointment as Part-time Chairman of the Bank\_\_\_ **Rajat Kumar Jain.**
- Note:**
- Fino started operations in 2017, receiving an RBI license two years earlier.
  - The appointment comes at a time when the payments bank is charting out its digital growth plans and targets for the next phase, Fino 2.0.
7. Sri Lankan Tourism Minister Harin Fernando was also sworn in as the\_\_\_ **Minister of Youth Affairs.**
- Note:**
- He replaced sacked Minister Roshan Ranasinghe.
  - Meanwhile, Pavithra Wanniarachchi was sworn in as the Minister of Irrigation.
8. HDFC Bank appoints former NABARD chairman as director\_\_\_ **Harsh Kumar Bhanwala.**
- Note:**
- Board also approved the appointment of V Srinivasa Rangan, chief financial officer of erstwhile Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd, as executive director for three years with effect from November 23, 2023.
  - Currently, Non-Executive Chairman of MCX, Bhanwala also serves as the Director on the boards of IIM Rohtak and Bayer Crop Science Ltd.
9. Who has been sworn in as New Zealand's prime minister\_\_\_ **Christopher Luxon.**
- Note:**
- The swearing-in ceremony was presided over by Governor-General Cindy Kiro.
  - Luxon leads a conservative coalition after his National Party struck a deal on Friday with two smaller parties following a general election last month.
  - Under the coalition agreement, Luxon has promised to deliver tax cuts and less government bureaucracy, including a 6.5% cut to the public service.

### Important News – International

1. The country inaugurated the world's largest single-site solar power plant ahead of the upcoming United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28) \_\_\_ **United Arab Emirates.**
- Note:**
- The 2-gigawatt Al Dhafra Solar Photovoltaic Independent Power Project (IPP) is located 35 kilometers from Abu Dhabi city and will generate enough electricity to power almost 200,000 homes.
  - The plant is expected to displace 2.4 million tonnes of carbon emissions annually.
2. The Indian Mission to ASEAN, along with the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, is hosting the ASEAN-India Millet Festival in \_\_\_ **Jakarta.**

**Note:**

- Jayant Khobragade, Indian Ambassador to ASEAN, highlighted the importance of the ASEAN-India Millet Festival and strengthening India-ASEAN relations.
3. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has given the nod to a USD 170 million loan aimed at modernizing water supply services in \_\_\_ **Kochi**.

**Note:**

- According to ADB, this move is expected to play a pivotal role in elevating urban living standards, ensuring clean water access, and bolstering climate resilience.
  - Kochi, often referred to as the commercial capital of Kerala, has witnessed rapid urbanization, making it one of India's fastest-growing urban centres.
4. The International Sugar Organization (ISO) announced that who will be the Chair of the organization for the year 2024 \_\_\_ **India**.

**Note:**

- India was led by Food Secretary Sanjeev Chopra at the 63rd Council Meeting of ISO.
  - India's top priority will be to take decisions with the support and cooperation of all Member States during its Presidency of ISO in 2024.
  - ISO is a unique intergovernmental organization established in 1968 by the International Sugar Agreement.
5. Who will grant a 30-day visa-free entry for Indian and Chinese citizens from December 1 \_\_\_ **Malaysia**.

**Note:**

- Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim has announced joining Thailand and Sri Lanka in recent weeks to offer such a facility to foreigners to promote tourism.
- Mr. Ibrahim said the waiver was an additional facility to the existing visa exemptions currently enjoyed by Gulf nations and other West Asian countries, including Turkiye and Jordan.

**Important News - India**

1. The first ever Global Fisheries Conference India 2023 kicked off in \_\_\_ **Ahmedabad**.

**Note:**

- The High-level delegations from about 10 countries, delegates from International Organizations, Fisheries Associations were present at the inaugural session.
- The conference is being organized by the Department of Fisheries Government of India on the occasion of World Fisheries Day to bring together all the stakeholders for a sustainable fisheries sector.
- Ghol घोल fish was declared as State fish of Gujarat.

2. Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur inaugurated the 54th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in \_\_\_ **Goa**.

**Note:**

- The opening movie of this year's IFFI was British film 'Catching Dust'.
- This year's IFFI has received 2926 entries from 105 countries, which is three times more international submissions than last year.
- 13 World Premieres, 18 International Premieres, 62 Asia Premiers and 89 India Premieres will be screened during the festival.

3. Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the 'Mirabai Janmotsav' celebrations in \_\_\_ **Mathura**.

**Note:**

- During the festival, PM Modi will participate in cultural programmes and release a stamp and a coin in honour of Mirabai.
- The event would mark year-long programmes that are being planned in the memory of Mirabai.

4. Who imposed a penalty of ten lakh Rupees on Air India for non-compliance of regulations\_ **Directorate General of Civil Aviation**.

**Note:**

- DGCA carried out inspections at Delhi, Kochi and Bangalore Airports of Scheduled Domestic Operators in the months of May and September this year.

5. Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurated the Global Professional Accountants Convention at Mahatma Mandir in \_\_\_ **Gandhinagar**.

**Note:**

- More than 4000 delegates from over 25 countries will take part in the three-day event and discuss various aspects to shape the future of the accountancy profession at the global level.

- Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal and ICAI President, Aniket Sunil Talati will also be present at the inaugural session.
6. Shri Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the 8th Edition of the India Water Impact Summit (IWIS) in \_\_\_\_ **New Delhi**.
- Note:**
- The theme of IWIS 2023 is 'Development vis-à-vis Land, Water and Rivers,'.
  - The summit, organized by the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) and the Center for Ganga River Basin Management and Studies (cGanga).
7. Who launched the Ayurveda Gyan Naipunya Initiative (AGNI) for physicians practising in the field of Ayurveda in New Delhi\_\_ **Central Council for Research in Ayurveda Sciences (CCRAS)**.
- Note:**
- The initiative aims to promote research for mainstreaming pragmatic Ayurveda practices through scientific validation and evidence-based appraisal.
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8. Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairy presented the National Gopal Ratna Awards on November 26, 2023\_\_ **Shri Parshottam Rupala**.
- Note:**
- The National Gopal Ratna Award is one of the highest national honours in the livestock and dairy industries.
  - It is given to recognise and promote all those engaged in this field, such as farmers growing indigenous animals, AI technicians, and dairy cooperative societies/milk producer companies/dairy farmers producers organisations.
9. The Narendra Modi government has decided to rename the Ayushman Bharat-Health and Wellness Centres as \_\_\_\_Ayushman Arogya Mandir'.
- Note:**
- Union Health Ministry asking all states and Union Territories to implement the rebranding exercise by the end of 2023.
  - The Centre has also coined the tagline 'Arogyam Paramam Dhanam', a Sanskrit phrase that translates to 'health is the ultimate wealth'.
  - While 'Arogyam' means health, 'Paramam' means ultimate and 'Dhanam' means wealth.
10. President Droupadi Murmu unveiled a statue of Dr BR Ambedkar on the Supreme Court premises during an event to mark \_\_\_\_ **Constitution Day**.
- Note:**
- Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud and Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal were present on the occasion.
  - The statue of BR Ambedkar, in a lawyer's gown, stands 7-feet-tall and is placed on a 3-foot base stand.
  - The statue is seen holding a copy of the Constitution.
11. Asia's largest open-air annual trade fair Bali Jatra inaugurated in \_\_ **Cuttack**.
- Note:**
- Asia's largest open-air annual trade fair, the Bali Jatra, commemorating the glorious ancient maritime legacy of Odisha, was inaugurated on the banks of the Mahanadi River in Cuttack.
  - This year the festival started on the occasion of Kartika Purnima and will continue till December 4 next month.
12. Smriti Irani launches National Outreach Programme on Anganwadi Protocol for \_\_ **Divyang Children**.
- Note:**
- The Protocol embraces a Social Model for Divyangjan Inclusive Nutrition Care.
  - It includes screening for early disability signs, inclusion in community events, and referral support through ASHA and ANM teams.
  - The aim of this protocol is to ensure overall improvement in children's wellbeing through early intervention, specialized support and services for infants and young children with disability, and educating and supporting families and communities to improve divyang children's participation.
13. Nitin Gadkari Inaugurates 'Classic Imperial' Luxury Cruise in\_\_ **Kerala**.
- Note:**
- This event was a significant milestone in the efforts to promote cruise tourism in the region.
  - The Union Minister commended the commissioning of the vessel, emphasizing the display of professional excellence and entrepreneurial skills.
14. Govt extends Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana for another\_\_ **five years**.
- Note:**

- The Government has extended the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana (PMGKAY) for another five years from 1st of January 2024.
- Under the scheme, five kg of free food grains are being provided per month to over 81 crores poor in the country and Antyodaya households get 35 kg of free food grains per month.

### Important News – State

1. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee announced former BCCI president and Indian cricket team captain as the new brand ambassador of West Bengal \_\_\_\_ **Sourav Ganguly**.

**Note:**

- Ganguly would be replacing actor Shah Rukh Khan.
- He is a very popular figure and comes from the young generation.
- I want to inform him as the Bengal brand ambassador.
- Ganguly was present at BGBS' inaugural session at the Biswa Bangla Convention Centre in the city.

2. Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma launched \_\_\_\_ **Meghalaya Water Smart Kid Campaign**.

**Note:**

- This initiative is being run under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).
- It aims to educate children about the vital importance of water conservation.
- In an important step to generate a sense of responsibility and awareness among the young generation regarding water conservation.

3. Nagaland gears up for the 10-day Hornbill festival starting \_\_\_\_ **December 1**.

**Note:**

- The event is held from December 1-10 every year at the Naga Heritage Village at Kisama, around 12 km from state capital Kohima.
- This year, Germany, the United States and Colombia are the official partner countries of the event.
- Seven tribes from eastern Nagaland will participate in the festival after a gap of two years.

4. The Maharashtra government has decided to name a street in Andheri West in honour of actor-director on his first death anniversary on November 26 \_\_\_\_ **Vikram Chandrakant Gokhale**.

**Note:**

- The street is adjacent to the new headquarters of Cine & Television Artistes' Association (CINTAA) and CAWT.
- Gokhale, who passed away last year aged 77, was a past President of CINTAA (2017-2022).

5. Union Minister Anurag Thakur launched the First-ever Khelo India Para Games 2023 logo and mascot in New Delhi \_\_\_\_ **Ujjwala**.

**Note:**

- 'Ujjwala' - a sparrow, was unveiled as the official mascot of Khelo India - Para Games 2023.
- The little sparrow is a symbol of the pride of Delhi and its uniqueness portrays determination and empathy.

6. Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the famous Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple in \_\_\_\_ **Tirumala, Andhra Pradesh**.

**Note:**

- PM Modi stayed at Tirumala overnight and went to offer prayers at Sri Venkateswara temple in the early hours today.
- At the Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple in Tirumala, prayed for the good health, well-being and prosperity of 140 crore India

7. India's largest tiger reserve to be set up in \_\_\_\_ **Madhya Pradesh**.

**Note:**

- The Central government has approved a proposal to merge two wildlife sanctuaries in Madhya Pradesh to create the largest tiger reserve in the country spanning 2,300 square kilometres.
- The new tiger reserve will not only provide a safe haven for the area's tiger population, which currently stands at 16 but also boost tourism and development in the region.

8. Who will get a 287-km circular railway network in India \_\_\_\_ **Bengaluru**.

**Note:**

- The network will be built in keeping with the city's requirements for the next 40-50 years, providing it "complete connectivity" over seven railway paths.
- While the project to build a circular railway has been talked about for a long time, this was the first time that it was confirmed by the highest levels of the government.



## Honor & Awards

1. Tamil writer's novel 'Fire Bird', translated into English by Janani Kannan, won the 2023 JCB Prize for Literature in New Delhi\_\_\_ **Perumal Murugan**.

**Note:**

- The book was published by Penguin Random House India.
- "In 'Fire Bird', Murugan takes a universal story of lives that are tied to land and tells it with astonishing particularity.
- Janani Kannan's translation carries into English the rhythms not only of Tamil but of an entire way of being in the world."

2. Who won the Best Actor award at the **Stars Asian International Film Festival** (SAIFF) for his performance in the film 'Berlin'\_\_\_ **Ishwak Singh**.

**Note:**

- The film "Berlin" has not only gained acclaim for Ishwak Singh's outstanding portrayal but has also enjoyed successful screenings at several film festivals.

3. The Saffron of the mountainous has been given the Geographical Indication (GI) tag by the Geographical Indications Registry\_\_\_ **Kishtwar district**.

**Note:**

- The spice is grown in some parts of the Kishtwar region of Jammu, along with parts of Kashmir.
- The legendary most expensive harvest of saffron, popularly known as Kumkum, is also a key cash crop in Jammu's isolated mountainous district of Kishtwar.

4. Who has won the prestigious "The Economic Times HR World Exceptional Employee Experience Award in the 'Large Scale Enterprise' category\_\_\_ **NHPC**.

**Note:**

- The award was presented at a ceremony organized by ET HR World in Bengaluru.
- The award has been presented to NHPC in recognition of its wide range of employee centric human resource initiatives which are not limited to employees only but also extended to their families.

5. Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways of India, inaugurated the 8th Edition of the India Water Impact Summit (IWIS) in\_\_\_**New Delhi**.

**Note:**

- The summit, organized by the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) and the Center for Ganga River Basin Management and Studies (Ganga), spans three days from November 22 to 24, 2023.
- The theme of IWIS 2023 is 'Development vis-à-vis Land, Water and Rivers,'.

6. Union minister Hardeep Singh Puri inaugurated the city's second floating compressed natural gas (CNG) mobile refueling unit (MRU) station at\_\_\_ **Ravidas Ghat, Varanasi**.

**Note:**

- Earlier, Namo Ghat had a floating station for filling CNG in boats.
- CNG boats not only reduce pollution but also lead to savings as it is more efficient.
- The decision to set-up this floating CNG station is a testament to our belief in the transformative power of clean energy.

7. Irish writer has won the prestigious Booker Prize for fiction for his fifth novel, "Prophet Song." \_\_\_ **Paul Lynch**.

**Note:**

- The dystopian novel is about a woman's struggle to protect her family as Ireland collapses into totalitarianism in the near future. A civil war in Ireland then forces families to flee the country.
- Paul Lynch, 46, spent four years writing the book and was brought to the thought by the long years of the civil war in Syria and the "West's indifference.

8. Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the World Climate Action Summit (WCAS) in\_\_\_ **Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE)**.

**Note:**

- Mr. Modi will be present from November 30 to December 1 as part of WCAS proceedings.
- Summit is a 'high-level' segment of the 28th UN Climate Change Conference, being held under the presidency of UAE.

9. Hollywood star received the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Cinema at the 54th IFFI in Goa\_\_\_ **Michael Douglas**.

**Note:**

- The 10-day film gala concluded with Germany's "Endless Borders " winning the coveted Golden Peacock Award for the best film.
- Deepak Kumar Mishra-directed show "Panchayat" season two bagged the best OTT series award, which was introduced for the first time.

10. Who has bagged a gold medal in the 42nd IITF in New Delhi\_ **Odisha pavilion.**

**Note:**

- The pavilion, with 24 stalls including handloom outlets and government departments, promoted the rich cultural heritage, handicrafts and handloom of Odisha.
- As many as 28 states and 8 Union Territories participated along with corporations from India and outside countries including Afghanistan, Vietnam, Tunisia, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Iran, Bangladesh, Oman, Egypt, Nepal, Thailand, and UAE with their products and services in diverse fields

11. The Saudi Arabian capital won the right to host the Expo 2030 world fair\_\_**Riyadh.**

**Note:**

- Riyadh won 119 votes, Busan 29 and Rome 17, results from 182 members of the Paris-based Bureau International des Expositions (BIE) showed.
- South Korea's port city of Busan and Rome in Italy were also in the running to host the five-yearly event that attracts millions of visitors and billions of dollars in investment.

12. Who has been named the 2023 UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award Global Laureate \_\_\_ **Abdullahi Mire**

**Note:**

- Abdullahi Mire born in Somalia, Mire grew up in the Dadaab refugee camps in Kenya.
- He has put over 100,000 books in the hands of displaced children and youth in the country.
- He will be presented with the award at a ceremony in Geneva, Switzerland, on December 13, 2023.

### Sports News

1. Who won a record seventh ATP Finals title with a dominant victory over Jannik Sinner \_\_\_\_ **Novak Djokovic.**

**Note:**

- He defeated local favorite Jannik Sinner in a commanding fashion with a 6-3, 6-3 victory.

2. The first edition of Khelo India Para-Games will be held in \_\_\_\_ **New Delhi.**

**Note:**

- With over 1350 participants from across 32 states and UT's participating in 7 disciplines.
- It will be a game-changer in our quest to improve para-sports in our country and in identifying and aiding talented specially abled athletes.

3. Indian cueist win the IBSF World Billiards Championship title 2023\_\_ **Pankaj Advani.**

**Note:**

- Trailing 26-180 in the first hour, Advani rallied to defeat the 2018 world champion Kothari 1000-416 in a rematch of last year's title clash in Kuala Lumpur.

4. The International Cricket Council (ICC) has implemented a ban on cricketers from participating in international women's cricket at the highest level\_\_ **Transgender.**

**Note:**

- This decision has raised discussions around inclusivity, athlete rights and the impact of the ban on transgender individuals.
- The move is said to be in alignment with the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) guidelines, considering cricket's inclusion in the 2028 Olympics.

5. Who won the Las Vegas Grand Prix 2023\_\_ **Max Verstappen.**

**Note:**

- Max Verstappen emerged on top at the end of an action-packed Las Vegas Grand Prix, beating Ferrari rival Charles Leclerc and Red Bull teammate Sergio Perez.

6. Former West Indies batter was handed a six-year ban from all forms of cricket by the ICC\_\_ **Marlon Samuels.**

**Note:**

- Samuels, who had an illustrious international cricket career playing 71 Tests, 207 ODIs, and 67 T20Is, faced charges related to his participation in the Abu Dhabi T10 league in 2019.
- The Emirates Cricket Board's anti-corruption code was violated on four counts, leading to charges by the ICC in September 2021.

7. Pakistan all-rounder has retired from international cricket with immediate effect\_\_ **Imad Wasim.**

**Note:**

- Imad Wasim has played 55 ODIs and 66 T20Is for Pakistan, and was part of the men's Champions Trophy-winning side in 2017.
8. Who has been appointed captain of Gujarat Titans\_\_\_ **Shubman Gil**.
- Note:**
- He takes over from Hardik Pandya, who was traded to Mumbai Indians
  - The 2024 season of the IPL will be Gill's first leadership assignment in senior cricket.
  - Gujarat Titans is a professional franchise cricket team based in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India.
9. Former Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) captain has been named as the mentor of the franchise for the upcoming IPL season \_\_ **Gautam Gambhir**.
- Note:**
- Gambhir had a successful stint with KKR from 2011-17, leading the team to title victories in 2012 and 2014
  - He will work with KKR's head coach Chandrakant Pandit.
10. Veteran cueist clinched the IBSF 6-Red Snooker World Championship title in Doha, Qatar\_\_\_ **Vidya Pillai**.
- Note:**
- Vidya dominated her opponents throughout the championship, with a standout victory of 4-1 against compatriot Anupama Ramachandran in the title clash.
11. Who qualified for the men's T20 World Cup 2024\_\_ **Namibia**.
- Note:**
- According to ICC, Courtesy 10 points and a net run rate of +2.643 that assured them a top-two finish on the Africa region qualifiers points table.
  - The T20 World Cup will be played in the West Indies and the USA from 4 June to 30 June 2024
12. Who qualifies for ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024\_\_\_ **Uganda**.
- Note:**
- Uganda becoming only the fifth African nation to feature in the history of the competition.
  - This will be Uganda's first-ever appearance in an ICC World Cup event.
  - With five wins from their six games, Uganda has ensured a top-two finish in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup Africa Region Qualifier and booked it's tickets for the T20 World Cup 2024 in the West Indies and USA.

### Book and Author

1. Who launches Dr. Hema Joshi's Book 'Do Palkon Ki Chhavn Main' \_\_\_ **Prasoon Joshi**.
- Note:**
- Hema Joshi is a former professor of English literature at Allahabad University.
  - Her book is reportedly based on the fictional account of her own life and also narrates her love for two Indian cities — Almora, where she was born and Prayagraj.
2. A book, Thread by Thread, on the life of Shambhu Kumar or 'the' S Kumar has been released by\_\_\_ **Kapil Dev**.
- Note:**
- Kapil Dev has been a brand ambassador for S.Kumars for their tv and print campaigns in the 80s and 2000s.
  - The book has been written by noted journalist and author Sathya Saran and published by Penguin Random House.
3. Pranab Mukherjee's daughter pens his biography \_\_\_\_ '**Pranab, My Father: A Daughter Remembers**'.
- Note:**
- The book, titled 'Pranab, My Father: A Daughter Remembers', is being brought out by Rupa Publications.
  - The book is also a mirror to the father-daughter relationship between Pranab Mukherjee and Sharmishtha.

### Science and Defence

1. The 14th edition of the Indo-US Joint Special Forces exercise, "VAJRA PRAHAR 2023," kicked off at the Joint Training Node in \_\_\_ **Meghalaya**.
- Note:**
- "VAJRA PRAHAR" has grown into a vital platform for the exchange of ideas and best practices between the Special Forces of both nations.
  - It serves as a mechanism to enhance interoperability and strengthen defence cooperation between the armies of India and the United States of America.
2. The 17th edition of joint military exercise 'Surya Kiran' between India and Nepal started in\_\_\_ **Uttarakhand**.

**Note:**

- The annual exercise, which is conducted alternately in the two countries, will conclude on December 7, 2023.
- "Exercise Surya Kiran signifies the strong bonds of friendship, trust, and common cultural linkages that exist between India and Nepal.

3. India and Sri Lanka joint military exercise (Mitrashkti -2023) culminated at Southern Command foreign training node at      **Aundh,Pune.**

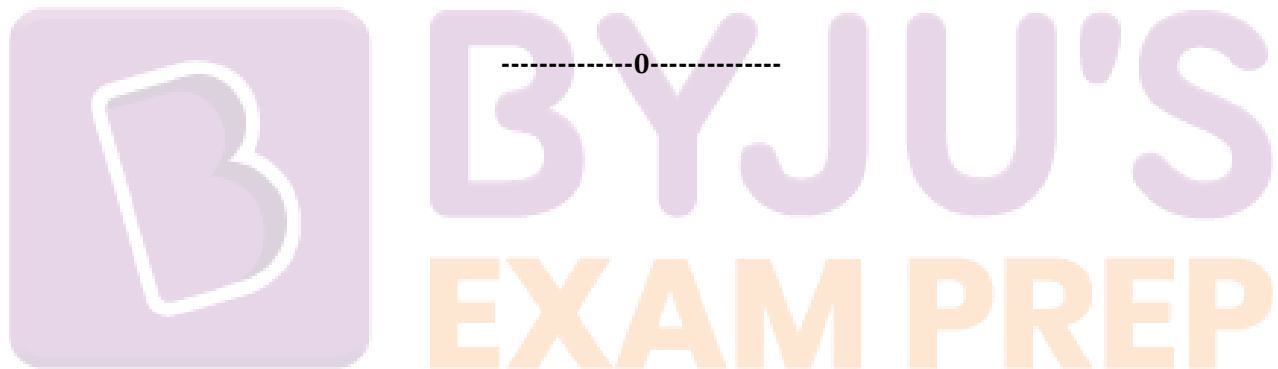
**Note:**

- The exercise has taught valuable lessons to the troops of the participating armies on conducting joint operations in support of peace.
- The conduct of this military exercise is also an important step to uphold the values of peace, prosperity, international brotherhood, and trust which is in line with security and growth for all in the Region.

4. Joint Military Exercise 'Austrahind' is being organized in      **Australia.**

**Note:**

- The exercise is being conducted in Western Australia's Perth from November 22 to December 6.
- The aim of the exercise is to foster collaborative partnership and share best practices between the two nations.
- The Indian Army contingent comprises 60 personnel from a battalion of the Gorkha Rifles.



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