

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

Banking & Financial Awareness

- In February 2023, the Reserve Bank of India increased its repo rate by 25 basis points (bps) to how much percentage _____ **6.5%**.

Note:

- The repo rate has now been increased by 250 (225 + 25) bps since May 2022 by the panel.
- RBI predicted the real GDP growth for FY24 at 6.4%, while growth for FY23 has been pegged at 7%.
- RBI projected retail inflation at 6.5% (FY23) from 6.7% and 5.3% for the next fiscal year.
- Other rates:- SDF: 6.25%; MSF: 6.75%; Bank Rate: 6.75%

- Which bank has launched a wealth management platform in partnership with Geojit Financial Services Ltd _____ **South Indian Bank**.

Note:

- SIB Wealth is an exclusive value-added service.
- It will help the bank's high net worth (HNI) customers to invest their money in the best financial instruments available in the market.
- Under this platform, SIB will be offering: Portfolio management services; Alternative investment fund; Systematic investment plan; Mutual funds, Bonds, and Real estate funds

- Which fintech mobile application has launched a service that will allow the fintech firm's Indian users traveling abroad to pay foreign merchants using Unified Payments Interface (UPI) _____ **PhonePe**.

Note:

- UPI international' support merchant outlets in UAE, Singapore, Mauritius, Nepal, and Bhutan that have a local QR (quick response) code.
- Users will be able to make direct payments in a foreign currency from their Indian bank.
- Walmart-backed PhonePe claimed it is the first Indian fintech app to launch the service.

- Which Payments Bank launched its current account "BizKhata" which offers unlimited transactions and instant activation for account holders across the country _____ **Airtel Payments Bank**.

Note:

- This account was designed specifically for small merchants and business owners.
- It brings all business transactions to one platform and allows them to maintain clear records while enjoying multiple banking benefits, like Zero Minimum Balance, Secure, hassle-free payments, Auto Sweep Out etc.

- Which fintech application has become the first fintech application to support RuPay Credit Cards on UPI _____ **MobiKwik**.

Note:

- The RuPay Credit Cards are now linked directly to UPI IDs.
- MobiKwik's customers can easily make payments to merchants by scanning the UPI QR code and using UPI PIN for payment authentication.
- Aim: To make financial services accessible and lead the way to financial inclusion
- The integration of RuPay Credit Cards with UPI is in line with the NPCI.

- Which Small Finance Bank launched a mobile banking application named 'Hello Ujjivan' with three Vs (voice, visual, and vernacular) _____ **Ujjivan SFB**.

Note:

- Aim: To provide banking access to individuals who have limited reading and writing skills
- This application was co-created with Navana.AI.
- It is accessible by voice in eight languages (Hindi, Marathi, Bengali, Tamil, Gujarati, Kannada, Odia, and Assamese).

- Customers can perform banking transactions, and access services in their native language.
7. The Reserve Bank of India will launch QCVM in collaboration with a few leading banks. What is the full form of QCVM _____ **QR Code-based Coin Vending Machine.**

Note:

- Aim: To improve the distribution of coins
 - This pilot project will be launched in 19 locations in 12 cities across the country.
 - QCVM is a cashless coin dispensation machine.
 - It will dispense coins against debit to the customer's bank account using UPI.
 - It would eliminate the need for physical tendering of banknotes and their authentication.
8. The 'Digital Payments Utsav' was launched by which minister in New Delhi on February 9, 2023 _____ **Ashwini Vaishnaw (Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology and Communications).**

Note:

- Aim: To promote Digital Payments across the nation
 - This campaign particularly focuses on G-20 Digital Economy Working Group event cities - Lucknow, Hyderabad, Pune, and Bengaluru.
 - It also witnesses the flagging off of the Digital Payment Sandesh Yatra.
9. Which General Insurance has rebranded itself as Zuno General Insurance _____ **Edelweiss General Insurance.**

Note:

- Aim: To make insurance easy, friendly, and transparent.
 - Zuno GI also launched the findings of its survey "'Usage Based Insurance: Decoding Awareness, Perception, and Behaviour".
 - It was conducted in collaboration with Crownit.
 - The Zuno GI conducted the survey in eight cities - Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Pune, and Ahmedabad
 - MD & CEO, Zuno GI: Shanai Ghosh
10. Which Finance organization has launched an 'Insurance Mall' portal for its customers to ensure an Easy-buy experience _____ **Bajaj Finance.**

Note:

- This new portal offers a plethora of policies, plans in the core insurance segment, and Pocket Insurance and Subscription.
 - Bajaj Finance also partnered with some of India's leading insurers to provide the best products to customers.
11. The RBI decided to expand the scope of the TReDS platform allowing the use of insurance facilities. What is the full form of TReDS _____ **Trade Receivable Discounting System.**

Note:

- The RBI has permitted the eligible entities to undertake factoring businesses to participate as financiers on TReDS and allow secondary market operations on the platform.
 - Aim: To boost trade of receivables increasing cash flows to MSMEs
 - TReDS is an electronic platform to facilitate the financing of trade receivables of MSMEs.
12. The provisional figures of Direct Tax collections up to 10th February 2023 continue to register steady growth with gross collections are at _____ which is 24.09% higher than the gross collections for the corresponding period of last year _____ **Rs. 15.67 lakh crore.**

Note:

- Direct Tax collection, net of refunds, stands at Rs. 12.98 lakh crore which is 18.40% higher than the net collections for 2022.
 - It is 91.39% of the total Budget Estimates of Direct Taxes for F.Y. 2022-23.
13. Which bank has launched its own private cloud platform, 'MAHABANK NAKSHATRA', to strengthen its digital infrastructure at the 88th Business Commencement Day _____ **Bank of Maharashtra (BoM).**

Note:

- Aim: To facilitate the High-Performance Cloud Capabilities for Digital Infrastructure and hosting applications of the Bank.
 - The bank has also launched a portal named Suvidha.
 - Suvidha is an automated Decease Claim Settlement System (DCSS)
14. Which private lender has announced that it will acquire 100% equity shares of Sonata Finance (SFPL) for Rs 537 crore _____ **Kotak Mahindra Bank.**

Note:

- Sonata Finance is a non-banking finance company, which is engaged in microfinance.

- Impact: This acquisition will provide Kotak Mahindra Bank access to 502 branches across the ten states.
 - The SFPL will become a wholly owned subsidiary of the bank after receiving regulatory and other approvals.
 - MD & CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank: Uday Kotak
15. Which bank has launched a pilot project, 'OfflinePay', to test offline digital payments for merchants and customers enabling payment transactions even when there is no mobile network _____ **HDFC Bank.**

Note:

- HDFC bank claimed that it has launched the first-of-its-kind digital payment solution.
- This project was launched in partnership with Sweden-based Crunchfish Digital Cash AB.
- Vision: To boost the adoption of digital payments in smaller towns and rural areas with poor network connectivity

Obituaries

1. Burt Bacharach, who passed away at the age of 94, was associated with which field _____ **Pop composer.**

Note:

- He has won various awards including eight Grammys and three Oscars, two Golden Globes, and a lifetime achievement prize.
- He wrote more than 500 songs from the late 1950s to the 1980s.
- His greatest creations include melodies like 'I'll Never Fall in Love Again,' 'I Say a Little Prayer' and 'Walk on By,' 'Alfie'.

2. Lalitha Lajmi, who passed away at the age of 90, was a veteran _____ **Painter.**

Note:

- She was born to a poet father and a poly-linguist writer-mother in Kolkata on October 17 in 1932.
- She was the sister of legendary filmmaker Guru Dutt and mother to director Kalpana Lajmi.
- Her works are held in the collection of the National Gallery of Modern Art, the British Museum, and CSMVS Museum Bombay.

Important Days

1. World Pulses Day is observed every year on which date to spread awareness about the nutritional and environmental benefits of pulses as part of sustainable food production _____ **February 10.**

Note:

- Theme 2023: Pulses for a Sustainable Future
- The UN General Assembly recognized the value of pulses in 2013.
- The UN has also adopted the year 2016 as the International Year of Pulses (IYP).

2. World Radio Day is observed annually on which date to spread awareness of the importance of radio and how it has helped people to stay updated with the news _____ **13 February.**

Note:

- The 12th edition of World Radio Day (2023) theme is 'Radio and Peace'.
- The focus of the theme: On the rapid changes and advancements in the technology of radio
- February 13 was chosen as World Radio Day as it was the day of the establishment of the United Nations Radio in 1946.

3. International Epilepsy Day is celebrated on the second Monday of February every year, and this year (2023), this day falls on which date _____ **13th of February.**

Note:

- Aim: to spread awareness of the Epilepsy disease
- The celebrations are to focus on "STIGMA" which means fear or feeling adverse reactions.
- Epilepsy is a nervous disorder that affects brain activity.
- This day is observed by the World Health Organization (WHO) and other countries.

4. The 'Financial Literacy Week' of the Reserve Bank of India started on 13 February and continues till February 17, 2023. What is the theme of Financial Literacy Week 2023 _____ **Good Financial Behaviour - Your Saviour.**

Note:

- The theme aligned with the strategic objectives of the National Strategy for Financial Education: 2020-2025.
- The RBI has been conducting this week every year since 2016 to create financial education awareness.

5. World Unani Day is observed on which date every year to celebrate the birth anniversary of social reformer and renowned Unani scholar Hakim Ajmal Khan _____ **February 11.**

Note:

- Hakim Ajmal Khan was born on February 11, 1868.
- He was an educator, an Unani physician, and the founder of scientific study in the Unani system of medicine.
- The Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine, Ministry of AYUSH, hosted an international conference on Unani medicine with the theme “Unani Medicine for Public Health” in Delhi.

6. National Productivity Day is observed on which date to promote awareness towards increasing the country's productivity _____ **February 12.**

Note:

- It is coordinated by the National Productivity Council (NPC).
- 2023 theme: Productivity, Green Growth, and Sustainability: Celebrating India's G20 Presidency

7. National Deworming Day is observed on which date every year _____ **February 10.**

Note:

- Aim: To deworm all the children across the country in the age group of 1 to 19.
- Worms are parasites, which live in human intestines for food and survival.
- The worms consume nutrients meant for the human body and cause blood loss, poor nutrition, and stunt growth.

8. The UNGA has designated which date as the International Day of Women and Girls in Science _____ **February 11.**

Note:

- Aim: To recognize the important contribution that women make to the fields of science and technology.
- The UN SDGs 2030 also lays out gender equality in science as an essential component of the agenda.
- The theme for the 8th International Day of Women and Girls in Science is Innovate. Demonstrate. Elevate. Advance (IDEA): Bringing communities Forward for sustainable and equitable development.

New Appointments

1. Who has been appointed as the new managing director and CEO of Canara bank, with effect from February 7, 2023 _____ **K Satyanarayana Raju.**

Note:

- He has replaced L V Prabhakar, who resigned on 31 December 2022.
- He has 33 years of experience in all banking segments, like branch banking, corporate credit, etc.
- He also served as the executive director of Canara bank.
- He joined the Vijaya Bank in 1988 and has risen to the level of chief GM at the Bank of Baroda.

2. With the appointment of two new judges of the Supreme Court - Justices Rajesh Bindal and Aravind Kumar, what is the current strength of the Supreme Court of India _____ **34.**

Note:

- Rajesh Bindal: He was the Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court.
- Aravind Kumar: He was Chief Justice of Gujarat High Court.
- Earlier, the government also appointed five judges - Justices Pankaj Mithal, Sanjay Karol, PV Sanjay Kumar, Ahsanuddin Amanullah, and Manoj Misra

3. Who has been elected as the new president of Cyprus _____ **Nikos Christodoulides.**

Note:

- He defeated his rival Andreas Mavroyiannis.
- He won nearly 52 percent of the votes, and his rival Mavroyiannis won only 48 percent.
- He was expelled from the ruling DISY party after announcing his candidacy and ran as an independent.
- He was appointed as the government's spokesman in 2014 and foreign minister in 2018.

4. The President of India, Droupadi Murmu has appointed Ramesh Bais as the new governor of which state of India _____ **Maharashtra.**

Note:

- He has replaced Bhagat Singh Koshyari, who resigned from his post.
- Other appointments (Governor):
 - Arunachal Pradesh: Lt. General Kaiwalya Trivikram Parnaik (Retired)
 - Sikkim: Lakshman Prasad Acharya
 - Jharkhand: C.P. Radhakrishnan

- HP: Shiv Pratap Shukla
- Assam: Gulab Chand Kataria
- Andhra Pradesh: Justice (Retd.) S. Abdul Nazeer
- Ladakh: Brigadier (Dr.) B.D. Mishra
- Manipur: Sushri Anusuiya Uikye (Former Governor of Chhattisgarh)
- Chhattisgarh: Biswa Bhusan Harichandan (Former Governor of Andhra Pradesh)
- Nagaland: La Ganesan (Former Governor of Manipur)
- Meghalaya: Phagu Chauhan (Former Governor of Bihar)
- Bihar: Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar (Former Governor of HP)

5. Who has been elected as the 22nd President of Bangladesh _____ **Mohammad Shahabuddin Choppu**.

Note:

- He was nominated for the post by the ruling Awami League.
- No other party or individual filed a nomination for the post.
- He will replace President Mohammad Abdul Hamid, whose tenure will be ended on April 23, 2023.
- Abdul Hamid served as President for two consecutive terms of five years.
- The Bangladesh constitution does not allow any person to hold the President's post beyond two terms.

6. Who has been elected as the new President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) for the 2023-24 tenure, with effect from February 12, 2023 _____ **Aniket Sunil Talati**.

Note:

- While Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal has been elected as Vice President of the institute.
- Prior to this role, Aniket Sunil Talati worked as the Director of ICAI ARF, Indian Institute of Insolvency Professionals of India (IIPI), and Extensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL) India.

7. Who has been appointed as the acting chief justice of the Gujarat High Court _____ **Justice Sonia G Gokani**.

Note:

- The Ministry of Law and Justice has cleared the appointment of four chief justices of high courts including - Justice Sonia G Gokani, Justice Sandeep Mehta, Justice Jaswant Singh, and Justice N Kotiswar Singh.
- Chief justice of the Gauhati HC: Justice Sandeep Mehta
- Chief justice of Tripura HC: Justice Jaswant Singh
- Chief justice J&K and Ladakh HC: Justice N Kotiswar Singh

Important News - India

1. Which government agency signed an MoU with the National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) to set up digital forensic laboratories, collaborate in research and training programs, and provide technical assistance _____ **Directorate General of GST Intelligence (DGGI)**.

Note:

- DGGI is an apex intelligence organization under the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).
- DGGI collects and disseminates information and takes necessary steps to check evasion of GST.

2. Secretary (Telecom) and Chairman of the Digital Communications Commission launched the 'IEEE C-DOT Certified Telecom Expert Program (ICTEP)'. Who is he _____ **K. Rajaraman**.

Note:

- Aim: To bring learning in the areas of Telecom, including 5G, Cyber Security, and Quantum Communication
- It was collaborated by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT).
- C-DOT is the R&D center of the Department of Telecommunications.

3. Which ministry signed a Statement of Intent with the International Energy Agency (IEA) to strengthen cooperation in data and research in the energy sector to enhance global energy security _____ **Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas**.

Note:

- It will initiate cooperation in the energy sector between Petroleum Planning & Analysis Cell PPAC and IEA
- The govt is also planning to provide training and internships by IEA experts to develop the skills.
- Minister of Petroleum: Hardeep S Puri

4. Which organization has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle Joint Business Council (IMT-GT JBC), Malaysia to promote the adoption of energy efficiency and sustainable practices in the region _____ **Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)**.

Note:

- Under this partnership, EESL will implement Rooftop Solar, Electric Mobility, UJALA, and Building Energy Efficiency Programme in Indonesia, Malaysia, and Thailand.
 - CEO, EESL: Vishal Kapoor
5. The government has formed a 16-member committee to draft the Digital Competition Act within three months, after studying anti-competitive practices. Who is the head of this panel _____ **Manoj Govil (secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs)**.
- Note:**
- The panel will study the existing provisions of the Competition Act 2002, and related regulations to deal with the challenges in the digital economy.
 - CCI will provide secretarial and research assistance and logistic support to the panel.
6. Reliance Jio and which mobile network operator launched a digital skills programme initiative to train rural women in India _____ **GSMA**.
- Note:**
- Aim: To provide need-based training to rural women and individuals from marginalized/low-income groups to help them make meaningful use of digital access.
 - According to the GSMA's 'Mobile Gender Gap Report 2022', women in India are 41% less likely than men to use mobile internet
 - While 330 million women in India still do not use mobile internet, compared to 248 million men
7. Which mobility solution provider has launched E20 petrol and became one of the first fuel retailers in India to make E20 blended petrol available _____ **Jio-bp**.
- Note:**
- E20 petrol: 20% blend of ethanol and 80% of fossil-based fuel
 - E20 blending in petrol is being introduced in the country by the government of India.
 - Aim: To reduce the country's oil import cost, energy security, lower carbon emission, and better air quality, among others.
 - The government had advanced the target of E20 fuel from 2030 to 2025.
8. Which organization released the report on "Making India a Global Power House on Farm Machinery Industry" _____ **National Council of Applied Economic Research**.
- Note:**
- It was released by the Union MoS for Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare, Shobha Karandlaje
 - This study was sponsored by Mahendra & Mahendra.
 - Purpose: To analyze the non-tractor farm machinery industry from both demand and supply side perspectives.
 - India's farm power availability is at 2.49 Kw/ha in 2018-19.
9. The Geological Survey of India (GSI) has found which mineral inferred resources (G3) of 5.9 million tonnes in the Salal-Haimana area of the Reasi District of Jammu and Kashmir _____ **Lithium**.
- Note:**
- The ministry has handed over the 51 mineral blocks, including Lithium and Gold to the state governments.
 - Out of these 51 mineral blocks, 5 blocks pertain to gold, and other blocks pertain to commodities like potash, molybdenum, base metals, etc.
 - Lithium is a Non-ferrous metal.
10. Geological Survey of India (GSI) will be taking up how many public health and public good geoscience activities during 2023-24 _____ **111**.
- Note:**
- A total of 966 standard programmes have been finalized by GSI across 5 Missions for 2023-24.
 - This session's focus is on baseline data generation and mineral exploration programmes with special emphasis on strategic-critical and fertilizer minerals exploration.
 - Besides this, GSI will be taking up 115 courses for training and capacity building.
11. The Ministry of Shipping has formed a committee to draft revised Guidelines for the operationalization of Roll-on-Roll off (Ro-Ro) and Roll-on-Passenger (Ro-Pax) ferry service. Who is the head of this committee _____ **Chairman of the Deendayal Port Authority**.
- Note:**
- Aim: To promote coastal shipping through the PPP route
 - Other purposes:
 - It would also draft the Model Concession Agreement for Ro-Ro or Ro-Pax Terminal Operator.
 - Model License Agreement for the Operation of the ferry services in the country.

12. The government has launched a 'Khanan Prahari' mobile application and CMSMS web app. What is the full form of CMSMS _____ **Coal Mine Surveillance and Management System.**

Note:

- Aim: To report the unauthorized coal mining activities
- CMSMS has been developed to curb illegal mining and take transparent action as an e-Governance initiative of the government on the use of Space Technology.
- Minister of Coal, Pralhad Joshi informed in Rajya Sabha, that 462 cases have been reported on the Apps till January 2023.

13. Union Tribal Affairs Minister informed that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate a 15-day 'Aadi Mahotsav' at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, New Delhi on February 16, 2023. Who is the minister of Tribal Affairs _____ **Arjun Munda.**

Note:

- TRIFED, an organization of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, will organize the "Aadi Mahotsav – National Tribal Festival".
- Aim: To provide direct market access to the tribal master craftsmen and women in large metros and State capitals.

14. Which Indian airlines has signed agreements with Airbus SE and Boeing Co. for the largest purchase of jetliners in commercial aviation history _____ **Air India.**

Note:

- Aim: To reinvent itself with a fuel-efficient fleet that can take on local low-cost rivals and powerful Gulf airlines like Emirates.
- The airline and the two plane makers have agreed on the broad strokes of the agreement.
- Airbus is in line to receive 250 orders (approx) and is made up of 210 aircraft from the A320 single-aisle.

15. The first G20 Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group Meeting under India's presidency was started in which city of India from February 9 to 11, 2023 _____ **Bengaluru.**

Note:

- Hosted by: MoEFCC
- Chaired by: Leena Nandan (Secretary)
- Theme: LiFE is an "important and cross-cutting"
- Focus:
 - Arresting land degradation, Accelerating ecosystem restoration, and Enriching biodiversity
 - Promoting a sustainable and climate-resilient blue economy
 - Encouraging resource efficiency and circular economy

16. The Gender Balance Forum and the Women in Government Forum organized at the World Government Summit, which is organized in which country from 13-15 February 2023 _____ **Dubai, UAE.**

Note:

- Theme:
 - Women in Government Forum: Ready for Leadership: Shaping the Agenda for the Future
 - World Government Summit 2023: Shaping Future Governments
- Aim: To bring together thoughts of leaders from around the region and the world.
- The leaders will also discuss new ways to advance gender equality and women's participation.

17. PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the three-day-long Uttar Pradesh Global Investors Summit 2023 in which city of the state on 10th February 2023 _____ **Lucknow.**

Note:

- He has also inaugurated Global Trade Show and launched Invest UP 2.0.
- It is the flagship investment summit of the Uttar Pradesh Government.
- Aim: To bring together policymakers, industry leaders, academia, think tanks, and leaders from across the world to collectively explore business opportunities and forge partnerships

18. Minister for Communications, Electronics & Information Technology has inaugurated AMRPTEX 2023 - National Philatelic Exhibition at Pragati Maidan, Delhi. Who is he _____ **Ashwini Vaishnav.**

Note:

- It is a 5-day Mahakumbh of Stamps, which is to be held from 11th to 15th February, 2023.
- It displays more than 20,000 exhibits under 13 competitive categories and invitees and is the national platform to highlight and display the 5000 years old rich history and culture of this great nation.

19. Secretary of MeitY has inaugurated 1st International Conference on Communication, Electronics and Digital Technologies – NICE-DT 2023 and Digital Skilling, which is the lead event of G20. Who is he _____ **Alkesh Kumar Sharma**

Note:

- It was organized by National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT)
- NIELIT: It is an autonomous Scientific Society of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), and is engaged in Capacity Building and Skill Development

20. The 12th World Hindi Conference will be held in which country from the 15th of February 2023 _____ **Fiji**.

Note:

- It is a 3-day long event and is being organized by the Ministry of External Affairs in association with the Government of Fiji.
- Main theme of the conference: "Hindi - Traditional Knowledge to Artificial Intelligence".
- The conference will be attended by representatives from 50 countries.
- The 11th World Hindi Conference was held in Mauritius.

21. Which edition of the Indian Rice Congress was inaugurated by President of India, Droupadi Murmu at ICAR-National Rice Research Institute, Cuttack, on February 11, 2023 _____ **Second**.

Note:

- ICAR-NRRI has developed India's first high protein rice, called CR Dhan 310 and NRRI has also released a high-zinc rice variety, called CR Dhan 315.
- Rice is the basic food crop and is mainly grown in rain-fed areas that receive heavy annual rainfall and is a kharif crop in India.

22. Which edition of the ASEAN Digital Ministers meeting approved the India-ASEAN Digital Work Plan 2023 in New Delhi _____ **Third**.

Note:

- The theme of the meeting: Synergy Towards a Sustainable Digital Future
- Aim: To strengthen India-ASEAN relations in the field of Information and Communication Technologies.
- The work plan includes capacity building and knowledge sharing in emerging areas in the field of Information and Communication Technologies such as AI in Cyber Security.

23. The G20 EMPOWER meeting was organized in which city of India from 11th to 12th February 2023 _____ **Agra, Uttar Pradesh**.

Note:

- Theme: Empowering Women to Lead across Sectors: Role of Digital Skilling and Future Skills
- Focus: To shift from women's development to women-led development
- It was attended by Smriti Zubin Irani (Minister for Women and Child Welfare).
- She also highlighted the government's steps on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) and efforts for Women's empowerment.

24. The Annual Meeting of Members of the River Cities Alliance (RCA) "DHARA" is being organized in Pune from 13th - 14th February 2023. In this context, what is the full form of DHARA _____ **Driving Holistic Action for Urban Rivers**.

Note:

- The annual meeting of the members of RCA is being organized by the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) in association with the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA).
- The event has strong synergies with the Urban20 (U20) initiative under the ambit of India's G20 Presidency.

Important News – State

1. Which state government launched India's first mobility-focused cluster, TMV during the first edition of Mobility Next Hyderabad Summit 2023 _____ **Telangana**.

Note:

- Aim: To attract investments of around Rs 50,000 crore and generate more than 4 lakh jobs in the next five years in the state.
- The TMV also aimed to facilitate the companies across all segments of sustainable mobility.
- It also promotes mobility startups in Telangana.

2. Which UT government initiated a program to support their farmers and promote sustainable agriculture in the Union Territory _____ **Jammu and Kashmir**.

Note:

- Reason: Growing concern for health and increasing demand for organic food
 - The 'alternate agriculture system for sustainability' project is a part of the government's efforts to create a sustainable environment for agriculture.
 - Aim: To create six to seven organic clusters per district, covering a total of 2000 hectares of land.
3. Which health start-up has signed an MoU with the Uttar Pradesh government under their InvestUP program to set up a health ATM _____ **India Health Link.**
- Note:**
- It provides screening of various health parameters at more than 4,600 community and primary health care centers.
 - It is a self-service, walk-in Health ATM.
 - Individuals can get their screening done for 20+ vital health parameters including BP, weight, pulse, temperature, and ECG within 10 minutes followed by an instant report.
4. The Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav- 2023 (RSM) was inaugurated in which of the following city _____ **Mumbai.**
- Note:**
- Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav conveys the enduring message of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, which signifies that despite numerous diversities in language and cultural expressions, India is united and one.
 - This 9-day event is organized by the Ministry every year in different states of India and will go on till 19th February.
5. Which UTs Legal Services Authority has organized first National Lok Adalat of 2023 throughout the Union Territory _____ **Jammu & Kashmir.**
- Note:**
- During the day-long National Lok Adalat, out of a total 88,723 cases taken up by 142 Benches at various courts across the UT, 75,250 Cases were disposed off and an amount of Rs. 45,05,14,697/- was awarded as compensation/settlement amount in Motor Accident Claims, civil, criminal, labour disputes, Electricity and Water Bills cases, etc.
6. Strictest Anti-Copying Law of India has come into force in which state of India _____ **Uttarakhand.**
- Note:**
- It is termed as Uttarakhand Competitive Examination (Measures for Prevention and Prevention of Unfair Means in Recruitment) Ordinance 2023.
 - Under this, a provision to impose a fine of 10 crores rupees along with life imprisonment or 10 years in jail for the copycat mafia is there.
7. Finance Minister, Harish Rao has informed, that the state government is planning to enact the Clinical Establishment Act. He is a Finance Minister of which state of India _____ **Telangana.**
- Note:**
- Reason: To regulate the private hospitals in state
 - Concern: Related to the private hospitals over irregularities and imposing hefty charges for treatment
 - Aim: To improve facilities and provide corporate healthcare for the poor through government hospitals
 - The State government was establishing a government medical college in each district.
8. Which state government has finally launched the portal for the Family ID - 'One Family One Identity' _____ **Uttar Pradesh.**
- Note:**
- Aim: To identify families as a unit for implementing the 'one job per family' proposal.
 - A unique identity will be issued to each family under the One Family One Identity scheme.
 - It will establish a live comprehensive database of family units of the state.
 - This database will be helpful in better management of beneficiary schemes and transparent operation.
9. India's first "frozen-lake marathon" will be organized in which state/UT on February 20, 2023 _____ **Pangong Tso, Ladakh.**
- Note:**
- The Indian army and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police have been roped in to implement a "proper action plan" for the event.
 - The 21-kilometer marathon will be started from Lukung and ended at Maan village.
 - The event will be participated by 75 selected athletes from India and abroad.
 - The marathon is being called the "Last Run" to highlight the issue of climate change

1. India and which international Union formed three working groups under the Trade and Technology Council (TTC) _____ **European Union (EU)**.

Note:

- Reason: To deepen strategic ties with the trade bloc
- The working group will cover critical issues, such as:
 - Strategic technologies, digital governance, and connectivity
 - Green and clean energy technologies
 - Trade, investment, and resilient value chains

2. According to the recent Global Quality Infrastructure Index (GQII) 2021, what is the rank of the national accreditation system of India under the Quality Council of India (QCI) _____ **5th**.

Note:

- The GQII ranks the 184 economies in the world on the basis of quality infrastructure (QI).
- India's overall QI system ranking continues to be in the Top 10 at the 10th position (the standardization system (under BIS) at 9th and the metrology system (under NPL-CSIR) at 21st).

3. According to the DGCA, India's aviation safety oversight ranking has jumped to _____ position from 112th place in the country's score under the ICAO's coordinated validation mission _____ **55th**.

Note:

- Under the Universal Safety Oversight Audit Programme (USOAP) Continuous Monitoring Approach, an ICAO Coordinated Validation Mission was conducted in India in November 2022.
- USOAP is based on eight critical elements of a safety oversight system and is measured by a set of protocol questions.

4. According to the Financial Times (FT) Global MBA Ranking 2023, the Post Graduate Programme (PGP) of which Indian institution has been ranked the best in India _____ **Indian School of Business (ISB)**.

Note:

- It is the only Indian B-school in the top 50 worldwide and has been ranked 39th globally and sixth in Asia.
- ISB is also ranked best in India in the research category.
- While IIM Bangalore has been ranked at 52nd position in the rankings.
- Columbia Business School in the United States topped the global chart.

5. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which non-profit environment organization to eliminate plastic pollution in oceans and rivers around the globe _____

Ocean Cleanup.

Note:

- Goal: To reduce leakages of plastics into marine ecosystems by boosting policies and behavior change, reducing overall plastic pollution.
- It also aims to accelerate the deployment of interception technologies in rivers to end marine plastic pollution.

Honor & Awards

1. Who was honoured with the ATMA Lifetime Achievement Award at the Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association (ATMA) Annual Conclave 2023 in New Delhi _____ **Chairman and MD of MRF, K.M. Mammen**.

Note:

- Reason: For his leadership qualities, an invaluable contribution to the Indian tyre industry
- Maruti Suzuki India MD & CEO Hisashi Takeuchi presented the award.
- He also leads the industry from the front for over 20 years.
- ATMA Headquarters: New Delhi

2. Who has been selected for the prestigious PCI's Raja Ram Mohan Roy National Award 2020 _____ **Veteran journalist Dr. Anne Bhavani Koteswara Prasad**.

Note:

- Reason: For his outstanding contribution to the field of journalism.
- The Chairperson of the Press Council of India (PCI), Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai conferred the award.
- ABK Prasad worked as the editor of mainstream journals in the State
- He was the Chairman of the Official Language Commission (2004 - 2009) in Andhra Pradesh.

3. Union HM Amit Shah presented the President's Colour Award to which state police on February 14 for their outstanding service to the nation _____ **Haryana Police**.

Note:

- The state police will be bestowed with the prestigious President's Colour Award during a ceremonial function at the Haryana Police Academy, Madhuban in Karnal.
 - The "President's Colour" is bestowed on any armed forces or a police unit, in recognition of exceptional service rendered to the Nation, both in peace and in war.
4. The 'Blockbill' app team, Niyati Totala and Neel Kalpeshkumar Parikh were awarded the prestigious Global Best M-GOV Award 2023 at the World Government Summit in Dubai, UAE. They are the students of which prestigious Indian institution _____ **IIT Indore**.

Note:

- Egyptian President Abel Fattah Al-Sisi has presented the award.
- **Blockbill:**
 - It is a blockchain-based receipt generation app.
 - It generates digital receipts for all of its users' transactions.
- Silver Award: 'Don't Waste' team (Uzbekistan)
- Bronze Award: 'Farmit' team (Serbia)

Sports News

1. Who becomes the all-time leading scorer in the National Basketball Association (NBA) _____ **LeBron James**.

Note:

- He has surpassed a record held by the great Kareem Abdul Jabbar since 1984.
- He pushed his career total to 38,388 points.
- He has won four NBA titles and competed in 10 NBA finals.
- He has a career average of 27.2 points, 7.5 rebounds, and 7.3 assists.

2. Who has won an action-packed Formula E in Hyderabad that marked a successful return of a high-profile motorsport event in India, defeating Nick Cassidy _____ **Jean Eric Vergne of DS Penske**.

Note:

- This is Eric Vergne's first win of the season.
- Antonio Felix Da Costa of Porsche secured the final third spot on the podium.
- Hyderabad ePrix is the single-seater, electrically powered Formula E race, and will be the first Formula E race to be held in the country.

3. Which edition of the Khelo India National Winter Games has begun at famous tourist destination Gulmarg in Kashmir _____ **Third**.

Note:

- Gulmarg is a Centre of Excellence for Winter Sports and sports budget of Jammu and Kashmir is enormous as compared to other states and union territories of the country.
- This edition will continue for next four days wherein more than 1500 athletes from across the country are taking part in eleven different sports categories.

4. Which edition of the Khelo India Youth Games was concluded at the Upper Lake in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh _____ **Fifth**.

Note:

- Maharashtra has topped the medals tally by winning 154 medals (53 gold, 54 silver, and 47 bronze).
- While Haryana placed second with a total of 116 medals, followed by Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan.
- The 5th KIYG -2023 was hosted in the eight towns of MP - Bhopal, Indore, Ujjain, Maheshwar, Balaghat, Mandla, Jabalpur, and Gwalior.

5. Who has become the first Chinese man to win an ATP Tour title at the Dallas Open 2023 _____ **Wu Yibing**.

Note:

- He defeated John Isner (United States) by 6-7 (4/7), 7-6 (7/3), and 7-6 (14/12).
- He also becomes the second man from China to break into the top 100 of the ATP rankings.
- While the duo of Jamie Murray (United Kingdom) and Michael Venus (New Zealand) won the doubles title at the same event

6. Which football club has won the Club World Cup 2023 for a record-extending fifth time in the final held in the Abdellah stadium, Rabat, Morocco _____ **Real Madrid**.

Note:

- Real Madrid has defeated Saudi Arabia's Al-Hilal by 5-3.

- Vinícius Júnior (Brazilian) scored twice and assisted Karim Benzema to lead Real Madrid.
- Real Madrid last won the tournament in 2014, 2016, 2017, and 2018.

Books and Authors

1. Who is the writer of the "Victory City" novel _____ **Salman Rushdie**.

Note:

- This novel was published by Penguin Random House.
- It is an "epic tale" of a 14th-century woman who defies a patriarchal world to rule a city.
- This novel purports to be a translation of a historical epic originally written in Sanskrit.
- Rushdie won the Booker Prize in 1981 for his second novel, *Midnight's Children*.
- His notable works: *Grimus* (1975); *Shame* (1983); *The Satanic Verses* (1988)

Science and Defence

1. The Ministry of Defence has signed a contract with which organization for the procurement of 41 sets of Modular Bridges at an estimated cost of ₹2,585 crore for the Corps of Engineers, Indian Army _____ **Larsen & Toubro (L&T)**.

Note:

- Designed and developed: DRDO
- It shall be produced by L&T as a DRDO-nominated production agency.
- Each set of bridges shall consist of seven carrier vehicles based on 8x8 heavy mobility vehicles and two launcher vehicles based on 10x10 heavy mobility vehicles.

2. The Indian Navy's Captain, Prashant Saxena AWPS (Mbi) has launched the ACTCM Barge, Yard 125 (LSAM 15). What is the full form of ACTCM _____ **Ammunition Cum Torpedo Cum Missile**.

Note:

- It was launched at M/s Suryadipta Projects Pvt Ltd in Thane.
- It is equipped with auxiliary systems developed by indigenous manufacturers.
- The Barge has been constructed with a service life of 30 years.
- This Barge will help Indian Navy to fulfill its operational commitments by easing transportation and embarkation.

3. Which edition of the Aero India show was inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi in Bengaluru (Karnataka) on 13th February 2023 _____ **14th**.

Note:

- 2023 Theme: The Runway to a Billion Opportunities
- Purpose: To showcase indigenous defense equipment, technologies, and fighter aircraft
- It also aimed to promote indigenous production and export of air platforms to attract foreign investment.

4. Which drone start-up organization launched a drone-based traffic management system named 'Skye UTM' in India _____ **Skye Air**.

Note:

- It was unveiled by the Minister of Road Transport and Highways of India, Nitin Gadkari.
- Skye UTM is a Cloud-based aerial traffic management system.
- It integrated unmanned air traffic with manned aviation airspace.
- The software will allow drone operators to plan routes, make flight plans and assess risks before running drone-based operations in the country.

5. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched the second developmental flight of the Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV-D2) with how many satellites on February 10, 2023, from Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh _____ **Three**.

Note:

- Three satellites: EOS-07, Janus-1, and AzaadiSAT-2
- The first developmental flight of the SSLV was launched from SDSC on August 7, 2022, but it failed.
- Reason: Due to vibration disturbance for a short duration on the equipment bay deck

6. Which Indian institution and Samsung Semiconductor India Research (SSIR) have joined hands to promote research and development in the field of on-chip electrostatic discharge (ESD) protection _____ **Indian Institute of Science (IISc)**.

Note:

- This partnership seeks to build cutting-edge ESD device solutions to protect ultra-high-speed serial interfaces in advanced integrated circuits and system-on-chip products.
- Solutions arising from this research will be used in Samsung's advanced process nodes.

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