

# Weekly One-liners

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## Weekly One Liners Updates 22- 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear readers,

**Weekly One Liners Update** is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the fourth week (22-28th) of February 2023. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

### **Banking & Financial Awareness**

1. The Reserve Bank of India has restricted the withdrawal limit of what amount for savings and current account customers of Uravakonda Co-operative Town Bank and Shankarrao Mohite Patil Sahakari Bank Ltd \_\_\_\_\_ **₹5,000**.  
**Note:**
  - Reason: Due to the poor liquidity position of these banks
  - This restriction shall remain in force for a period of six months from the close of business on February 24, 2023.
  - Without prior approval of RBI, these banks shall not grant or renew any loans and advances, etc.
2. Which bank has signed a co-lending agreement with Moneywise Financial Services Pvt Ltd (MFSPL) for lending to micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) \_\_\_\_\_ **Central Bank of India**.  
**Note:**
  - This partnership will help to expand the portfolio for both entities.
  - The said loans would be subject to compliance with the applicable laws and guidelines issued by RBI.
  - MFSPL is an RBI-regulated non-banking financial company (NBFC) focused on MSME Lending.
3. The SEBI has proposed that the listed entities should take approval from shareholders at least once in \_\_\_\_\_ for the appointment of directors to serve on their boards \_\_\_\_\_ **5 years**.  
**Note:**
  - Reason: To curb the practice of occupying permanent directorship in a company
  - SEBI also proposed norms, related to special rights granted to certain shareholders; sale, disposal, or lease of assets of a listed entity outside the 'scheme of arrangement' framework and on agreements binding listed entities
4. According to the Credit rating and research agency, India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra), what would be the growth of the Indian economy during 2023-24 \_\_\_\_\_ **5.9%**.  
**Note:**
  - The GDP growth estimate of the agency is lower than the 6.4% real GDP growth projected by the RBI for FY24.
  - According to the agency, there are fault lines in the economic recovery that is happening in the Private final consumption expenditure, Government Final Consumption Expenditure, and net exports.
5. Which private lender has signed an MoU with the UAE-based Lulu Exchange to strengthen the cross-border payments between India and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) region \_\_\_\_\_ **HDFC Bank**.  
**Note:**
  - In the beginning, the expertise and regulatory framework of Lulu Exchange would be utilized to launch a digital inward remittance service - 'RemitNow2India'.
  - It will allow UAE individuals resident to send money to any bank account in India via IMPS and NEFT through HDFC digital banking channels.
6. Which public lender has partnered with PayNow (Singapore Payment System) for cross-border payments \_\_\_\_\_ **State Bank of India**.  
**Note:**
  - The facility is offered through SBI's Bhim SBIPay mobile application.
  - This partnership will allow fund transfers from India to Singapore through registered mobile numbers, and from Singapore to India using the UPI ID.
  - This initiative will boost the digitization initiatives, providing an easy, seamless cross-border payment facility to users.
7. Which health insurance organization has launched a new health insurance policy named 'ReAssure 2.0' \_\_\_\_\_ **Niva Bupa Health Insurance**.

**Note:**

- Aim: To encourage customers to start investing for their health and financial security at an early age
- This new-age indemnity plan offers a 'live healthy' benefit.
- It gives a premium discount of up to 30% on policy renewal basis health points earned.
- It is available as an individual, multi-individual, and family floater starting from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 1 crore.
- Age: 18 -65 yrs

8. Pine Labs and Thomas Cook (India) partnered with which organization to enable payments via UPI for foreign nationals from G20 countries \_\_\_\_\_ **National Payments Corporation of India.**

**Note:**

- Pine Labs will issue the prepaid payment product under the PPI authorization from RBI.
- This facility can be accessed on arrival in India at Thomas Cook's airport counters.
- When encashing foreign currency at Thomas Cook's counter, the customer can open a Pine Labs Fave Money prepaid account loaded with the rupee value

9. Which NBFC entered into a co-lending loan agreement with Karnataka Bank to meet the funding requirements of priority segments such as agriculture and MSME \_\_\_\_\_ **Paisalo Digital Ltd.**

**Note:**

- This agreement will enable Paisalo Digital to drive financial inclusion by providing low-cost financial solutions to priority sectors.
- As per the RBI circular, released on November 5, 2020, banks and NBFCs can enter into tie-ups for the joint contribution of funding for priority sectors.

10. Which delivery partner joined hands with Alliance Insurance Brokers to provide insurance to its national network of delivery partners \_\_\_\_\_ **Dunzo.**

**Note:**

- With this initiative, Alliance Insurance Brokers is providing insurance protection to almost 20,000 delivery partners, insured on a daily basis, while they are active on the platform.
- In case of an accident, the policy offers a benefit of Rs 5 lakh to cover children's education and reimburse business losses and hospitalization expenses.

11. Kotak Mahindra Bank has launched a unified portal named 'Kotak fyn' for which type of customers \_\_\_\_\_ **Corporate.**

**Note:**

- Aim: To track their payments, collections, trade, and other services related to their bank accounts
- The bank is also planning to introduce a new loan origination and management system that would digitize the process from the loan application, to sanction, to disbursal.
- This system would reduce the turnaround time for corporate borrowers and make the process more transparent.

## Obituaries

1. Kanak Rele passed away at the age of 85, was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Classical dancer.**

**Note:**

- She was an exponent of Mohiniyattam
- She was awarded the first Guru Gopinath National Puraskaram of the Government of Kerala.
- She played a major role in popularizing Mohiniyattam and making it globally prominent.

2. A retired TCA Ramanujam passed away at an age of 88, was a \_\_\_\_\_ **Chief Commissioner of Income Taxes.**

**Note:**

- He serves as Chief Commissioner of Income Tax until his retirement in 1992.
- He also spent a year as a member of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal.
- In 2002, he began his advocacy career again and served as a senior standing counsel for the Income Tax division.

3. Subi Suresh, an actor and television host, passed away at an age of 41, was associated with which regional cinema \_\_\_\_\_ **Malayalam.**

**Note:**

- She also performed a variety of comedic roles on programs like Cinemala.
- She has appeared in a number of Malayalam television programmes as well as the films Grihanathan, Thaksara Lahala, and Elsamma Enna Aankut.

### Important Days

1. The World Organization of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) has observed World Thinking Day every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **22nd February**.

**Note:**

- Theme 2023: Our Planet, Our Peaceful Future
- Aim: To create awareness about issues that affect girls and young women
- This day also aims to celebrate sisterhood, solidarity, and women's empowerment.
- In 1999, at the World Conference in Dublin, the name of the day was changed from Thinking Day to World Thinking Day.

2. India observed National Science Day on which date to honor the Indian scientist and physician, Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman as C.V. Raman for discovering the Raman Effect \_\_\_\_\_ **February 28**.

**Note:**

- Sir C V Raman received the Nobel Prize in 1930 for his discovery.
- Theme 2023: Global Science for Global Wellness
- Theme highlights: India's emerging role on the global stage and its increasing visibility in the international community

3. The 4th National Protein Day is observed across the nation on which date as an annual awareness day to highlight the importance of adequate protein consumption \_\_\_\_\_ **27th February**.

**Note:**

- Theme 2023: Easy Access to Protein for All
- It was first observed on 27th February 2020.
- This day was initiated by the Right To Protein (RTP) with a focus on raising awareness of adequate protein consumption for better health and nutrition.

4. World Scout Day is observed annually on which date by Boy Scouts worldwide to honor Lord Robert Baden-Powell \_\_\_\_\_ **February 22**.

**Note:**

- Robert Baden-Powell founded the Boy Scout Movement, on the day of his birthday.
- The day is observed by National Scout Organizations all over the world through events including fundraising campaigns, food drives, and other types of volunteer work.

5. Central Excise Day is observed every year on which date to recognize and honor the contributions made by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) \_\_\_\_\_ **February 24**.

**Note:**

- Every year, Central Excise Day is observed to raise public awareness of the dedication and labor-intensiveness of CBIC.
- Primary responsibility: To prevent tampering with manufactured items.

6. World NGO Day is an annual international observance on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **February 27**.

**Note:**

- Aim: To recognize the contributions of non-governmental organizations (NGOs)
- This day was first celebrated in 2010 and has since become an annual event that highlights the work of NGOs around the world.

### New Appointments

1. Who has defeated BJP candidate Rekha Gupta to become the new Delhi Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ **Aam Aadmi Party's Shelly Oberoi**.

**Note:**

- She received 150 votes while Rekha Gupta got 116 seats.
- She also becomes Delhi's first woman mayor in 10 years.
- The election was held after the Supreme Court ruled out the possibility of nominated members participating in the voting process.
- In Delhi MCD polls, the AAP had bagged 134 seats, BJP got 104 seats, and Congress bagged nine seats.

2. Who has been selected as the External Auditor of the International Labour Organization (ILO) in Geneva \_\_\_\_\_

**CAG Girish Chandra Murmu.**

**Note:**

- He has been selected for a four-year term from 2024 to 2027.

- CAG will take over from the incumbent External Auditor of ILO, the Supreme Audit Institution of the Philippines.
  - CAG's appointment is a recognition of its standing among the international community and its professionalism, and its global audit experience.
3. US President, Joe Biden has nominated whom as the president of the World Bank \_\_\_\_\_ **Ajay Banga**.
- Note:**
- He would replace David Malpass, who will step down from his role this June before completing his tenure in April 2024.
  - He was nominated for his expertise in handling global challenges including climate change.
  - Presently, he is serving as the vice chairman at private equity firm General Atlantic.
4. Who took over as the Director General Quality Assurance (DGQA) on 24th February, 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ **Lt Gen RS Reen**.
- Note:**
- DGQA is an Inter-Service Organization functioning under the Department of Defence Production in Ministry of Defence.
  - He is a certified Six Sigma Black Belt from Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata and has headed a Senior Quality Assurance, Brig at Headquarters of DGQA and was Controller (Missile System) in Secunderabad.
5. Who has been appointed as the Secretary of the Department of Defence \_\_\_\_\_ **Aramane Giridhar**.
- Note:**
- He will remain in his post until October 31, 2024, or till further order whichever is earlier.
  - This extension is beyond his age of superannuation.
  - He was due to retire in June 2023, after completing 60 years of superannuation.
  - He is a 1988-batch IAS officer of the Andhra Pradesh cadre.
6. Who has been appointed as the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) secretary general, with effect from 1 March 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ **Shailesh Pathak**.
- Note:**
- FICCI also announced that director general, Arun Chawla will be superannuated on June 30, 2023, and transition to an advisory role.
  - He has worked with the government as an IAS officer as well as helmed large companies in the private sector.
7. Which beverage maker company has appointed actor Ranveer Singh as its brand ambassador and also unveiled a new campaign targeting younger consumers \_\_\_\_\_ **PepsiCo**.
- Note:**
- He joined Pepsi's growing league of celebrity endorsers.
  - The brand roped in actor Salman Khan in 2019.
  - More recently, it also announced KGF actor, Yash as the brand's new face.
  - "Rise up Baby" is a youth movement that brings alive in different flavors.

### Important News – India

1. Who has officially inaugurated the Power Pavilion, ELECRAMA 2023 at the India Expo Mart, Greater Noida \_\_\_\_\_ **Minister of Power, RK Singh**.
- Note:**
- The event was attended by Vivek Kumar Dewangan (Chairman & Managing Director, REC Limited) and other officials from REC.
  - Theme 2023: Re-imagining the Future: Metamorphosis of the Power Sector in India.
  - Vision: To showcase innovation in the power sector such as Smart Meters, Smart Feeder Management Systems, Methanol production etc
2. Which organization has developed a new wheat variety called HD-3385 \_\_\_\_\_ **Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)**.
- Note:**
- It can overcome the challenges arising out due to changes in weather patterns and rising heat levels.
  - It is amenable to early sowing, escaping the impact of heat spikes, and can be harvested before March's end.
  - Recently, the Centre announced to set up of a committee to monitor the situation arising from the increase in temperatures and its impact on the current wheat crop.
3. Which high court has become the first high court in the country to publish judgments in the regional language \_\_\_\_\_ **Kerala High Court**.
- Note:**

- On February 21 (International Mother Language Day), Kerala published two of its recent judgments in Malayalam.
  - The judgments in Malayalam were uploaded on the court's website just below the English version.
  - The Kerala High Court made use of SUVAS (Supreme Court Vidhik Anuwad Software ) tool to translate the judgments.
4. The Namami Gange Executive Committee, headed by NMCG Director General G. Asok Kumar, has approved how many projects, worth over 1,200 crore rupees for Pollution abatement in Ganga Basin and Ghat Development \_\_\_\_\_ **Nine**.

**Note:**

- Out of these projects, seven pertain to the abatement of pollution in the Ganga Basin and two to ghat development.
  - The decision was taken during the 47th meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG).
5. Which country has been selected as the New Delhi World Book Fair, that was started at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi from 25th February and continue till 5th March 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ **France**.

**Note:**

- The Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan will inaugurate the fair.
  - The 2023 theme of the fair is Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.
  - The G20 theme has been integrated with the book fair, and exhibitions of books from G20 member countries will be organized during the fair.
6. The Union Cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi has approved the extension of the term of the 22nd Law Commission of India from 20th February 2023 to \_\_\_\_\_ **31st August 2024**.

**Note:**

- The 22nd law panel was constituted for three years on 21st February 2020.
  - Law Commission of India:
  - It is a non-statutory body and is constituted by the Government of India from time to time.
  - It was originally constituted in 1955.
7. Which organization has topped the ranking of Independent Power Producers and Energy Traders Globally in the S&P Global Commodity Insights Top 250 Global Energy Company Rankings 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **NTPC Limited**.

**Note:**

- These rankings are based on four key metrics: Asset worth, Revenues, Profits, and Return on Investment (ROI).
  - Presently, NTPC contributes 24% of the total electricity produced in India.
  - NTPC is targeting non-fossil fuel-based capacity to make up nearly 50% of the company's portfolio by 2032.
8. India has slipped to which position in the International Intellectual Property Rights Index 2023 out of 55 countries for 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **42nd**.

**Note:**

- India was ranked 40th in the index in 2021.
  - It was launched by the US Chamber of Commerce's Global Innovation Policy Centre and is monitored by the Indian government.
  - It evaluates the protection of IP rights in 55 of the world's leading economies, together representing approximately 90% of global GDP.
9. World's longest river cruise 'MV Ganga Vilas' will culminate its journey on 28th February in which city of India \_\_\_\_\_ **Dibrugarh**.

**Note:**

- It will cover a distance of 3,200 km in over 50 days before reaching Dibrugarh on the 28th of February via Patna Sahib, Bodh Gaya, Vikramshila, Dhaka, the Suderbans and the Kaziranga national park.
  - It is built with a unique design and a futuristic vision, three decks and 18 suites on board with a capacity of 36 tourists.
10. Who has launched the 'neutral citations' to ensure a uniform pattern of citing the decisions of the Supreme Court \_\_\_\_\_ **CJI D Y Chandrachud**.

**Note:**

- Earlier, the apex court had taken various steps to implement a uniform, reliable, and secure methodology for identifying and citing decisions in the apex court.
- Other initiative: Electronic Supreme Court Reports (e-SCR) project, which is aimed to provide free access to about 34,000 judgments to lawyers, law students, and the common public.

11. Chairman of EAC-PM has released the Foundational Literacy and Numeracy report. Who is he \_\_\_\_\_ **Dr. Bibek Debroy.**

**Note:**

- Prepared by: Institute for Competitiveness
- Punjab has emerged as the top-performing state on education and health-related indicators.
- Delhi, Goa, Maharashtra, J&K, Kerala, Rajasthan, Sikkim, TN, and Puducherry were ranked as high-performing states and UTs.
- Meghalaya, D&N Haveli, Nagaland, Telangana, UP, Jharkhand, Arunachal Pradesh, and Ladakh were among underperformed.

12. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Shivamogga airport in which state of India on 27 February 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ **Karnataka.**

**Note:**

- The airport has been built on 663 acres of land with an investment of ₹449.22 crore.
- Apart from this, the prime minister has also inaugurated several other development projects in the poll-bound state.
- The Passenger Terminal Building of the airport can handle 300 passengers per hour.
- The foundation was laid in June 2020 by former CM B S Yediyurappa.

13. PM Narendra Modi has released which installment of financial benefits worth Rs 16,800 crore to over eight crore eligible farmers under the flagship PM-KISAN scheme \_\_\_\_\_ **13th.**

**Note:**

- PM-KISAN refers to Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi .
- Under this scheme, eligible farmers are provided with a financial benefit of Rs 6,000 per year in three equal installments of Rs 2,000 each every four months.
- The fund is directly transferred to the bank accounts of the beneficiaries.

14. The government is planning to set up how many 'Clean Plant Centres' to boost the domestic production of the selected crops \_\_\_\_\_ **10.**

**Note:**

- These centres were already established in developed countries such as the US, Netherlands, and Israel.
- They will be set up under the 'Atmanirbhar Clean Plant Program'.
- It was announced by FM Nirmala Sitharaman in the Union Budget 2023-24.
- These centres will be established for fruit crops with a budget of Rs 2,200 crore in the next seven years till 2030.

15. Indian Oil Corporation Chairman, Shrikant Madhav Vaidya has revealed that the company is planning to set up green hydrogen plants at all its refineries by which year \_\_\_\_\_ **2047.**

**Note:**

- It is part of a Rs 2-lakh crore green transition plan to achieve net-zero emissions.
- It is also planning to set up a 7,000 tonnes p.a. green hydrogen-producing facility.
- IOC is restructuring its business with a greater emphasis on petrochemicals to hedge volatility in the fuel business.

16. Union Cabinet has approved the signing Air Services Agreement between India and which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Guyana.**

**Note:**

- This agreement will come into force after the exchange of diplomatic notes between parties.
- Aim: To enable a framework for the provision of air services between the two countries
- Indians have a sizeable presence in Guyana and are the largest ethnic group comprising about 40% of the population.
- It will provide an enabling environment for enhanced and seamless connectivity.

17. Which department has signed Letter of Intent (LoI) with Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems (Fraunhofer ISE) for a long-term collaboration focusing on hydrogen technologies \_\_\_\_\_ **Department of Science and Technology (DST).**

**Note:**

- It will trigger development of higher Technology Readiness Level (TRL) for hydrogen energy clusters being set up by DST and identify existing technologies and potential interventions from Fraunhofer in green hydrogen, integrate them with indigenous technologies.

18. Which edition of the UIC World Security Congress has been started commenced in Jaipur, India on 21st February 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ **18th.**

**Note:**

- The 3-day Conference is being jointly organized by the International Union of Railways, Paris and Railway Protection Force.
  - Theme 2023: Railway Security Strategy: Responses and Vision for Future
  - The World Security Congress is a globally recognized security platform.
  - The Union International Des Chemins (UIC) or International Union of Railways was established in 1922.
19. An annual flagship event of the External Affairs Ministry on Geo-economics, Asia Economic Dialogue is being conducted in which city of India from 23 -25 February 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ **Pune, Maharashtra.**

**Note:**

- This event is being co-hosted in collaboration with Pune International Centre.
  - Theme 2023: Asia and the Emerging World Order
  - The Dialogue also discusses themes such as Global Growth Prospects, How the Global South Will Shape the G20 Agenda and the Metaverse.
20. Union Minister, Jitendra Singh has inaugurated International Conference on Biotechnology for the first time since Independence in which region of India \_\_\_\_\_ **North East Region.**

**Note:**

- He has also inaugurated the 22nd Congress of the International Society for Ethno-pharmacology and the 10th Congress of Society for Ethno-pharmacology (ISE SFEC-2023).
  - It will be held from February 24-26, 2023 at the City Convention Centre, Imphal, Manipur.
  - Theme: Reimagine Ethnopharmacology: Globalization of Traditional Medicine.
21. Who has inaugurated New Delhi World Book Fair 2023, which is being held from 25 February to 5th March 2023 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi \_\_\_\_\_ **Union Minister, Rajkumar Ranjan Singh.**

**Note:**

- It was organized by National Book Trust, India, in collaboration with ITPO (India Trade Promotion Organization).
- It will also have an NEP pavilion to mark the successful introduction of the National Education Policy 2020 and will have hundreds of authors, publishers from across the world.

### Important News – State

1. Which state govt has approved a five-year project on Innovative Extension Approaches for Revitalising Agriculture \_\_\_\_\_ **J&K.**

**Note:**

- Aim: To give a push to sustainable agriculture
  - The project, worth 463 crore rupees, is also aimed to empower farmers and educated youth through technology-driven and inclusive agri-extension services.
  - One of the critical outcomes would be the creation of 2,000 Kissan Khidmat Ghars, which will serve as One Stop Centre for farmer-oriented services
2. Which state government has become the first state in the country to use robotic technology to clean all its commissioned manholes \_\_\_\_\_ **Kerala.**

**Note:**

- The robotic scavenger named 'Bandicoot'.
  - It was launched under the Guruvayur Sewerage Project in Thrissur district by the Kerala Water Authority (KWA).
  - It is a part of the 100-day action plan of the state government.
  - It was developed by Kerala-based Genrobotics, which had recently bagged the 'Kerala Pride' award at the Huddle Global 2022.
3. Which government signed an agreement with the UN Women to boost women-friendly activities in the State's tourism sector \_\_\_\_\_ **Kerala.**

**Note:**

- The MoU was signed by Kerala Tourism Director P B Nooh and UN Women India representative Susan Ferguson.
  - Both parties agreed to work towards promoting gender-inclusive tourism sites in the State.
  - It would be implemented by the Responsible Tourism Mission.
  - It will be done by creating modules and capacity-building of relevant stakeholders.
4. CM Basavaraj Bommai has confirmed, that state will get India's first Marina which will be constructed at Byndoor in the Udupi district. He is a CM of which state \_\_\_\_\_ **Karnataka.**



**Note:**

- Aim: To promote coastal tourism in the state
  - The state government has received permission from the Government of India for the relaxation of Coastal Regulation Zone rules.
  - The government also proposed to build a corridor of ancient temples like Madhukeshwara (Banavasi) and Dattatreya (Ganagapura) and promote Yatra tourism.
5. Which state government has signed a Memorandum of Association (MoA) of over Rs 5,000 crore with Tata Technologies to upgrade 150 ITIs in the state \_\_\_\_\_ **Uttar Pradesh.**

**Note:**

- Aim: To help the youth upgrade their skills and make them fit for the modern-day industry
  - This MoA will also help in the skill development of the youth of the state and will be helpful in taking forward the programs of Tata Technologies.
  - The trained youth will be able to get jobs in prestigious institutions of Tata and abroad.
6. Which state government has approved the Mukhyamantri Ladli Behna Yojana to empower women at every level \_\_\_\_\_ **Madhya Pradesh.**

**Note:**

- Under this scheme, Rs 1000 (month) will be deposited in the account of women, irrespective of their class or caste, whose age is above 23 years.
- The Yojana will be launched on March 5, 2023.
- The applications are very simple, the team will visit to fill out the application in their village itself.

### Important News - World

1. Which country's government signed an agreement with the International Solar Alliance (ISA) to increase the use of solar energy in the country \_\_\_\_\_ **Bangladesh.**

**Note:**

- The agreement was signed between the ISA Director General Ajay Mathur and the Bangladesh Power Division Secretary Md. Habibur Rahman.
- The agreement is to be implemented by December 2026.
- The government aims to generate 40% of its total energy through renewable sources by 2041 and to produce 4000 MW of solar power by 2030.

2. Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has suspended its membership in which country after violated the organization's principles \_\_\_\_\_ **Russia.**

**Note:**

- FATF Core Principle: To promote security, safety, and the integrity of the global financial system
- FATF is an inter-governmental organization set up to combat money laundering and terrorism financing by setting global standards and checking if countries respect them.
- The FATF also added South Africa and Nigeria to its grey list.

3. Italy PM will be on a two-day visit to India on 2nd March 2023 with Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani and a high-powered business delegation. Who is the PM of Italy \_\_\_\_\_ **Giorgia Meloni.**

**Note:**

- The Italian Prime Minister will be the Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker at the 8th Raisina Dialogue, 2023.
- Indian PM Narendra Modi and his Italian counterpart will hold discussions on bilateral, regional, and global issues.
- Both countries are celebrating 75 years of diplomatic relations.

### Honour & Awards

1. Noted classical singer, Pt Prem Kumar Mallick has been selected for the prestigious Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards for which year \_\_\_\_\_ **2019.**

**Note:**

- Reason: Contributions in the field of music (Hindustani Vocal).
- He is a professor in the department of music and performing arts at Allahabad University.
- He will receive this award along with other artists from across the country for the award for years 2019, 2020, and 2021.
- President Droupadi Murmu will present the award on February 23.

2. Who has won the prestigious National Geographic 'Pictures of The Year' award with his photograph titled "Dance of the Eagles" \_\_\_\_\_ **Karthik Subramaniam**.

**Note:**

- The award-winning photograph captured a bald eagle intimidating its peers to claim a prime log while salmon hunting in the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve in Alaska.
- He titled the picture 'Dance of the Eagles' as a homage to the fictional dragon war in George R.R. Martin's novel 'A Dance with Dragons'.

3. In a first for the Indian Navy, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral R Harikumar awarded an 'on the spot' Unit Citation to which INS in Kochi \_\_\_\_\_ **INS Nireekshak**.

**Note:**

- Reason: For deep sea diving and undertaking salvage operations under the most challenging circumstances
- He also awarded commendations to the crew involved in the salvage operation.

➤ **INS Nireekshak:**

- It is a Dive Support and Submarine Rescue Vessel of the Indian Navy.
- It was built in 1985 by Mazgaon Shipbuilders.

4. Who has been honored with the Sansad Ratna Lifetime Achievement Award 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ **T K Rangarajan**.

**Note:**

- Thirteen MPs were nominated for the Sansad Ratna Awards 2023.
- The 13th edition of the award ceremony will be held on March 25 in New Delhi.
- **Sansad Ratna Awards:**
  - It was instituted in 2010 and inspired by the teachings of former President APJ Abdul Kalam.
  - It recognizes and felicitates the top-performing MPs based on their work in the apex legislative body

5. Who was honored with the EY Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Sajjan Jindal**.

**Note:**

- Reason: For his exceptional entrepreneurial journey in scaling the global conglomerate with a presence in steel, cement, infrastructure, energy, and paints
- He will now represent India at the EY World Entrepreneur of the Year Award (WEOY) at Monte Carlo in June 2023.
- While K P Singh, Chairman Emeritus, DLF Group, was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

6. Which state/UT Tourism has been chosen by India Today Tourism Survey for best adventure tourism award in recognition of its efforts in promoting 'Gulmarg' as an adventure destination of international order \_\_\_\_\_ **Jammu & Kashmir**.

**Note:**

- India Today award comes just within a month of South Asian Travel Trade Expo(SATTE) in which the J&K Tourism Department was awarded for its efforts in post COVID-19 recovery of the tourism sector.

7. Which Indian movie has won four awards at Hollywood Critics Association Film Awards 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ **RRR**.

**Note:**

- The movie has received awards in Best Action Film, Best International Feature, Best Original Song (Naatu Naatu), and Best Stunts categories.
- The RRR has also been nominated for the Oscars 2023 in Best Original Song (Naatu Naatu).
- The song 'Naatu Naatu' has already bagged the prestigious awards Best Original Song award at the 80th Golden Globe Awards.

8. Which Computer scientist has been awarded the 2023 Marconi Prize \_\_\_\_\_ **Hari Balakrishnan**.

**Note:**

- He is a professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- The Marconi Prize is a top honor for computer scientists and is awarded by the U.S.-based Marconi Foundation.
- It is given to those who have made a significant contribution to increasing digital inclusivity through advanced information and communications technology.

9. Who won FIFA's best men's player of the year for 2022 after winning his maiden World Cup title with Argentina in December 2022 in Qatar \_\_\_\_\_ **Lionel Messi**.

**Note:**

- While Alexia Putellas (Spain) was awarded the best women's player for a second straight year.
- **Other awardees:**
  - Best fans award: Argentina
  - Fairplay award: Luka Lochoshvili (Georgia)

- Best men's coach: Lionel Scaloni (Argentina)
- Best women's coach: Sarina Wiegman
- Best goal (Puskas award): Marcin Oleksy

## Sports News

1. Which Indian shooter clinched his first World Cup individual gold in the men's 10m air rifle event at the ISSF World Cup in Cairo, Egypt \_\_\_\_\_ **Rudrankksh Patil.**

**Note:**

- He defeated Maximilian Ulbrich of Germany, who was settled for silver.
- While Miran Maricic of Croatia won the bronze medal.
- In women's 10m air rifle, Tilottama Sen (14) won the second bronze for India.
- Seonaid Mcintosh (Great Britain) won gold and Nina Christen (Switzerland) settled for silver.

2. Which organization has bagged the title rights for the Women's Premier League (WPL) 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ **TATA Group.**

**Note:**

- The first match of WPL 2023 will begin between Gujarat Giants and Mumbai Indians on March 4 at the DY Patil Stadium.
- In its first season, the WPL will stage a total of 20 league matches and two Playoff games that will be played.
- Five teams: Delhi Capitals, Gujarat Giants, Mumbai Indians, Royal Challengers Bangalore & UP Warriorz

3. Which Indian shooter has secured the gold medal in the men's individual 50m rifle 3 positions competition at the ISSF World Cup in Cairo, Egypt \_\_\_\_\_ **Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar.**

**Note:**

- In the event, he defeated Alexander Schmirgl from Austria by 16-6.
- With this gold, India topped the medal tally with four gold and Hungary at second.
- 10m air rifle mixed team: Rudrankksh Balasaheb Patil and R Narmada Nithin
- 10m air pistol mixed team: Varun Tomar and Rhythm Sangwan
- Men's 10m air rifle: Rudrankksh Patil

4. Which women's cricket team has defeated South Africa by 9 runs to lift the ICC T20 World Cup Trophy 2023 at Newlands, Cricket Ground in Cape Town, South Africa \_\_\_\_\_ **Australia.**

**Note:**

- Australian women's cricket team has won this title for the sixth time.
- They have completed a 'three-peat' under the captaincy of Meg Lanning, winning in 2018, 2020, and 2023.
- Player of the series: Australia Ashleigh Gardner
- Most runs: South Africa Laura Wolvaardt (230)

5. Which football team defeated Newcastle to win the Carabao Cup title in 2023 after six years \_\_\_\_\_ **Manchester United.**

**Note:**

- Newcastle is a Saudi Arabia-backed club.
- The Carabao cup is also known as the EFL cup, a major football trophy played in England.
- The competition was open to all clubs participating in the Premier League and the English Football League.
- Liverpool is the most successful club in the competition and has won more than nine championships.

6. Which Indian Greco-Roman wrestler won a bronze medal in the men's 72 kg division of the Ibrahim Moustafa ranking series in Alexandria, Egypt \_\_\_\_\_ **Ankit Gulia.**

**Note:**

- He lost to Otar Abuladze (Georgia) and got the better of Nurzhigit Keneshbek Uulu (Kyrgyzstan) in the repechage round.
- The Indian grappler won the medal after Iranian 67kg Olympic champion Mohammadreza Abdolhamid Geraei withdrew from the bronze medal match due to an injury.

7. Which state women's hockey team won the 13th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2023 held in Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh \_\_\_\_\_ **Madhya Pradesh.**

**Note:**

- MP defeated Hockey Maharashtra by 5-1 in the final.
- MP's Pratibha Arya was adjudged the best defender of the championship.

- She was also awarded the player of the match title.
- The team of Hockey Jharkhand secured third place after defeating Hockey Haryana in the third-place match.

### Books and Authors

1. Who has released two books — Pt. Deendayal Udadhya: Dispersions of Thought and Pt. Deendayal Udpadhyaya: Integral Humanism in Chennai \_\_\_\_\_ **Tamil Nadu Governor R.N. Ravi.**

**Note:**

- The book was authored by Professor B. Dharmalingam.
- Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya was an Indian politician and a proponent of integral humanism ideology.
- He also started the monthly publication Rashtra Dharma (National Duty).
- He also served as the 10th President of Bharatiya Jana Sangh (1967 – 1968).

2. Who has launched a book "Modi: Shaping a Global Order in Flux" in Chanakypuri, New Delhi \_\_\_\_\_ **BJP national president, JP Nadda.**

**Note:**

- The book is forewarded by S. Jaishankar (Union External Affairs Minister) and edited by Sujan Chinoy, Vijay Chauthaiwala, and Uttam Kumar Sinha.
- Over 23 chapters, the book features write-ups by the likes of Amitabh Kant (former CEO of NITI Aayog), Chauthaiwale, Chinoy, Anurag Saxena, Amish Tripathi, and D.B. Venkatesh Varma (former diplomat).

### Science and Defence

1. Which Indian Institute has signed an MoU with the Indian Air Force (IAF) to promote the development of indigenous technologies \_\_\_\_\_ **Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee.**

**Note:**

- They also aim to develop equipment through Research and Development in areas of mutual interest.
- The MoU was signed at Bengaluru during Aero India 2023.
- The IIT Roorkee will provide its expertise and cooperation in research for feasibility studies and prototype development.

2. Which navratna PSU has signed an MoU with Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA), DRDO and Cisco \_\_\_\_\_ **Bharat Electronics (BEL).**

**Note:**

- BEL & ADA agreement: For the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) programme
- BEL & Cisco: For long-term strategic cooperation in the areas of networking, collaboration, and security among other associated services
- Aim: To leverage the complementary strengths and capabilities
- These MoUs were signed during the Aero India 2023 in Bengaluru.

3. Which defense group of UAE signed a Memorandum of Understanding with India's aerospace firm Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) at the International Defence Exhibition and Conference (IDEX) \_\_\_\_\_ **EDGE.**

**Note:**

- Aim: To explore the areas of cooperation, including joint design and development of missile systems and Unmanned aerial vehicles (drones)
- Besides, both companies will also explore the utilization of HAL's small gas turbine engines on EDGE's guided weapons.

4. Which INS has become the first Indian submarine to dock in Indonesia and is a 3,000-tonne Kilo-class diesel-electric submarine \_\_\_\_\_ **INS Sindhukesari.**

**Note:**

- The submarine made its way to the Indonesian capital of Jakarta to dock after traversing through the nearby Sunda Strait and was part of INS Sindhukesari's first operational turnaround.
- It was designed as part of Project 877 and built under a contract between Rosvooruzhenie, Russia, and Ministry of Defence, India.

5. A contingent of the Indian Air Force will participate in Exercise Cobra Warrior, which is being conducted in which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Waddington Air Force Base, UK.**

**Note:**

- The exercise is scheduled to be held from 6th -24th March 2023.

- It is a multilateral Air exercise in which Air Forces from Finland, Sweden, South Africa, the USA, and Singapore would also participate.
  - In 2023, IAF is participating in the exercise with five Mirage 2000 fighters, two C-17 Globemaster, and an IL-78 mid-air refueller aircraft.
6. The Indian Air Force (IAF) will participate in Ex-Desert Flag VIII, organized at the Al Dahfra airbase of the which country \_\_\_\_\_ **United Arab Emirates.**
- Note:**
- The exercise will be scheduled from 27th February to 17th March 2023.
  - The IAF has participated with five Light Combat Aircraft, LCA Tejas, and two C-17 Globemaster III aircraft.
  - The Air Forces from UAE, France, Kuwait, Australia, the UK, Bahrain, Morocco, Spain, South Korea, and the USA would join this multilateral air exercise.
7. Tata Memorial Hospital (TMH) and which Auckland University signed an MoU to engage in long-term cooperation in cancer care \_\_\_\_\_ **Waipapa Taumata Rau.**
- Note:**
- TMH is the most renowned cancer care hospital and research center in India.
  - Initial projects envisaged for the partnership include a digital platform:
  - For clinical trials to track study-related activities for patients, investigators, and regulators
  - To make outpatient clinics more efficient
  - To enhance prescription medicine safety
8. Which National University's researchers are trying to reveal the fifth layer of the Earth \_\_\_\_\_ **Australia.**
- Note:**
- Seismic waves generated by earthquakes have revealed new insights about the deepest parts of Earth's inner core.
  - The team believes that presented evidence of a distinct layer inside Earth known as the innermost inner core
  - This layer is a solid 'metallic ball' that sits within the center of the inner core
  - So far, scientists believed that there are only four layers on the Earth
9. The Atacama Large Millimetre/submillimetre Array (ALMA) is set to get software and hardware upgrades. This is a \_\_\_\_\_ **Radio telescope.**
- Note:**
- Reason: To collect more data and produce sharper images than ever before
  - ALMA is a radio telescope comprising 66 antennas located in the Atacama Desert of northern Chile.
  - The upgradation would take around five years to finish.
  - It is operated under a partnership between the US, and 16 countries in Europe, Canada, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, and Chile.
10. Which platform has introduced a new research tool LLaMA that will soon aid in building AI-based chatbots \_\_\_\_\_ **Meta.**
- Note:**
- The company has publicly released its Large Language Model Meta AI (LLaMA).
  - LLaMA is a state-of-the-art foundational language model.
  - It is developed to assist researchers in their work in the subfield of AI.
  - This would be Meta's third LLM after Glactica and Blender Bot 3 that were shut down immediately after incorrect results.

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