

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

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. Which government scheme has completed 8 years of its inception on April 8, 2023 _____ **PM MUDRA Yojana**.
Note:
 - As per the government data, around Rs 23.2 lakh crore has been sanctioned in 40.82 crore loan accounts under this scheme since its inception.
 - About 68% of accounts under the scheme belong to Women entrepreneurs.
 - 51% of accounts belong to entrepreneurs of SC/ST and OBC categories.
 - MUDRA Yojana: Launched: 2015; Aim: To facilitate easy collateral-free micro-credit of up to Rs 10 lakh
2. David Malpass has informed that the lender has revised its 2023 global growth outlook slightly upward to 2% from a January 2023 forecast of 1.7%. He is a President of which International bank _____ **World Bank**.
Note:
 - But the slowdown from stronger 2022 growth will increase debt distress for developing countries.
 - Reason: The upward revision was due to an improved outlook for China's recovery from Covid-19 lockdowns, with growth now pegged at 5.1% this year compared to 4.3%.
3. Which department has notified the Cost Inflation Index (CII) for the current fiscal beginning April 2023, for calculating long-term capital gains arising from the sale of immovable property, securities, and jewelry _____ **Income Tax Department**.
Note:
 - CII is used by taxpayers to compute gains arising out of the sale of capital assets after adjusting for inflation.
 - The Cost Inflation Index for FY 2023-24 relevant to AY 2024-25 stood at 348.
 - It is notified under the Income-tax Act, 1961 every year
4. The government official has informed that the union government may set up which finance commission in this FY 2023-24 _____ **16th**.
Note:
 - Aim: To suggest the ratio in which tax is to be divided between the Centre and states for five years, beginning April 1, 2026.
 - Finance Commission is a constitutional body that gives suggestions on Centre-state financial relations.
 - The 15th Commission, under NK Singh, had kept the tax devolution ratio at 42%.
5. Which bank is planning to launch new variants of the current a/c (with balances of ₹50,000 and ₹50 lakh) and the "Parivar" (family) savings a/c in FY24 _____ **SBI**.
Note:
 - Aim: To minimize the gap between deposit growth and credit growth.
 - Domestic deposits of SBI grew 8.86% year-on-year (y-o-y) by the end of 2022.
 - While domestic advances were up 16.9% y-o-y.
 - SBI also expects that its domestic deposits and domestic advances will grow about 12% and 16% y-o-y, respectively, in FY24.
6. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced the framework for acceptance of Green Deposits of which entities _____ **Regulated Entities (RE)**.
Note:
 - Aim: To foster and develop a green finance ecosystem in the country
 - The framework will come into effect from June 1, 2023.
 - It is applicable to Scheduled Commercial Banks including SFB excluding RRBs, Local Area Banks, and Payments Banks.

- It also includes all deposit-taking Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs), including Housing Finance Companies.
7. Which bank has introduced an EMI facility for UPI payments made by scanning a QR code _____ **ICICI Bank**.
- Note:**
- Those customers are eligible for the PayLater facility can avail of the EMI facility using the Bank's 'buy now, pay later' option.
 - Customers can pay amounts above Rs 10,000 in easy installments for 3, 6, and 9 months.
 - The ICICI Bank's PayLater facility was introduced in 2018 to enable customers to buy small ticket items in a completely paperless manner.
8. JICA (Japanese lender) and which bank will provide a USD 125 million funding line to India's IndusInd Bank _____ **Citibank**.
- Note:**
- Reason: For co-finance funding for on-lending to the agricultural sector in the country.
 - The funding includes a JPY 13 billion (approx USD 97.45 million) loan from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and another USD 30 million from Citi to IndusInd Bank.
 - In the past, Citi has committed USD 1 trillion to sustainable finance by 2030.
9. According to the World Economic Outlook of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), what would be India's economic growth for the current fiscal (2023-24) _____ **5.9%**.
- Note:**
- Yet India will continue to be the fastest-growing economy in the world.
 - It has also lowered the forecast for 2024-25 to 6.3% from the 6.8% it had predicted in January 2023.
 - IMF growth forecast is lower than projections by the RBI, which predicted a 6.4% in the current fiscal.
10. Which indices has launched the country's first-ever Real Estate Investment Trusts and Infrastructure Investment Trusts index -Nifty REITs and InvITs Index _____ **NSE Indices Ltd**.
- Note:**
- Aim: To track the performance of REITs and InvITs that are publicly listed and traded on the NSE
 - A Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) or an Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT) is an investment vehicle that owns revenue-generating real estate or infrastructure assets.
11. The RBI has proposed to prohibit the capitalization of penal charges and additional interest levied by banks on customers for which type of defaulters _____ **Loan defaults**.
- Note:**
- Aim: To streamline divergent practices followed by lenders
 - As per the draft circular on 'Fair Lending Practice - Penal Charges in Loan Accounts', the quantum of penal charges should be proportional to the defaults/non-compliance of material terms and conditions of loan contracts up to a threshold.
12. Which bank has signed a "Master Inter Bank Credit Agreement" with the Export-Import Bank of Korea for a USD 300 million line of credit _____ **HDFC Bank**.
- Note:**
- The pact was signed by the two entities at GIFT City in Gujarat's capital Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
 - It will help bank to raise foreign currency funds which it would extend to Korea-related businesses.
 - It can be utilized towards funding requirements of consumers for the purchase of cars manufactured by Korean companies.
13. RBI has authorized the which bank to collect direct and indirect taxes on behalf of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) and the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) _____ **Karnataka Bank**.
- Note:**
- The RBI authorized on the recommendation from the Controller General of Accounts (CGA).
 - Customers are enjoying seamless online payments for custom duty by selecting Karnataka Bank in the Indian Customs Electronic Gateway 'ICEGATE' portal of CBIC.
14. Which bank and NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd (NBBL) have launched cross-border inward bill payment services for Indians based in Oman _____ **Canara Bank**.
- Note:**
- NRIs can now leverage the robust platform offered by the Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) to make bill payments on behalf of their families through the Musandam Exchange.
 - With this, Canara Bank becomes the first public sector bank in India to offer inbound cross-border bill payments through BBPS.
15. Which bank has become the first Indian company to have over 50 lakh shareholders _____ **Canara Bank**.

Note:

- The bank had 50.6 lakh shareholders as of March 31, 2023, all of whom were public shareholders.
- While Tata Power was a far second with 38.5 lakh shareholders, followed by Reliance Industries with 33.6 lakh shareholders, according to the December 2022 shareholding disclosures.
- Since then, the total number of shares held has also more than doubled from 1,255 crores to 2,875 crores.

16. Agri-tech company Fasal signed a partnership agreement with which bank to provide farmers with easy access to capital _____ **State Bank of India (SBI)**.

Note:

- The partnership will help to solve the cash-flow constraints during key cycles in farming by providing quick, easy, and collateral-free loans at very competitive rates.
- These ties will help to fulfill Fasal's larger objective of solving the many challenges across the entire horticulture value chain.

17. According to the United Nations, India's economic growth is projected to decelerate at what percent in 2023 _____ **6%**.

Note:

- The UNCTAD in its latest Trade and Development Report Update released, expects global growth in 2023 to drop to 2.1%, compared to the 2.2% projected in September 2022.
- UNCTAD expects the South-Asian region to expand at a still fast pace of 5.1 percent in 2023.
- Recently, IMF lowered India's economic growth projection for the current fiscal to 5.9%.

Obituaries

1. Jalabala Vaidya passes away at 86 in New Delhi, was a legendary _____ Theatre actor.

Note:

- She was the daughter of Indian author and freedom fighter Suresh Vaidya and English classical singer Madge Franckeiss.
- She was awarded the Delhi government's Varisht Samman, Sangeet Natak Akademi's Tagore Award, Delhi Natya Sangh Award, the Andhra Pradesh Natya Akademi Honor, and Honorary Citizenship of the City of Baltimore, USA.

2. Naresh Gupta passed away at 72 after a prolonged illness, was former Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of which Indian State _____ **Tamil Nadu**.

Note:

- He was a native of Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- He was the CEO during the DMK regime between 1998 and 2000. Subsequently, late chief minister J Jayalithaa appointed him as home secretary.
- He was again posted as the CEO between 2005 and 2010 and held the post during the 2006 assembly election and 2009 general elections.

3. Keshub Mahindra passed away at 99 in Mumbai, was a chairman of which company _____ **Mahindra & Mahindra**.

Note:

- He served as chairman of the conglomerate from 1963 to 2012.
- He joined the Board of the company in 1948 and was elected chairman in 1963.
- He was awarded Chevalier de l'Ordre National de la Legion d'honneur by the French Government in 1987.
- He re-entered the Forbes list of India's Richest Billionaires for 2023 with a net worth of \$1.2 billion.

4. Dr. Zafrullah Chowdhury passed away at 81 in Dhaka, Bangladesh, was a Veteran _____ **Public Health Activist**.

Note:

- He was a vascular surgeon and a pioneer in public health.
- He won the Ramon Magsaysay Award in the Community Leadership category in 1985 and the Right Livelihood Prize in 1992 for his outstanding work in the public health sector.
- In 1971, he left his medical studies in the UK to join the liberation war of Bangladesh.

5. Uttara Baokar passed away at 79 in Pune, Maharashtra, was veteran _____ **Television actress**.

Note:

- In 1984, she won India's National Academy for Acting, Sangeet Natak Akademi Award.
- She also appeared in Marathi films like Doghi (1995) with Sadashiv Amrapurkar and Renuka Daftardar, Uttarayan (2005), Shevri (2006), and Restaurant (2006), with Sonali Kulkarni.
- She has played various roles in different plays such as Padmavati in Mukhyamantri and Mena in Mena Gurjari.

Important Days

1. World Chagas Disease Day is observed every year on which date to raise awareness about a life-threatening illness that can cause severe heart and digestive problems _____ **April 14th.**

Note:

- It is also known as American trypanosomiasis, silent disease, or silenced disease.
- It is more common in Central America, Mexico, and South America.
- The theme for 2023 is Time to integrate Chagas disease into primary health care.
- World Chagas Disease Day was established in 2020.

2. World Homeopathy Day is celebrated every year on which date to honor the birth anniversary of Samuel Hahnemann _____ **April 10th.**

Note:

- Samuel Hahnemann is the founder of homeopathy and a German physician.
- This year (2023) marks the 268th birth anniversary of Samuel Hahnemann.
- The theme for 2023 is 'One Health, One Family'.

3. India has commemorated the 132nd birth anniversary of Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar on which date as Ambedkar Jayanti _____ **April 14, 2023.**

Note:

- This day has been declared a public holiday by the central government.
- He is widely recognized as the "father of the Indian Constitution.
- He was born on April 14, 1891, in Mhow, Madhya Pradesh.

4. India marked the _____ anniversary of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre _____ **104th.**

Note:

- The Jallianwala Bagh massacre occurred on April 13, 1919, in Amritsar, Punjab.
- The incident continues to remind us of the brutalities inflicted upon the Indian people during British colonial rule.
- To commemorate the spirit of revolutionaries and those who lost their lives in the brutal massacre, the government set up a memorial in 1951 at Jallianwala Bagh.

5. The International Day of Human Space Flight is observed annually on which date to commemorate the beginning of human space exploration _____ **April 12th.**

Note:

- It also acknowledges the significant contribution of space science and technology in achieving the peaceful use of outer space.
- This day is dedicated to honoring the first human to orbit the Earth, a Russian cosmonaut, on April 12th, 1961.
- On April 12, 1961, Yuri Gagarin became the first human to journey into outer space aboard the Vostok 1 spacecraft, completing a full orbit around the Earth.

6. National Safe Motherhood Day is observed every year on which date for promoting the well-being and safety of mothers and expectant mothers by increasing awareness of proper healthcare _____ **April 11.**

Note:

- It was launched by the Indian government to decrease the number of maternal and neonatal deaths.
- In the past, India was recognized as one of the most perilous countries to give birth to, responsible for 15% of all maternal fatalities worldwide.
- This date also marks the anniversary of Kasturba Gandhi, the wife of Mahatma Gandhi.

New Appointments

1. Who has been appointed as Chief Justice of Tripura High Court _____ **Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh.**

Note:

- He was appointed as an Additional Judge of the High Court of Jharkhand on 24th January 2012 and confirmed as a permanent Judge on 16th January 2014.
- He has also served as the Acting Chief Justice of the Jharkhand High Court from the 20th of December, 2022 to the 19th of February, 2023.

2. RBI has approved the reappointment whom as Managing Director (MD) & CEO of AU Small Finance Bank (SFB) for the next three years, till 2026 _____ **Sanjay Agarwal.**

Note:

- He was first appointed as MD of AU Financiers on 14 February 2008. Later, he became the Managing Director & CEO of AU Small Finance Bank.

- Meanwhile, RBI has also approved the appointment of Uttam Tibrewal as Whole Time Director of AU SFB.
 - Uttam Tibrewal joined the board of AU Small Finance Bank in 2005.
3. Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has appointed whom as the new Chief Investment Officer _____ **Ratnakar Patnaik**.
- Note:**
- He has replaced PR Mishra, who stepped down from the role on April 10, 2023.
 - Additionally, PC Paikray has been named the new Chief Risk Officer, taking over from Tablesh Pandey on the same date.
 - Patnaik has begun his career at LIC as a Direct Recruit Officer in September 1990.
4. The Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association (ATMA) has appointed whom as the new chairman _____ **Anshuman Singhania**.
- Note:**
- He is currently serving as the Managing Director of JK Tyre & Industries Ltd.
 - While Arnab Banerjee, Managing Director & CEO of CEAT Ltd has taken over as the Vice-Chairman.
 - ATMA was formed in 1975 in India to represent the interests of tyre manufacturers.
5. Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India has appointed whom as the new President, CEO & Managing Director _____ **Tsutsumu Otani**.
- Note:**
- He is currently the Vice President at Honda Motor Co., Japan.
 - He will take over from Atsushi Ogata, who will be relocating to Shanghai, China, to serve as the Executive General Manager at Shanghai Branch, Honda Motor (China) Investment Co. Ltd.
6. Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director of Suzuki Motorcycle India Pvt. Ltd _____ **Kenichi Umeda**.
- Note:**
- He takes over from Satoshi Uchida, who has completed his term as Managing Director.
 - He has an experience of more than 27 years of industry experience across various global markets and will be responsible for growing and strengthening Suzuki Motorcycle India's position in the Indian and overseas markets.
7. The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE) Rajasthan has appointed whom as the new President for a term of two years (2023 to 2025) _____ **Dr. Sheenu Jhavar**.
- Note:**
- She becomes the first woman to hold this position in the 21-year history of TiE Rajasthan.
 - She takes over from Dr. Ravi Modani, who had been leading the chapter effectively since 2021.

Important News - India

1. President Droupadi Murmu has taken a historic sortie in which fighter aircraft at the Tezpur Air Force Station in Assam on April 8, 2023 _____ **Sukhoi 30 MKI**.
- Note:**
- She flew for approximately 30 minutes covering the Brahmaputra and Tezpur valleys.
 - The aircraft was flown by Group Captain Naveen Kumar, Commanding Officer of the 106 Squadron.
 - She is the third President and second woman President to undertake such a sortie.
 - The President is the Supreme Commander of the Indian Armed Forces.
2. PM Narendra Modi has released the latest Tiger census data, which shows the country's big-cat count increased by 200 in four years to what numbers _____ **3,167**.
- Note:**
- This report revealed that the Western Ghats showed a significant decline in numbers from 981 in 2018 to 824 in 2022.
 - While the Sundarbans is threatened by the effects of climate change and the rise of sea levels.
 - India hosts some 75% of the global tiger population living in forests.
3. PM Narendra Modi has launched a 97-nation International Big Cats Alliance (IBCA) in which state of India on April 9, 2023 _____ **Karnataka**.
- Note:**
- Aim: To focus on the protection and conservation of seven big cat species in the wild.
 - Seven big cat species are tiger, leopard, jaguar, lion, snow leopard, puma, and cheetah.
 - The launch of the alliance follows the clarion call given by the Prime Minister in July 2019.
 - He also visited Bandipur Tiger Reserve in Karnataka.

4. Home Minister Amit Shah has launched the 'Vibrant Villages Programme' in Kibithoo, a border village in the Anjaw district of which state _____ **Arunachal Pradesh.**

Note:

- He has also inaugurated nine Micro Hydel Projects of the AP government constructed under the "Golden Jubilee Border Illumination Programme" in Kibithoo.
- These electricity projects will empower people living in border villages.
- In the first phase, 662 villages have been identified for priority coverage.

5. Who has inaugurated the scientific convention on the occasion of World Homoeopathy Day on April 10, 2023, in New Delhi _____ **Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar.**

Note:

- The Convention has been organised by the Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy under the Ministry of AYUSH.
- This year, the theme is "One Health, One Family."
- It aims to promote homoeopathic treatment among the people through the neighbourhood family physicians.

6. India's first post office will be constructed using 3D printing technology in which Indian state _____ **Bengaluru, Karnataka.**

Note:

- The project at Cambridge Layout in Ulsoor is being implemented by Larsen & Toubro, which has experience in constructing 3D-printed buildings.
- The 1,100 sqft building is expected to cost 30-40% less than conventional buildings because of technological intervention.
- The post office is being built at a cost of Rs 23 lakh.

7. According to the State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI) report 2021-22, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Rajasthan, and Telangana are selected in which category in the SEEI 2021-22 _____ **Front-runners**

Note

- Achiever category (score between 50-60): Assam, Haryana, Maharashtra, and Punjab
- Based on their efforts and achievements, states have been classified into four categories: Front runner, Achiever, Contender, and Aspirant.
- This report was released by Power Minister R. K. Singh in New Delhi.

8. The Election Commission of India (ECI) has granted the national party status to which party _____ **Aam Aadmi Party (AAP).**

Note:

- AAP was recognized as a state party in the NCT of Delhi.
- While ECI has withdrawn the national party status of the Trinamool Congress (TMC) and Communist Party of India (CPI).
- Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) has received recognition as a state party in Nagaland.
- Tipra Motha Party got recognition as a state party in Tripura.

9. Union Minister of Law, Kiren Rijiju has released the first edition of which language version of the Constitution of India at the University of Jammu _____ **Dogri.**

Note:

- During the event, he informed that the government is digitizing about 65,000 words of the legal glossary to frame a core vocabulary for the understanding of all citizens.
- About Dogri Language:
 - It is one of the 22 official languages of India.
 - It is widely spoken in the Jammu region of J&K, India.

10. PM Narendra Modi has flagged off the first Vande Bharat Express train of which state on April 12, 2023 _____ **Rajasthan.**

Note:

- It is the world's first semi-high-speed passenger train on high-rise overhead electric (OHE) territory.
- It will make its inaugural journey between Jaipur and Delhi Cantt railway stations.
- It will operate between Ajmer and Delhi Cantt, with stops at Jaipur, Alwar, and Gurgaon.
- It will complete the Ajmer-Delhi Cantt journey in 5 hours and 15 minutes.

11. What is the name of new campaign, launched by the WhatsApp to highlight the several safety features that are pre-built on the messaging app _____ **Stay Safe with WhatsApp.**

Note:

- It will run for three months with a focus on several safety-centric features like 'Block and Report,' 'Two-Step Verification,' and 'Privacy and group settings.'
 - The campaign highlights why it is important to add two-step verification to WhatsApp, which requires a 6-digit pin and an OTP to authenticate a user.
12. According to the data, released by the Ministry of Statistics, the index of industrial production (IIP) has expanded as the manufacturing sector's output increased by what percent in February 2023 _____ **5.3%**.

Note:

- While the mining output increased by 4.6 % and Power generation raised to 8.2%.
 - In January 2023, the IIP growth was revised to 5.5% from 5.2 percent.
 - The industrial output of the country in February 2023 rose 5.6 percent, on a year-on-year basis.
13. Union Minister of Fisheries has launched the Animal Pandemic Preparedness Initiative (APPI) on April 14, 2023. Who is he _____ **Parshottam Rupala**.

Note:

- He will also launch the World Bank-funded Animal Health System Support for One Health (AHSSOH) project.
 - Aim: To create an ecosystem for a better animal health management system using the One Health approach
 - It will be implemented over a five-year as a Central sector scheme with a financial provision of Rs. 1228.70 Cr.
14. Uttarakhand CM, Pushkar Singh Dhama has launched a program named A-HELP. What is the full form of A-HELP _____ **Accredited Agent for Health and Extension of Livestock Production**.

Note:

- Women have been chosen to strengthen livestock-related activities in remote rural areas, keeping in mind their important role under the A-HELP scheme, envisioned by Govt. of India.
 - Trained A-HELPS will help to prevent the various infectious diseases of animals, and artificial insemination under Rashtriya Gokul Mission.
15. National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) has signed an agreement with how many Universities to inspire youth towards water conservation and river rejuvenation _____ **49**.

Note:

- Aim: To bring the student community to the forefront of the mass movement for creating a sustainable ecosystem of rivers.
 - This also ensures the cleanliness and purity of River Ganga with the rejuvenation of rivers being the prime objective of the Namami Gange Mission.
 - Jal Shakti Minister: Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
16. Which museum and State Museum, Lucknow signed an MoU to work together toward environmental conservation and education among the masses _____ **National Museum of Natural History (NMNH)**.

Note:

- The multi-dimensional efforts will be made in organizing programs for school and college students to create awareness about nature.
 - NMNH was established to portray and promote awareness of the country's Natural Heritage.
 - It is an institution devoted to environmental education.
17. According to the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR), CM Jagan Mohan Reddy has the highest assets totaling Rs 510 crore, is a CM of which Indian state _____ **Andhra Pradesh**.

Note:

- Followed by Arunachal Pradesh's Pema Khandu (over Rs 163 crore) and Odisha's Naveen Pattnaik (over Rs 63 crore).
 - While West Bengal CM Mamta Banerjee has the lowest total assets of about Rs 15 lakh.
 - Out of the 30 CMs analyzed, 29 are crorepatists with the average assets being Rs 33.96 crore for every CM.
18. India's first semi-high-speed regional rail services have been named _____ by the National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) _____ **'RAPIDX'**.

Note:

- The trains will run on the Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) corridors, being implemented to connect key urban nodes across NCR.
 - It is a joint venture company of the Union government and Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh.
 - The NCRTC will commission the entire Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut corridor by 2025.
19. Which organization and the Ministry of Agriculture signed to promote innovation in the agricultural sector among school students across India _____ **AIM, NITI Aayog**.

Note:

- The Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVKs) and Agricultural Technology Management Agency agreed to connect.
 - KVKs work as a Single Window Agricultural Knowledge Resource and Capacity Development Centre.
 - KVKs, in partnership with ATMA, will collaborate with nearby ATLs to support agricultural-related innovation.
20. India's labor market has witnessed an improvement with over 15 million people entering the workforce in the last three quarters. This report was published by which organization _____ **CMIE**.
- Note:**
- The country's employment rate increased to 36.9% in March 2023 from 36.6% in December 2022.
 - The labor participation rate (LPR) declined from 40.5% in December to 39.8% in March 2023.
 - While the unemployment rate saw a small decrease from 8.3% to 7.8% during this period.
21. Baisakhi is celebrated with pomp in the North region, especially in which state _____ **Punjab**.
- Note:**
- Rongali Bihu is marked as Assamese New Year.
 - Poila Baisakh falls on April 15, marking the beginning of the Bengali New Year.
 - Vishu marks the new year in Kerala, while Puthandu marks the Tamil New Year.
22. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated a three-day International Conference on Defence Finance and Economics in which Indian state/UT on April 12, 2023 _____ **New Delhi**.
- Note:**
- Through this platform, policymakers, academicians and government officials can share their insights and experiences on Defence Finance and Economics for evolving security challenges.
 - Delegates from the USA, UK, Japan, Australia, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Kenya will participate in the conference.
23. Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has joined hands with which institution to develop a robust touchless biometric capture system _____ **Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay (IIT-Bombay)**.
- Note:**
- They will carry out joint research to build a mobile capture system for fingerprints along with a liveness model integrated with the capture system.
 - The touchless biometric capture system will allow fingerprint authentication from home alike face authentication.
24. The Indian government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the World Food Programme (WFP) for sending 10,000 metric tonnes of wheat to the people of which country _____ **Afghanistan**.
- Note:**
- The MoU was signed between the Ministry of External Affairs and the United Nations WFP.
 - This MoU marks the fifth tranche, to be shipped through the Chabahar Port in Iran, of humanitarian food assistance that India committed in 2020.
 - In 2022, India has contributed 40,000 metric tons of wheat.

Important News – State

1. Who has inaugurated the largest Tulip Garden of Jammu region at Sanasar tourist destination in Ramban district of Jammu division _____ **J&K Lt Governor Manoj Sinha**.
- Note:**
- As a Tourism Mission initiative, 75 new destinations, 75 Sufi/religious sites, 75 new cultural heritage sites and 75 new tracks are being developed in J&K to open up new economic avenues.
 - Tulip Garden is spread over 40 Kanals of land with 2.75 Lakh Tulip Bulbs of 25 different varieties
2. Which state government is planning to introduce the Sukh Ashraya (Care, Protection and Self Reliance of Children) Bill, 2023 in the State Assembly _____ **Himachal Pradesh**.
- Note:**
- Aim: To provide proper care protection, development, and self-reliance to orphans, semi-orphans, and specially-abled children in need
 - Under the scheme government will also provide recurring deposit accounts for each child with contributions from the State government up to the age of 27 years.
3. Which state government has formed a one-man committee to recommend measures for the effective administration of the homes functioning as per the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act of 2015 _____ **Tamil Nadu**.
- Note:**
- Headed by: Retired judge K. Chandru

- The committee will look into various aspects including infrastructure, health, and medical facilities, and the qualification of staff.
- The committee will also provide recommendations to the government for improvement.

Important News – World

1. India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ruchira Kamboj has handed over the contribution of what amount to the UN Trust Fund in support of the African Union Transition Mission in Somalia (ATMIS) _____ **USD 2 million.**

Note:

- Reason: New Delhi's commitment to peace and stability in Somalia and the Horn of Africa
- Earlier, India had contributed USD 4 million to African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM).
- ATMIS was established on 1 April 2022.

2. Emine Dzhaparova is on a four-day visit to India from April 9, 2023, she is the first Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of which country _____ **Ukraine.**

Note:

- During the visit, she will hold talks with Sanjay Verma, Secretary (West) in the Ministry of External Affairs.
- Both sides are expected to discuss bilateral relations.
- They will also exchange views on the current situation in Ukraine and global issues of mutual interest.
- Both shares warm and friendly relations and multifaceted cooperation.

3. Bangladesh, Japan, and India will hold a meeting in which Indian state on 11-12 April, 2023, for connectivity initiatives to harness the commercial potential of the region _____ **Tripura.**

Note:

- The event will be organized by Asian Confluence, a think tank based out of North East India, in collaboration with India's foreign ministry.
- It will be attended by deputy foreign ministers of Bangladesh and India along with the chief minister of Tripura and the Japanese envoy to India

4. EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar will be on official visits to Uganda and which country from 11-15 April 2023 _____ **Mozambique.**

Note:

- In the first leg, he will visit Uganda and is expected to hold delegation-level talks with his counterpart Foreign Minister of Uganda General Jeje Odongo.
- He will also inaugurate the transit campus of the National Forensic Science University in Jinja.
- Later, he will visit Mozambique and co-chair the 5th Joint Commission Meeting with Foreign Minister Ms. Veronica Macamo.

5. Who has launched the 'Tulsi Ghat Restoration Project' of Varanasi in Kampala (Uganda) _____ **EAM S Jaishankar.**

Note:

- He has appreciated the initiatives of Overseas Friends of BJP-Uganda's initiative to contribute to further beautifying the oldest living city in the world.
- He has also discussed cooperation in trade and investment, infrastructure, energy, defense, health, digital and agricultural domains.

6. The Anti-trust regulator of which country has fined Alphabet Inc.'s Google 42.1 billion won (\$32 million) for blocking its rival from releasing video games _____ **South Korea.**

Note:

- Korea's Fair Trade Commission informed that Google is using its clout in the mobile app market to squeeze out a rival.
- The Korean regulator has ordered Google LLC, Google Korea, and Google Asia Pacific to cease offering support to mobile game companies in exchange for promises of exclusivity.

7. Which Indian actor has secured the top position in Time Magazine's poll for its annual TIME100 list _____ **Actor Shah Rukh Khan.**

Note:

- For the second spot, the readers picked the Iranian women protesting for more freedom in the country's Islamic regime.
- The healthcare workers of the US made it to third place.
- Prince Harry and Meghan Markle took the fourth spot, with each of them getting 1.9% of the votes.
- Lionel Messi secured the fifth spot.

8. According to a survey, published by London-based 'Time Out' - a media outlet, which city was ranked as the city with the best public transport system globally _____ **Berlin (Germany)**.

Note:

- It is followed by Prague (Czech Republic), Tokyo (Japan), and Copenhagen (Denmark).
 - While India's city Mumbai secured the 19th spot and was the top-ranked Indian city.
 - Mumbai's Suburban Railways form the backbone of public transport for a population of 12.5 million.
9. Jennifer Coolidge (Actor), Doja Cat (Recording Artist), Bob Iger (CEO of the Walt Disney Company), and Salman Rushdie (Writer) were included in a list of the 100 Most Influential People of 2023. This list is released by which organization _____ **TIME Magazine**.

Note:

- There is no particular order to the rankings.
- Six categories: Artists, Icons, Pioneers, Leaders, Titans, and Innovators
- Indian Actor Shahrukh Khan and Indian Director S.S. Rajamouli were listed in Icon and Pioneer categories, respectively.

Honor & Awards

1. Which Indian organization has won the 'Best Production /Process Development' award as part of the Vaccine Industry Excellence (VIE) awards at the World Vaccine Congress 2023 _____ **Bharat Biotech**.

Note:

- The event was held during April 3-6 in Washington, USA.
- It is the world's first producer of intranasal Covid-19 vaccine, iNcovacc.
- World Vaccine Congress: It is the largest global meeting dedicated to vaccines, from basic research to commercial manufacture, it covers the whole vaccine value chain.

2. Who will be awarded the 2023 International Prize in Statistics in July 2023 _____ **Calyampudi Radhakrishna Rao**.

Note:

- Reason: For his monumental work 75 years ago that revolutionized statistical thinking.
- He is currently a professor emeritus at Pennsylvania State University and Research Professor at University at Buffalo.
- He will receive the prize, with an \$80,000 award.
- It is awarded every two years to an individual or team.

3. Who has been awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree by the Central University of Kerala at Sabarmati Hall, Periya Campus _____ **PT Usha**.

Note:

- She was conferred by Vice Chancellor Prof. H. Venkateshwarlu.
- She has won 33 medals including 19 gold in the Asian Games and Asian Championship
- She was the first Indian athlete to win medals in four consecutive Asian Games and also won six medals including five gold in the Jakarta Asian Athletic Meet in 1985

Sports News

1. Which Indian badminton player has clinched the men's singles title of the Orleans Masters Super 300 tournament _____ **Priyanshu Rajawat**.

Note:

- He defeated Denmark's Magnus Johannesen by 21-15, 19-21, and 21-16.
- While the women's singles title was lifted by Carolina Marín from Spain.
- Other Winners:
 - Men's Double: Chen Boyang & Liu Yi (China)
 - Women's Double: Rena Miyaura & Ayako Sakuramoto (Japan)
 - Mixed Double: Chen Tang Jie & Toh Ee Wei (Malaysia)

2. Who became the quickest batter to reach the 6000-run mark in the Indian Premier League (IPL) during a match against Rajasthan Royals at the Barsapara Stadium in Guwahati _____ **Delhi Capitals skipper, David Warner**.

Note:

- He is the third batter to enter the elite club after Royal Challengers Bangalore's Virat Kohli and skipper of Punjab Kings, Shikhar Dhawan.

- He took 165 innings to reach the mark of 6000 runs, while Kohli had taken 188 and Dhawan 199 to achieve the same.
3. Which India woman wrestler has secured the silver medal in the women's 68kg category at the Asian wrestling championships 2023, held in Astana, Kazakhstan _____ **Nisha Dahiya**.

Note:

- She reached the final but fell to Japan's Ami Ishii 10-0 and finished as a runner-up.
 - She had defeated China's Feng Zhou 7-6 in the semi-finals.
 - Another Indian wrestler, Priya Malik clinched a bronze in the 76 kg category after defeating Japan's Mizuki Nagashima.
4. Which Indian male wrestler, won India's first gold medal in men's 57 kg freestyle category at the Asian Wrestling Championships 2023, held in Astana, Kazakhstan _____ **Aman Sehrawat**.

Note:

- He defeated Kyrgyzstan's Almaz Smanbekov 9-4.
- Among the other Indian wrestlers, Deepak (79kg) won bronze while Deepak Nehra (97kg) lost his bronze medal match.
- The Greco-Roman wrestlers won four medals while the women's wrestlers bagged seven.

Books and Authors

1. Which bank has launched its coffee table book titled "The Banker to Every Indian", which celebrates 75 years of Indian independence and the 200-year history of SBI _____ **State Bank of India (SBI)**.

Note:

- The coffee table book details the Bank's history ever since independence.
- The book is a tribute to the spirit of India's independence and SBI's contribution to nation-building.

2. Who has co-authored a new book titled "The Great Bank Robbery: NPAs, Scams and the Future of Regulation" _____ **Pattabhi Ram & Sabyasachee Dash**.

Note:

- This book discusses 11 scams that have rocked India since its Independence(1947).
- The book is published by Rupa Publications India Pvt Ltd.

Science and Defence

1. Which Indian command has conducted a large-scale Joint Military Exercise 'Ex KAVACH' involving the assets of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard _____ **Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC)**.

Note:

- KAVACH exercise began on 23rd February 2023 and concluded on April 7, 2023
- Aim: Fine-tuning joint warfare capabilities & SOPs and enhancing interoperability and operational synergy between the forces
- ANC is the first integrated theatre command in India with headquarters at Port Blair.

2. Prasthan exercise is held every 6 months under Indian Navy and involves the participation of all stakeholders in the maritime domain, was held in which location _____ **Greatdrill Chaaya platform**.

Note:

- It is an important element of ensuring offshore security and aims to integrate the efforts of all maritime stakeholders
- It was conducted on the Greatdrill Chaaya platform, which is about 30 nm South West of Mumbai Harbour
- Personnel from Maharashtra Police, Customs, Fisheries Department, Mumbai Port Authority, etc also participated in it

3. A bilateral air exercise between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the United States Air Force (USAF) named _____ is being started on April 10, 2023 _____ **Cope India23**.

Note:

- It is being held at Air Force Stations Arjan Singh (Panagarh), Kalaikunda, and Agra.
- Aim: To enhance mutual understanding between the two Air Forces and share their best practices
- This exercise was started in 2004 as a fighter training exercise held at Air Station Gwalior, India.

4. An Indian Air Force contingent is participating in the multinational international Exercise Orion, organized at Mont-de-Marsan in which country from 17 April to 5 May 2023 _____ **France**.

Note:

- The IAF Contingent is joining the exercise with four Rafale, two C-17, two Il-78 aircraft, and 165 air warriors.
- It would be the first overseas exercise for the IAF's Rafale aircraft.
- Other participants: France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Spain, and the United States of America.

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