

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 **first week** (1-7th) of **May** 2023. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

- How much gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) was revenue collected in April 2023 _____ **Rs 1.87 lakh crore (increased 12%)**.

Note:

- It is the highest monthly mop-up since the inception of the indirect tax regime in July 2017.
- The government has collected CGST of Rs 38,440 crore, SGST of Rs 47,412 crore, and IGST of Rs 89,158 crore (including Rs 34,972 crore collected on import of goods) and cess is Rs 12,025 crore.
- The highest GST collection was recorded in April 2022 at Rs 1.68 lakh crore.

- Which ministry has canceled the Foreign Contribution Registration Act (FCRA) license of the Legal Initiative for Forest and Environment (LIFE) _____ **Home Ministry**.

Note:

- About FCRA: Enacted in: 1976; Validity: 5 years
- It requires every person/NGO seeking to receive foreign donations to be:
 - Registered under the Act
 - To open a bank account for the receipt of foreign funds in SBI, Delhi
 - To utilize those funds only for the purpose they have been received and as stipulated in the Act.

- India and which country have agreed to explore the possibility of accepting each other's payment cards, RuPay (India) and Mir _____ **Russia**.

Note:

- Reason: For hassle-free payments between the two countries
- This decision was made during the meeting of the Internal Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological, and Cultural Cooperation (IRIGC-TEC).
- This meeting was chaired by the External Affairs Minister of India S Jaishankar and Russia's Deputy PM Denis Manturov.

- The World Bank will provide financial aid of 2.25 billion dollars to which country for five infrastructure and development projects _____ **Bangladesh**.

Note:

- Accelerating transport and trade connectivity in Eastern South Asia worth \$753.45 million
- USD 500 million for Resilient Infrastructure Building Project
- USD 500 million First Bangladesh Green and Climate Resilient Development
- USD 250 million Sustainable Microenterprise and Resilient Transformation
- USD 250 million Bangladesh Environmental Sustainability and Transformation

- Which Payments Bank has collaborated with the National Payments Corporation of India to roll out Face Authentication for Aadhaar-enabled Payment System (AePS) _____ **Airtel Payments Bank**.

Note:

- AePS allows customers to carry out financial and non-financial transactions at any banking point using their Aadhaar number/ virtual ID to access their Aadhaar-linked bank account.
- This facility will enable customers to validate the transaction by undertaking face authentication along with the Aadhaar number.

- According to the IMF report, the growth of the Asia-Pacific region is expected to increase to what percent in 2023 from 3.8% in 2022 _____ **4.6%**.

Note:

- The two largest emerging market economies (India & China) of the region are expected to contribute around half of global growth in 2023.

- 2023 will be challenging for the global economy, with global growth decelerating as the effects of monetary policy tightening and Russia's war in Ukraine continue to weigh on economic activity.
7. Merchant commerce platform, Pine Labs has partnered with which bank for the acceptance of the digital Rupee on its PoS terminals _____ **ICICI Bank**.
- Note:**
- The technology integration between the two entities will now support Digital Rupee acceptance at Pine Labs' point-of-sale terminals across key retail outlets in Mumbai and Bengaluru.
 - Pine Labs' execution of the Digital Rupee payment process is completely digital via dynamic QR (quick response) built within its smart Android PoS terminals.
8. Cashfree Payments has partnered with which bank to offer 'Global Collections', an international collection service for exporters _____ **YES Bank**.
- Note:**
- Under this partnership, the bank's account holders will be able to collect payments in over 30 foreign currencies using the Global Collections service.
 - The funds so received can then be converted into rupee and settled into their local bank account in India within one business day.
9. Which organization has released a report titled, 'Currency and Finance 2022-23' with a theme of 'Towards A Greener Cleaner India' _____ **RBI**.
- Note:**
- This report covers four major dimensions of climate change to assess future challenges to sustainable high growth in India.
 - Areas: Unprecedented scale and pace of climate change; its macroeconomic effects; implications for financial stability; and policy options to mitigate climate risks.
 - The country's goal of achieving the net zero target by 2070.
10. Capital markets regulator SEBI has introduced LEI system. What is the expanded form of LEI _____ **Legal Entity Identifier**.
- Note:**
- Reason: For issuers that have listed or planning to list non-convertible securities, securitized debt instruments, and security receipts
 - It is a unique global identifier for legal entities participating in financial transactions.
 - It is designed to create a global reference data system that uniquely identifies every legal entity party to a financial transaction.
11. RBI and which organization have jointly launched the fourth edition of the G20 TechSprint, a global technology competition _____ **Bank for International Settlements (BIS)**.
- Note:**
- Focus: On developing innovative technology solutions for cross-border payments
 - Shortlisted teams will be invited to develop their solutions over a six-week period and each team will be eligible for a stipend of eight lakh rupees.
 - The winners for each problem statement will receive an award of forty lakh rupees.
12. Which organization has updated instructions in the Master Direction on KYC related to wire transfers and aligned the same with the relevant recommendation of the FATF _____ **RBI**.
- Note:**
- The Banks and other financial institutions ensure cross-border as well as domestic wire transfers contain complete information about the originator and beneficiary.
 - Wire Transfer: It is an electronic transfer of funds via a network administered by banks and transfer service agencies worldwide.
13. RBI has announced the interest rate of what percent on the Floating Rate Bond 2024, for the half year from May 7 to November 6, 2023 _____ **6.97%**.
- Note:**
- Floating Rate Bonds are securities that do not have a fixed coupon rate.
 - They have a variable coupon rate which is re-set at preannounced intervals
 - The FRB bonds carry a coupon with a base rate equivalent to a weighted average yield of the last three auctions of 182-day Treasury Bills (T-Bill) plus a fixed spread decided by way of auction
14. Which bank and India Shelter Finance Corporation Ltd (IndiaShelter) have signed a strategic partnership under the co-lending model to offer secured MSME loans to middle and low-income borrowers in semi-urban areas _____ **Axis Bank**.

Note:

- Axis Bank will bring deep financial expertise, while IndiaShelter will provide loan processing technology to assess borrowers' credit profiles
- This partnership will strengthen the mortgage segment and help the bank augment its priority sector lending portfolio

15. Which bank has launched its retail banking program 'Vishesh' for customers in semi-urban and rural geographies wherein it plans to onboard around 1 lakh new customers _____ **HDFC Bank**.

Note:

- The bank plans to add more branches and launch tailor-made products and financial solutions for this market segment.
- They will look to add 675 branches in semi-urban and rural geographies in FY24.
- Presently, 52% of the bank's 7,821 branches are in rural and semi-urban locations.

16. Which Small Finance Bank has partnered with Max Life Insurance Company Limited to offer life insurance offerings to Capital SFB's customers _____ **Capital Small Finance Bank**.

Note:

- Capital SFB would offer its customers a range of savings, protection, retirement, and group life insurance plans of Max Life.
- Capital SFB has also partnered with ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Limited and HDFC life insurance Limited to provide their life insurance products.
- MD & CEO, Capital SFB: Sarvjit Singh Samra

17. Which organization has rebranded its multi-brand loyalty program, Payback India to Zillion _____ **BharatPe Group**.

Note:

- Aim: To target customers across age groups and add a new dimension to their overall shopping experience, across categories and brands
- Zillion will offer a wide range of options for customers to earn and redeem at a wide range of partners across the country.
- The customers will be able to earn 'Zillion coins' for their routine spending.
- BharatPe CEO (Interim): Nalin Negi

Obituaries

1. Manobala, who passed away at 69, was a veteran _____ **Actor**.

Note:

- In 1979, he started his film career as an assistant director with Bharathiraja's Puthiya Vaarpugal.
- He made his directorial debut with the 1982 Tamil film Aagaya Gangai.
- He also directed many films like - Mera Pati Sirf Mera Hai, Pillai Nila, Sirai Parvai, and Oorkavalan among others.

2. Tori Bowie passed away at 32 in Orlando, was a/an _____ **Athlete**.

Note:

- She was crowned world champion in 2017 and won three Olympic medals at the Rio Games in 2016.
- She won the Olympic Gold with the USA relay team at the Rio Olympics in 2016.
- She was born and raised in Mississippi.

Important Days

1. The states of Gujarat and which state commemorated their 63rd Foundation Day on 1st May 2023 _____ **Maharashtra**.

Note:

- Gujarat celebrates its 63rd foundation day as Gujarat Gaurav Divas and Maharashtra are also celebrated as 'Maharashtra Din'.
- During the event, Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel virtually inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for various projects in Jamnagar worth Rs. 300 crore.
- Gujarat was carved out of the Bombay State on May 1, 1960, after the Bombay Reorganisation Act, 1960.

2. World Press Freedom Day is observed annually on which date to raise awareness about the importance of freedom of the press _____ **May 3**.

Note:

- This year marks the 30th anniversary of World Press Freedom Day.
- Theme 2023: Shaping a Future of Rights: Freedom of Expression as a Driver for all other human rights
- This day was first proclaimed by UNESCO in 1991 in response to the increasing number of attacks on journalists around the world.

3. World Athletics Day 2023 is observed every year on which date to mark the importance of athletes and sportspersons globally _____ **May 7.**

Note:

- The theme for World Athletics Day 2023 is 'Athletics for All – A New Beginning'.
- This day was established by the late Primo Nebiolo, the then-president of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF).
- The first World Athletics Day was held on May 15, 1996.

4. World Laughter Day is celebrated on which day of May _____ **First Sunday.**

Note:

- In 2023, World Laughter Day falls on 7th May 2023.
- The theme for this year's celebration is "World Peace Through Laughter."
- The day was first observed in 1998 by Dr Madan Kataria, who founded the Laughter Yoga movement.

5. Which day is held on the first Tuesday in May, every year _____ **World Asthma Day.**

Note:

- This year, this day falls on May 2.
- This day was organized by the Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA).
- 2023 theme: Asthma care for All

6. International Firefighters' Day is observed every year on which date to remember the past firefighters who have died while serving our community or dedicated their lives to protecting the safety of us all _____ **May 4.**

Note:

- In 1999, this day was established to pay tribute to the courage and sacrifices made by firefighters worldwide.

New Appointments

1. Who has won the presidential election of Paraguay, defeating Efraín Alegre, the candidate of the Concertación Nacional coalition _____ **Santiago Peña (Colorado Party).**

Note:

- He got more than 42% votes, while his opponent Efraín Alegre received nearly 28%.
- The Colorado Party has dominated the political scene in Paraguay's landlocked South American nation for more than 70 years.
- Paraguay's economy is expected to grow by more than 4% this year.

2. Who has been appointed as the new chief executive officer of Australia's flagship carrier, Qantas _____ **Vanessa Hudson.**

Note:

- She will succeed Alan Joyce, who will retire in November 2023.
- She has been market-facing as CFO since October 2019.
- She had held several senior roles there, including chief customer officer and senior vice president for the Americas and New Zealand.

3. The government of India has cleared the appointment of Justice T. S. Sivagnana as the Chief Justice of which High Court _____ **Calcutta.**

Note:

- Presently, he is serving as the Acting Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court.
- On 25 October 2021, he took oath as a Judge of Calcutta High Court.
- He was appointed as an Additional Judge of Madras High Court and later he was appointed Permanent Judge on 29 March 2011.

4. Who has been appointed as the chairman and managing director of Coal India Limited _____ **T. S. Sivagnana.**

Note:

- He is currently posted as CMD of Central Coalfields Ltd (CCL), Ranchi.
- In 2015, he joined NTPC as Executive Director (Coal Mining) and Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) in 2018 as Director of Technical (P&P).
- In 2019, he was also appointed as CMD of BCCL.

- The Union coal ministry has set a target for Coal India Limited to produce 1012 MT of coal by 2023-24
5. Who has been appointed as the new president of the World Bank, effective June 2, 2023 _____ **Ajay Banga.**
Note:
- He was nominated by US President Joe Biden in February 2023.
 - Presently, he is serving as the vice chairman at US investment firm General Atlantic LP.
 - Before that, he worked as president and CEO of Mastercard.
 - In 2016, he was awarded the fourth-highest civilian award, Padma Shri.
6. Who has taken his oath and been crowned King in a ceremony in London witnessed by over two thousand guests and dignitaries in Westminster Abbey _____ **Charles III.**
Note:
- The Archbishop of Canterbury placed the St Edward's Crown on the King's head during a ceremony at Westminster Abbey and after the King was crowned, his wife Camilla was crowned as the Queen.
 - King had taken the solemn oath to govern the United Kingdom people with justice and mercy.
7. Accenture board has appointed whom as the MD of Accenture India, succeeded Rekha M. Menon, who retired after 20 years _____ **Ajay Vij.**
Note:
- He will be responsible for expanding his current responsibilities as Corporate Services & Sustainability lead to provide overall leadership and drive coordinated decision-making.
 - While Sandeep Dutta will lead the company's Market Unit
 - He will serve as the company's India business lead and drive business and operations.
8. Who has been interim CEO of Vodafone Group _____ **Margherita Della Valle.**
Note:
- She has replaced Nick Read, who stepped down in December 2022. Della Valle's career at Vodafone has included marketing, operational, commercial, and financial positions.
 - Vodafone Group is a British multinational telecommunications company headquartered in London, United Kingdom.

Important News – India

1. Australian High Commission in India has announced its Government Grant for a Project in which city _____ **Kargil.**
Note:
- This was announced during a Special Meeting at Srinagar chaired by the Australian high commissioner to India, Barry O'Farrell.
 - The project "Return to Roots" aims to integrate traditional knowledge with the current school science curriculum in alignment with the goals of the National Education Policy (NEP).
2. India's exports to which country are expected to reach \$50 billion by 2026-27 from \$31.3 billion at present on the back of the free trade agreement between the countries _____ **UAE.**
Note:
- Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal has informed that the trade between India and the UAE has grown significantly after the implementation of the trade agreement on May 1, 2022.
 - The India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) which was signed between the two nations on 18 February 2022.
3. According to the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), the unemployment rate of India has surged to a four-month high of _____ in April, compared to 7.14% in March 2023 _____ **8.11%.**
Note:
- The rise in the unemployment rate came on the back of higher labor participation, which has risen to 41.9% from 39.7% in March.
 - Rural India: 20.3 million people entered the workforce and 95% of them got jobs
 - Urban India: 5.2 million people entered the workforce, but only half of them got jobs
4. India's domestic coal production has increased by over _____ during the last five years _____ **22%.**
Note:
- The overall coal production has seen a quantum jump to 893.08 Million tonnes in 2022-23 from 728.72 Million tonnes in 2018-2019 with a growth of about 22.6%.
 - The govt aims to enhance domestic coal production to reduce the dependence on substitutable coal imports
 - Several measures have been taken to ramp up domestic coal production to ensure adequate coal stocks at thermal Power Plants

5. Which Maharatna power finance company has exclusively listed its recently issued Green bonds worth \$750 million at GIFT IFSC Stock Exchanges, under its Global Medium Term Programme of \$7 billion _____ **REC Limited**.

Note:

- The Green bond issuance by REC Limited reinforces its status as one of the most accomplished and frequent issuers in the international capital markets.
- International Financial Services Centres Authority Chairman Injeti Srinivas attended the ceremony as chief guest.

6. UGC Chairman has launched the Central University Faculty recruitment portal CU-Chayan. Who is the chairman of UGC _____ **M Jagadesh Kumar**.

Note:

- It is a completely user-friendly portal and caters to the needs of all the stakeholders in the recruitment process.
- Aim: To create an enabling environment for both, universities and the applicants with universities driving all the stages of the recruitment independently
- It has been developed after consultations with all the Vice Chancellors of Central Universities.

7. According to a National Manufacturing Innovation Survey (NMIS) 2021-22, conducted by the Department of Science and Technology and UNIDO, which state has topped the ranking of the most innovative state in manufacturing _____ **Karnataka**.

Note:

- Followed by Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, and Haryana.
- The survey also highlighted that Karnataka has the highest number of companies in manufacturing that carry out innovations.
- Bottom: Northeastern states (excluding Assam), followed by Bihar.

8. Which country will launch its own heat index in 2024 to quantify the impact of heat on its population and generate impact-based heatwave alerts for specific locations _____ **India**.

Note:

- IMD started issuing an experimental heat index for different parts of the country.
- It includes various parameters like wind, temperature, humidity, duration of exposure, etc.
- Impact of Heat waves: It has an immense impact on human health, causing cramps, exhaustion, stress, and heat stroke.

9. Who inaugurated National Conference on Agriculture for Kharif Campaign 2023-24 _____ **Union Agriculture Minister, Narendra Singh Tomar**.

Note:

- During the conference, he announced that the Ministry of Agriculture has set a target of a record 3,320 lakh tonnes (332 million tonnes) production of foodgrains for the year 2023-24.
- In 2022-23, 3,235 lakh tonnes were produced.
- The target for the production of Pulses is fixed at 292.5 lakh and for oilseeds at 440 lakh tonnes in 2023-24.

10. India has operationalized the Sittwe Port in Myanmar with the departure of the inaugural shipment, the MV-ITT LION (V-273), from which port _____ **Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata**.

Note:

- It is a part of the Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport project.
- IT carried 20,000 bags containing 1,000 metric tonnes of cement and is expected to reach Sittwe Port on 9 May.
- It was built under a grant of assistance from the Indian government.
- Aim: To boost trade and commerce between the two countries

11. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has praised the National SC-ST Hub Scheme, which crossed over one lakh beneficiary registrations. This scheme was launched in which year _____ **2016**.

Note:

- About National SC-ST Hub Scheme: It is an initiative of the Union MSME Ministry.
- Aim: To empower and promote entrepreneurs among SC, ST Communities
- It is implemented by the National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC), a public-sector undertaking under the administrative control of the Ministry of MSME.

12. Which ministry will organize Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela (PMNAM) on 8th May in 200 districts across the country _____ **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)**.

Note:

- PMNAM will witness the participation of many companies representing various sectors, providing relevant apprenticeship training opportunities to local youth

- Through this, participating organizations can connect with potential apprentices, while strengthening the livelihood opportunities of the youth.
13. Which organization and the National Institute of Urban Affairs jointly organized the 'River-Cities Alliance Global Seminar: Partnership for Building International River-Sensitive Cities' in New Delhi _____ **NMCG**.
- Note:**
- Aim: To provide a platform for officials of member cities and international stakeholders to discuss and learn good practices for managing urban rivers
 - This seminar has witnessed the participation from Embassies/High Commissions of selected countries and their respective river cities.
14. Which organization has signed a supplementary joint venture agreement with Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd (NPCIL) to develop nuclear power projects _____ **NTPC**.
- Note:**
- The JV company shall develop two pressurized heavy-water reactors (PHWR) projects, Chutka Madhya Pradesh Atomic Power Project 2x700 MW and Mahi Banswara Rajasthan Atomic Power Project 4x700 MW.
 - Presently, NTPC has a total installed power generation capacity of 71.644 GW, of which 3.01 GW is renewable energy.
15. International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) and IHub-Data signed an MoU at _____ **IIT Hyderabad campus**.
- Note:**
- Aim: For cooperation and understanding between IFSCA and IHub-Data to collaborate in supporting and facilitating FinTech and TechFin entities
 - IFSCA is responsible for the development and regulation of international financial services.
 - IFSCA aims to develop a strong global connection and focus on the needs of the Indian economy.
16. Sri Lanka's mobile telecommunication firm, Dialog Axiata, and which telecommunication company have signed a binding term sheet for the merger of their Sri Lankan subsidiaries _____ **India's Bharti Airtel**.
- Note:**
- With this merger, Bharti Airtel will get access to a large customer base in Sri Lanka.
 - Bharti Airtel started its operations in 2009 in Sri Lanka and has a customer base of 1 million in the country.
 - Dialog Axiata is a subsidiary of Malaysian Axiata.
 - Dialog accounts for 57% of the mobile market in Sri Lanka.
17. India and which country have signed an MoU on Industrial Research and Development Cooperation _____ **Israel**.
- Note:**
- Aim: To collaborate in high technology areas such as Artificial Intelligence, Quantum, and semiconductors, synthetic biology, etc.,
 - The MoU was signed between CSIR and the DDR&D, Ministry of Defense of Israel.
 - It enables cooperation in the industrial R&D programs in mutually agreeable industrial technology fields through the implementation of specific projects.

Important News – State

1. Which state government launched the Facial Recognition System (FRS) for Inner Line Permit (ILP) system and flagged off two camera-mounted mobile FRS vehicles _____ **Manipur**.
- Note:**
- It will help in the effective checking of ILP holders whose validity has expired and in better management of the system.
 - The system has been implemented on a trial basis.
 - In addition, two mobile vehicles will be stationed at different locations in Imphal East and West districts to identify ILP defaulters
2. Which country govt will be introducing a new feature on the 'eSamiksha portal' _____ **Haryana**.
- Note:**
- Aim: To enable Administrative Secretaries and Head of Departments to monitor the follow-up action taken on decisions made during their meetings and presentations
 - It will provide updates on file number, meeting date, chairperson, meeting description, and other documents such as the minutes of the meeting (MOM), which can be accessed by officers of the concerned departments.
3. The Central Government has recently promulgated Article 355 in which state to take charge of the security of the state _____ **Manipur**.

Note:

- Article 355 of the Indian Constitution is a part of emergency provisions contained in Part XVIII of the Constitution of India, from Article 352 to 360.
 - It encourages the centre to take all necessary steps to protect the state against internal disturbances and external aggression.
 - It empowers the Centre to take necessary steps to protect a state.
4. The Centre for Innovation Incubation Research and Entrepreneurship was inaugurated at the KITS Warangal campus in which state _____ **Telangana**.

Note:

- It was inaugurated by Telangana's IT Minister K Taraka Ramarao.
- The govt has promoted innovation and entrepreneurship in the student community to inculcate research and innovative skills among the students, faculty, and young researchers.
- Aim: To face the latest Engineering, technological, and entrepreneurship challenges in the 21st Century.

Important News – World

1. Who will be the guest of honour at France's traditional military parade, which will be held during Bastille Day on 14th July _____ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**.

Note:

- PM's visit coincides with the 25th anniversary of the strategic partnership between France and India.
 - Bastille Day is named after the fall of a fortress that symbolized the French revolution of 1789.
 - PM Modi will be 2nd Indian PM to be the guest of honour after Manmohan Singh in 2009.
2. Which country's agency has approved the world's first Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) vaccine for older adults _____ **United States Food and Drug Administration (USFDA)**.

Note:

- However, this vaccine still needs approval from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, before its launch in Public.
- The vaccine was approved for people aged 60 and older.
- RSV is a common respiratory virus that usually causes mild, cold-like symptoms.
- It can be serious, especially for infants and older adults.

Honor & Awards

1. Who has been conferred a BAFTA Fellowship, the highest accolade bestowed by the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) _____ **Meera Syal**.

Note:

- Recognition: For an outstanding and exceptional contribution to film/television
 - She was honored with an MBE and then a CBE by the late Queen Elizabeth II for her contribution to drama and literature.
 - She is best known for television shows such as 'Goodness Gracious Me' and 'The Kumars at No. 42'.
2. The Cannes Film Festival will honor whom with an honorary Palme d'Or _____ **Michael Douglas**.

Note:

- Reason: For his outstanding career and contributions to cinema
 - He will be honoured during the festival's opening ceremony on May 16.
 - Douglas has worked in various films like The China Syndrome, Basic Instinct, Falling Down, and Behind the Candelabra.
3. Who was awarded the title of "Shatabdi Purush" (Man of the Century) in New Delhi _____ **Former Lok Sabha MP Pandit Ramkishan**.

Note:

- Reason: For his contributions as a socialist leader
 - The honor was bestowed on him during the birth centenary celebrations of Madhu Limaye (renowned socialist ideologue and parliamentarian).
 - Ramkishan is considered the most senior and iconic figure in Indian socialism and has been recognized as the "Socialist Shatabdi Purush".
4. Which organization has awarded its annual World Press Freedom Prize to three imprisoned Iranian female journalists _____ **UNESCO**.

Note:

- The winners, Niloufar Hamedi, Elaheh Mohammadi, and Narges Mohammadi.
- They were recognized for their work in reporting on human rights abuses in Iran and their commitment to truth and accountability.

Sports News

1. Name the Indian pair, who has clinched the men's doubles title at the Badminton Asia Championship 2023 held in Dubai, UAE from 25 to 30 April 2023 _____ **Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy.**

Note:

- They defeated eighth-seeded Malaysian pair Teo Ee Yi and Ong Yew Sin in the final.
- They become the first Indian men's doubles pair to win the Badminton Asia Championships title.
- With this win, they also clinched India's second-ever Badminton Asia Championships title after Dinesh Khanna in 1965.

2. Who has become China's first male world chess champion, after defeating his Russian rival Ian Nepomniachtchi in the fourth rapid game of the first tie-breaker at Astana, Kazakhstan _____ **Ding Liren.**

Note:

- He succeeded as the winner of the World Chess Championship from Norway's Magnus Carlsen.
- His victory makes him the 17th winner of the world chess tournament.
- In 2009, he became China's youngest chess champion at national level.

3. Who won the Formula 1 Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2023 World Championship, in Baku, Azerbaijan _____ **Red Bull's driver, Sergio Perez.**

Note:

- He defeated his teammate Max Verstappen to victory in the Azerbaijan Grand Prix.
- Ferrari's Charles Leclerc finished third and Fernando Alonso finished in fourth place.
- Previous Grand Prix:
 - Australian GP: M. Verstappen (Red Bull)
 - Saudi Arabia GP: Sergio Pérez (Red Bull)
 - Baharin GP: M. Verstappen (Red Bull)

4. Which mixed Indian shooters pair won India's first gold medal in the ongoing ISSF World Cup Shotgun 2023, held in Cairo, Egypt _____ **Mairaj Ahmad Khan and Ganemat Sekhon.**

Note:

- The Indian mixed doubles pair defeated Luis Raul Gallardo Oliveros and Gabriela Rodriguez 6-0 in the final of the Skeet Mixed Team.
- While the duo of Simona Scocchetti and Gabrielle Rossetti from Italy secured their bronze medal in the tournament.

5. Indian Men's team has surpassed which country to become the number one Test team in the latest rankings released by ICC on May 2, 2023 _____ **Australia.**

Note:

- Currently, India has topped the ranking with 121 points, while Australia ranked second with 116 points.
- Earlier this year, India posted a 2-1 series win against Australia to retain the Border-Gavaskar trophy for the fourth consecutive time.
- England, South Africa, and New Zealand placed third, fourth, and fifth spots respectively.

6. Which city will host the inaugural edition of the Global Chess League (GCL) from June 21 to July 2, 2023 _____ **Dubai (UAE).**

Note:

- The chess league will be held in association with Dubai Sports Council, the hosting partner of the league.
- It will feature six teams with six players each, including a minimum of two female players and one icon player per team.
- The six teams will compete in a round-robin format where each team will play 10 matches.
- GCL is a joint venture of FIDE and Tech Mahindra

7. Name the Indian weightlifter who has won the silver in the women's 55kg category at the Asian Weightlifting Championships 2023, held in South Korea _____ **Bindyarani Devi.**

Note:

- She had lifted a total weight of 194kg (snatch 83kg and 111kg in clean & jerk) in the non-Olympic 55kg category.

- Chen Guan Ling (China) won the gold medal with a combined lift of 204kg (snatch 90kg + clean & jerk 114kg) and Vo Thi Quynh Nhu (Vietnam) won the bronze with a lift of 192kg.

Books and Authors

1. Which organization has released the “Best Practices in Social Sector: A Compendium, 2023” in collaboration with the UNDP _____ **NITI Aayog**.

Note:

- Reason: To commemorate 75 years of India’s independence and highlight and laud the efforts of Union Ministries and State Governments.
- This compendium includes 75 case studies cutting across 14 key social sectors.
- The aim of this exercise has been to synthesize lessons for the future to expand, enhance and improve life at the grassroots level.

2. Who has authored a new book titled “Made In India: 75 Years of Business and Enterprise” _____ **Amitabh Kant**.

Note:

- Rupa Publications India published this book.
- He served as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) (2016-2022).

Science and Defence

1. Which IIT’s researchers has developed a machine learning-based computational tool for better detection of cancer-causing tumors in the brain and spinal cord _____ **Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (IIT-M)**.

Note:

- The web server known as ‘GBMDriver’ (Glioblastoma Mutiforme Drivers) is now publicly available online.
- The GBMDriver was developed specifically to identify driver mutations and passenger mutations (passenger mutations are neutral mutations) in Glioblastoma.

2. A new low-cost star sensor, named ‘StarBerrySense’, developed by the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) from off-the-shelf components, has started functioning properly in its first test launch.

Note:

- It was put into space by Isro’s PSLV C-55 on April 22, 2023.
- Function: Quickly and accurately calculate where a satellite is pointing in space as for any space mission
- The star sensor can find its pointing direction in space by identifying the stars in its field of view.

3. Which organization and Indian Navy conducted the successful maiden test trial of ‘ADC-150’ from IL 38SD aircraft, Goa _____ **DRDO**.

Note:

- It is an indigenously designed and developed Air Droppable Container with a 150 kg payload capacity.
- The trial was conducted to enhance the naval operational logistics capabilities by providing quick responses to meet the requirement of critical engineering stores to ships.
- It reduces the requirement for ships to come close to the coast to collect spares and stores.

4. India has participated in the inaugural edition of the ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise with its two frontline warships- INS Satpura and which INS _____ **INS Delhi**.

Note:

- The harbor phase of the exercise is scheduled to be held at the Changi Naval Base (Singapore) from May 2-4, while the sea phase will be conducted from May 7-8 in the South China Sea
- INS Delhi is India's first indigenously-built guided missile destroyer, while INS Satpura is an indigenously-built guided missile stealth frigate.

5. What is the name of an integrated surveillance and firepower training Exercise that was conducted at the Highest Altitude Artillery Ranges of Eastern Theatre _____ **BULAND BHARAT**.

Note:

- It involves the synergized application of surveillance and firepower capabilities of the Artillery and the Infantry in close coordination with Special Forces, Aviation, and CAPF deployed in West Kameng and Tawang districts of Arunachal Pradesh.
- Uninterrupted communication on multiple media was also tested at long distances.

6. Which Indian Naval Ship’s has been decommissioned after 36 years of exceptional service to the nation _____ **INS Magar**.

Note:

- The ship's decommissioning ceremony was held at Southern Naval Command, Kochi.
 - It was indigenously built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd, Kolkata and was launched on 16th November 1984 and commissioned into the Indian Navy on 18 July 1987 by Admiral R H Tahiliani.
7. Name the Indian naval sailing vessel, that will be returned to India after a six-month-long transoceanic intercontinental expedition _____ **Tarini**.

Note:

- It commenced from Goa on November 17, 2022, and is scheduled to be completed at the same venue on May 24, 2023.
- During the expedition, Tarini sailed to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil via Cape Town, South Africa, participating in Cape to Rio Race 2023
- Tarini will complete an arduous 17,000 nautical miles passage when she touches the Indian shores again

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