

# Weekly One-liners

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## Weekly One Liners Updates 1st -7th June 2023

Dear readers,

**Weekly One Liners Update** is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the **first week** (1-7th) of **June** 2023. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

### **Banking & Financial Awareness**

1. Which life insurance company has launched an exclusive term insurance plan for Type 2 diabetic and pre-diabetic individual \_\_\_\_\_ **Bajaj Allianz Life**.

**Note:**

- The Bajaj Allianz Life Diabetic Term Plan Sub 8 HbA1c is first of its kind protection plan in the Indian life insurance industry.
- The insurer offers a 10% premium reduction for individuals trying to achieve health goals and other health management services.
- The policy term ranges from five to 25 years and premiums can be paid monthly/annually.

2. Which life insurance provider has become the first insurance company to launch a policy that covers surrogate mothers and egg donors \_\_\_\_\_ **Aegon Life**.

**Note:**

- Aim: To support the financial well-being of surrogate mothers and egg donors
- The new cover aligns with the Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021 and the Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Act, 2021, introduced by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.
- It provides a three-year life cover for surrogate mothers and a one-year cover for egg donors

3. Reserve Bank Innovation Hub has partnered with which IIT Research Park and Incubation Cell to launch voice-banking solutions to eliminate language barriers \_\_\_\_\_ **IIT Madras**.

**Note:**

- It will assist the illiterate and the visually impaired in their banking needs.
- Aim: To conduct the basic banking transactions through voice controls in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, and English, in the initial stage
- SBI, Axis Bank, Kotak Mahindra, and IDFC First conducted a code fest on voice banking called 'Vaultier Voice'

4. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 2.2 crore on which bank for violating various norms \_\_\_\_\_ **Indian Overseas Bank**.

**Note:**

- The RBI said it fined the bank under the powers vested by the Banking Regulation Act 1949.
- The RBI imposed this monetary penalty after finding contraventions of banking regulations and non-compliance with specific RBI directions related to income recognition, asset classification, provisioning, interest rates on deposits, and ATM security

5. Which bank has committed to donating Rs 1,200 crore towards Tata Memorial Centre (TMC), from its CSR funds \_\_\_\_\_ **ICICI Bank**.

**Note:**

- Aim: To set up three new buildings spanning over a combined area of 7.5 lakh square feet at TMC's centers at Navi Mumbai (Maharashtra), Mullanpur (Punjab), and Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh)
- ICICI Foundation for Inclusive Growth (ICICI Foundation), the CSR arm of ICICI Bank, will implement the initiative, which is likely to be completed by 2027.

6. SEBI released guidelines for transactions in corporate bonds through the Request for Quote (RFQ) platform by stock brokers in order to increase liquidity on the platform, from which date \_\_\_\_\_ **July 1, 2023**.

**Note:**

- For all the trades in a proprietary capacity, stock brokers will have to undertake at least 10% of their total secondary market trades by value in corporate bonds in that month by placing quotes through one-to-one or one-to-many mode
- In April 2024, the percentage will increase to 25%

7. Which organization has launched a mobile-based expense management card for businesses and individuals wherein it offers its users uncapped cashback of upto 1% \_\_\_\_\_ **Karbon Card**.

**Note:**

- Card ++ differentiates itself by providing interesting cashback offers, incentivizing people their spending.
- The unique feature adds value to the card, making it an option for users.
- Its features include the ability to make payments on various platforms such as Google, Amazon, Swiggy, and Ola.

8. Which bank's Bengaluru Circle has launched 'Project Kuber', which will have four Transaction Banking Hubs and One Corporate Salary Package Hub \_\_\_\_\_ **State Bank of India**.

**Note:**

- Aim: To increase the market share in liability products of SBI
- Location: SBI Administrative Building, KG Road, and Sampige Road in Malleswaram.
- Transaction Banking Hubs: It will offer services to corporate/non-corporate clients, from account opening to onboarding them on SBI's digital platforms

9. Who has launched a Financial Inclusion Dashboard 'ANTARDRIHSTI' \_\_\_\_\_ **RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das**.

**Note:**

- Aim: To provide the required insight to assess and monitor the progress of financial inclusion by capturing relevant parameters.
- It will enable the ability to gauge extent of financial exclusion at granular levels across the country.
- Presently, the dashboard is intended for internal use in the RBI.
- It will further facilitate greater financial inclusion through a multi-stakeholder approach.

10. RBI has set up a committee for Review of Customer Service Standards in RBI Regulated Entities, under the chairmanship of whom \_\_\_\_\_ **BP Kanungo**.

**Note:**

- The operations of accounts should not be stopped pending periodic KYC updates
- The committee has also suggested measures for the benefit of pensioners
- There should be a time limit for the return of property documents to borrowers after the closure of the loan account, failing which a penalty should be imposed on the lender.

11. Which bank has launched Interoperable Cardless Cash Withdrawal (ICCW) facility, in which a customer can withdraw cash using UPI from the bank's ATMs \_\_\_\_\_ **Bank of Baroda**.

**Note:**

- It would be the first public sector bank to launch this service.
- BoB customers as well as customers of other participating issuer banks that use BHIM UPI, Bob World UPI, or any other UPI application enabled for ICCW on their mobile phone can withdraw cash from a Bank of Baroda ATM without using their debit card.

12. BSE and which stock exchange have introduced an enhanced surveillance mechanism (ESM) for companies that have a market cap of less than ₹500 crore, which came into force on June 5 \_\_\_\_\_ **NSE**.

**Note:**

- SEBI and exchanges in a joint meeting have decided to introduce the ESM framework for "micro-small" companies.
- Aim: To curb volatility in small-cap counters
- The parameters for shortlisting the securities under the ESM framework include high-low price variation and close-to-close price variation.

13. According to the World Bank's latest report, what would be India's growth outlook in FY2023/24 \_\_\_\_\_ **6.3%**.

**Note:**

- The bank has also raised the 2023 global growth forecast, highlighting that the U.S. and other major economies have proven more resilient than forecast.
- The global Real GDP would climb 2.1% in 2023, up from a 1.7% forecast issued in January 2023 but below 3.1% (2022 growth rate).

14. Which organization has collaborated with Microsoft to launch the Wipro Industry Innovation Experience for Financial Services \_\_\_\_\_ **Wipro**.

**Note:**

- It will feature a new suite of banking and financial services solutions built on Microsoft Cloud.
- Aim: To help financial services clients accelerate growth and deepen client relationships
- It would bring together Microsoft Cloud capabilities with Wipro FullStride Cloud, as well as leverage Wipro's and Capco's deep domain expertise in financial services

15. Which bank unveiled a Savings Programme named 'Réserve', curated exclusively for UHNIs and HNIs \_\_\_\_\_ **Kotak Private Banking.**

**Note:**

- This by-invite program extends beyond banking services, offering a range of exclusive amenities to provide clients with an unparalleled luxury banking experience.
- Aim: To deliver a premium banking experience by offering exclusive lifestyle benefits

16. Which organization has partnered with WatchYourHealth to provide investment solutions to healthcare professionals through the 'Wellth- Where Investments and Health Unite' program \_\_\_\_\_ **YES SECURITIES.**

**Note:**

- Aim: To help the healthcare community start their investment journey for successful wealth creation and achieving long-term financial goals
- It will also provide free-of-cost demat and trading accounts, monthly stock research recommendations, and tailor-made product offerings based on needs.

17. Which bank has introduced a new credit card 'Millennia', that comes with contactless technology allowing customers to 'tap and pay' via POS machine \_\_\_\_\_ **HDFC Bank.**

**Note:**

- It offers cashback and reward points on Amazon, Flipkart, and other e-commerce platforms.
- It also offers 1% cash back on offline purchases, smart EMI, and lounge access for free.
- It is applicable to both self-employed and salaried persons.
- People earning a maximum of ₹35,000 gross salary can apply for the card.

### Obituaries

1. Dr. Ved Kumari Ghai, who passed away at 91, was a noted scholar in which language \_\_\_\_\_ **Sanskrit.**

**Note:**

- She was an Indian Sanskrit scholar from Jammu City, J&K, and was head of the Sanskrit department at Jammu University.
- She was awarded the Padma Shri (India's fourth highest civilian award), a Certificate for her scholarship in Sanskrit, and President's Award for Sanskrit.
- She was also awarded Gold Medal by Jammu and Kashmir Government for social work and the Dogra Ratan award.

2. Amir Raza Husain, who passed away at 66, was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Actor.**

**Note:**

- He was known for his large outdoor stage productions such as "The Fifty Day War" based on the Kargil War and "The Legend of Ram".
- He was also the Creative Director of the Stagedoor Theatre Company, established in 1974, which has presented over 91 productions and more than 1,100 performances.
- He was honoured with the Padma Shri (2001) by the government for his contribution to theatre.

3. Sulochana, who passed away at 94, was veteran \_\_\_\_\_ **Actor (female).**

**Note:**

- She was featured in more than 250 Hindi and 50 Marathi films.
- She started her career with Marathi films in the early 1940s and soon moved to Hindi films, where she portrayed several mother roles in movies like Shammi Kapoor's Dil Dekhe Dekho, Dilip Kumar's Aadmi, Dev Anand's Jhonny Mera Naam, Muqaddar Ka Sikandar, Himmatwala, and Andar Baahar.
- She was honoured with Padma Shri in 1999.

### Important Days

1. World Bicycle Day 2023 is observed every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **3rd June.**

**Note:**

- Aim: To promote the importance of bicycles as a means of transportation, fostering sustainability, health, and well-being.
- The day was declared by the United Nations General Assembly in April 2018 to recognize the uniqueness, versatility and sustainability of the bicycle and its positive impact on society.
- The initiative to establish this Day was led by Turkmenistan, with the support of numerous other countries.

2. World Environment Day is observed annually on which date to create awareness about the protection of the environment and the earth's well-being \_\_\_\_\_ **June 5.**

**Note:**

- The theme for World Environment Day 2023 is 'Solutions to plastic pollution', under the campaign #BeatPlasticPollution.
- The day is hosted by Côte d'Ivoire and supported by the Netherlands.
- This year marks the 50th anniversary of World Environment Day, which will focus on solutions to plastic pollution.

3. The fifth World Food Safety Day is celebrated on which date to draw attention to help prevent, detect, and manage foodborne risks, contributing to food security, human health, agriculture, and sustainable development \_\_\_\_\_ **7 June 2023.**

**Note:**

- 2023 theme: Food Standards Save Live
- The 2023 theme emphasizes that how important food standards are to protecting public health.
- This day was established by the WHO and FAO in 2018.
- On June 7, 2019, the first World Food Safety Day was observed.

4. The International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression was observed every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **June 4.**

**Note:**

- Aim: To bring attention to children who experience various forms of aggression
- It serves as a solemn reminder of the suffering endured by countless children globally, regardless of the specific type of abuse they endure.

5. International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing is celebrated on which date every year \_\_\_\_\_ **June 5.**

**Note:**

- The day was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 2017 to raise awareness of the problem of illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing.
- IUU fishing is a major threat to global fish stocks and the marine environment.

6. World Milk Day is observed every year on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **1st June.**

**Note:**

- This day was created in the year 2001 by Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations (UN).
- Aim: To promote the consumption and benefits of milk around the world.
- The goal of this day is to provide us with a chance to raise awareness of and support in any manner possible initiatives related to the dairy industry.
- For 2023, the theme for World Milk Day will focus on the importance of dairy in the reduction of carbon footprints as well as providing nutritious foods and livelihoods.

7. The Global Day of Parents is observed every year on which date to recognize the critical role parents play in the lives of their children and the well-being of society as a whole \_\_\_\_\_ **June 1.**

**Note:**

- This day serves as an opportunity to honor and appreciate the dedication, love, and sacrifices of parents worldwide.
- The day emphasizes the importance of parental guidance in shaping the lives of children and promoting their overall well-being.

### New Appointments

1. Who has been appointed as MD and CEO of UCO Bank \_\_\_\_\_ **Ashwani Kumar.**

**Note:**

- He has replaced Soma Sankara Prasad, who superannuated on May 31, 2023.
- Prior to this, he served as an Executive Director at Indian Bank.
- He would lead the public sector bank for a period of three years from June 1, 2023.
- He would also be eligible for an extension of the term of office, after a review of his performance.

2. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director of Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI) \_\_\_\_\_ **Ajay Yadav.**

**Note:**

- He is a 2005 batch IAS officer of the Bihar cadre.
- SECI is a Miniratna Category-I Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE).



- It was incorporated in the year 2011.
  - It is the primary implementing agency of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy for Renewable Energy schemes/projects towards the fulfillment of India's international commitments.
3. Who assumed charge as Director General of Naval Armament (DGONA) on June 1, 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ **INAS, P Upadhyay.**  
**Note:**
- He has replaced KSC Iyer, who superannuated on 31 May 2023.
  - He is an alumnus of the Naval Defence College of NDC-53.
  - He belongs to the 1987 batch of the Indian Naval Armament Service.
  - He joined the Naval Armament Organization of the Indian Navy in 1989.
  - He is specialized in Missile and Torpedo Maintenance besides having vast knowledge of the disposal of ammunition.
4. Who has taken charge as a Chairman of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) on May 31, 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ **Amarendu Prakash.**  
**Note:**
- Prior to this, he was Director in charge at Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL).
  - He is a metallurgical engineer from BIT Sindhri and joined SAIL in 1991 as a Management Trainee (Technical).
  - He also took on additional charge as Director In-Charge of the Rourkela Steel Plant, IISCO, and Durgapur Steel Plant.
5. Who will be sworn in as the President of Turkish \_\_\_\_\_ **Recep Tayyip Erdogan**  
**Note:**
- Ambassador Virander Paul will be representing India at the ceremony
  - The inauguration ceremony in Parliament will be followed by an elaborate ceremony at Erdogan's palace in Ankara
  - He won the presidential run-off election by securing 52.18% of the vote, defeating his opponent Kemal Kilicdaroglu, who received 47.82% votes.
6. Who has been elected as the new President of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) for a 4-year term from 2023 to 2027 \_\_\_\_\_ **Abdulla Al Mandous.**  
**Note:**
- He emerged as the official candidate of the UAE and secured 95 votes out of the representatives from WMO's 193 member states and territories.
  - He succeeded Prof Gerhard Adrian.
  - WMO is an authoritative body within the UN system that focuses on weather, climate, environment, etc.
7. Who has assumed charge as the President of the World Bank, after replacing David Malpass, who stepped down on June 1, 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ **Ajay Banga.**  
**Note:**
- He has been appointed as the 14th President of the World Bank for a five-year term.
  - In February 2023, US President Joe Biden nominated Ajay Banga to lead the World Bank.
  - He has become the first-ever Indian-American to head the World Bank.
  - Prior to this role, he served as Vice Chairman at General Atlantic.

### Important News – India

1. Which ministry has launched the Electronics Repair Services Outsourcing (ERSO) Pilot initiative \_\_\_\_\_ **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (Meity).**  
**Note:**
- Aim: To validate certain transformational policy and process changes to make India the Repair Capital of the World
  - The pilot project is being conducted in Bengaluru and will run for three months.
  - The government has supported this project to make India a world leader in a hitherto untapped domain.
2. Which ministry will implement a pilot project of the World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in Cooperative Sector in at least ten selected districts \_\_\_\_\_ **Ministry of Cooperation.**  
**Note:**
- The Cabinet has approved the constitution and empowerment of an Inter-Ministerial Committee for the facilitation of the "World's Largest Grain Storage Plan in Cooperative Sector".
  - This will be done by the convergence of various schemes of the Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, and Ministry of Food Processing Industries.

- Ministry of Cooperation will implement a pilot project in at least ten selected districts.
3. According to the Statistics Ministry's provisional estimate, India's GDP is pegged to grow at what percent during the fiscal year 2022-23 \_\_\_\_\_ **7.2%**.

**Note:**

- The data is 20 basis points higher than the government's second advance estimate of 7%.
  - The GDP registered a growth of 6.1% in January-March 2023.
  - Quarterly terms in 2022-23: 13.1% growth (Q1), 6.2% (Q2), and 4.5% (Q3)
  - In the fourth quarter, the agricultural growth was estimated at 5.5% and Manufacturing growth at 4.5 %.
4. Which ministry has amended the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2004, to mandate the display of anti-tobacco warnings and disclaimers on over-the-top (OTT) platforms \_\_\_\_\_ **Union health ministry**.

**Note:**

- India has become the first country to make it mandatory for OTT platforms
  - To display anti-tobacco health spots of a minimum of 30 seconds each at the beginning and middle of a program
  - An audio-visual disclaimer of a minimum of 20 seconds on the ill effects of tobacco use
5. The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has introduced how many Indian standards related to Ayush \_\_\_\_\_ **31**.

**Note:**

- It encompassing 30 herbs and one product, the stainless steel neti pot.
  - BIS has established an additional department with a dedicated focus on Ayush for strengthening its standardization framework.
  - A Working Group on 'Traditional Medicine' established within the ISO/TC-215 'Health Informatics'.
  - BIS also initiated efforts to formulate international standards in collaboration with ISO
6. Which country is set to remain United Arab Emirates' (UAE) largest export destination by 2030, according to a new report by Standard Chartered titled 'Future of Trade: New opportunities in high-growth corridors' \_\_\_\_\_ **India**.

**Note:**

- The report forecasts that the UAE's exports will reach around USD 543 billion by 2030, showcasing a robust annual growth rate of 5.5%
  - It also highlights that trade corridors anchored in Asia, Africa, Middle East are expected to outpace the global trade growth rate by 4%.
7. Who has released the UGC (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2023 in New Delhi \_\_\_\_\_ **Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan**.

**Note:**

- These regulations will facilitate the creation of many more quality-focused deemed to be universities in an objective and transparent manner.
  - It will encourage universities to focus on quality and excellence and strengthen the research ecosystem and have a long-term impact in transforming the higher education landscape.
8. What is the name of maiden International Cruise Vessel that was flagged off from Chennai to Sri Lanka in Chennai on June 5, 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ **MV Empress**.

**Note:**

- It was built at a cost of 17.21 crore rupees.
  - This marks the beginning of the international cruise tourism terminal in Chennai.
  - For this cruise service, an MoU was signed in 2022 between Chennai Port and M/S Waterways Leisure Tourism Pvt Ltd to start domestic and international cruise services.
9. Who has released NHA's first 'Sustainability Report for FY2021-22' \_\_\_\_\_ **Union Minister Nitin Gadkari**.

**Note:**

- This report will cover NHA's governance structure, stakeholders, environment, and social responsibility initiatives.
  - From FY2019-20 to 2021-22, direct emissions were reduced by 18.44% and 9.49% due to less fuel consumption
  - Green House Gas Emissions saw a decline of 9.7% in FY2020-21 and 2% in FY2021-22
  - Similarly in operations, energy intensity in Giga Joules/km reduced by 27% in FY2021-22
10. Which organizations and Uttar Pradesh Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (UPRVUNL) signed an MoU in Lucknow \_\_\_\_\_ **NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL)**.

**Note:**

- Aim: To collaborate in the development of Renewable Energy Parks and Projects
- Signed by: Mohit Bhargava (CEO, NGEL) and Nidhi Kumar Narang (Director (Finance) UPRVUNL)

- NTPC is India's largest Power Utility, with a total installed capacity of about 72 GW.
  - UPRVUNL was constituted to set up and operate Power-generating stations in UP.
11. Which IIT and HCLTech signed an MoU for collaboration in the field of petroleum engineering and earth sciences \_\_\_\_\_ **IIT Kharagpur.**

**Note:**

- Aim: To develop innovative and sustainable solutions to address critical challenges of the petroleum industry, which include reduction of carbon footprint, and provide significant sustainable solutions towards net zero
  - HCLTech will provide opportunities to IIT-Kharagpur students and research scholars to undertake projects and internships at the company.
12. Which corporation and Vidhyut Utpadan Company Limited (VUCL), Nepal signed an MoU in New Delhi for the development of the Phukot Karnali Hydro Electric Project (480MW) in Nepal \_\_\_\_\_ **NHPC Limited.**

**Note:**

- The MoU was signed in the presence of PM Modi and Nepal PM Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda'.
  - The project will use the flow from the Karnali River for power generation and the generated power will be fed into the integrated power system of Nepal.
  - The installed capacity of the project shall be 480 MW.
13. Tata Group has signed an MoU with which state government to set up a first-ever lithium-ion cell manufacturing gigafactory \_\_\_\_\_ **Gujarat government.**

**Note:**

- This MOU is an outcome of the newly formulated Electronics Policy.
  - Estimated initial investment: 130 billion rupees
  - Production capacity: 20 GWh
  - The state government is committed to increasing carbon-free, energy-efficient, and clean energy production by boosting the production of electric vehicles and reducing carbon emissions.
14. The India-EU Connectivity Conference is being organized in which state on June 1, 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ **Meghalaya.**

**Note:**

- It is jointly organized by the Ministry of External Affairs, EU Delegation to India, and the Asian Confluence.
  - Aim: To explore possibilities of boosting connectivity investments in India's North Eastern States and with India's neighbours -- Nepal, Bhutan, and Bangladesh
  - It was inaugurated by Meghalaya CM Conrad Sangma, and MoS for External Affairs Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh.
15. India G20 - South Centre Event on International Taxation has been concluded successfully in which city \_\_\_\_\_ **Nagpur.**

**Note:**

- It was a two-day event on International Taxation was organized on the 1st and 2nd June at the National Academy of Direct Taxes, Nagpur in collaboration with South Centre, a Geneva-based intergovernmental policy research think-tank of 55 developing countries, including India.
  - It was an initiative of the Indian Presidency to bolster capacity building for Indian tax officials.
16. Which country will host the 2025 World Conservation Congress (WCC) of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) from October 10-21, 2025 \_\_\_\_\_ **UAE.**

**Note:**

- WCC: It is the world's largest and most important gathering of conservationists, and it is expected to draw more than 10,000 delegates from over 160 countries.
  - It is expected to bring an estimated 10,000-15,000 delegates from over 160 countries across the globe
17. The City Investments to Innovate, Integrate and Sustain 2.0 (CITIIS 2.0) has been approved for how many year \_\_\_\_\_ **Four years (2023-2027).**

**Note:**

- Conceived by: Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs in partnership with the French Development Agency, Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau, the European Union (EU), and National Institute of Urban Affairs.
  - Funding: A loan of Rs.1760 crore (EUR 200 million) from AFD and KfW and a technical assistance grant of Rs.106 cr. (EUR 12 million) from the EU.
18. Who has launched the Unified Registration Portal for GOBARdhan \_\_\_\_\_ **Minister for Jal Shakti, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.**

**Note:**

- Aim: One-stop repository to assess investment and participation in the Biogas/CBG sector at the pan India level and streamline the process of setting up CBG/Biogas plants
- GOBARdhan refers to Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan.



- It is an initiative of the Government of India, that aims to convert waste to wealth towards promoting a circular economy.
19. Which state government has launched Asia's largest, ambitious and historic cluster development scheme in \_\_\_\_\_ **Maharashtra.**
- Note:**
- This scheme was conceptualized for the collective redevelopment of unauthorized and official dangerous buildings after the collapse of the Sairaj Building in Thane.
  - The redeveloped township plan includes well-equipped health, educational, sports, recreational, parking, mandi, and civic facilities.
  - The project will be executed by the CIDCO.
20. Who has launched two schemes 'Amrit Dharohar' and 'MISHTI' to revive the country's wetlands and mangroves \_\_\_\_\_ **PM Modi.**
- Note:**
- Amrit Dharohar: To ensure the conservation of the existing Ramsar sites through public participation. These sites will become the center of eco-tourism and a source of green jobs for thousands of people
  - MISHTI: It refers to Mangrove Initiative for Shoresline Habitats and Tangible Incomes. It will help revive and protect the mangrove ecosystem in the country
21. The Ministry of Power and the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy joined hands to launch a National Mission titled MAHIR. What is the expanded form of MAHIR \_\_\_\_\_ **Mission on Advanced and High-Impact Research.**
- Note:**
- Aim: To quickly identify emerging technologies in the power sector and develop them indigenously, at scale, for deployment within and outside India
  - Funded by: Ministry of Power, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, and CPSEs under the two Ministries
  - Tenure: Five years, 2023-24 to 2027-28

### Important News – State

1. Which state government has signed an MoU with Bajaj Finserv to invest 5,000 crore rupees in Pune which is expected to create 40,000 jobs \_\_\_\_\_ **Maharashtra.**
- Note:**
- The MoU was signed by Harshdeep Kamble (Industry Secretary, Maharashtra) and S Sreenivasan (Chief Financial Officer, Bajaj Finserv).
  - The development will have a positive impact as it will create new jobs and business opportunities for partners, vendors, suppliers, and contractors in and around Pune, as well as globally.
2. Union MoS Jitendra Singh has inaugurated a two-day lavender festival in which state/UTs \_\_\_\_\_ **Bhaderwah, Jammu & Kashmir.**
- Note:**
- He also highlighted that Bhaderwah has emerged as the Lavender capital of India and agri StartUp destination.
  - CSIR, Indian Institute of Integrative Medicine, Jammu had organized the event as part of its 'One Week One Lab Campaign'
  - The CSIR-Aroma Mission is a flagship project of CSIR under which Lavender cultivation is being promoted in the temperate regions of J&K
3. Which state government launched the KFON \_\_\_\_\_ **Kerala.**
- Note:**
- KFON: Kerala Fibre Optic Network (KFON)
  - Aim: To ensure internet facilities for all at affordable rates in the State
  - This project will bridge the digital divide in the society.
  - During the first phase of the KFON initiative, Internet facilities will be provided to thirty thousand government institutions and fourteen thousand houses in the State.
4. Which state government has launched Chief Minister's Learn and Earn scheme to teach employable skills to the youth \_\_\_\_\_ **MP government.**
- Note:**
- The youth will also be given an allowance of Rs 8,000 to 10,000. 703 work areas have been identified for training
  - At least one lakh youth would be trained. The registration of establishments providing training to youth will start on June 7

- The registration of youth willing to learn work will start on 15th June. The youth will start working from 1st August.
  - 5. Which state government has launched the Nand Baba Milk Mission scheme at a cost of Rs 1,000 crore \_\_\_\_\_ **Uttar Pradesh**.
- Note:**
- Aim: To provide milk producers the facility of selling their milk at a reasonable price in villages through dairy cooperative societies
  - Under this mission, it is proposed to form a Dairy farmer producer organization (Dairy FPO) in order to facilitate the sale of milk in producers' villages itself.
  - UP is a leading state in the field of milk development and milk production.

### Important News- World

1. According to a report released by 'fDi Markets', which country has emerged as a key source country for FDI in Dubai, one of the wealthiest of the seven emirates in UAE \_\_\_\_\_ **India**.
- Note:**
- The top sectors by FDI projects from India into Dubai in 2022 were software & IT services (32%), business services (19%), consumer products, real estate, and financial services.
  - The top sectors by FDI capital from India into Dubai in 2022 were consumer products (28%).
2. According to the UN's Hunger Hotspots – FAO-WFP early warnings on acute food insecurity report, along with Afghanistan and Myanmar, which Indian neighboring country is listed in the hunger hotspots in the world \_\_\_\_\_ **Pakistan**.
- Note:**
- Globally Hunger is set to worsen in 18 'hotspots' comprising a total of 22 countries.
  - Highest Concern Nations: Afghanistan, Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan, and Yemen
  - Very High Concern Nations: Pakistan, the Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Kenya, Congo, and Syria
3. Which country named the cyclone 'Biparjoy', that would be intensified into a very severe storm as it moved nearly northwards with a speed of 2 kmph in the last 6 hours \_\_\_\_\_ **Bangladesh**.
- Note:**
- The cyclonic storms in the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea have been intensifying rapidly and retaining their intensity for a longer duration due to climate change.
  - The name Biparjoy was given to the cyclone by Bangladesh, which means "Disaster" in Bengali.
4. According to the report titled "GCC 4.0 – India Redefining the Globalization Blueprint", released by NASSCOM – Zinnov, India's Global Capability Centre (GCC) ecosystem will expand with over 1,900 GCCs and a market size of \$60 billion by which year \_\_\_\_\_ **2025**.
- Note:**
- As of FY23, India is home to 1,580 unique GCCs, with several global MNCs opting to establish their first global center outside of their headquarters in India.
  - The GCC market size in FY 23 was \$46 billion.
5. According to the 'The Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2023', which Indian university has emerged as India's highest-placed university \_\_\_\_\_ **Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Coimbatore**.
- Note:**
- The university is ranked at 52nd rank globally out of 1,591 universities.
  - Topped by: Western Sydney University followed by the University of Manchester (UK), Queen's University (Canada), Universiti Sains Malaysia, and the University of Tasmania
  - Amrita Vishwa stood out for its efforts toward meeting the UNSDGs.
6. Which organization has released its annual compendium, titled 'State of India's Environment 2023' \_\_\_\_\_ **Centre for Science and Environment (CSE)**.
- Note:**
- It is based on four parameters i.e. environment, agriculture, public health, and infrastructure.
  - Telangana was ranked at the top in terms of overall environmental performance and in terms of increasing forest cover.
  - In agriculture, MP takes the top slot and Delhi leads in public health.
  - Gujarat leads the rankings in public infrastructure.
7. Who released the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) Rankings 2023 on June 5, 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ **MoS for Education and External Affairs Rajkumar Ranjan Singh**.

**Note:**

- IIT Madras has emerged as the top college under the overall category for the fifth consecutive year and the best engineering institute for the eighth consecutive year.
  - Research category: IISc Bengaluru has earned the top spot
  - Agriculture and Allied Sectors: IARI, New Delhi
  - Medical category: AIIMS Delhi
8. According to a report titled 'The e-Conomy of a Billion Connected Indians' published by Google, Temasek and Bain & Company, India's internet economy is expected to grow six-fold to \$1 trillion by which year from \$175 billion in 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **2030.**

**Note:**

- The contribution of the Internet economy to India's technology sector would expand, from 48% to 62% in 2030.
- The report emphasizes that the growth will be spearheaded by the B2C e-commerce segment, followed by B2B, and SaaS providers.

### Honor & Awards

1. Which AIIMS has become the first of all AIIMS to receive National Accreditation Board for Hospitals(NABH) accreditation \_\_\_\_\_ **AIIMS Nagpur.**

**Note:**

- The NABH accreditation is a globally recognized standard for healthcare quality.
  - It assesses the performance of hospitals in various areas including patient care, safety, and organizational efficiency.
  - AIIMS Nagpur achieved this accreditation by demonstrating its commitment to excellence in all areas.
2. Which organization was honored with the prestigious 'Climate And Health' award at the UITP Awards 2023, Barcelona \_\_\_\_\_ **Brihanmumbai Electric Supply and Transport (BEST) Undertaking.**

**Note:**

- Additionally, BEST Undertaking was recognized as one of the top three finalists in the 'Public And Urban Transport Strategy' category.
  - UITP Awards are highly sought-after prizes in the field of public transport.
  - Recently, the BEST was also awarded for 'Smart Mobility' category by FICCI.
3. Who has conferred Suriname's highest civilian honor, The Grand Order of the Chain of Yellow Star, to President of India Droupadi Murmu \_\_\_\_\_ **Suriname President, Chandrikapersad Santokhi.**

**Note:**

- She is the first Indian to receive this award.
  - During her visit to Suriname, both countries signed MoUs in the fields of health, agriculture, and capacity building.
  - These MoUs include a Joint Work Plan for Cooperation in the Field of Agriculture and Allied Sectors for the period of 2023-2027.
4. Who has won the 2023 Michel Batisse Award for Biosphere Reserve Management from UNESCO \_\_\_\_\_ **Jagdish Bakan.**

**Note:**

- The 2017 batch officer of the IFS is currently the director of the Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve.
- The USD 12,000 award is given in memory of Dr. Michel Batisse for outstanding achievement in the management of biosphere reserves.
- He will receive the award from Unesco in Paris on June 14, 2023.

### Sports News

1. Which country's hockey team defeated Pakistan in the final of the Men's Junior Asia Cup 2023, held at the Sultan Qaboos Youth Complex Stadium in Salalah, Oman \_\_\_\_\_ **Indian Hockey Team.**

**Note:**

- This was India's fourth title at Men's Junior Asia Cup, after winning in 2004, 2008, and 2015.
  - With this title win, India has become the most successful country in the history of the Men's Junior Asia Cup.
  - While Pakistan is the second-most successful team in the tournament with three titles.
2. Name the Indian cyclist, who has bagged the bronze medal in the elite men's keirin event at a UCI Class 1 Event-Finale Bahnen-Tournee 2023 cycling competition in Germany \_\_\_\_\_ **Esow Alben.**

**Note:**

- He has also listed himself in being the first cyclist from India to participate in the UCI Champions League.
- Alben was also the first Indian who won a medal in a cycling world championship.
- Apart from Alben, Indian cyclist Ronaldo Singh Laitonjam finished 10th in the men's sprint event at Germany meet.

3. Third khelo India University games has been concluded at IIT BHU campus in which city \_\_\_\_\_ **Varanasi**.

**Note:**

- Punjab University, Chandigarh regain champions crown as Guru Nanak Dev University fall short despite Fencing sweep on final day, after a gap of one edition of the Khelo India University Games.
- PUC finished with an overall tally of 69 medals including 26 gold, 17 silver and 26 bronze medals
- As many as 131 of the 203 Universities who finally participated at the Games.

4. Name the Indian sprinter, who has bagged two gold medals in the men's 100 and 200-meter races category at the Flanders Cup 2023 athletics in Merksem, Belgium \_\_\_\_\_ **Amlan Borgohain**.

**Note:**

- He clocked 10.70 seconds to emerge as the fastest man of the meet.
- He holds the 100-meter national record of 10.25 seconds and holds 20.96 seconds in the 200-meter.
- Meanwhile, Sapna Kumari finished behind Belgium's Amber Vanden Bosch in the women's 100m hurdles after clocking 14.10.

5. Indian shooters Abhinav Shaw and \_\_\_\_\_ have bagged gold in the final of 10 meter Air Rifle Mixed Team event at the ISSF World Cup Junior 2023 in Suhl, Germany \_\_\_\_\_ **Gautami Bhanot**.

**Note:**

- The Indian team of Shaw and Bhanot registered a 17-7 win over the French pairing of Oceanne Mueller and Romain Aufrere in the gold medal match.
- With this, India now has two gold medals, one silver, and one bronze from the World Cup after two days of competition.

6. On the opening day, India won three medals (including two gold) at the 2023 Asian Under 20 Athletics Championships campaign, which is being held in which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Yecheon, South Korea**.

**Note:**

- Rezoana Mallick Heena and Bharatpreet Singh kicked off clinched gold medals in women's 400-meter race and men's discus throw respectively.
- Henna clocked 53.31 seconds to take the top position on the podium.
- Antima Pal won the third medal for India, a bronze, in the women's 5,000-meter race.

7. Who has clinched the pole position at the Spanish Grand Prix 2023 extending his lead in the Formula One championship by 53 points \_\_\_\_\_ **Max Verstappen (Red Bull Driver)**.

**Note:**

- Red Bull's dominance continued as they celebrated their seventh consecutive triumph of the season.
- While Mercedes driver, Lewis Hamilton (seven-time world champion) has secured the second spot for Mercedes, followed by George Russell (Mercedes driver).

8. Who won the 23rd Dubai Open 2023 for the second consecutive year, at the 23rd edition of the Dubai Chess Open, organized by Dubai Chess & Culture Club \_\_\_\_\_ **GM Aravindh Chithambaram (India)**.

**Note:**

- A total of 172 participants (in category A) from more than 46 different countries participated in this tournament.
- A total of 9 rounds were played in Swiss format.
- He became one of only two players to win back-to-back championships in the history of the Dubai Open Chess Tournament.

9. Who has clinched the gold medal in the men's shot put with a personal best throw of 19.52 metres at the Under 20 Asian Athletics Championships in Yecheon, South Korea \_\_\_\_\_ **Siddharth Choudhary**.

**Note:**

- Three other players Sharuk Khan (3000-metre steeplechase), Shivam Lohakare (Javelin), and Susmita (Long Jump) have also clinched the silver medals in their respective events.
- While Shakeel (800 metres) and the mixed relay team won the bronze medal.

## Books and Authors

1. Who has authored the book titled 'Nalanda' \_\_\_\_\_ **Abhay K**.

**Note:**

- The book will be published by Penguin Random House India.
  - The book delves into the history of the ancient seat of learning in Bihar.
  - It is his highly anticipated book which is set to take readers on an enlightening journey through time and history.
  - The book is scheduled to release in October next year in 2024 from the Vintage imprint.
2. The book titled, 'The Power of One Thought: Master Your Mind, Master Your Life' is authored by whom \_\_\_\_\_ **BK Shivani.**

**Note:**

- The book published by HarperCollins India.
  - This book will bring the perfect thought booster, an empowering book that is an essential guide to unleashing the power of the mind, where it all begins from, to make that dream life happen.
  - Brahma Kumari (BK) Sister Shivani, a Rajyog Meditation practitioner for over 25 years has become a household name for her refreshing and pragmatic take on life.
3. Who authored the book titled "Kathakali Dance Theatre: A Visual Narrative of Sacred Indian Mime" \_\_\_\_\_ **KK Gopalakrishnan.**

**Note:**

- The book offers a behind-the-scenes look into the world of Kathakali, focusing on the green room, artists' struggles, and the unique bonds forged during long make-up hours.

### Science and Defence

1. Name the Hyderabad-based CSIR which has joined a global research group in the development of an algorithm along the lines of ChatGPT for genetics \_\_\_\_\_ **Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB).**

**Note:**

- This algorithm uses genome sequencing data instead of human language to predict disease-causing genetic mutations in patients.
  - The group has generated a huge catalogue of genomic information for primates that have been ever produced.
2. India successfully launched the Medium-Range Ballistic Missile, Agni-1 from the APJ Abdul Kalam Islands, which is located in which state \_\_\_\_\_ **Odisha.**

**Note:**

- It was carried out by the Strategic Forces Command, which is responsible for the management and administration of the country's tactical and nuclear assets
  - Agenda: To validate all operational and technical parameters of the missile
  - Agni series of missiles includes Agni-1(700km), Agni-2 (2000), Agni-3 (3000), Agni-4 (4000), and Agni-5 (5000)
3. Which country's navy has undertaken several green initiatives and shared some of the noteworthy initiatives towards a 'Clean and Green Navy' \_\_\_\_\_ **Indian Navy.**

**Note:**

- It employs a number of ships, submarines, and aircraft that have high energy intensity, thus increased energy efficiency is paramount in every operation.
  - It has commissioned solar power with a cumulative capacity of 15.87 MW, with the objective of fulfilling the government's 'Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission.
4. The Indian Navy and which organization have successfully engaged and destroyed an underwater target using 'Varunastra' Heavy Weight Torpedo (HWT) \_\_\_\_\_ **DRDO.**

**Note:**

- It is a significant milestone in the Indian Navy and DRDO for accurate delivery of ordnance on target in the underwater domain.
- The Indian Navy and Naval Science and Technology Laboratory (NSTL) of DRDO developed 'Varunastra', an advanced Heavy Weight anti-submarine torpedo.



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