

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

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. Which bank has partnered with the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad's (IIM-A) startup incubator Centre for Innovation, Incubation & Entrepreneurship to promote tech _____ **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)**.
Note:
 - Aims: To promote Deep Tech and science-led Innovation by facilitating access to seed capital.
 - Objective: To support startups with meritorious ideas and technologies important for India's goals for 2047 to become self-reliant.
2. According to the data released by the Ministry of Commerce, India's eight core sectors have registered a growth of what percent in June 2023 _____ **8.2 percent**.
Note:
 - The growth rate of 8.2 percent in June for India's eight key infrastructure sectors, which include coal, crude oil, steel, cement, electricity.
 - The core sector growth for May has been revised upward from 4.3 percent to 5.0 percent.
 - The core sector growth in June 2022 was 13.1 percent.
3. Which bank hosted the first edition of 'KBL - FinOne', a fintech partnership event, in Bengaluru in July 2023 _____ **Karnataka Bank**.
Note:
 - Objective: To develop innovative business models, provide a seamless banking experience and offer a complete product suite.
 - The first edition of 'KBL - FinOne' featured over 30 speakers from various fintech, delving into some of the interesting and relevant topics such as emerging lending models, neo-banks.
4. According to the finance ministry, the gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenues for the month of July 2023 are what percent higher than the GST revenues in the July 2022 _____ **11%**.
Note:
 - It is for the fifth time since the rollout of the regime that the gross GST collection crossed the Rs 1.65 lakh crore mark.
 - The total revenue of Centre and the States in the month of July 2023 after regular settlement was Rs 69,558 crore for CGST and Rs 70,811 crore for the SGST.
5. According to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, how much percent GST on casinos and online gaming is expected to be implemented from the 1st of October _____ **28 percent**.
Note:
 - 28% GST would be applicable on the amount being paid at the entry level for online gaming.
 - GST Council recommended certain amendments in the CGST Act 2017 and IGST Act 2017, including amendment in Schedule III of CSGT Act, 2017, to provide clarity on the taxation of supplies in casinos, horse racing and online gaming.
6. According to the S&P, India's gross domestic product is expected to grow at a rate of what percent per year from fiscal year 2024 to FY 2031 _____ **6.7%**.
Note:
 - Growth is projected to elevate India's GDP from \$3.4 trillion in fiscal year 2023 to \$6.7 trillion.
 - As per S&P Global, the rating agency, the per capita GDP is anticipated to increase to around \$4,500.
 - The main factor driving Indian growth is capital accumulation.
 - Investment as a proportion of GDP reached a 10-year high of 34% in fiscal 2023.

7. Capital markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India has canceled the registration of which organization as a stock broker in August 2023 _____ **Metals and Minerals Trading Corp of India(MMTC) Ltd.**

Note:

- Reason: Its involvement in illegal "paired contracts" in a case pertaining to now defunct National Spot Exchange Ltd (NSEL) in Aug 2023
- While cancelling the licence, Sebi directed MMTC to allow its existing clients to withdraw or transfer their securities or funds held by it within 15 days.

8. The combined market valuation of seven of the top-10 most valued firms eroded by what amount in first week of Aug 2023 _____Rs 1,09,947.86 crore.

Note:

- State Bank of India taking the biggest hit, with a weak trend in the stock market.
- The valuation of SBI tumbled Rs 38,197.34 crore to Rs 5,11,603.38 crore.
- First week of Aug 2023, the BSE benchmark fell by 438.95 points or 0.66 percent.
- Tata Consultancy Services, HDFC Bank, and Infosys observed an increase in their market capitalization.

9. In the April-June quarter of 2023-24, the financial results of which Indian bank revealed a significant rise in quarterly profit to ₹16,884 crore, compared to ₹6,068 crore in the corresponding quarter of 2022 _____ **State Bank of India.**

Note:

- Net income also more than doubled to ₹18,537 crore from ₹7,325 crore in 2022
- Net interest income showed marginal deterioration while loan loss provisions more than doubled, leading to SBI shares tanking nearly 3 per cent on bourses.

Obituaries

1. Namdeo Dhondo Mahanor, who passed away, was a veteran _____ **Marathi poet.**

Note:

- He became a popular name in the field of poetry due to his poetry which had essence of nature.
- He also penned several songs for classic Marathi movies like Jait Re Jait, Ek Hota Vidushak and Sarja.
- In the field of literature, he was awarded with the fourth highest civilian award of the country ,Padm Shri.
- He had also been a member of the state legislative council.

2. N Vittal, who passed away in Chennai, was an/a _____ **IAS officer.**

Note:

- He was a former Telecom Secretary and Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC).
- As Chairman of the Telecom Commission, he also initiated the process of liberalization in the telecom sector and played a major role in getting the National Telecom Policy 1994 approved.
- He authored a book titled Corruption in India - The Roadblock to National Prosperity.

3. Gaddar, who passed away in Hyderabad, was a famous _____ **Folk singer.**

Note:

- His contribution to people's movements in the combined Andhra Pradesh during the peak of the Naxal movement fetched him a cult status among the Telugu-speaking population.
- His role in the Telangana agitation cannot be forgotten and his iconic song – Podustunna Poddu Meeda Nadustunna Kaalama Poru Telanganama – was a must in every meeting of the Telangana agitation.

Important Days

1. World Wide Web Day is a day dedicated to web browsing and is celebrated on which date _____ **August 1.**

Note:

- Aims: To highlight the importance of the web in improving people's lives by facilitating communication, access to information and resources, education and empowerment.
- The World Wide Web was created between 1989 and 1993 by Sir Tim Berners-Lee when he was employed at CERN (the European Organisation for Nuclear Research).

2. Muslim Women's Rights Day is observed across the nation on which date to celebrate the enactment of the law against triple talaq _____ **August 1.**

Note:

- The central gov enacted the law on August 1, 2019, that has made the practice of instant triple talaq a criminal offense.

- The government has strengthened the self-reliance, self-respect and self-confidence of the Muslim women of the country and protected constitutional, fundamental and democratic rights by bringing the law against the triple talaq.
- 3. National Handloom Day is observed on which date _____ **August 7.**
Note:
 - Goal: To pay tribute to the huge handloom community in the country for their contribution to carrying on the traditional heritage and ensuring financial stability.
 - Aims: To preserve India's handloom tradition and to provide more prospects for the people associated with the handloom industry.
 - This Day in India celebrates the Swadeshi Movement that began in Bengal to rely on Indian-made goods and boycott foreign goods.
- 4. Which week commenced on August 1 while it concludes on August 7 _____ **World Breastfeeding Week.**
Note:
 - Aim: To emphasize regular breastfeeding for babies.
 - Breastfeeding is extremely crucial for the healthy growth and development of an infant.
 - 2023 theme: Let's make breastfeeding and work, work!
- 5. Which states Cultural community celebrates Aadi Perukku, also known as Pathinettam Perukku _____ **Tamil Nadu.**
Note:
 - It is an auspicious festival to honor the monsoon season and the fertility of the soil.
 - Aadi Perukku is celebrated on August 3rd, coinciding with the 18th day of the Tamil month of Aadi.
- 6. World Lung Cancer Day is observed every year on which date and it has been celebrated on the same date since 2012 _____ **August 1.**
Note:
 - It was first marked to raise awareness around the deadly disease and encourage more research on it to break the stigma around the disease.
 - The campaign for World Lung Cancer Day was recognized in the year 2012 though the momentum was set in the preceding years.

New Appointments

- 1. Who has been elected as a member of the Board of Directors and a Constituency Director at BRICS' New Development Bank _____ **Thuraiya Hamid Alhashmi.**
Note:
 - With her appointment at the multilateral bank, She become the first Emirati and Arab woman to assume a Director's position
 - She will contribute to the UAE's financial interests on a global scale and in various financial sectors.
- 2. Who was appointed as the Corporate Vice President of Microsoft India and South Asia by the company in Aug 2023 _____ **Puneet Chandok.**
Note:
 - He will be responsible for the seamless integration of Microsoft's operations across South Asian countries, including Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka.
 - His focus will be on key industries, employing a customer-centric approach empowered by generative AI technology.
 - He was a Partner at McKinsey in India and Asia.
- 3. Name the Cabinet Secretary, whose tenure has been extended by 1-year _____ **Rajiv Gauba.**
Note:
 - This marks his third extension in the same position.
 - He is a 1982-batch IAS officer of the Jharkhand and former Union home secretary, in 2019
 - He received a one-year extension in 2021, and subsequently, another extension in August of the preceding year.

Important News – India

- 1. Union Minister for Women and Child Development Smriti Zubin Irani will inaugurate the G20 EMPOWER Summit in which city _____ **Gandhinagar.**
Note:
 - Theme- 'Women-Led Development

- Aims: To accelerate women's leadership and empowerment in the private sector across G20 countries.
 - Objective: To ensure sustainable, inclusive, and equitable global economic growth.
 - Highlights: G20 EMPOWER agenda including the G20 EMPOWER Tech Equity Digital Inclusion Platform and the Best Practices Playbook
2. Which organization has introduced the creation of an online platform National Digital Nagrik Forum(NDNF) to advance the rights of traders and consumers and other sections of society and shape policy to boost the digital trade economy _____ Confederation of All India Traders.
- Note:**
- NDNF will focus on five core themes. First, consumer protection and online safety with a core focus on efficient grievance redressal.
 - Objectives: To conduct awareness camps, digital and physical dialogues and training
3. Which organization has observed that Earth saw its first Plastic Overshoot Day which means the point at which the amount of plastics exceeds the global waste management capacity _____ **Earth Action.**
- Note:**
- India is among the 12 countries which are responsible for 52% of the world's mismanaged plastic waste.
 - When it comes to plastic consumption on a per-person basis, the world's worst offender is Iceland
 - The global average consumption of plastic per person per year is 20.9 kg
4. Which ministry has launched the National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction _____ **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.**
- Note:**
- Objective: To reach out to the masses and spread awareness about substance use with a focus on higher educational Institutions, university campuses & schools, reaching out & identifying dependent populations, focusing on counseling & treatment facilities in hospitals, and Capacity building programs for service providers.
5. The Government has launched a digital crop survey in how many states on a pilot basis from Kharif season of this year for better sowing data collection _____ **12 states.**
- Note:**
- Aims: To create a single and verified source of truth about the crop sown data which is useful for accurate crop area estimation and development of farmers' solutions
 - The 12 selected states are Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Odisha, Assam and Telangana
6. According to data released by private forecaster Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy, the total unemployment rate fell to what percent in July 2023, from 8.45% in June 2023 _____ **7.95%.**
- Note:**
- Rural unemployment rate fell to 7.89%, from 8.73% in June, while the urban unemployment rate ticked up, to 8.06% from 7.87% in the same period
 - Rural unemployment rate falls due to increased demand for laborers for farming work
 - Labour force rate in urban areas also fell, indicating a broader weakness in the economy.
7. The Government will launch the e-CARe portal to facilitate the swift transfer of mortal remains of Indians who die abroad. What is the correct form of e-CARe _____ **e-Clearance for Afterlife Remains.**
- Note:**
- Aims: To avoid delay during the transportation of the deceased human remains across international borders.
 - According to Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, through this portal intimation will be sent through email, SMS, and WhatsApp to the Central International Health Division, Nodal Officer and the Airlines.
8. President Draupadi Murmu will inaugurate the national festival of India's folk and tribal expressions "Utkarsh" and the international literature festival "Unmesh" in which Indian city _____ **Bhopal.**
- Note:**
- Culture Department Madhya Pradesh along with Sangeet Natak Akademi and Sahitya Akademi of the Ministry of Culture is organizing this event from 3rd to 5th August.
 - The international literature festival Unmesh is Asia's largest literary convention
 - 15 countries will participate in the Unmesh festival.
9. Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar jointly launched which portal in New Delhi to simplify international students academic journey in India _____ **Study in India (SII).**
- Note:**
- Aim: To provide comprehensive information about Indian Higher Education Institutions and to provide an integrated one-stop solution for the student registration and visa application process.
 - It will present information about the academic facilities, research support.

10. Which organization has launched the 'Rajmargyatra,' a citizen-centric unified mobile application _____ **National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).**

Note:

- Aim: To create a seamless, user-friendly experience for highway users
- The user-centric app marks a substantial advancement in providing travelers with comprehensive information about Indian National Highways
- It provides real-time weather updates, timely broadcast notifications and details about nearby toll plazas, petrol stations and hospitals

11. The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, Sarbananda Sonowal launched Port Health Organisation (PHO) module under which portal _____ **Sagar Setu - National Logistics Portal (Marine).**

Note:

- Aim: To streamline operations, promoting Ease of Doing Business (EODB) and ensuring the health and safety of citizens and port workers
- It would conduct disease surveillance, health inspections, and quarantine measures, leveraging technology to modernize and digitize processes.

12. Along with 'ketoprofen', which drug has been prohibited for the production, sale, and distribution _____ **aceclofenac.**

Note:

- According to a notification issued by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the production, sale, and distribution of 'ketoprofen' and 'aceclofenac', along with their formulations, for animal use are prohibited under section 26A of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940.
- The recommendation for this ban was made by the Drugs Technical Advisory Board (DTAB).
- DTAB is the apex authority for making statutory decisions on technical drug-related matters in India.

13. Which Public sector company and Russian company Metrowagonmash is on course to manufacture and supply around 120 Vande Bharat trains to Indian Railways, at a cost of ₹120 crore per train _____ **Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd (RVNL).**

Note:

- The RVNL wants a larger share of 69%, leaving 26% for Metrowagonmash and 5% for a third partner, Locomotive Electronic Systems
- Blue-and-white trains, with AC, are expected to be manufactured at a railway factory in Maharashtra.

14. Cabinet has approved an outlay of what amount for BharatNet, the government's project for last-mile connectivity across 6.4 lakh villages in the country in Aug 2023 _____ **₹1.39 lakh crore.**

Note:

- It is one of the biggest rural telecom projects in the world, implemented in a phased manner to all 2.5 lakh gram panchayats in the country for last-mile broadband connectivity
- Cabinet has approved ₹1,39,579 crore fund for providing last-mile optical fiber-based connectivity to homes in all the villages

15. The Finance Ministry has imposed a definitive anti-dumping duty on certain optical fibre imports from which countries _____ **China, South Korea and Indonesia.**

Note:

- Aim: To give some relief to the domestic optical fibre industry reeling under the adverse impact of low-price and low-quality imports.
- The anti-dumping duty ranges from \$122 per kfk to \$857.23 per kfk, with the commodity being traded in kfk (fibre kilometres).
- Optical fibres are used to transmit data in the form of light pulses.

16. Which ministry is implementing the scheme of "Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana" in August 2023 _____ **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.**

Note:

- Objective: To provide the senior citizens, suffering from any of the age related disability/infirmity, with assisted living devices that can restore near normalcy in their bodily functions,
- Scheme: In the assessment camp, the ALIMCO identifies the beneficiaries, suffering from the age related disability, for required aids & appliances.

17. According to Minister of State for the Ministry Of Rural Development, Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti informed that the Centre owes what amount in dues to states and Union Territories under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme _____ **Rs 6,366 crore.**

Note:

- Central government owes the highest amount – Rs 2,770 crore – to West Bengal.
 - MGNREGS aims to enhance livelihood security in rural areas by providing at least 100 days of wage employment in a financial year to unskilled manual work.
- 18.** Which organization/commission has developed an application named MASI for real-time monitoring of the Child Care Institutions _____ **National Commission for Protection of Child Rights.**
- Note:**
- MASI stands for Monitoring App for Seamless Inspection.
 - The effective and efficient functioning of the mechanism for inspection of CCIs provided under the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 (as amended in 2021) and synchronous monitoring of the system is the rationale behind developing this comprehensive application.
- 19.** According to the Gov, a valid License for imports of laptops, tablets, and personal computers will be required from which date _____ **1st November 2023.**
- Note:**
- The Centre has said that there is no ban on the import of IT Hardware as such devices can be imported after obtaining a valid license by companies or traders.
 - Directorate General of Foreign Trade has prepared a portal, for getting a license by applying online
 - Gov has notified Production Linked Incentive Scheme 2.0 for IT Hardware.
- 20.** India is set to host its inaugural World Coffee Conference, organized by the International Coffee Organization (ICO), in which Indian city _____ **Bengaluru.**
- Note:**
- ICO serves as the chief intergovernmental organization aimed at advancing coffee trade and encouraging collaboration among coffee-producing and consuming countries
 - K G Jagadeesha, CEO, and Secretary of Coffee Board of India, revealed that tennis player Rohan Bopanna would endorse the event as its brand ambassador.
- 21.** Which organization and Centre for Development of Telematics have signed MoU to establish the mechanism of technical and institutional cooperation in telecommunications _____ **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).**
- Note:**
- According to Secretary of the Department of Telecommunication T K Rajaraman, this partnership will open new horizons in policy research, regulatory studies, and knowledge dissemination of upcoming technologies in the telecom and broadcasting sectors.
- 22.** Which organization and Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) have signed a MoU for 1,000 Divyangjans _____ **National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Limited.**
- Note:**
- Aim: To provide CSR support for distribution of aids and assistive devices to around 1,000 Divyangjans (Persons with Disabilities) in the vicinity of NHPC Projects located in North and North Eastern states.
- 23.** Which educational society have signed MoU with the All India Football Federation (AIFF) to promote football at the grassroots level _____ **Subroto Mukherjee Sports Education Society (SMSES).**
- Note:**
- SMSES would form a Subroto XI team under Junior Boys (Under-17) from this edition onwards.
 - According to SMSES member Alok Sharma that the team will also participate in AIFF Youth Competition from the 2023-24 season.
 - Workshop will be held by AIFF for coaches to update and educate them.
- 24.** Which state government signed two MoUs with the union education ministry, under the Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan and the Pradhan Mantri e-Vidya in New Delhi _____ **Arunachal Pradesh.**
- Note:**
- The first MoU is for the implementation of the newly launched PM-USHA, signed on behalf of the state's higher & technical education directorate
 - The second one is the MoU for the launching of PM e-Vidya, signed on behalf of the State Council of Educational Research & Training.
- 25.** The Ministry of Railways and which Institution signed a MoU in Secunderabad to establish the India 5G testbed at the Indian Railway Institute of Signal Engineering and Telecommunications (IRISET) _____ **IIT Madras.**
- Note:**
- Aim: To enhance its operational efficiency, passenger experience and overall safety
 - It would serve as a cutting-edge facility to conduct comprehensive trials of 5G-enabled applications tailored for Railway operations.

26. The Bureau of Indian Standards signed an MoU with how many prestigious institutions for fostering collaboration in standardization and conformity assessment _____ **35**.

Note:

- The institutions included some prominent NITs, Government and Private Engineering colleges from different states nationwide.
- It will pave the way for the partner institutions to participate in standardization activities by associating with the technical committees of the Bureau at the national and international levels.

27. India has handed over INR 450 million in advance to which country to fund its unique digital identity project in Aug 2023 _____ **Sri Lanka**.

Note:

- It is the most crucial step in the island nation's digitalization program being implemented through the Indian grant assistance.
- Aims: To collect biographic and biometric information which will be stored in a centralised system to issue identification cards as per the standards set by the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).

28. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman laid the foundation stone for an archeological museum at Adichanallur, located in which Indian city _____ **Tamil Nadu**.

Note:

- Objective: To focus on establishing the significance of the archaeological sites identified as part of the cultural landscape of the Thamirabarani valley, not limiting to the site of Adichanallur.
- Adichanallur was one of the five archaeological sites declared to be developed as 'Iconic Sites' in the Union Budget 2020-21.

29. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched work on the redevelopment of how many railway stations in the State under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme _____ **13**.

Note:

- Out of 508, 13 stations are listed in Karnataka.
- Aims: To transform and modernize 1,309 railway stations across the nation and enhance the overall passenger experience and make them world-class travel hubs.
- Gov is working to transform the railway stations across the country in line with its vision of 'Naya Bharat'.

Important News – State

1. The University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS) will be opening a first-of-its-kind museum on its campus in which Indian city _____ **Bengaluru**.

Note:

- Minister of Agriculture N. Cheluvaryaswamy would inaugurate the museum.
- Aim: To introduce the evolution of agricultural practices into the lives of students and the general public increasingly cut-off from the experience by the "urban buzz".
- The museum will serve as a one-stop solution where they can get information about agriculture.

2. Which state cabinet approved the Water Tourism and Adventure Sports Policy 2023 _____ **Uttar Pradesh**.

Note:

- Aims: To make the state a water tourism and adventure sports destination.
- According to Tourism Minister Jaiveer Singh, this policy will be valid for 10 years from the date notified by the state government
- The policy will be applicable to all inland land-based, air-based and all adventure activities to be carried out on various water bodies and land parcels in the state.

Important News- World

1. Bhutan's Tiger population has increased by what percent since its last count in 2015 _____ **27 percent**.

Note:

- The latest survey estimates there are now 131 tigers in the country.
- It reflected the success of Tiger conservation efforts in the South Asian Himalayan landlocked nation situated between China and India.
- It was in 2010 that Bhutan continued its commitment to protecting its wildlife when the country joined the global effort to double the number of tigers in the wild by 2022.

- According to which climate change service report, the oceans have hit their hottest-ever recorded temperature as they soak up warmth from climate change _____ **EU**.

Note:

- The average daily global sea surface temperature beat a 2016 record this week as it reached 20.96C.
- That is far above the average for this time of year.
- The broken temperature record follows a series of marine heatwaves this year including in the UK, the North Atlantic, the Mediterranean, and the Gulf of Mexico.

Honor & Awards

- The Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2023 in Pune conferred to whom _____ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**.

Note:

- The 41st recipient of this award will be the PM.
- Every year on 1st August, the death anniversary of Lokmanya Tilak, this award is bestowed upon individuals who have made remarkable and extraordinary contributions to the progress and development of the nation.
- To inaugurate the services of the completed second phase of the Pune Metro, the PM will flag off the metro rail.

- Which organization received the prestigious "Best Managed Pharmaceutical Sustainable Organizations 2023" award _____ **Medec Dragon Pvt Ltd**.

Note:

- While Deepak Shenoy, Managing Director of Medec Dragon was honored as the "Global Visionary Entrepreneur of the year 2023" at the 6th Edition of South Asia Pacific Healthcare Summit & Business Award 2023.
- The event was organized by BrandsCouncil Ratings & Medilinks in Mumbai.
- The awards were presented by India's first Mrs. World, Aditi Govitrikar.

- Who bagged the 'Best Actor' trophy, the film's cinematographer Piyush Puty won the award for 'Best Cinematography' at the Durban International Film Festival 2023 _____ **Manoj Bajpayee**.

Note:

- The film is a psychological thriller about a hunted displaced man who is on the run to protect his daughter directed by Devashish Makhija.
- The film also deals with issues such as social inequalities, injustice with the tribal communities and deforestation.

- Who was honoured with the Diversity in Cinema Award at the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne 2023 _____ **Mrunal Thakur**.

Note:

- The recognition comes as she completes a year of having made her debut in South Indian Cinema with Telugu film Sita Ramam (2022)
- The award is a recognition of her versatile performances across films of different languages.
- The actor, who made her film with "Love Sonia", and then featured in movies such "Super 30", "Toofan", "Jersey".

- Which state bagged the Best Performing State award 2023 in cadaver organ donation _____ **Tamil Nadu**.

Note:

- Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya presented the Best State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation award to Health Minister Ma Subramanian at the 13th Indian Organ Donation Day function held in New Delhi.
- Tamil Nadu leads all Indian states in organ donations with 1,705 people donating their organs and saving 6,247 human lives.

Sports News

- Sangampreet Singh Bisla and Avneet Kaur bagged gold medals each in the individual events in World University Games 2023 in China, are associated with which sports _____ **Archery**.

Note:

- Indian archers defeated South Africa's de Klerk in a finale.
- India bagged a total of nine gold, three silver, and five bronze medals, securing fourth position.
- China with 17 gold, 5 silver, and 4 bronze medals, followed by Korea with 10 gold, 10 silver, and 5 bronze medals, and Japan with 10 gold, 6 silver, and 7 bronze medals.

- Who secured her fourth Women's Tennis Association title of the year 2023 by defeating Germany's Laura Siegemund in Warsaw _____ **Polish Player Iga Swiatek**.

Note:

- He currently holds the position of world No. 1 in singles according to the Women's Tennis Association rankings.
- She has earned the title of four-time major singles champion, conquering the French Open in 2020, 2022, and 2023 as well as the US Open in 2022.
- She became the first player from Poland to achieve a major singles title.

3. Stuart Broad announced his retirement, is associated with which sports _____ **Cricket.**

Note:

- He sits fifth on the all-time list of wicket-takers and is one of only two fast bowlers to take over 600 wickets
- He has also played in 167 test matches, 121 one-day internationals, and 56 international T20 games.
- In Test cricket, he stands as the sole English player boasting two hat-tricks to his credit
- Broad is only the second fast bowler and second bowler for England to reach the milestone

4. Who beat Indonesian Jonatan Christie to bag the men's singles title at the Japan Open 2023 in Tokyo _____ **Viktor Axelsen.**

Note:

- While Korean An Se-young outplayed He Bing Jiao of China to win the women's singles crown
- World number one Axelsen, who recently retained his European title in Poland, to win his third BWF title of the year.
- In the women's singles, world number two is Se Young from Korea.

5. Former Uruguay captain Diego Godin announced his retirement from which sports after a remarkable career spanning two decades _____ **Professional football.**

Note:

- He made 627 professional appearances, scored 38 goals, and earned 10 titles, including two Europa League trophies and three UEFA Super Cups, all during his captaincy at Atletico Madrid
- He participated in four World Cups and spent a significant part of his club career in Spain.

6. Who has become as India's top chess player, surpassing Viswanathan Anand in Aug 2023 _____ **Grandmaster Gukesh D.**

Note:

- He qualified for the third round of FIDE World Cup 2023, secured victory against Azerbaijani Misratdin Iskandarov.
- He holds a live rating of 2755.9 in Classic chess, slightly edging out Anand, whose live rating stands at 2754.0.
- He now holds the 9th position in the live rankings, while the five-time World champion Anand has slipped to 10th place.

7. At the World University Games 2023 in China, which team secured a gold medal in the mixed archery team _____ **Indian archery Aman Saini and Pragati.**

Note:

- They defeat Korea's Sua Cho and Seunghyun Park to claim the top spot on the podium.
- Presently, India holds the fourth position in the overall medal standings.
- The bronze medal in the compound team event was secured by Ming-ching Lin and Z-wei Wu from Chinese Taipei.
- Indians won two more medals in archery in men's and women's team events

8. Who has become the first-ever Indian to clinch the individual World Title at the World Archery Championships final 2023 in Berlin _____ **Aditi Swami.**

Note:

- In the final, she defeated Andrea Becerra of Mexico, 149-147 in the summit clash of the compound women's event.
- Conversely, India's Ojas Deotale also created history after defeating Lukasz Przybylski of Poland in a thrilling final to become the new world champion in Men's Individual compound event.

9. Which organization under the Umbrella Campaign 'Cheer4India' has launched a short movie series 'Halla Bol' on the journey of Asian Games-bound athletes _____ **Sports Authority of India (SAI).**

Note:

- Aim: To motivate them for Hangzhou Asian Games and spread awareness about the upcoming Asian Games
- This initiative will also motivate youngsters in the country to take up sports.
- A similar movie series, 'Olympics ki Aasha,' was launched before the Tokyo Olympics.

10. Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh inaugurated the opening ceremony of which edition of Durand Cup today at SAI Stadium which marked the grand beginning of the annual football competition for the first time in the Assamese city _____ **132nd.**

Note:

- The mega event is being organized by the Indian Army in association with Assam Government and Bodo Territorial Region.
- The inaugural ceremony was followed by the opening match of the tournament between Bodoland FC and Rajasthan United FC.

Books and Authors

1. Name the Indian-origin author based in London, has been selected for the 2023 Booker Prize longlist with her debut novel 'Western Lane' _____ **Chetna Maroo.**

Note:

- The novel, set in the British Gujarati milieu, skillfully uses the sport of squash as a metaphor for intricate human emotions, earning praise from the Booker judges.
- The longlist comprises 13 books written by authors from various countries, including Ireland, Canada, the US, and the UK, explore universal and topical themes

Science and Defence

1. Ministry of National Defense announced the air forces of China and which country will conduct a joint training exercise in Northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region _____ **United Arab Emirates (UAE).**

Note:

- According to the ministry, the exercise, Falcon Shield-2023, will be the first joint training between the two nation's air forces.
- Aims: To deepen pragmatic exchanges and cooperation between the two militaries and enhance mutual understanding and trust, the ministry added.

2. Which organization has handed over the first Radio Frequency (RF) Seeker of Akash - the Next Generation Weapon System to Defence Research and Development Organization _____ **Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL).**

Note:

- Seeker is a critical and technology intensive subsystem used in Surface-to-Air Missiles and Air-to-Air Missiles for target tracking in the terminal phase.
- RF Seeker has been designed by DRDO's Research Centre Imarat, and produced by BDL at its state-of-the-art Seeker Facility Centre

3. The Russian Defense Ministry announced the start of the Ocean Shield 2023 naval exercises in which sea _____ **Baltic Sea.**

Note:

- The exercises are being conducted under the command of Navy Commander-in-Chief Admiral Nikolay Evmenov
- Objective: To assess the Russian Navy's readiness to defend the country's interests in a critical area, as well as the coordination of the various military forces.
- The drills involve 30 combat ships 30 aircraft of naval aviation and Russia's Aerospace Forces

4. Who launched India's first Indigenously developed, Affordable Next Generation Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Scanner in New Delhi _____ **Union Minister of State Science & Technology Jitendra Singh.**

Note:

- MRI is a type of scan that uses strong magnetic fields and radio waves to produce detailed images of the inside of the body.
- It is an achievement for the National Biopharma Mission, Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council, and the Department of Biotechnology.

5. According to Minister of State for Atomic Energy Jitendra Singh, India is the _____ among spacefaring countries in the world having end-to-end capabilities in space research and development _____ **fifth.**

Note:

- India has the capability to launch from its own land and operate programmes of earth observation, satellite communication, meteorology, space science and navigation, and ground infrastructure.
- After space sector reforms, the NewSpace industries are also emerging at a fast pace.

6. Who has launched the massive vaccine catch-up campaign of Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 5.0 for three months in the state of Tripura in Aug 2023 _____ **Chief Minister Manik Saha.**

Note:

- Aim: To immunize pregnant women and children up to the age of five against the diseases like Measles and Rubella.

- This is for the first time that children with up to 5 years of age has been brought under the vaccination coverage of the IMI 5.0.
7. World Health Organization has announced, which country has now joined the league of 17 other countries that have eliminated trachoma, which is world's leading infectious cause of blindness in Aug 2023 _____ **Iraq.**
- Note:**
- Iraq established its national trachoma programme in 2012 to coordinate the final domestic push against the disease.
 - A trachoma surveillance system was developed to detect and manage cases within secondary and tertiary eye care facilities, as well as through school pre-enrolment.
8. Which Direct-to-home (DTH) company plans to increase its bandwidth capacity by 50% by adding 24 new Ku-band transponders on the GSAT-24 communication satellite _____ **Tata Play.**
- Note:**
- Aim: To offer more channels, services, and improve picture quality.
 - The GSAT-24 satellite was launched by NewSpace India Ltd (NSIL) in June 2022 to specifically cater to Tata Play's DTH requirements.
 - NSIL has been tasked with satellite missions on a demand-driven model.
9. The Indian Space Research Organisation announced the transfer of IMS-1 Satellite Bus technology to which organization _____ **Alpha Design Technologies.**
- Note:**
- The transfer was facilitated by ISRO's commercial arm NewSpace India Limited through an agreement.
 - The IMS-1 satellite bus was developed by the UR Rao Satellite Centre and is a small satellite platform designed to enable low-cost access to space.
 - This weighs about 100 kilograms and can carry a 30-kg payload.

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