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Bi-Weekly One Liners Updates

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Dear readers,

Weekly One Liners Update is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the **first two weeks** (1-15th) of **September 2023**. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. Which bank has launched the GST Sahay App for MSME borrowers to access loans up to Rs 2 lakh digitally using GST invoices _____ **Punjab National Bank.**

Note:

- Aim: To streamline the lending process for micro, small, and medium-sized businesses.
- The key features include:
 - End-to-End Digital Lending Process
 - Cost-Effective and Smooth Process
 - Direct Loan Crediting
 - Technology-Driven Assessment
 - Loan Range and Repayment Options
 - Integration with GST Profile
 - Focus on MSMEs

2. Which bank has been designated by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) as an authorized pension disbursement bank for civil pensioners on behalf of the Central Pension Accounting Office (CPAO) _____ **Bandhan Bank.**

Note:

- The bank will collaborate with the CPAO and the Ministry of Finance to implement the pension disbursement process.
- Objective: To distribute pensions to central government employees in civil ministries and departments, excluding railways, posts, and defense.

3. Which fintech organization announced its foray into the stock broking business with the launch of a new mobile application called 'Share(dot)Market' _____ **PhonePe.**

Note:

- This App elevates discount broking by providing market intelligence and quantitative research-based WealthBaskets, a scalable technology platform.
- It will be available as a mobile app and a dedicated web platform, enabling retail investors to buy stocks, engage in intra-day trades.

4. Which organization has launched the ALT ID solution in India to enhance the security of guest checkout transactions on e-commerce platforms, simplifying payments for merchants and cardholders _____ **Mastercard.**



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Note:

- **About ALT ID:**
- ALT ID stands for Alternate Identification Number
- It is a custom-made capability developed by Mastercard to create an alternate identifier for the real card numbers provided by cardholders when at guest checkout transactions on e-commerce platforms.

5. As per RBI data Bank lending to the commercial real estate segment increased by what percent in July 2023 from July 2022 _____ **38 percent.**

Note:

- Outstanding loans in the segment climbed to Rs 4.07 lakh crore as of July 28 2023 compared with Rs 2.94 lakh crore on July 29, 2022
- Comparatively loan growth was 3.6 percent in the period from July 30, 2021, to July 29, 2022
- In the housing segment, bank loans jumped 37 percent to Rs 24.3 lakh crore at the end of July 2023 from Rs 17.7 lakh crore a 2022

6. The rise of financial influencers who charge as high as _____ for a post on social media _____ **Rs 7.5 lakh.**

Note:

- Sebi introduced a new way for people to access and interpret financial information, and now they will soon come under the regulatory purview as Sebi proposed measures to curb their numbers.
- Aim: To ensure that investors receive accurate and unbiased information also helps in preserving authenticity and reducing fraud.

7. Who has resigned from MD & CEO position of the Kotak Mahindra Bank _____ **Uday Kotak.**

Note:

- He will continue to serve as a non-executive director of the bank.
- Kotak announced to step down as managing director and chief executive officer of the bank and the baton was passed to Dipak Gupta, the Joint Managing Director at Kotak Mahindra Bank.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank shares gained as much as 1% to ₹1,789.05 apiece on the BSE.

8. Which telecommunication organization has announced its commitment to purchase 23,000 MWh of renewable energy by Q4 FY 23–24 to power its data centre subsidiary, Nxtra _____ **Bharti Airtel.**

Note:

- Aim: To reduce its carbon footprint and promote sustainability.
- Through an open access route, Airtel will acquire stakes in Continuum Green's project company, which will supply green power from solar and wind projects to six Nxtra Edge data centres located in Madhya Pradesh.

9. Bajaj Auto Consumer Finance has received a Certificate of Registration from which regulatory body to commence the business of a non-banking finance company _____ **RBI.**

Note:

- Company has also stated that Bajaj Auto Consumer Finance will carry out the business of nonbanking financial institutions without accepting public deposits.
- The two- and three-wheeler maker had made an application on July 9 2023 to the RBI for an NBFC licence.

10. Which bank has unveiled a new enhancement, the integration of UPI QR Codes with its Central Bank Digital Currency app, the IDFC FIRST Bank Digital Rupee _____ **IDFC FIRST Bank.**

Note:

- Aim: To encourage the use of the digital rupee and make it more accessible.
- The new feature simplifies the process for merchants to accept payments made with the digital rupee.
- This development allows individuals to easily use digital rupees for payments through existing UPI QR codes at various merchant outlets.

11. Which organization announced the launch of India's first-ever UPI-ATM as a White Label ATM (WLA) named Hitachi Money Spot UPI ATM, with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) _____ **Hitachi Payment Services.**

Note:

- The ATM will offer cardless cash withdrawals, eliminating the need for physical cards.
- A UPI-ATM allows users to withdraw cash from multiple accounts using the United Payments Interface app.
- WLAs are operated by non-banking entities.

12. Which bank has collaborated with Nasdaq-listed IBM to deploy future-ready infrastructure to enhance scalability and agility _____ **Indian Bank.**

Note:

- Aim: To accelerate its modernization path with flexible and secure infrastructure for deploying new front-end banking applications.
- The city-headquartered bank wanted to consolidate its front branch servers for better manageability and availability at Data Centres and Disaster Recovery centres under their 'Project Paradise' initiative.

13. Which organization has unveiled the Card Soundbox, a device that allows merchants to accept both mobile and card payments, including Visa, Mastercard, American Express, and RuPay, through its Soundbox _____ **Paytm.**

Note:

- Aim: To assist merchants in scaling their businesses by offering a "tap and pay" solution via credit and debit cards.
- The new in-store payments option also provides audio-based confirmations using Paytm Soundbox.
- The Paytm Soundbox features a 4W speaker for clear payment alerts.

14. Which Credit card issuer launched a new credit card SimplySAVE Merchant SBI Card for MSMEs to cater to their short-term credit requirements _____ **SBI Card.**

Note:



- Available on RuPay network, the card can be linked to UPI for payments through various UPI-enabled third-party apps.
- MSMEs contribute significantly towards economic growth and job generation
- Launch of SimplySAVE Merchant SBI Card is an attempt to address this larger segment by extending interest-free short-term credit to MSME

15. Which financial service provider collaborated with KredX, a supply chain finance platform, to make B2B digital payments rewarding for both enterprises and vendors _____ **Mastercard**.

Note:

- Aim: To integrate its commercial card service with the KredX platform, eliminating the complexities associated with B2B payments, especially those made via cards.
- Equipped with features like dynamic discounting, early payment and price discovery, the platform will enable enterprises and vendors to improve their cash flows.

16. Which card issuer has unveiled new features of its super-premium card 'AURUM', targeted at C-suite executives and high net-worth individuals _____ **SBI Card**.

Note:

- Aim: To enhance benefits to its users, ranging from the introduction of new annual spending-based milestones and welcome benefits to additional international lounge benefits
- AURUM cardholders will now be able to derive benefits of up to worth ₹ 2 lakh annually, basis their spends.

17. Which organization has launched Credit Line And Voice-Enabled Payments on popular payment platforms UPI _____ **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**.

Note:

- Aim: To create an inclusive, resilient, and sustainable digital payments ecosystem that will help UPI achieve the target of 100 billion transactions per month.
- NPCI has partnered with AI4Bharat at IIT Madras, to co-develop Hindi and English payment language models.

18. Which organization has launched the 'Nation First Transit Card' to facilitate the seamless and convenient customer commuting experience _____ **State Bank of India**.

Note:

- Aim: To ensure easy digital ticketing fare payments in metro, buses, water ferries, parking, etc., through a single card and individuals can also use this card for making retail and e-commerce payments.
- It is set to revolutionize the commuting experience, and is aligned with the national vision of "One Nation One Card".

19. Which bank became the first foreign bank in India to launch 'ONDC in a Box', a one-stop-shop proposition for corporates towards seamless enablement on ONDC _____ **Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited**.

Note:

- Aim: To foster an inclusive, competitive, and open network, amplifying its impact across the business spectrum.



- The ONDC is an initiative to build an open, interoperable network on which buyers and sellers can transact without needing to be present on the same platform.

20. Which bank has introduced the Zenith and Super Premium Metal Credit Card, expanding its range of banking solutions _____ **AU Small Finance Bank Ltd.**

Note:

- This credit card includes features like premium lounge access, personalized concierge services, and a welcome with Premium Brand vouchers or Reward Points worth Rs 5000.
- One of the card's highlights is the Forex markup of 0.99 percent for international travel, making it advantageous for global transactions.

21. Which has received a green signal from the Reserve Bank to make I-Process Services (India) Private Ltd a wholly-owned subsidiary of the lender _____ **ICICI Bank.**

Note:

- Started in 2005, I-Process Services (India) Private Ltd was set up to provide staffing solutions services for some of India's top financial institutions.
- With in-depth experience across recruitment, HR operations, payroll, compliance and training, I-Process can smartly negotiate market challenges

22. Which organization partnered with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to introduce a RuPay prepaid forex card tailored for Indian travelers going to the UAE _____ **Thomas Cook (India) Limited.**

Note:

- Aim: To ensure accessibility for customers, being India's forex network with over 4000 touchpoints, including retail outlets, airport counters, online platforms, and mobile applications.
- The "Ghar pe Forex" commitment reportedly provides doorstep delivery within 2 hours.

23. Which bank has entered into bancassurance tie-ups with Star Health and Allied Insurance Company and Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Company _____ **AU Small Finance Bank.**

Note:

- Aim: To enable the Bank's customers to access a wide range of insurance products from Star Health and Bajaj Allianz.
- AU Small Finance Bank has recently transitioned from a prominent, retail focused nonbanking finance company which primarily served low and middle-income individuals and businesses.

24. Which insurance organization launched a new product 'Income Laabh' with an aim to simplify insurance and deliver maximum protection to its consumers _____ **Bharti AXA Life Insurance.**

Note:

- Objective: To provide financial protection and a steady income stream to consumers.
- It starts with an initial income pay-out equivalent to 100 percent of the annual premium paid by the policyholder.
- After 5 years, for those opting for a 10-year policy term, the income increases to 150 percent.



25. Which platform has announced the launch of 'AutoPay on QR' in collaboration with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) _____ **Cashfree Payments**.

Note:

- Aim: To enable subscription-based businesses to enhance customer acquisition, supporting retention, and facilitating rapid growth.
- Cashfree Payments' 'AutoPay on QR' will help subscription-based businesses to boost return on investment (ROI) on ad spends by enabling mandate creation in two clicks.

26. The RBI has asked all banks, non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) and asset reconstruction companies (ARCs) to release all the original movable/immovable property documents and remove charges registered with any registry within a period of how many after full repayment/settlement of the loan account _____ **30 days**.

Note:

- In case where the delay is attributable to the RE, it shall compensate the borrower at the rate of ₹5,000 for each day of delay.

Obituaries

1. RS Shivaji, who passed away in Chennai, was a famous _____ **Actor**.

Note:

- Shivaji had a strong collaboration with actor Kamal Haasan and his production house Raaj Kamal Films International, contributing to many successful Tamil projects.
- Besides acting, Shivaji's career skills extended to assistant direction, sound design, and line production for multiple Tamil films.
- The actor predominantly worked in Tamil Cinema. Born in Chennai in 1956 to actor and producer M.R. Santhanam

2. Pilo Reporter, who passed away in Mumbai at the age of 84, was a veteran _____ **Indian umpire**.

Note:

- In addition to international matches, Reporter also had a role in 13 first-class matches, where he served as a match referee in two instances.
- He embarked on his umpiring journey with the Delhi Test between India and England in December 1984.

3. Dennis Austin, who passed away at the age of 76, was created which feature of Microsoft _____ **PowerPoint**.

Note:

- He studied engineering at several universities, including MIT and UC Santa Barbara.
- He eventually joined the software company Forethought and co-developing PowerPoint.
- The company released the software in 1987, and Microsoft bought the company just a few months later.
- He served as PowerPoint's primary developer from 1985 to 1996 when he retired.



4. Ajit Ninan, who passed away, was a famous _____ **Political cartoonist.**

Note:

- Ninan was best known for the Centrestage series in India Today magazine and Ninan's World in Times of India.
- A popular political cartoonist, Nina was equally well known for his work in children's literature.

5. Malini Rajurkar, who passed away in a Hyderabad, was a famous _____ **Hindustani classical vocalist.**

Note:

- She was 82 and had been suffering from age-related ailments.
- She has performed in major music festivals in India, including Gunidas Sammelan (Mumbai), Tansen Samaroh (Gwalior), Sawai Gandharva Festival (Pune), and Shankar Lal Festival (Delhi).

Important Days

1. Skyscraper Day is celebrated on which date every year to capture people's imagination _____ **September 3.**

Note:

- The theme of National Skyscraper Day 2023 is Go on and try to tear me down I will be rising from the ground
- This day is our golden opportunity to appreciate these architectural marvels and feats of engineering.
- Hosting a skyscraper is really a mark of your city's economic prowess, and cities with more skyscrapers tend to see more business activity than cities with lower rooftops.

2. World Coconut Day is celebrated on ____ **September 2**

Note:

- The day is celebrated to understand the benefits of this fruit and promote awareness.

3. International Day of Charity observed on _____ **5th September**

Note:

- The International Day of Charity is celebrated on September 5 to commemorate the day of passing away of great missionary Mother Teresa.

4. India observes National Teachers' Day on ____ **5th September.**

Note:

- National Teachers' Day in India is celebrated on September 5th every year.
- It is a day to honor and celebrate the contributions of teachers to society.
- The day is also observed as a tribute to the memory of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, the second President of India from 1962 to 1967.

5. International Day of Police Cooperation is a United Nations observance held annually on September 7.



Note:

- It was created to commemorate the founding of Interpol and highlight the role of law enforcement from around the globe in maintaining peace, security, and justice.

6. International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies 2023 ____ **7th September.**

Note:

- The fourth annual International Day of Clean Air for blue skies will focus on the theme, 'Together for Clean Air'.
- The theme aims to highlight the urgent need for stronger partnerships, increased investment, and shared responsibility for overcoming air pollution.

7. The world observes International Literacy Day on which date to signify the role of literacy and education in one's life ____ **September 8.**

Note:

- Theme 2023 - Promoting literacy for a world in transition: Building the foundation for sustainable and peaceful societies.'
- The day reminds us of the importance of personal development, literacy, and progress of society.
- The day is a stark reminder of the fact that literacy is not a luxury but a fundamental right important for a person's dignity.

8. World Physical Therapy Day observed on which date celebrates the significant contributions of physical therapists and physiotherapists in promoting health and well-being ____ **8 September.**

Note:

- The Theme of 2023 is "prevention and management of arthritis".
- It serves as an opportunity to raise awareness about the crucial role these professionals play in helping people recover from injuries, manage chronic conditions, and improve their overall physical function and quality of life.

9. World Suicide Prevention Day is observed on which date ____ **10th September.**

Note:

- The theme for the World Suicide Prevention Day from 2021-2023“ is Creating Hope Through Action
- This theme serves as a powerful call to action and a reminder that there is an alternative to suicide and that through our actions we can encourage hope and strengthen prevention.
- Suicide is a major public health problem with far-reaching social, emotional, and economic consequences.

10. National Forest Martyrs Day is celebrated on which date ____ **11th September.**

Note:

- Aim: To pay tribute to those who gave their lives in efforts to protect nature in India.
- The theme for 2023 is 'forests and health.



- Many individuals have dedicated themselves, and some have even sacrificed their lives, to preserve these precious natural resources. Their sacrifices are commemorated on a special occasion known as National Forest Martyrs Day

11. World Physical Therapy Day or World Physiotherapy Day 2023 is celebrated on which date every year _____ **September 8.**

Note:

- It recognizes and celebrates the significant contributions of physical therapy and physiotherapists in promoting health and well-being.
- "Prevention and Management of Osteoarthritis" is the theme for World Physiotherapy Day 2023.

12. United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation, on which date of every year, is celebrated by several countries around the world _____ **September 12.**

Note:

- The United Nations' Day for South-South Cooperation celebrates the economic, social and political developments made in recent years by regions and countries in the South and highlights United Nations efforts to work on technical cooperation among developing countries.

13. On which date, the global community and India celebrate 'World EV Day' _____ **September 9.**

Note:

- The year 2023 has established a powerful message for India and the world, it is a message of sustainable transportation and a cleaner future, free of carbon emissions.
- Starting with the most definitive government policy, the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles (FAME) scheme, which has been instrumental in promoting EV adoption among the masses.

14. Indians on which date celebrate National 'Hindi Diwas' _____ **14 September.**

Note:

- On this day in 1949, the Hindi language was adopted as one of the official languages of the Republic of India.
- Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first prime minister of India, officially declared 14 September as the Hindi Diwas.
- 425 million people speak Hindi as their 1st language and about 120 million people speak Hindi as their 2nd language.

New Appointments

1. Who has been appointed as the first woman CEO and chairperson of Railway Board _____ **Jaya Verma Sinha.**

Note:

- She succeeds Anil Kumar Lahoti.
- She also worked as Railway Advisor in the High Commission of India, Dhaka, Bangladesh for four years.



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- She also worked as the Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern Railway, Sealdah Division.
- She joined the Indian Railway Traffic Service in 1988 and worked in Northern Railway and South-East Railway.

2. UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak appointed whom as the new Defence Minister _____ **Grant Shapps.**

Note:

- The development comes after former Defence Secretary Ben Wallace resigned.
- Shapps has previously served as Transport Secretary, energy secretary and Home Secretary.
- The new post of Defence Secretary marks his fifth ministerial portfolio. Grant Shapps has been a strong supporter of Sunak as Conservative Party leader.

3. Who has won the presidential election of Singapore _____ **Tharman Shanmugaratnam.**

Note:

- He won over 70% of votes in the country's first contested presidential polls since 2011.
- He had served as Singapore's Deputy prime minister from 2011 to 2019.
- He has also worked in the public sector and held ministerial positions.
- He will be Singapore's third Indian-origin President after Sellapan Ramanathan and Chengara Veetil Devan Nair.

4. Who has been nominated as the new President of the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune _____ **R Madhavan.**

Note:

- Additionally, he will serve as the Chairman of the governing council of FTII.
- Madhavan's nomination follows the recent success of his film, 'Rocketry: The Nambi Effect,' which earned national recognition.
- The film secured the prestigious Best Feature Film award during the 69th National Film Awards.

5. Who has been sworn in as the nation's interim President of Gabon _____ **Brice Oligui Nguema.**

Note:

- Gabon is the sixth Francophone country to fall under military rule in the last three years as former colonial power France struggles to maintain its influence on the continent.
- Gabon has been suspended from the African Union following the coup, which has been condemned by the United Nations and France.

6. Who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of Nasscom _____ **Rajesh Nambiar.**

Note:

- He succeeded Anant Maheshwari, former president of Microsoft India.
- Chairperson Rajesh Nambiar along with President Debjani Ghosh, will continue to work with the Nasscom Executive Council, industry, and the government in strengthening India's position as a global technology hub while navigating the current volatile macro environment.



7. Vanuatu's parliament elected whom as the nation's new prime minister and replaced Ishmael Kalsakau _____ **Sato Kilman**.

Note:

- Kilman, a former prime minister and leader of the People's Progressive Party, was elected prime minister by 27 of 50 lawmakers in a secret ballot.
- Alatoi Ishmael Kalsakau is a Vanuatuan politician who served as Prime Minister of the Republic of Vanuatu from 4 November 2022 until 4 September 2023.

8. The Association of Investment Bankers of India (AIBI) appointed whom Chairman _____ **Mahavir Lunawat**.

Note:

- The Chairperson of AIBI represents Investment Bankers on the Primary Market Advisory Committee (PMAC) of SEBI and has been active in representing the members' views, and comments.
- He has led some of the key M&As, and corporate restructuring projects and has lead managed more than 100 IPOs.

9. The Reserve Bank of India re-appointed whom as the managing director and chief executive officer (MD and CEO) of the ICICI Bank _____ **Sandeep Bakhshi**.

Note:

- He has been with the ICICI Group for 36 years and has handled various assignments across the group in ICICI Limited, ICICI Lombard General Insurance, ICICI Bank and ICICI Prudential Life Insurance.
- He has served as Wholetime Director and the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the bank, prior to his appointment as MD and CEO.

10. Whom has been appointed as the Vice-Chairperson of The National Association of Software and Service Companies (Nasscom) _____ **Sindhu Gangadharan**.

Note:

- Earlier, she holds the position of Senior Vice President and Managing Director at SAP Labs India and is also responsible for SAP User Enablement.
- Earlier this year, Gangadharan was appointed as the Chairperson of the Nasscom GCC Council for the term 2023-2025.

11. Women's fashion brand W on-boarded whom as its brand ambassador _____ **Anushka Sharma**.

Note:

- With this partnership, the brand prepares to launch its high-decibel festive campaign that beautifully merges the warmth of festivities with the spirit of modernity.

12. Who has been appointed as the ninth president of the Singapore _____ **Tharman Shanmugaratnam**.

Note:

- He has served Singapore all his life in public service.



- Prior to being president-elect, he served as a senior minister and Deputy Prime Minister from May 2011 to May 2019.
- He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the World Economic Forum.
- This was the first contested presidential election since 2011.

13. Digital payment services provider Paytm has appointed whom as a new statutory auditor for five years _____ **S.R. Batliboi & Associates LLP.**

Note:

- The previous statutory auditor, Price Waterhouse Chartered Accountants LLP, completed its term at the conclusion of the AGM.
- Price Waterhouse Chartered Accountants LLP on August 7 had announced its resignation as auditor of Paytm Payments Services Limited with immediate effect.

Important News – India

1. The Central Government is celebrating which edition of the Rashtriya Poshan Maah in September 2023 _____ **Sixth.**

Note:

- Objective: To comprehensively tackle malnutrition through a life-cycle approach and to cultivate widespread awareness concerning critical human life stages comprising pregnancy and adolescence.
- Aim: To foster nutritional understanding across India through a theme centered on "Suposhit Bharat, Sakshar Bharat, Sashakt Bharat" (Nutrition-rich India, Educated India, Empowered India).

2. The President Droupadi Murmu graced the state-level launch of the theme of the year "The Year of Positive Change" of Brahma Kumaris at which city of India _____ **Raipur, Chhattisgarh.**

Note:

- Brahma Kumaris are working tirelessly to spread love, harmony, and peace in the world.
- She urged all to develop their inner strength, keep doing positive work, and stay with positive thoughts and good company.
- She advised me to be in the company of such people who inspire me to follow the right path.

3. India and which country launched the Renewable Energy Technology Action Platform (RETAP) under the umbrella of the Strategic Clean Energy Partnership _____ **United States.**

Note:

- Objective: To revolve around the development of green and clean hydrogen, wind energy, and long-duration energy storage solutions.
- Aim: To explore opportunities in geothermal energy, ocean/tidal energy, and other mutually identified emerging technologies, opening doors for diverse renewable energy avenues.

4. The Government of India has constituted an eight-member high-level committee to examine One Nation, One Election. Who is the head of this committee _____ **Ram Nath Kovind.**

Note:



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- Other members: HM Amit Shah, Congress MP Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, Former Rajya Sabha member Ghulam Nabi Azad, Former Chairman 15th Finance Commission N.K. Singh and others
 - Law and Justice Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal will attend the meetings of the committee as a special invitee.
5. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the merger of Tata Group airlines Vistara and which airlines _____ **Air India.**

Note:

- This will make Air India, India's leading domestic and international carrier with a combined fleet of 218 aircraft, making it India's largest international carrier and second largest domestic carrier.
 - The deal is part of Tata Sons chairman N Chandrasekaran's effort to simplify the conglomerate's businesses and make them more efficient.
6. Who launched a 3-year partnership of his Ministry with Meta in New Delhi _____ **Union Minister for Education Dharmendra Pradhan.**

Note:

- Aim: To provide Digital and marketing skills to students, educators, and entrepreneurs
 - According to Dharmendra Pradhan 'Education to Entrepreneurship' partnership is a game-changer that will take Digital skill to the grassroots.
 - Objective: To build capacities of the talent pool, and seamlessly connect students, youth, with futuristic technologies
7. The International Cruise Terminal at which port is poised to become a pivotal gateway for both domestic and international cruise tourism along India's eastern coast _____ **Visakhapatnam Port.**

Note:

- This world-class facility promises to offer a transformative experience to tourists while fostering economic growth and benefiting local communities.
 - About Cruise Terminal:
 - A berth measuring 180 meters in length.
 - Four mooring dolphins, two on each side, extending the total length to 300 meters.
8. Which drone is India's first Multi-utility Agriculture small Category Drone to receive the prestigious DGCA approved type certificate _____ **AG-365S kisan drone.**

Note:

- AG-365S has highest endurance of 22 minutes, is equipped with high end sensors for smooth operations and tested extensively for best quality.
 - Marut Drones already boasts a Multipurpose Medium category agricultural drone and multiple RPTOs in partnership with prestigious institutions across India.
9. 'Koraput Kalajeera Rice', was granted the Geographical Indications (GI) status for Indian state _____ **Odisha.**

Note:



- It is also called the 'Prince of Rice'. This highly aromatic rice looks like coriander seeds.
- It is believed that the medicinal quality of this rice enhances memory, controls diabetes, increases hemoglobin levels and the body's metabolism.
- It is grown in Tolla, Patraput, Pujariput, and Mohuli areas of the Koraput district.

10. US-based multinational technology company Corning has announced plans to set up a \$113m First Gorilla Glass manufacturing facility in which Indian state _____ **Telangana**.

Note:

- Telangana accounts for 6% of the electronic production in India, with more than 250 companies employing over 50,000 people across different industry sub-segments there.
- Importantly it is a strategic investment in manufacturing for smartphones and other electronic devices.

11. The G20 Summit is poised to make history by transforming into the G21 with the inclusion of which organization _____ **African Union (AU)**.

Note:

- This move, proposed by India, reflects a growing recognition of the importance of representing the global south.
- AU consisting of 55 diverse member countries, is set to join the ranks of the world's 20 largest economies later this week.
- AU also comprises eight regional economic committees each with its own structure and role.

12. The world's tallest Nataraja statue has been installed at which location in Delhi _____ **Bharat Mandapam**.

Note:

- The 28-foot-tall statue weighing 20 tonnes was made in a record time of seven months by sculptor Radhakrishnan Sthapathy and his team at Swamimalai in Thanjavur District of Tamil Nadu.
- The statue was built in Ashtadhatu (8 metals) using the traditional casting method.
- The statue was transported to New Delhi in four days.

13. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh laid the foundation stone of the Army headquarters Thal Sena Bhawan's new building in Delhi Cantonment conforming with GRIHA-IV norms. What is the correct form of GRIHA _____ **Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment**.

Note:

- The Army headquarters (AH) is currently housed in the iconic South Block at Raisina Hill in Lutyens' Delhi
- On completion of the new building, it will not only cut down carbon footprint but is expected to get together all the different pockets of AH

14. Who launched the Malaviya Mission- Teachers Training Programme by the University Grants Commission at Kaushal Bhawan in New Delhi _____ **Union Minister for Education Dharmendra Pradhan**.

Note:

- He also inaugurated the Portal of the Programme and released its information brochure.



- Aim: To provide tailored training programmes for teachers.
- This programme will work for the capacity building of faculty members in higher educational institutions.

15. Which organization has joined forces with Aloe Ecell Pvt. Ltd., a Lucknow-based startup, to support the project Commercialization of Eco-friendly 1.5V AA size Aloe Vera-based batteries _____ **Technology Development Board (TDB).**

Note:

- It is Valued at Rs. 2.98 crores, TDB's substantial contribution of Rs. 1.91 crores as a soft loan aims to boost green innovation.
- Also Ecell has already received recognition, including the National Startup Award in the Energy Sector 2020 and the Global Winners 2019 award

16. Which edition of the meeting of the Ministers of Law and Justice of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) countries was held in September 2023 _____ **10th.**

Note:

- Highlights include:
- To cooperate between Ministries of Law and Justice of SCO Member nations to enhance cooperation in legal and judicial spheres.
- Continue to work on the implementation of the Co-operation Agreement
- Organise conferences, legal cooperation fora etc for better exchange of experience

17. Which edition of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) summit in Jakarta is being held from 5th to 7th of September 2023 _____ **43rd.**

Note:

- Singapore's Prime Minister's Office said in a statement today that ASEAN leaders will discuss ways to ensure the bloc's continued relevance and centrality in the evolving regional architecture.
- Aim: To discuss strengthening ASEAN integration and expanding collaboration in key areas such as the digital and green economies.

18. Which state government launched the Mukhya Mantri Sporting Abilities, Rebuilding Aspirations and Livelihood Scheme (SABAL) _____ **Himachal Pradesh.**

Note:

- Objective: To take care of specially-abled children in around 400 schools across Hamirpur, Solan, and Shimla districts.
- Aim: To improve the lives of specially-abled children in the state.
- The initiative focuses on providing essential facilities and opportunities for them, a statement issued here said.\

19. Which organization has started selling 'Tourist Smart Cards' from its selected Metro stations through dedicated counters _____ **Delhi Metro Rail Corporation.**

Note:

- Aim: To facilitate the G20 delegates and international visitors who might be interested in exploring the prominent tourist places of the capital city as they arrive in Delhi.



- The 'Tourist Smart Cards' will be available in two categories of One-Day Validity and Three-Day Validity cards, offering unlimited rides in the Metro network.

20. The government has exempted imports of LPG, liquified propane and liquified butane from what percent of agri cess with effect from September 1 _____ **15%.**

Note:

- The government had in July 2023 imposed a 15% agri cess on imports of these goods.
- The move brings the private sector to parity with the public sector, which was exempted from the Agriculture Infrastructure Development cess and the Basic Customs Duty on Domestic LPG sold to household consumers.

21. India launched the Global Biofuel Alliance at a G20 summit in which Indian city _____ **New Delhi.**

Note:

- The Global Biofuel Alliance is an India-led Initiative to develop an alliance of Governments, International organizations, and Industry to facilitate the adoption of biofuels.
- Aim: To position biofuels as a key to energy transition and contribute to jobs and economic growth.
- The Alliance which will help strengthen India's position globally and will focus on collaboration.

22. In a significant victory for India's G-20 presidency, the member nations have unanimously adopted which declaration _____ **New Delhi Leaders' Declaration.**

Note:

- On the first day of the 18th G-20 Summit PM announced the adoption of the declaration by the bloc of world-leading economies during the second session of the G20 summit, titled One Family.
- Inclusive growth, accelerating actions to deal with climate change, and increasing medical supplies to be future-ready for health emergencies.

23. Leaders of India, Brazil, South Africa, and the United States met on the margins of the G20 Leaders' Summit in which Indian city _____ **New Delhi.**

Note:

- Aim: To reaffirm their shared commitment to the G20 as the premier forum for international economic cooperation to deliver solutions for shared world.
- In this spirit, together with the World Bank President, they welcome the G20's commitment to build better, bigger, and more effective multilateral development banks.

24. At which edition of the G20 Summit, a one-day conference themed "Transnational Grid Interconnections for One Sun, One World, One Grid (OSOWOG)" convened in New Delhi _____ **18th.**

Note:

- Aim: To enable nations to harness the abundant energy resources of the sun, particularly as the world transitions toward renewable energy sources.
- It makes round-the-clock renewable energy more cost-effective, reducing the need for energy reserves and ultimately lowering electricity costs for the populace



25. The G20 leadership summit declared it will work towards having in place a fully functional dispute settlement system at WTO by which year _____ **2024**.

Note:

- There are two main ways to settle a dispute once a complaint has been filed in the WTO
- First: The countries find a mutually agreed solution, particularly during the phase of bilateral consultations
- Second: Through adjudication which includes ruling by a panel and if not satisfied, challenging that ruling at the appellate body.

26. Who announced the project during the annual Group of 20 summit of the world's top economies to launch the India-Middle East-Europe economic corridor including shipping and railway links _____ **PM Narendra Modi**.

Note:

- Aim: To boost trade, transport energy resources and improve digital connectivity.
- The first-of-its-kind economic corridor will be an initiative on cooperation on connectivity and infrastructure involving India, UAE, Saudi Arabia, EU, France, Italy, Germany, and the US.

27. The 18th G20 Summit successfully concluded in New Delhi with India handing over the Presidency to which country _____ **Brazil**.

Note:

- After receiving the gavel, President of Brazil Luiz Inacio Lula Da Silva appreciated India's efforts in leading the G20 presidency saying that India gave the voice to issues of interest to emerging countries.
- Prime Minister Modi raised the issue of reforms in the United Nations Security Council by emphasizing on a new global structure.

28. Indian Coast Guard participated in which edition of the Heads of Asian Coast Guard Agencies Meeting (HACGAM) at Istanbul, Türkiye _____ **19th**.

Note:

- Aim: To enable a focused and goal-oriented approach towards coordinated response and synergy towards common maritime issues.
- Objective: To discuss vital issues including maritime law enforcement, safety and security of life at sea, marine environment protection, illicit trafficking of drugs, weapons, and humans at sea etc.

29. The 4th G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group Meeting is held in which Indian city to finalize the 2023 G20 Sustainable Finance Report _____ **Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh**.

Note:

- Aim: To focus on finalizing the 2023 G20 Sustainable Finance Report
- Objective: To discuss the progress made by jurisdictions, International organizations and relevant stakeholders against the actions listed out.
- Session Include: Experience sharing presentations on the theme Scaling up Social Impact Investment in India



30. Which railway station was awarded the 'Green Railway Station' certification with the highest rating of Platinum by the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) _____ **Vijayawada Railway Station.**

Note:

- Award is given for its efforts in improving environmental standards and providing eco-friendly services to passengers.
- This is an upgrade of the station's ratings, from gold in 2019 to platinum in 2023.
- It bagged second in the South Central Railway zone after Secunderabad to have bagged the platinum rating.

31. Which organization signed a MoU with five State Governments, including Haryana, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, to train employable Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) and bring them to the mainstream workforce _____ **Amazon India.**

Note:

- Aim: To provide skilling and employment opportunities to PwD candidates in these five states.
- Under this initiative, Amazon has a focus on skilling and livelihood for PwD across Amazon India's Operations network, over a period of three years.

32. A MoU was signed between Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV), Vadodara, and which organization in New Delhi in the presence of Union Minister of Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw _____ **Airbus.**

Note:

- Aim: To enable the co-development and co-delivery of sector-relevant skilling, courses, and programs for regular students and working professionals and scholarship programs.
- Objective: To become the biggest source of talent for the entire transportation industry in the country and for the world.

33. The United States and which country have signed a deal on semiconductor supply chains to expand the capacity of the semiconductor ecosystem in Hanoi, in support of the US industry _____ **Vietnam.**

Note:

- The US and Vietnam also announced the launch of comprehensive workforce development initiatives in Vietnam that jointly develop hands-on teaching labs and training courses for semiconductor assembly, testing, and packaging.

34. Which Indian Institution has entered into a game-changing partnership with the National Skill Development Corporation _____ **IIM Indore.**

Note:

- Aim: To foster excellence and innovation in these critical domains.
- Objective: To provide professional support to underserved regions, communities, individuals, and MSMEs, thereby nurturing a skilled ecosystem primed for market success.
- IIM Indore's vision is about elevating livelihood opportunities and income levels for families and households across the nation.



35. India and which country signed a historic comprehensive cooperation agreement in the field of energy _____ **Saudi Arabia.**

Note:

- Aim: To enhance ties between India and Saudi Arabia in renewable energy, energy efficiency, hydrogen, electricity and grid interconnections, petroleum, natural gas, strategic petroleum reserves, and energy security.
- It also seeks to encourage bilateral investment in the fields of renewable energy, electricity, hydrogen and storage, and oil & gas.

36. Which green organization partnered with Nayara Energy, an oil refining and marketing company, to produce green hydrogen for Nayara Energy's captive usage _____ **NTPC Green Energy Ltd (NGEL).**

Note:

- Aim: To collaborate and produce green hydrogen for Nayara Energy's captive usage, accelerate decarbonization and catalyse reduction in carbon footprint.
- Objective: To explore and implement cutting-edge technologies to produce green hydrogen, contributing to a cleaner and more resilient energy landscape.

37. India and which country signed three MoUs including one on cooperation in Digital Payment mechanisms _____ **Bangladesh.**

Note:

- First MoU was signed between National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Bangladesh Bank on cooperation in Digital Payment mechanism
- Second MoU focused on the renewal of the Cultural Exchange Program for 2023-2025.
- The third MoU was signed between the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and the Bangladesh Agriculture Research Council.

38. The Consulate General of which country in Dubai welcomed a delegation of 15 Indian startups in a bid to foster collaboration and innovation between _____ and UAE entrepreneurial ventures _____ **India.**

Note:

- Aim: To explore the vibrant startup ecosystems of Sharjah, Dubai, and Abu Dhabi, further strengthening the bonds between India and the UAE.
- These sessions will provide valuable insights into marketing opportunities, expansion strategies within the UAE, and networking opportunities.

39. Dhaka and which city signed two bilateral instruments to enhance cooperation in different fields including infrastructure and satellite _____ **Paris.**

Note:

- Agreement between economic relations division of Bangladesh and the France development agency, France on 'improving urban governance and infrastructure programme
- LOI on cooperation between Bangladesh satellite company limited and airbus defence and space SAS, France related to Bangabandhu-2 earth observation satellite system



40. India and which country reviewed cooperation in the fields of education, information technology, and skills during the visit of Secretary (East) in the Ministry of External Affairs Saurabh Kumar to Ulaanbaatar _____ **Mongolia**.

Note:

- Aim: To discuss bilateral projects and cooperation in areas of education, IT, skilling, and capacity building.
- They also witnessed the signing of the contract for the construction of the India-Mongolia Friendship Secondary School.

41. Which ministry launched a portal for the mega exhibition—'Bharat: The Mother of Democracy'—to be held at Bharat Mandapam for global leaders attending the conference _____ **Culture Ministry**.

Note:

- The portal is divided into five sections and 22 sub-sections starting from Sindhu-Saraswati Civilisation, Mahajanapada and Gantantra, Vijaynagar Empire, and Mughal emperor Akbar reign to Constitution of India and Elections in Modern India

42. The Gujarat government announced that after Surat, which city has become the second city in the country to implement an emission trading scheme (ETS) for particulate pollution that will help regulate industrial emissions and reduce the state's pollution levels _____ **Ahmedabad**.

Note:

- Aim: To reduce particulate pollutants PM2.5 and PM10.
- Objective: to ensure a balance between economic development and environment preservation.
- The scheme will cover 118 industries in Ahmedabad.

43. Which state Cabinet gave its approval for transgender persons to be provided benefits of the State Social Security Scheme under which they will be given a pension of Rs 1,000 per month _____ **Jharkhand**.

Note:

- Transgenders are included in the category of OBC.
- Proposals are first, transgender persons should be declared as a third gender
- Second, Those transgender persons who are not covered under any other category for reservation should be included in the OBC at serial number 46 in the list

44. The Cabinet approved the expansion of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) allocating 7,500,000 new LPG connections over a three-year period until which year _____ **2025-26**.

Note:

- Costing Rs 1,650 crore, this expansion will elevate the total number of PMUY beneficiaries to 103.5 million.
- The government announced this extension after reducing the price of cooking gas by Rs 200 across all markets last month.
- Data indicate that LPG penetration reached 99.9 per cent in 2022



Important News – State

1. Which Indian north-eastern state became the first state in the northeastern region to initiate Aadhaar-linked birth registration (ALBR) _____ **Nagaland**.

Note:

- Objective: To enable children's access to various social welfare schemes designed for their welfare.
- Aim: To streamline birth registration by integrating it with Aadhaar enrolment for children in the age group of 0 to 5
- Directorate of Economics, Nagaland has collaborated with UIDAI as a Registrar cum Enrolment Agency for Child Enrolment via the ALBR process.

2. Which Indian state has adopted Artificial Intelligence enabled robotic technology to keep it's beautiful tourist hotspot Umiam Lake clean _____ **Meghalaya**.

Note:

- It is able to collect huge quantities of garbage in a reasonable time from Umiam Lake, which was formed when a dam was built over the Umiam River as part of a hydel power project.
- The AI-enabled robotic boat was recently deployed in collaboration with Smart Village Movement and Hong Kong-based technology firm Clearbot.

3. Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the country's first solar city in which city of Madhya Pradesh _____ **Sanchi**.

Note:

- Aim: To reduce Annually about 13 thousand 747 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions in Sanchi Solar City
- An effort has also been made to attract tourism by reducing environmental pollution through eco-friendly facilities in Sanchi.
- Battery-operated e-rickshaws and garbage vehicles will also run in the city. E-vehicle charging stations have also been installed.

4. Which city's first underground electric transformer was inaugurated at Malleshwaram by the city's civic body and electricity board together _____ **Bengaluru**.

Note:

- Aim: To ensure the safety of people and to maintain the aesthetics of India's garden city.
- This adds to the overall safety of the environment, encouraging the citizens to use footpaths without any hassles since they'd be free from interruption during maintenance works of overhead cables and related equipment.

5. UAE-based leading cooling utility firm Tabreed has signed MoU with the Indian state Government to build 1.25 lakh refrigeration tonne (RT) of district cooling plants and networks _____ **Telangana**.

Note:

- Aim: To aid 6,800 GWh of power as well as 41,600 megalitres of water savings, and has the potential to reduce over 200 MW of peak electricity demand.



- Telangana is set to house Asia's largest district cooling system to establish cooling infrastructure for industrial parks.
- 6. Goa Governor P.S. Sreedharan Pillai launched 'Mashaal' for which edition of the National Games 2023 at a program held in Durbar Hall Raj Bhavan, Donapaula _____ **37th**.

Note:

- The 37th National Games will be held in Goa from October 25 to November 9 2023
 - The Governor also released anthem (theme song) of national games for which actor Amitabh Bachchan has given his voice
 - He highlighted the nationwide participation expected for this prestigious event and the potential positive impact on Goa's tourism sector
7. Which state government is all set to launch the largest social welfare initiative, the Kalaigarn Magalir Urimai Thogai Thittam, whereby monthly financial assistance of Rs 1,000 will be provided to 1.06 crore eligible women families _____ **Tamil Nadu**.

Note:

- The sum will be directly transferred into the bank accounts of beneficiaries and they will be given ATM cards to withdraw the amount.
 - The government will start disbursing the money under the scheme from September 15.
8. Which state government will provide Rs 10 lakh as compensation to the kin of any person killed in a mob lynching incident _____ **Madhya Pradesh**.

Note:

- There will be a provision of compensation of Rs 4 to Rs 6 lakh for the injured.
 - This will also include all those incidents of mob lynching that occur due to religion, caste, language, or any other reason.
 - Under the scheme, mob lynching will be considered in which five or more accused are involved.
9. Who inaugurated the International Conference on Dam Safety at Jaipur in Rajasthan _____ **VP Jagdeep Dhankhar**.

Note:

- According to the Jal Shakti Ministry, there are over 6000 dams in India and it is ranked third globally in terms of large dams.
 - Aim: To provide a major platform for experts to come together and debate cutting-edge topics in dam safety and management.
 - It has been essential to civilization's development, have role in meeting demand for drinking water, irrigation, hydropower
10. Delhi Metro Rail Corporation and which organization signed a MoU to develop an indigenous Communication Based Train Control system _____ **Bharat Electronics Limited**.

Note:

- Aim: To transform rail transportation in India, driving innovation, reducing costs, and fostering self-reliance in the field of train control signaling systems.



- The Communication-Based Train Control System will optimize train operations, and enhance passenger services while efficiently utilizing rail infrastructure.

Important News- World

1. The WHO has released the outcome document of first WHO Traditional Medicine Global Summit 2023 in the form of which declaration _____ **Gujarat Declaration.**

Note:

- The declaration reaffirmed global commitments towards indigenous knowledge, biodiversity and traditional, complementary and integrative medicine.
 - WHO underlined that the application of rigorous scientific methods is needed to better understand, assess and, where appropriate, apply more holistic, context-specific.
2. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit to Jakarta, Indonesia on 06-07 September 2023 at the invitation of the President of the Republic of Indonesia. Who is the president of Indonesia _____ **H.E. Joko Widodo.**

Note:

- During his visit, PM Modi will attend the 20th ASEAN-India Summit and 18th East Asia Summit being hosted by Indonesia as current Chair of ASEAN.
 - The forthcoming ASEAN-India Summit will be the first Summit since the elevation of India-ASEAN relations to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in 2022.
3. In an official proclamation, Governor of Georgia, Brian Kemp has declared which month as 'Hindu Heritage' month _____ **October.**

Note:

- Aim: To celebrate Hindu heritage by emphasizing its rich culture and the diverse spiritual traditions that originate from India
 - Hindu Heritage Month (HHM) serves as a worldwide endeavor with the objective of spotlighting Hinduism as a longstanding tradition.
 - Hinduism is the third-largest religion in the world.
4. Which country has granted its first golden visa to Sam Altman, the CEO of OpenAI, a pioneering firm in artificial intelligence _____ **Indonesia.**

Note:

- Aim: To serve as an incentive for high-profile foreign investors.
 - The Indonesian immigration authority issued a 10-year visa to Altman, acknowledging his global renown and potential contributions to the nation.
 - He is set to benefit from priority security screening at airports and streamlined entry and exit procedures.
5. The three-day-long Kathmandu-Kalinga Literary Festival successfully came to an end in which city of Nepal _____ **Lalitpur, Nepal.**

Note:

- Minister for Foreign Affairs NP Saud of Nepal had inaugurated the festival.



- Litterateurs from India, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka exhibited at the Festival and showcased literature and other art forms.
 - Professor Avadhesh Pradhan, actress and writer Divya Dutta, Prof Madhav Prasad Pokharel, and actress Manisha Koirala were awarded Yashaswi Sahitya Samman.
6. Which country has once again claimed the title of the world's best country in 2023, according to the latest World Report's annual Best Countries rankings _____ **Switzerland.**

Note:

- This marks Switzerland's second consecutive year at the pinnacle and its sixth time overall as the No. 1 nation on the list.
 - The rankings are Canada at No. 2, Sweden at No. 3, Australia at No. 4, the United States at No. 5, and India at No. 30
 - The United States has slipped one spot compared to its 2022 ranking.
7. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced India and which country have launched an infrastructure financing bridge to plan and implement major infrastructure projects _____ **The UK.**

Note:

- The two countries have also agreed to conduct investment negotiations in parallel with the goods negotiations to conclude their free trade agreement (FTA) talks.
 - The Indian government has also confirmed with the UK government its plans to consider allowing Indian companies to list on exchanges overseas.
8. Which organization announced its partnership with the MeitY, computer emergency response unit CERT-In to train 1,000 government officials and provide 1 lakh cybersecurity certificate scholarships to learners _____ **Google Cloud.**

Note:

- CERT-In is part of the MeitY which deals with cybersecurity threats, hacking and other cyber-related issues.
 - The 'cyber force' of government officials will be trained in cyber defence best practices, including the use of generative AI.
9. Which US Chip Company declared AI partnerships with Reliance Industries to build cloud infrastructure, language models, and generative applications _____ **NVIDIA.**

Note:

- Aim: To help NVIDIA deepen its inroads into the emerging AI ecosystem of the South Asian nation as it faces specific barriers in a few chip exports to China and other countries with US restrictions.
 - Reliance will create AI applications and services for their 450 million Jio customers.
10. Which IIT conducted the country's first national-scale mapping of soil erodibility _____ **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi.**

Note:

- Before this, soil erodibility assessments were conducted in specific regions or catchments
- Aim: To highlight specific areas where the soil is most prone to erosion.



- Soil erodibility is the susceptibility of soil particles from becoming detached and reflects the combined effect of rainfall, infiltration, and runoff.
11. According to the Bloomberg Businessweek Best B-Schools Ranking 2023-24, which B-School bagged the top rank in the Asia Pacific B-School rankings category _____ **Hong Kong HKUST.**

Note:

- Shanghai University of Finance and Economics secured second position and CIEBS at third rank.
- In the overall Asia Pacific B-school rankings category, IIM Bangalore clinched 4th position followed by the Indian School of Business (ISB) at 5th position.

Honor & Awards

1. Name the Indian Personality has won the Ramon Magsaysay Award 2023 for his revolutionizing cancer treatment in Assam _____ **Dr. R Ravi Kannan.**

Note:

- He worked at the Cancer Institute in Chennai before he moved to Silchar in 2007 to join the Cachar Cancer Hospital.
 - The Magsaysay Award was established in 1957 to reward individuals for integrity in governance, courageous service to the people, and pragmatic idealism in democratic societies.
2. Which central bank governor has been ranked as the top central banker globally by US-based Global Finance magazine _____ **Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das.**

Note:

- He has been rated 'A+' in the Global Finance Central Banker Report Cards 2023.
 - He has been placed at the top of the list of three central bank governors who have been rated A+.
 - Grades are based on a scale from A to F for success in inflation control, economic growth goals, currency stability, and interest rate management.
3. Who has secured the top position on the Fortune India Rich List 2023, with wealth of \$99.7 billion _____ **Mukesh Ambani.**

Note:

- Gautam Adani, the chairman of the Adani Group of companies, secured second position with a wealth of \$63.71 billion.
 - With a wealth of \$34.6 billion, the Mistry family of Shapoorji Pallonji Group holds the third position on the list
 - The Poonawalla family with a wealth of \$32.9 billion, stands fourth.
4. Who has received the 'Dr V G Patel Memorial Award-2023 for his work in promoting and strengthening entrepreneurship in India _____ **Satyajit Majumdar.**

Note:

- He is widely acknowledged as the Father of the Entrepreneurship Movement in India.



- He has mentored more than 350 startups, including 40 in Jammu and Kashmir and group startups in Jhabua, West Bengal.
5. Who was presented 8th Dr M.S. Swaminathan award _____ **P.V. Satyanarayana.**

Note:

- He received the award in recognition of his contribution to the development of high-yielding rice varieties that exhibit resilience against pests and environmental challenges
 - He has also contributed to fine-grain varieties and hybrid rice that have revolutionized agriculture across India.
6. Who received the World Innovation Award at the first BRICS Innovation Forum hosted in Moscow _____ **Telangana Chief Innovation Officer Shanta Thoutam.**

Note:

- The award is given for outstanding contribution to Sustainable Development Goal-4 which ensures inclusive and equitable quality education and promotes lifelong opportunities for all.
 - She as one of the panelists at the Cloud City Conference, spoke about the initiatives and achievements of Telangana in the space of open data.
7. Which Indian City secured the first rank followed by Agra and Thane in the cleanest air in India according to the Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan 2023 (Clean Air Survey) report released in Bhopal by Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav _____ **Indore.**

Note:

- Bhopal stood fifth while Delhi took the ninth spot.
 - Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced the intent and plan to improve the air quality in more than 100 cities through a holistic approach.
8. How many researchers would receive the Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar Awards 2022 _____ **12.**

Note:

- Country's top annual science prize, Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar Awards were announced after a gap of two years.
- This year 2023 12 scientists will get the awards in seven categories. Dr.N. Kalaiselvi, Director General of CSIR announced the awards for the year 2022 in the presence of Union Minister Jitendra Singh.
- These awards are given every in seven scientific disciplines - physics, biology, engineering, mathematics, medicine, chemistry, and earth sciences.

Sports News

1. Which Indian Javelin thrower finished second with a final round throw in the men's javelin event of the Diamond League 2023 in Zurich _____ **Neeraj Chopra.**

Note:

- He finished behind Jakub Vadlejch of Czech Republic, who had won a bronze in the World Championships.



- The Indian superstar, who was unbeaten this season qualified for the Diamond League finals to be held on the 17th of September in Eugene, He had won the Diamond League trophy in 2022.
- 2. Which India's Javelin thrower finished second with a final round throw of 85.71 m in the men's javelin event of the Diamond League Meeting at Zurich _____ **Neeraj Chopra**.

Note:

- He finished behind Jakub Vadlejch of the Czech Republic, who had won a bronze in the World Championships.
 - He is also the reigning Olympic champion, producing three legal throws of 80.79m, 85.22m, and 85.71m.
 - He has been qualified for the Diamond League finals to be held on the 17th of September in Eugene, USA.
- 3. The Indian Hockey team beat which country in a penalty shootout in the final and won the inaugural Men's Hockey 5s Asia Cup 2023 in Salalah, Oman _____ **Pakistan**.
- Note:**
- India also qualified for the FIH Men's Hockey5s World Cup Oman 2024.
 - This is the first time in three meetings that India has beaten Pakistan in the Hockey 5s format.
 - Hockey India President Dilip Tirkey congratulated the team on qualifying for the FIH Men's Hockey5s World Cup Oman 2024 and winning the Gold medal.
- 4. In Athletics, which Indian athletic qualified for his maiden Diamond League Final after finishing fifth in the men's 3000m steeplechase race at the Xiamen Diamond League 2023 in China _____ **Avinash Sable**.

Note:

- Morocco's Soufiane El Bakkali, the reigning Olympic and world champion, won the Xiamen track
 - Samuel Firewu of Ethiopia clinched the second spot while Amos Serem of Kenya claimed the third place.
 - Commonwealth Games champion Abraham Kibiwot of Kenya came fourth.
- 5. In Table Tennis, the Indian men's team finished with a bronze medal at the Asian Table Tennis Championships 2023 following a semi-final defeat to which player in Pyeongchang, the Republic of Korea _____ **Chinese Taipei**.

Note:

- Indian men's team comprising Sharath Kamal, Harmeet Desai and Sathiyen Gnanasekaran lost in their final four match.
 - The two losing semi-finalists are awarded bronze medals at the competition.
 - This championship was also a qualifier for the Paris 2024 Olympics.
- 6. Who has won the US Open 2023, clinching her first Grand Slam title with a battling win over Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus _____ **Coco Gauff**.

Note:

- The championship match marked the first appearance by both athletes in a U.S. Open final.



- She last played in a Grand Slam final in 2022, losing the French Open to Iga Swiatek.
 - In August 2023, the teen won the Western & Southern Open in Cincinnati, becoming the youngest player to do so.
7. Which men's double team rallied from a set down to beat India's Rohan Bopanna and Australian Matthew Ebden to win an Open-era record third straight U.S. Open men's doubles title 2023 _____ **American Rajeev Ram and Britain's Joe Salisbury.**

Note:

- The last pair to win three straight U.S. Open men's doubles titles were Tom Bundy and Maurice McLoughlin.
 - The title is the fourth for the duo, who also won the Australian Open in 2020, and gives Salisbury a sixth Grand Slam title across the men's and mixed doubles.
8. Who created history by winning 24th Grand Slam title in US Open 2023 Men's Singles final 2023 _____ **Novak Djokovic.**

Note:

- He defeated Daniil Medvedev of Russia.
 - He already the oldest French Open singles champion, became the oldest US Open singles champion in the pro era.
 - In Women's Doubles 16th seed New Zealand-Canadian combination of Erin Routliffe and Gabriela Dabrowski defeated 12th seed pair of German-Russian duo Laura Siegemund and Vera Zvonareva to win the US Open 2023 title.
9. Which Indian compound archer bagged silver in 'World Cup Final' after he lost to Denmark's Mathias Fullerton _____ **Prathamesh Jawkar.**

Note:

- World No 14 Jawkar was facing a major challenge against the 10th-ranked Mathias Fullerton of Denmark in the gold medal clash.
 - The Indian then shot a perfect 150 against world No 1 Mike Schloesser of the Netherlands and beat the second-seeded archer by a single point to book his place in the final.
10. Who reigned supreme to clinch the Open Blitz title of the Tata Steel Chess India 2023 in Kolkata _____ **Alexander Grischuk.**

Note:

- World Cup runner-up R Praggnanandhaa was the best Indian with an overall third-place finish
 - Erigaisi was the second-best Indian with an overall fourth finish with 10 and a half points.
 - India's No 1 D Gukesh suffered six defeats to end with a disappointing eighth place finish.
11. Which country won their first-ever FIBA Basketball World Cup 2023 title by beating Serbia in Manila _____ **Germany.**

Note:

- The 19th edition of FIBA's flagship event, co-hosted by the Philippines, Indonesia and Japan, on a high note.



- Serbia absorbed another heartbreak after losing to the United States 129-92 in the 2014 final, but finished better than their quarter-final exit in 2019.
- Earlier, Canada bagged their first World Cup 2022 podium finish at the expense of short-handed United States.

12. Who stunned fans after he broke Sachin Tendulkar's record of the fastest batter to score 13000 runs in ODI _____ **Virat Kohli**.

Note:

- The 34-year-old record of fellow Indian veteran Sachin Tendulkar (321 innings), achieving in just 267 innings.
- With this century, Kohli has now scored four consecutive 100s at this stadium, the joint-most highest centuries at a single venue alongside South African
- He became the quickest batter to reach this milestone, Ponting and Sangakkara

13. Which Indian badminton player clinched the men's singles title at the Indonesia Masters 2023 in Medan, North Sumatra _____ **Kiran George**.

Note:

- Kiran George, 50th in the badminton rankings, beat world No. 82 Koo Takahashi of Japan to claim his second BWF World Tour Super 100 badminton title.
- He won the Odisha Open 2022, beating compatriot Priyanshu Rawat in the final.
- He was the only Indian who reached the final at the Indonesia Masters 2023.

14. Which Chinese is the new No. 1 in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings 2023 _____ **Ruoning Yin**.

Note:

- She is the second Chinese player to reach No. 1 since the rankings began in 2006, joining Shanshan Feng (2017-18).
- Yin is also the third player aged 20 or younger to hit No. 1, joining Atthaya Thitikul (2022) and Lydia Ko (2015).
- The 20-year-old Yin is the 18th different player to reach the top spot and the fifth this year, a record.

15. Which state clinched the title of champions in the 5th National Wheelchair Rugby Championship 2023 by securing a convincing victory over Karnataka _____ **Maharashtra**.

Note:

- Aim: To promote and expand the sport of wheelchair rugby across the nation.
- It was organized by The Indian Rugby Football Union (Rugby India), the governing body for rugby in India.
- It was conducted in association with the Wheelchair Rugby Federation of India and Mitsubishi Corporation.



Books and Authors

1. Who is the author of the 'Ajay to Yogi Adityanath' novel _____ **Shantanu Gupta**.

Note:

- The graphic novel, 'Ajay to Yogi Adityanath,' has made history by achieving the highest number of book launches, earning it a place in the Asia Book of Records.
- This novel was penned by renowned author Shantanu Gupta, delves into the life of Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, tracing his journey from humble beginnings to the pinnacle of political leadership. The longlist comprises 13 books written by authors from various countries, including Ireland, Canada, the US, and the UK, explore universal and topical themes.

2. Who is the author of the book 'Fire on the Ganges: Life Among the Dead in Banaras' _____ **Radhika Iyengar**.

Note:

- The book was released by HarperCollins.
- The book explores the city of Banaras (also known as Varanasi) in India, particularly its relationship with death and the afterlife.
- Fire on the Ganges is the first attempt to chronicle the everyday realities of the Doms in Banaras.

Science and Defence

1. Which organization has successfully launched India's first solar observatory mission named Aditya L1 from Sathish Dhawan Space Centre Sriharikota _____ **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)**.

Note:

- It was launched from the PSLV C57 rocket.
- In Aditya L1, L1 refers to Lagrange Point 1.
- Aim: To study the Solar upper atmospheric (chromosphere and corona) dynamics
- As per the reports, it will take 125 days (approx 4 months) to reach designated point L1 to study the Sun's mysteries.

2. The warship 'Mahendragiri' built at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited was launched in which Indian city _____ **Mumbai**.

Note:

- It would be launched by Dr Sudesh Dhankhar and it is the seventh ship of the Project 17A Frigates.
- The warship has been named after a mountain peak in the Eastern Ghats located in the state of Orissa.
- Mahendragiri is a technologically advanced warship and stands as a symbol of India's determination to embrace its rich naval heritage.



3. The second edition of Naval Commanders' Conference, 2023 held in which Indian city _____
New Delhi.

Note:

- Aim: To provide an opportunity for institutionalized interaction of Naval Commanders with senior Government officials to take ahead several inter-ministerial initiatives toward the development of a safe and secure maritime environment
 - Commanders will review projects with a focus on enhancing indigenization through Make in India in consonance with the vision of achieving self-reliance by 2047.
4. Which country launched a lunar lander on 7th Sep 2023, aiming to become the fifth nation to achieve a soft landing on the moon's surface following India's success _____ **Japan.**

Note:

- The Smart Lander for Investigating Moon (SLIM) was sent to space on an H-IIA rocket.
 - SLIM is a light and small spacecraft developed by Mitsubishi Electric.
 - One of the goals of the mission is to demonstrate precision landing technology.
 - The spacecraft is expected to land within 100 meters of a target site.
5. In a development highlighting India's growing presence on the global military stage, the Indian Navy's INS Sumedha arrived at which country to take part in 'Exercise Bright Star-23' _____
Port Alexandria, Egypt.

Note:

- It marks a historic occasion, with 34 countries participating, making it the largest joint military exercise ever held in the Middle East and North Africa region.
 - The Harbour Phase involves an array of activities aimed at planning and executing the Sea Phase
6. Phase II of the 21st edition of Varuna (Varuna-23) bilateral exercise between Indian and French Navy was conducted in which location _____ **Arabian Sea.**

Note:

- The exercise witnessed participation of guided missile frigates, tanker, Maritime Patrol Aircraft and integral helicopters from the two sides.
 - Aim: To enhance and hone their war fighting skills, improve interoperability and demonstrate their ability to promote, peace, security and stability in the region.
7. Who announced the Samudrayaan Mission(MATSYA 6000) India's first manned mission to explore the deep ocean, where three people will be sent into the depth of 6,000 metre in a submersible _____ **Minister of Earth Sciences Kiren Rijiju.**

Note:

- Aim: To sustainably use marine resources for the country's economic growth and livelihood along with creating job and maintaining the health of the marine ecosystem
 - It is designed to study the deep ocean resources and conduct biodiversity assessment.
8. Which space agency has announced the existence of a possible rare water ocean on a giant exoplanet scores of light years away and also a chemical hint of a sign of potential life _____
Nasa.

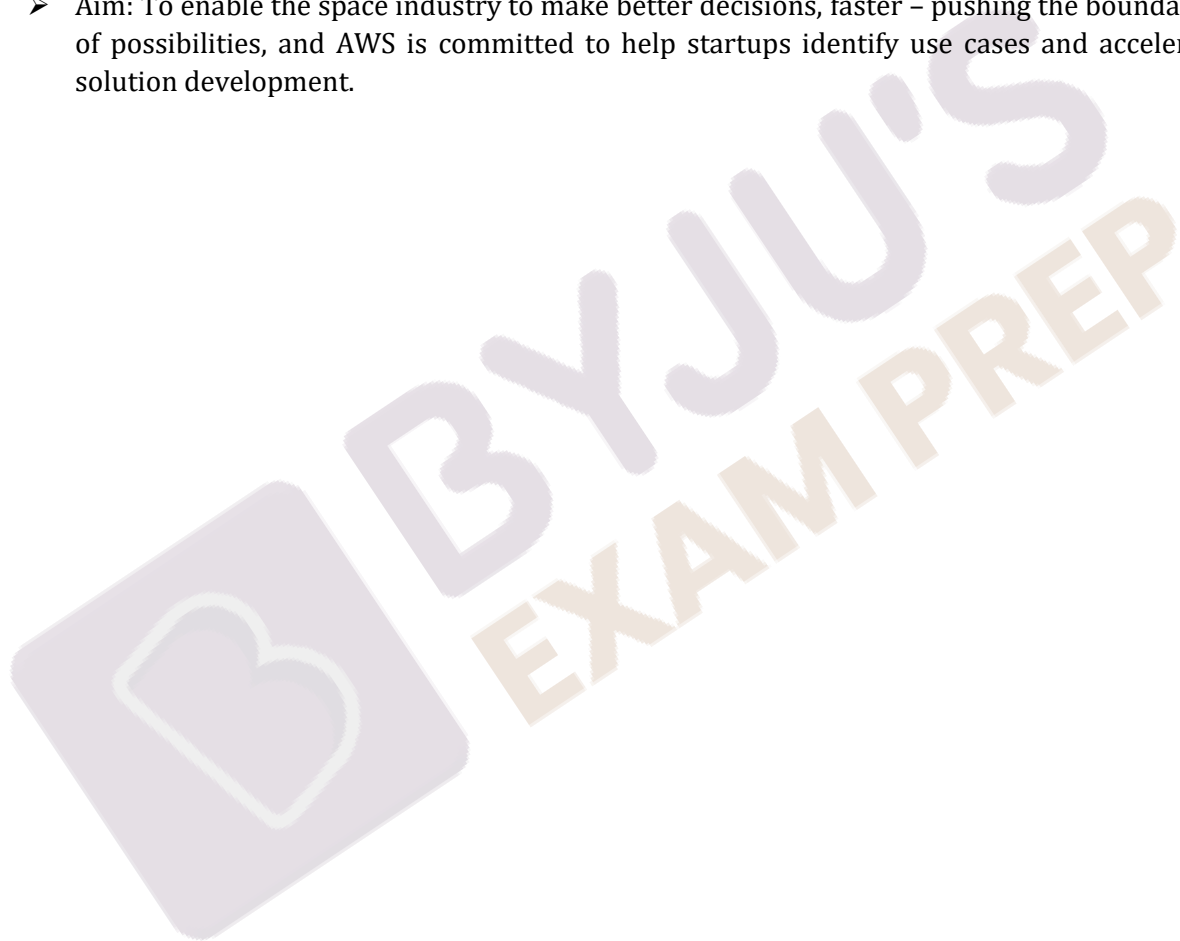


Note:

- NASA's James Webb Space Telescope in its study of K2-18 b, an exoplanet, discovered the presence of carbon dioxide and methane.
 - This suggests that K2-18b could be a Hycean exoplanet, one which has the potential to possess a hydrogen-rich atmosphere and a water ocean-covered surface.
9. Which Cloud behemoth has signed a strategic MoU with the ISRO and Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe) to support space-tech innovations through cloud computing _____ **Amazon Web Services**.

Note:

- Aim: To enable the space industry to make better decisions, faster – pushing the boundaries of possibilities, and AWS is committed to help startups identify use cases and accelerate solution development.



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