

# Weekly One-liners

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## Weekly One Liners Updates 15 -21st September 2023

Dear readers,

**Weekly One Liners Update** is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the third week (15-21st) of **September 2023**. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

### **Banking & Financial Awareness**

1. Which IIT signed a MoU with private lender ICICI Bank to support the startup ecosystem in the institute \_\_\_\_\_  
**Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur.**  
**Note:**
  - Aim: To empower startups and innovators at its Startup Incubation and Innovation Centre (SIIC).
  - SIIC is one of the oldest incubators in the country having been engulfed on its journey in 2000.
  - Objective: To support incubates by improving their understanding of foreign trade policies by conducting several workshops and seminars.
2. Which insurance company made its foray into the health and wellness category with the launch of a flagship offering Secure Earnings & Wellness Advantage Plan (SEWA) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Max Life Insurance Company.**  
**Note:**
  - Aim: To drive insurance adoption amongst women and transgender customers for financial inclusion, it provides a 5% discount in the 1st yr premium to these customer segments
  - Objective: To integrate health, protection, and holistic wellness benefits to cater to the evolving needs of the modern consumer
3. Cross-border payments company BriskPe and which bank have partnered to introduce BriskPe A2A, a suite of solutions designed to empower exporters and importers \_\_\_\_\_  
**Yes Bank.**  
**Note:**
  - Aim: To boost the MSME sector and transform India into a global export powerhouse.
  - Objective: To enables BriskPe's customers to collect payments in over 36 foreign currencies, spanning over 180 countries.
  - The funds can then be converted into INR and settled directly into their local bank accounts in India
4. Juspay, India's leading payments company, has partnered with which bank to launch HyperUPI, NPCI's plug-in SDK that enables in-app UPI payments in merchant apps \_\_\_\_\_  
**Yes Bank.**  
**Note:**
  - Merchants can now offer simple "1-click UPI experiences" in their Android and iOS apps without having to become an official UPI app.
  - Customers will no longer need to depend on another app to make UPI transactions as these payments can now be made on the merchant's app.
5. Which bank launched of the 'Virtual Commercial Card' to redefine cross-border transactions for corporates and travel agents \_\_\_\_\_  
**IndusInd Bank.**  
**Note:**
  - In a tie-up with Visa, this has additional layers of security that grant the users control over their international expenses, making it a safe and hassle-free experience for the customers
  - Users can generate virtual cards in foreign-denominated currencies as well, safeguarding the parent card number, ensuring utmost security for transactions.
6. Which bank announced the rollout of the 'IB SAATHI' initiative aimed at providing an integrated ecosystem for all stakeholders in the financial sector through the business correspondent route \_\_\_\_\_  
**Indian Bank.**  
**Note:**
  - SAATHI Stands for Sustainable Access and Aligning Technology for Holistic Inclusion.
  - Objective: To offer an enhanced user experience through the simplified delivery of services, encompassing both basic and value-added offerings to customers.
7. Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) has signed a MoU with which bank to provide a robust financial ecosystem for Green Energy projects \_\_\_\_\_  
**Bank of Maharashtra.**

**Note:**

- Aim: To promote and facilitate co-lending and loan syndication for a diverse spectrum of Renewable Energy projects across the nation.
  - Under this agreement, Bank of Maharashtra can invest in the Bonds issued by IREDA in accordance with the specified terms and conditions of the offering.
8. Which SFB announced the introduction of the Maxima Savings Account and Business Maxima Current Account for the premium customer segment \_\_\_\_\_ **Ujjivan Small Finance Bank.**

**Note:**

- The annual interest rate on the Maxima Savings Account is up to 7.5 percent and customers can open the account with Rs 1 lakh.
  - Customers also have the flexibility to maintain Rs 15 lakh or more in fixed deposits to meet the balance eligibility criteria of the Maxima Savings Account.
9. The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) has raised India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth projection for Financial Year 23 -2024 to what percent \_\_\_\_\_ **6.3 per cent.**

**Note:**

- The global economy, however, is expected to grow at a rate of 3 per cent in 2023, before slowing down to 2.7 per cent in 2024.
  - India, which is listed among the G20 emerging-market economies, has experienced mostly positive growth surprises.
10. Which general insurance company has unveiled its latest health insurance offering called the ACKO Platinum Health Plan titled "Health Insurance ki Subah ho Gayi Mamu" \_\_\_\_\_ **ACKO.**

**Note:**

- As per the company, the plan has features including 100% bill payment, no room rent capping, and zero waiting period, among others.
  - Aim: To focus on simplifying health insurance and removing all the pain points that customers have to face.
11. In September 2023, RBI has imposed a monetary penalty on how many co-operative banks for rule violations \_\_\_\_\_ **Four.**

**Note:**

- These banks include Lalbaug Co-operative Bank, The Co-operative Bank of Mehsana, The Harij Nagrik Sahakari Bank, and The National Co-operative Bank.
  - RBI imposed Rs 1 lakh penalty on National Co-operative Bank, Rs 3 lakh on The Harij Nagrik Sahakari Bank, Rs 3.50 lakh on Co-operative Bank of Mehsana and Rs 5 lakh penalty on Lalbaug Co-operative Bank.
12. Which bank has introduced a digital facility for Non-Resident Indians to effortlessly open Non-Residential External and Non-Resident Ordinary accounts through its mobile app YONO \_\_\_\_\_ **State Bank of India.**

**Note:**

- Aim: To fulfil a long-standing demand from NRI customers for a hassle-free way to open and manage their accounts in India.
- This service is designed for NTB or 'new to bank' customers, providing them with ease and efficiency in the account opening process.

### Obituaries

1. Mircea Snegur, passed away at the age of 83, was a former president of which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Moldova.**

**Note:**

- He was a former communist, was president from 1990 to 1997, overseeing Moldova's breakaway from the Soviet Union and transition to independence.
- In August 1989, he was chairman of the Presidium of the Soviet Moldova Supreme Council, Snegur initiated the move making Romanian the official state language.

### Important Days

1. The International Day of Democracy is celebrated around the world on which date each year \_\_\_\_\_ **15 September.**

**Note:**

- 2023 Theme: Empowering the next generation
- It was established through a resolution passed by the UN General Assembly in 2007, encouraging governments to strengthen and consolidate democracy.



- It is an opportunity to highlight the important role of parliaments and to celebrate their capacity and mandate to deliver on justice, peace, development, and human rights.
2. Engineers Day is being celebrated across the country on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **15th September**.
- Note:**
- The theme for 2023 is 'Engineering for a Sustainable Future.
  - The date of birth of Dr. Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya, popularly known as the Civil Engineer of India, was announced by the Government of India in the year 1868 to celebrate 15 September (year 1860) as Engineer's Day.
  - He was awarded the Bharat Ratna in the year 1955, 15 September (year 1860).
  - It is also celebrated in Sri Lanka and Tanzania.
3. World Ozone Day is observed annually on which date to raise awareness about the importance of the ozone layer and how its depletion is leading to global warming and climate change across the world \_\_\_\_\_ **September 16**.
- Note:**
- 2023 theme: Montreal Protocol: Fixing the Ozone Layer and Reducing Climate Change
  - The day is recognised to commemorate the Montreal Protocol, an environmental agreement that regulates the production and consumption of nearly 100 man-made chemicals.
4. World Patient Safety Day is celebrated on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **17th September**.
- Note:**
- Objective: To increase public awareness and engagement, enhance global understanding, and work towards global solidarity and action by Member States to enhance patient safety and reduce patient harm.
  - The theme of World Patient Safety Day 2023 is "Engaging patients for patient safety", in recognition of the crucial role patients, families, and caregivers play in the safety of health care.
5. World Bamboo Day is observed annually on \_\_\_\_\_ **18th September**.
- Note:**
- Aim: To raise awareness about the importance of bamboo but also promote its role in sustainable development, poverty alleviation, environmental conservation and cultural preservation.
  - Bamboo is a type of grass that grows rapidly and is known for its strength, flexibility and eco-friendliness and to celebrate the many uses and benefits of this versatile and sustainable resource.
6. The International Day of Peace or World Peace Day is celebrated on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **21st September**.
- Note:**
- Aim: To promote peace while ceasing violence and conflicts worldwide where each year,
  - Theme 2023: Actions for Peace: Our Ambition for the #GlobalGoals.
  - The International Day of Peace is often associated with a dove and the olive branch symbols where the dove represents peace and freedom, while the olive branch has been a traditional symbol of peace dating back to ancient times.
7. World Alzheimer's Day takes place every which date \_\_\_\_\_ **September 21**.
- Note:**
- Aim: To raise awareness and challenge the stigma around Alzheimer's disease and other dementia.
  - Theme 2023: 'Never Too Early, Never Too Late.'
  - Alzheimer's is a severe brain disorder of memory loss and confusion, if not diagnosed and managed on time, can adversely impact one's mental abilities of learning, thinking, and reasoning, which could compromise one's day-to-day life activities and control over emotions.
8. Nuakhai Juhar is an agricultural harvest festival mainly observed by the people of which Indian state \_\_\_\_\_ **Odisha**.
- Note:**
- It is celebrated on the fifth day of the lunar fortnight of the month of Bhadrapada (August-September), the day after the Ganesh Chaturthi festival.
  - This year, it is being celebrated on September 20.
  - Nuakhai is a time of great joy and celebration for the people of Odisha.

### New Appointments

1. Who has been unanimously elected Chairman of the Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC) for the year 2023-2024 \_\_\_\_\_ **Srinivasan K. Swamy**.
- Note:**
- He served as Chairman of the Asian Federation of Advertising Associations.

- He was earlier President / Chairman of the International Advertising Association (IAA), IAA India Chapter, Confederation of Asian Advertising Agency Associations, and Advertising Agencies Association of India.
- 2. The Centre has appointed special director whom s in-charge director of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) till the new regular director is selected \_\_\_\_\_ **Rahul Navin**.  
**Note:**
  - He is a 1993-batch IRS officer and took charge as the acting director of the ED from Sanjay Kumar Mishra.
  - He is currently working as a Special Director-Chief Vigilance Officer (ED headquarters).
  - The Centre had approached the Supreme Court seeking a tenure extension for Mishra till October 15.
- 3. Mastercard India appointed whom as its non-executive chairman \_\_\_\_\_ **Rajnish Kumar**.  
**Note:**
  - He will guide Mastercard's South Asia executive leadership team led by Gautam Aggarwal, in navigating the vibrant domestic payments landscape.
  - The veteran banker has nearly four decades of experience in India's largest bank.
  - He held various leadership roles in the bank managing critical operations across India, the UK and Canada.
- 4. Who has been appointed as permanent CEO of New York-based international publishing group Penguin Random House \_\_\_\_\_ **Nihar Malaviya**.  
**Note:**
  - He had replaced Markus Dohle, who departed after Penguin Random House's failed bid for Simon & Schuster 2022
  - He has served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Penguin Random House US since 2014.
  - He spearheaded the creation of a variety of industry-first capabilities in data science and supply chain
- 5. Digital Infrastructure Providers Association (DIPA) has appointed whom as its new Chairman and Sandeep Girotra as Vice-Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ **Dhananjay Joshi**.  
**Note:**
  - He currently serves as the Managing Director and CEO of Summit Digitel, and has previously held the position of COO at Bharti Infratel. He will be succeeding Akhil Gupta, Chairman of Bharti Enterprises.
  - Sandeep Girotra, currently serves as the current CEO of American Tower India
- 6. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the re-appointment of Sashidhar Jagdishan as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of which bank \_\_\_\_\_ **HDFC Bank**.  
**Note:**
  - He joined the Bank in 1996 as a Manager in the Finance function.
  - He became Business Head of finance in 1999 and was appointed as CFO in 2008.
  - He played a critical role in supporting the growth trajectory of the Bank, and led the finance function with a pivotal role in achieving the strategic objectives

### Important News – India

- 1. Which country has become the 13th Internationally Accepted OIML (International Organization of Legal Metrology) Certificates Issuing Authority \_\_\_\_\_ **India**.  
**Note:**
  - Aim: To create a facility for international manufacturers to get their equipment tested in here and this, in turn, will generate revenue and employment.
  - OIML is an intergovernmental organisation and its certificate is internationally accepted for selling weights & measures anywhere in the world.
- 2. The Indian government has given the green light to which phase of the e-Courts project, marking another significant step towards modernizing the country's judicial system \_\_\_\_\_ **Phase III**.  
**Note:**
  - With a substantial budget allocation of Rs 7,210 crore, this initiative aims to leverage technology to enhance the efficiency and accessibility of the courts.
  - One of the central objectives of the e-Courts Phase III project is to transition towards a digital, online, and paperless court system.
- 3. Which ministry in India has officially launched the Swachhata Pakhwada 2023 campaign \_\_\_\_\_ **Ministry of Railways**.  
**Note:**
  - This initiative, aimed at promoting cleanliness and environmental consciousness, commenced on the 15th of September, 2023.

- Chairperson & CEO of the Railway Board, Jaya Varma Sinha, kicked off the event at Rail Bhawan by leading the Swachhata Pledge.
- The Swachhata Pledge embraced by the entire Railway family is built upon three fundamental principles
- 4. The government of India has unveiled the UPag to tackle the complex governance challenges that currently beset the country's farming industry. What is the full form of UPag \_\_\_\_\_ **Unified Portal for Agricultural Statistics.**

**Note:**

- The Ministry of Agriculture hails UPag as an innovative platform meticulously crafted to streamline and enhance data management within the agricultural domain.
- It represents a crucial stride towards establishing a more efficient and responsive agricultural policy framework.
- 5. The Clothing Manufacturers Association of India (CMAI) has taken a significant leap onto the global stage by introducing the "Brands of India" initiative in which city \_\_\_\_\_ **Dubai.**

**Note:**

- Aim: To establish a new trade corridor encompassing shipping and railways across the Middle East, ensuring trade route stability and resilience for the future.
- It is a collaborative effort with several countries including the UAE, Saudi Arabia, the US, Germany, France, Italy, and the EU.
- 6. In September 2023, which site has been included in the UNESCO World Heritage list as the 41st site \_\_\_\_\_ **Shantiniketan.**

**Note:**

- Santiniketan becomes the 41st UNESCO World Heritage Site in India and the third in West Bengal, after the Sundarbans National Park and the Darjeeling Mountain Railways.
- The decision to include Santiniketan in the list was taken during the 45th session of the World Heritage Committee in Saudi Arabia.
- Established in 1901 by Maharshi Debendranath Tagore, located in Birbhum district of West Bengal.
- 7. Union Minister for Education Dharmendra Pradhan with Lok Sabha speaker Om Birla launched the 'Skills on Wheels' initiative with NSDC and which bank \_\_\_\_\_ **IndusInd Bank.**

**Note:**

- Aim: To generate awareness around the government's skill development mission, opportunities and support system available for youths.
- Objective: To promote digital literacy and digital skills in which India is developing global competency this scheme with the help of NSDC has been launched.
- 8. The famed Hoysala temples in Karnataka have been added to the UNESCO World Heritage list and becomes \_\_\_\_\_ UNESCO site of India \_\_\_\_ **42nd.**

**Note:**

- This inclusion marks the 42nd UNESCO World Heritage Site in India.
- The sacred ensembles of the Hoysalas, constructed during the 12th and 13th centuries are represented here by the three components of Belur, Halebid, and Somnathapura.
- All these three Hoysala temples are already protected monuments of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).
- 9. The 10th meeting of the India-Malaysia Joint Sub-Committee on Defence Science, Technology and Industry Cooperation was held in which Indian city \_\_\_\_\_ **New Delhi.**

**Note:**

- During the meeting, the existing defence cooperation between the two countries was reviewed and wide-ranging discussions were held on issues of mutual interest.
- Both sides explored effective and practical initiatives to further expand the bilateral defence engagements.
- 10. India has been ranked \_\_\_\_\_ out of 121 countries in the Digital Quality of Life Index Survey 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ **52nd.**

**Note:**

- The annual survey by the Netherlands-based firm has ranked 121 countries on five factors: internet quality, internet affordability, e-infrastructure, e-government, and e-security.
- In Asia, India takes 13th place, with Singapore the leader in the region.
- The top 3 Countries in the Digital Quality of Life Index survey are Denmark, South Korea, and Finland
- 11. Which ministry launched Kisan Rin Portal, Door to Door KCC Campaign, and Weather Information Network Data Systems (WINDS) Manual \_\_\_\_\_ **Ministry of Finance.**

**Note:**

- Aim: To amplify financial inclusion, streamline data utilization, harness technology, and enhance the livelihoods of the farmer.

- Objective: To help in furthering the goal of agricultural transformation and sustainable economic growth for farmer.
12. President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the first Uttar Pradesh International Trade Show in India Expo Centre and Mart in which city \_\_\_\_\_ **Greater Noida.**
- Note:**
- The trade show will be held from September 21 to 25.
  - Aim: To get international exposure and market opportunities.
  - Over 2000 exhibitors will showcase their products across a wide spectrum of sectors, including automobiles, handicrafts, healthcare, food processing, pharmaceuticals, dairy, electronics, and e-commerce.
13. India will host the International Congress on the Chemistry of Cement (ICCC) in which year \_\_\_\_\_ **2027.**
- Note:**
- The Commerce and Industry Ministry announced that India won the bid to hold this event on a presentation from the National Council for Cement and Building Materials along with IIT Delhi.
  - India defeated Switzerland and the United Arab Emirates to win the bid.
  - The ICCC is regarded as the largest and the most prestigious event in the area of Cement and Concrete.
14. Which organization signed MoU with the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay for contributing towards improving food security, nutrition, climate resilience, and livelihoods \_\_\_\_\_ **United Nations World Food Programme (WFP).**
- Note:**
- Objective: To focus on ecosystem development for technology and innovations to bolster government food safety net programs.
  - It will involve identifying and analyzing relevant data, research, and evidence generation related to food and nutrition security.
15. The 14th edition of the World Spice Congress (WSC) began in which Indian city \_\_\_\_\_ **Navi Mumbai.**
- Note:**
- Theme: 'VISION 2030: S-P-I-C-E-S
  - The three-day event has been organized by the Spices Board India, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, in association with various trade bodies and export forums.
  - The event has the presence of policymakers, regulatory authorities, spice trade associations, government officials as well as technical experts from G20 countries, among others.
16. Which country hosted the inaugural United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) South Asia conference from 14 to 16 September \_\_\_\_\_ **India.**
- Note:**
- Aim: To further India's engagement with UNCITRAL and encourage interaction between UNCITRAL, judiciary, bureaucracy, academia, and the legal fraternity.
  - It is described as "the principal legal entity within the United Nations system dedicated to international trade law.
17. The fourth and final meeting of the G20 Framework Working Group, FWG under the Indian G20 Presidency began in which Indian city \_\_\_\_\_ **Raipur.**
- Note:**
- Aim: To facilitate discussions on the latest global economic outlook and policy guidance on key macroeconomic issues.
  - The RBI will host a series of Jan Bhagidari events, including panel discussions on digital banking and financial inclusion, financial literacy programs, a G20 awareness program, a painting contest, and a slogan-writing contest.
18. The fourth G20 Infrastructure Working Group meeting under the Indian Presidency started in which Indian state \_\_\_\_\_ **Madhya Pradesh.**
- Note:**
- It would be the last meeting of the Infrastructure Working Group.
  - Aim: To deliberate on various aspects of infrastructure investments, including developing infrastructure as an asset class, promoting quality urban infrastructure and Infratech.
  - It is hosted and chaired by the Ministry of Finance along with Australia and Brazil as co-chairs.
19. Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the PM Viswakarma scheme in which Indian city \_\_\_\_\_ **Guwahati.**
- Note:**
- This scheme would help the traditional artisans of the country and also help in preserving our age-old culture and heritage through art and craft.



- He also highlighted the great experience of visiting the exhibition showcased on the occasion and interacting with the artisans and craftsmen.
- During training times Rs.500 per day allowance will be provided to the Viswakarma friends.

### Important News – State

1. Which state government distributed Griha Adhar sanction orders to numerous beneficiaries to support homemakers financially, fostering their independence and improving their quality of life \_\_\_\_ **Goa**.

**Note:**

- Aim : To empower Goan entrepreneurs and self-help groups, a digital initiative under the Swayampura Goa Programme.
- He also flagged off the Chavath-e-Bazaar vehicle, symbolizing a new era of empowerment for rural artisans and entrepreneurs in Goa.

2. Which state government unveiled 'Sarpanch Samvaad' , a mobile application app of the Quality Council of India (QCI) in Raj Bhavan \_\_\_\_\_ **Assam**.

**Note:**

- Aim: To connect approximately 2.5 lakh Sarpanchs across India, which serves as a holistic platform for networking, knowledge dissemination, and collaboration.
- Through this initiative, Sarpanchs can spotlight developmental activities in their villages, learn about best practices, and foster connections nationwide.

3. Which state government launched "Mission Intensified Indra Dhanush" 5.0 \_\_\_\_\_ **Punjab**.

**Note:**

- Aim: To provide vaccination against 12 Vaccine-Preventable Diseases (VPD) i.e. diphtheria, Whooping cough, tetanus, polio, tuberculosis, hepatitis B, meningitis and pneumonia.
- The main purpose of the launch of this mission is to cover those pregnant women who are partially vaccinated or unvaccinated as well as children left out and drop out in the age group of 0-5 years.

4. Which state Govt has signed an MoU with six Public Sector Banks for providing banking services in all unbanked Gram Panchayats of the State through CSP Plus banking outlets \_\_\_\_\_ **Odisha**.

**Note:**

- Banks include SBI, PNB, Union Bank, UCO Bank, BOI, BOB
- Aim: To provide rent free banking space for 5 years and also bear one-time expenses for Fixed Cost & Recurring expenses for a period of 3 years.
- Scheme will be implemented in a phased manner to cover all unbanked GPs of State within the FY23-24

5. Which state government launched a new e-Bhoomi portal that promises to further ease the process of purchasing land for the development of government projects with the consent of landowners \_\_\_\_\_ **Haryana**.

**Note:**

- Objective: To extend benefits to landowners whose names are recorded in the revenue estate of villages Kasan, Kukrola and Sahrawan in Manesar tehsil of Gurugram district
- Farmers can offer their land independently or through listed aggregators.

### Important News– World

1. India and which country discussed important areas of bilateral cyber cooperation and reviewed the progress achieved in the areas of cyber security and Information and Communication Technologies \_\_\_\_\_ **Japan**.

**Note:**

- Japan hosted the fifth India-Japan Cyber Dialogue in Tokyo
- Aim: To exchange views on the latest developments in the cyber domain and mutual cooperation at the United Nations and other multilateral and regional fora, including under the Quad framework.

2. Which organization signed a MoU with the Small Industries Development Bank of India to provide accessible financing options to MSMEs looking to adopt solar solutions \_\_\_\_\_ **Tata Power Company**.

**Note:**

- Aim: To promote solar energy adoption among MSMEs by providing tailored and innovative financing solutions through SIDBI's 4E Scheme
- Scheme: MSMEs opting for Rooftop Solar PV Plants or associated services from Tata Power or its channel partners across India will receive financial support from SIDBI.

3. According to the Chainalysis' 2023 Global Crypto Adoption Index, which country has achieved the top rank among 154 nations in grassroots crypto adoption, displaying remarkable resilience \_\_\_\_\_ **India**.

**Note:**



- Nigeria ranked second in the index, followed by Vietnam.
- India has secured the first position in four critical parameters:
  - Centralized Service Value Received
  - Retail Centralized Service Value Received
  - DeFi Value Received
  - Retail DeFi Value Received

### Honor & Awards

1. Who has been honored with the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award-Academia 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ **Professor Najma Akhtar.**

**Note:**

- The award was presented by Padma Vibhushan awardee Raghunath Anant Mashelkar at the Grand Conference and Award Function titled Making India Employable.
- The 'Making India Employable' Awards are organized to celebrate individual success, innovation, and real-world impact in the field of education, and employability.

2. Which organization has been honored with the 'Safety Innovation Award 2023', under the 'Construction' category, for implementing 'Innovative Safety Management Systems' in its operations \_\_\_\_\_ **Rail India Technical and Economic Service.**

**Note:**

- The award was presented to RITES' officials during the inaugural function of the 20th Safety Convention organized.
- RITES, having multi-sectoral presence, has consistently embraced best safety practices in its operations.

3. Who has been crowned "Miss Universe Pakistan 2023", becoming the first-ever woman from the country to win the title \_\_\_\_\_ **Erica Robin.**

**Note:**

- Four other models from different parts of the country participated in the beauty pageant, including Hira Inam from Lahore, Jessical Wilson from Rawalpindi, Pakistani-American Malika Alvi from Pennsylvania, and Sabrina Wasim.
- Jessica Wilson was named first runner-up.

4. Who received the French government's Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres honor 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ **Rahul Mishra.**

**Note:**

- This award was previously won by his compatriots Ritu Kumar, Ritu Beri, and Wendell Rodricks
- His works that highlight the highest standards and craft of local artisans in India have been shown at prestigious fashion weeks in Paris, Milan, and Mumbai.

5. The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade has announced the issuance of the Geographical Indication tag to "Atreyapuram Pootharekulu, for which Indian state \_\_\_\_\_ **Andhra Pradesh.**

**Note:**

- It is a sweet made of rice and jaggery
- The production of the sweet is confined only to the Atreyapuram village on the banks of the Godavari in Andhra Pradesh.
- The tag was allotted after Sir Arthur Cotton Pootharekula Sahakara Sangham, a cooperative society, applied to secure a GI tag for the Pootharekulu sweet.

6. Government of India will now recognise scientists with Rashtriya Vigyan Puruskar in how many categories \_\_\_\_\_ **4.**

**Note:**

- It has 4 categories, Vigyan Ratna, Vigyan Shri, Vigyan Yuva-Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar, and Vigyan Team.
- Vigyan Ratna will recognise the lifetime achievement of scientists, Vigyan Shri will recognise distinguished contributions to a field, Vigyan Yuva Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar will encourage young scientists who have made exceptional contributions.

### Sports News

1. Indian cricket team bagged Asia Cup 2023 in Colombo by defeating which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Sri Lanka.**

**Note:**

- India's Mohammed Siraj brought Sri Lanka down to their knees with a six-wicket haul.
- He was followed by Hardik Pandya who took three wickets, along with one wicket by Jasprit Bumrah.
- Mohammed Siraj was declared player of the match and Kuldeep Yadav player of the series.
- Ishan Kishan at 23 and Shubman Gill at 27 remained unbeaten.

2. Which Indian javelin thrower finished second in the men's event at the Diamond League Final 2023 in USA \_\_\_\_\_  
**Neeraj Chopra.**

**Note:**

- The Indian's best throw of 83.80 meter came in his second attempt.
- However, Czech Republic's Jakub Vadlejch, won his third title with a best throw of 84.24 meter.
- Oliver Helander of Finland scored third position while Andrian Mardare of Moldovan scored fourth position and Curtis Thompson of USA scored fifth position in this event.

3. Who won the Singapore Grand Prix 2023 to end Formula 1 leader Max Verstappen's record run of 10 wins in a row and shatter Red Bull's dream of going through the season unbeaten \_\_\_\_\_ **Ferrari's Carlos Sainz.**

**Note:**

- McLaren's Lando Norris finished a close second and Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton took third place as Red Bull ended up off the podium for the first time since last November's Brazilian Grand Prix.
- Double world champion Verstappen started 11th and finished fifth, with teammate.

4. Which Indian shooter has won the gold medal in the women's 10-metre air rifle event at the ISSF World Cup 2023 in Brazil \_\_\_\_\_ **Elavenil Valarivan.**

**Note:**

- She defeated France's Oceanne Muller.
- This was Elavenil Valarivan's second individual ISSF World Cup medal.
- The third position was grabbed by China's Jiale Zhang, scoring 229 points.
- At the ISSF World Cups staged so far in 2023, Indian shooters have won a total of 23 medals – seven gold, four silver, and 12 bronze.

5. MotoGP Bharat is set to host the IndianOil Grand Prix of India at the Buddh International Circuit in which Indian city \_\_\_\_\_ **Greater Noida.**

**Note:**

- It is the first time Moto E (electric race) is organizing a Grand Prix outside Europe and MotoGP Bharat will raise the curtains for Asia region.
- It is scheduled to take place at the Buddh International Circuit in Greater Noida from 22 to 24 September.
- MotoGP Bharat announced IndianOil as its title sponsor for the top-tier international Bike riders event.

6. Who won the women's 50-metre rifle 3-position silver medal in the World Cup 2023 in Brazil \_\_\_\_\_ **Nischal.**

**Note:**

- She finished behind Norway's Jeanette Hegg Duestad, who won gold.
- It was the second medal for India, following the gold by Elavenil Valarivan in women's air rifle.
- India finished joint fifth with Germany and France with a gold and silver.
- Italy was on top with two gold and a bronze.
- China was second with a gold, four silver and three bronze.

7. Which Indian pacer re-grabbed the number one position among bowlers in the ICC Men's ODI player rankings 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ **Mohammed Siraj.**

**Note:**

- His latest match-winning performance against Sri Lanka in the Asia Cup final provided eight spot leaps to take him to the top.
- Kuldeep Yadav is another Indian bowler who made it into the top ten.
- Jasprit Bumrah, who has come back after a long injury break, climbed up two places to the 27th position.
- Hardik Pandya rose eight spots to the 50th rank.

8. Which organization released the official Anthem for the Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 beginning on the 5th of October \_\_\_\_\_ **International Cricket Council.**

**Note:**

- The theme of the anthem is Dil Jashn Bole and it features Bollywood superstar Ranveer Singh and other popular social media influencers.
- The Cricket World Cup 2023 is being held in India after 12 years.
- The music for the anthem has been prepared by Pritam, and the singers are Pritam, Nakash Aziz, Sreerama Chandra and Amit Mishra

### Books and Authors

1. Name the book, which was launched by the Secretary of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Apurva Chandra, which provides a comprehensive perspective on India's G20 Presidency \_\_\_\_\_ **People's G20.**

**Note:**

- Apurva Chandra, the Secretary of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, introduced an ebook titled 'People's G20,' which provides a comprehensive perspective on India's G20 Presidency.

### Science and Defence

1. The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) has accorded Acceptance of Necessity, AoN for nine capital acquisition proposals of approximately what amount \_\_\_\_\_ **45 thousand crore rupees.**

**Note:**

- The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh.
- All these procurements will be made from Indian vendors which will give a substantial boost to the Indian defence Industry towards achieving the goal of 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'.

2. Which edition of the Indian Navy's Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Seminar – 'Swavlamban 2023' is scheduled to be conducted on 04 – 05 Oct 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ **2nd.**

**Note:**

- In the maiden edition, PM launched the 75 challenges for the start-ups/ MSMEs as a part of the 'SPRINT' initiative.
- Aim: To give a boost to the usage of indigenous technology in the Indian Navy, and the Navy is committed to developing at least 75 technologies/ products as part of the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

3. ASEAN began their first-ever joint military drills in which country amid rising geopolitical tensions between major powers and protests against China's activities in the South China Sea \_\_\_\_\_ **Indonesia.**

**Note:**

- Aim: To develop military skills, including maritime security and patrols, and the distribution of humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.
- All 10 members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) will join the exercise, including prospective member East Timor.

4. Which organization has developed the P7 Heavy Drop System which is capable of para-dropping military stores up to 7-ton weight class from IL 76 aircraft \_\_\_\_\_ **DRDO.**

**Note:**

- This system is fully indigenous and being manufactured by L&T which makes the platform system, and parachutes manufactured by Ordnance Factory.
- The system would be a force multiplier for armed forces while enabling the rapid delivery of combat stores in far-flung inaccessible areas.

5. The Indian Army is set to acquire a regiment of which tactical ballistic missiles for the first time, as part of a broader strategy to develop a strategic rocket force \_\_\_\_\_ **Pralay.**

**Note:**

- The Pralay missiles, propelled by a solid-propellant rocket motor and other novel technologies, are expected to provide a substantial boost to the Indian Army's offensive capabilities.
- It can hit targets between 150-500 Km and missiles developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation.

6. Which Indian Coast Guard Ship is currently on an overseas deployment to ASEAN countries from 11 Sep to 14 Oct 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ **Samudra Prahari.**

**Note:**

- This deployment is part of India's ASEAN initiatives for Marine Pollution Response, showcasing the Pollution Response capabilities of the ICG.
- Aim: To demonstrate the ICG's pollution response capabilities and its dedication to collaborative efforts for marine pollution response.

7. The Indian Army and which country will co-host the 13th Indo-Pacific Armies Chiefs Conference \_\_\_\_\_ **The United States Army.**

**Note:**

- It is a 3 day conference of Chiefs of Armies and delegates of 35 countries in New Delhi from 25th to 27th September 2023.
- Theme of 2023 is "Together for Peace: Sustaining Peace and Stability in the Indo-Pacific Region."
- Aim: To promote peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region through mutual understanding, and friendship amongst the littoral partners.

8. Which Indian Naval Ship successfully conducted vital Mixed Gas Diving training sessions as part of IN-SLN Divex 23 \_\_\_\_\_ **Nireekshak.**



**Note:**

- It marks the ship's continued engagement with the Sri Lanka Navy, aligning with India's 'Neighborhood First' policy for capacity building in neighboring nations.
- It is well-equipped with two six-man recompression chambers and a three-man diving bell.
- It possesses the capability to execute submarine rescue operations and train saturation divers.

9. Indian Naval Ships Ranvijay and Kavaratti and submarine INS Sindhukesari arrived in Singapore to participate in which edition of the Singapore India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) \_\_\_\_\_ **30th**.

**Note:**

- SIMBEX holds the distinction of being the longest continuous naval exercise that the Indian Navy has with any other country.
- SIMBEX-2023 is being conducted in two phases - a Harbour Phase at Singapore from 21 to 24 September 2023, followed by a Sea Phase.

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