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Dear MBA Aspirants,

BYJU'S Exam Prep experts have curated a Weekly Current Affairs Magazine which is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the 1st week of September (1st-7th) of September 2023. This file is important for the upcoming MBA 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.**

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

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. Pilloo 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.

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.

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.
 - 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. T

- 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.

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:**
- 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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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

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:

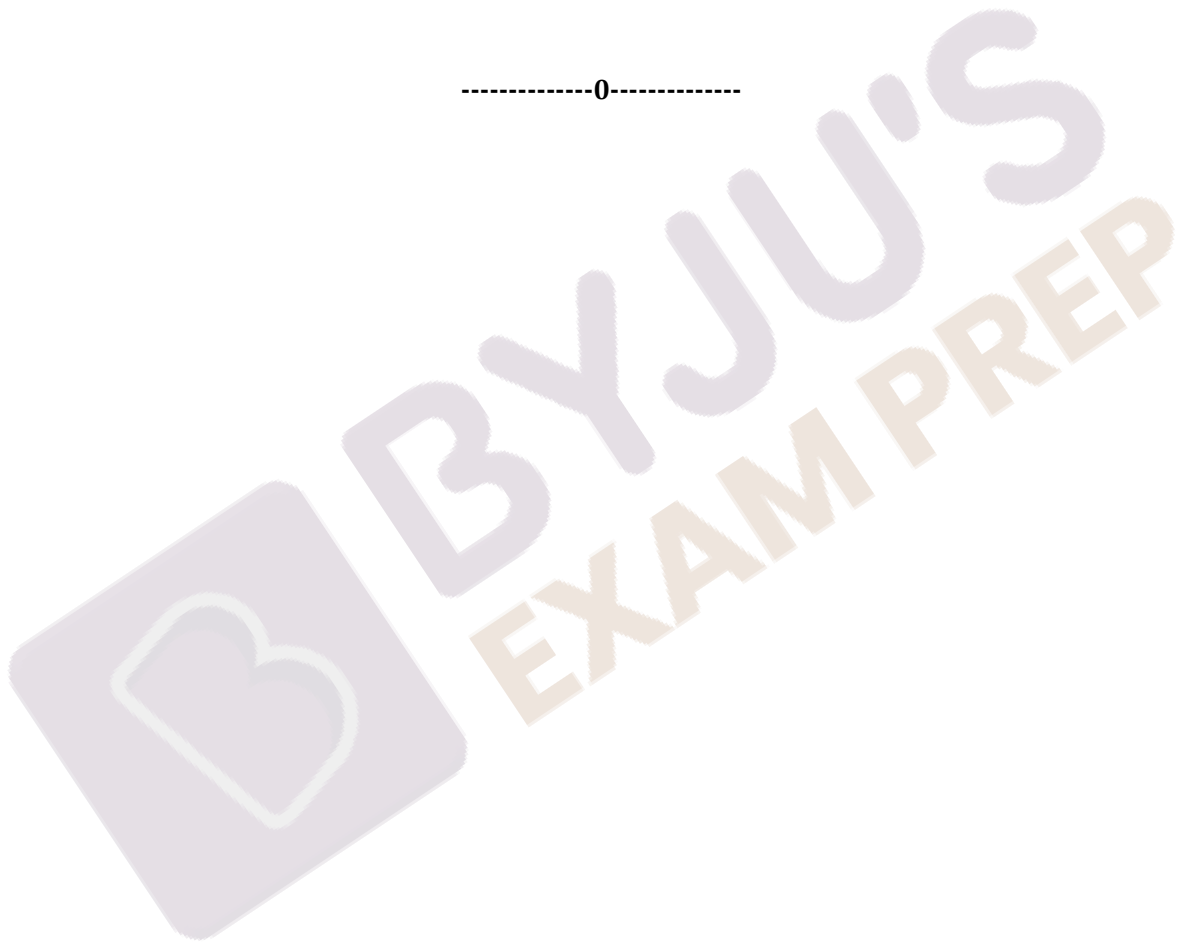
- It would be launched by Dr Sudesh Dhankhar and it is the seventh ship of the Project 17A Frigates.
- The warship has been named after a mountain peak in the Eastern Ghats located in the state of Orissa.
- Mahendragiri is a technologically advanced warship and stands as a symbol of India's determination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

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