

Weekly One Liners 10th to 16th of January 2022

Golden Globe Awards 2022 announced

The **Golden Globe Awards 2022** ceremony was held to recognise excellence in film, both American and international, and American television. This was the **79th** edition of the annual event, which honoured the best in American television, as well as film in 2021 as chosen by the **Hollywood Foreign Press Association**. Two of the films namely **The Power of the Dog** and the **West Side Story**, won the most number of awards with 3 each.

List of winners in the Motion Picture category:

Category	Winners
Best Film (Drama)	The Power of the Dog
Best Film (Musical or Comedy)	West Side Story
Best Actor (Drama)	Will Smith for King Richard as Richard Williams
Best Actress (Drama)	Nicole Kidman for Being the Ricardos as Lucille Ball
Best Actor (Musical or Comedy)	Andrew Garfield for tick, tick... BOOM! as Jonathan Larson
Best Actress (Musical or Comedy)	Rachel Zegler for West Side Story as María Vasquez
Best Supporting Actor	Kodi Smit-McPhee for The Power of the Dog as Peter Gordon
Best Supporting Actress	Ariana DeBose for West Side Story as Anita
Best Director	Jane Campion for The Power of the Dog
Best Screenplay	Kenneth Branagh for Belfast
Best Original Score	Hans Zimmer for Dune
Best Original Song	"No Time to Die" (Billie Eilish and Finneas O'Connell) – No Time to Die
Best Animated Feature	Encanto
Best Non-English Film	Drive My Car (Japan)

'Kerala Arts and Crafts Village Organization' won 'International Craft Award 2021'

Kerala Arts and Crafts Village Organization (KACV) from **Kovalam, Kerala** was awarded the **'International Craft Award for 2021'** for the best craft village in the world by the **World Crafts Council International**. It is the only award India received in the non-individual category. The KACV was established by the Uralungal Labour Contract Cooperative Society (UL CCS) for the State Tourism Department of Kerala. In 2021, the **Village of the Year** award was won by **'Kraf Komuniti Ku'** in **Malaysia**.

Other Awardee's:

Category of the award	Winners
Craft Icon of the Year	Chandramali Liyangane of the National Crafts Council, Sri Lanka.
Sustainable Development & Social Inclusion in the Handicrafts Sector	Malaysian Prison Department
Craft Persons of the Year	Shahrbanoo Arabian (Iran) and Dalavayi Kullayappa (India)
Craft Designers of the Year	Zohra Said (Morocco) and Ismario Ismael (Mexico)
Next Generation Craft Designers of the year	Qiling Zhang (China) and Mubin Khatri (India)
The Master Artisans	Amita Sachdeva (India) and Mubarik Khatri (India)

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New Zealand spinner Ajaz Patel wins ICC Player of the Month Award

India-born **New Zealand** cricketer **Ajaz Patel** has won the **ICC Player of the Month award** for **December** following his stupendous 10-wicket haul against Virat Kohli and Co. in the second Test in Mumbai. The left-arm spinner was nominated for the award alongside India opener **Mayank Agarwal** and Australian pacer **Mitchell Starc** but beat them to it on the back of his incredibly rare feat.

Ajaz picked up 14 wickets in the Mumbai Test match in early December against India, including all 10 in the first innings, to become only the third player in Test history, after **Jim Laker** and **Anil Kumble**, to achieve the remarkable milestone.

National Affairs

- Prime Minister of India, **Narendra Modi** has declared that starting from the year 2022, **December 26** will be observed as **'Veer Baal Diwas'** every year. The day will be commemorated as a tribute to the courage of the 4 Sahibzades (the four sons of Guru Gobind Singh Ji), who attained martyrdom in the 17th century.
- Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** has inaugurated **Kalpana Chawla Centre for Research in Space Science and Technology (KCCRSST)** at **Chandigarh University**. The Union Minister also launched Chandigarh University's Defence Scholarship Scheme, worth **Rs 10 Crore**, for the wards of Defence Personnel of the three services. Kalpana Chawla was the first woman of Indian origin to go to space.
- **India Skills 2021 national competition** concluded with more than 200 participants who were felicitated by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. As many as 270 winners of the Competition felicitated with **61 gold, 77 silver, 53 bronze and 79 medallions** of excellence. Odisha finished first out of 26 states and union territories of this year in the 'IndiaSkills 2021' contest with 51 medals. Odisha won 10 gold, 18 silver, 9 bronze, and 14 medallions.
- On the occasion of the National Youth Day 2022, Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** virtually inaugurated an **'MSME Technology Centre'**, which will function under the Union Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), in **Puducherry**. The technology centre was built at a cost of **Rs 122 crore** with a focus on the Electronic System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) Sector.

- Minister of State for Culture, **Meenakshi Lekhi** has launched the **'North East on Wheels Expedition'** in **New Delhi** to promote the **Culture of Northeastern States**. The Bike Expedition is scheduled between **8th to 16th April** this year to mark the celebrations of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

States in the News

- **Losoong (Namsong)** is annually celebrated across the **Indian State of Sikkim** on the **18th day of the 10th month of the Tibetan Lunar Calendar**, which also marks the beginning of the harvest season. The Namsong festival begins on the 1st day of the new moon phase Kurneet Lovo, as per the Lepcha lunisolar Calendar known as Dungkit Karchu.
- **Uttar Pradesh** government declared four villages located near the Nepal border in the district as **revenue villages**. District Magistrate of Bahraich, Dinesh Chandra Singh said the decision was taken before the announcement of the general elections to the UP Legislative Assembly. These four villages are **Bhavanipur, Tedhia, Dhakia and Bichhia** located in Mihinpurwa tehsil of the district.
- The **18th edition** of the two days long **Kachai Lemon Festival** began in **Manipur** at the Local Ground of Kachai Village in **Ukhrul district**. The Kachai Lemon Festival is organised annually to promote this unique kind of lemon fruit and to encourage lemon farmers. This year, altogether 260 stalls are put up at the festival showcasing the rich reap of lemon this year. This year the festival is being organised under the theme **'Organic Kachai Lemon for Safe Environment and Rural Transformation'**. A training program for lemon farmers will be held tomorrow as part of the festival.

International Affairs

- The leaders of **Japan and Australia** signed a **"landmark"** defence agreement that allows closer cooperation between their militaries and stands as a rebuke to **China's** growing assertiveness in the **Indo-Pacific region**. Australian Prime Minister **Scott Morrison** and Japanese Prime Minister **Fumio Kishida** met in a virtual summit to sign the Reciprocal Access Agreement, the first such defence pact signed by Japan with any country other than the United States.

- The parliament of **Kazakhstan** has unanimously approved the appointment of **Alikhan Smailov** as the new **Prime Minister** of the country. His name was nominated by Kazakh President **Kassym-Jomart Tokayev** on January 11, 2022. Prior to this, the 49-year-old Smailov served as the country's finance minister from 2018 to 2020. He became the first deputy prime minister in the Cabinet in 2019.
- **Cyprus** has detected a new variant dubbed as "**Deltacron**", that has a similar genetic background to the Delta variant, coupled with 10 mutations from **Omicron**. The variant has already affected 25 people in Cyprus. According to **Dr Leondios Kostrikis**, the head of the laboratory of biotechnology and molecular virology at the University of Cyprus, of the 25 samples taken in Cyprus, 11 were hospitalised due to the virus, while 14 were from the general population.
- **India** has announced financial assistance of **USD 900 million loans** to **Sri Lanka** to help the island nation in building up its depleted foreign reserves and for food imports. It must be noted that Sri Lanka is currently facing a shortage of almost all essential commodities due to a shortage of dollars to pay for the imports.
- **Philippines** has become the first foreign country to place an order for the purchase of the **BrahMos** Shore-Based cruise Missile System for its navy. This agreement will give a big boost to India's defence manufacturing system. The estimated deal cost is worth **\$374,9 million**.
- **Nicaraguan** President **José Daniel Ortega Saavedra**, leader of the Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN), was sworn in for a new presidential term. This marks his **5th** term and **4th consecutive term** as the President of **Nicaragua**.



Agreements/MoUs Signed

- **Airtel Payments Bank** and **Park+** have collaborated to offer **FASTag-based smart parking solutions** to marquee commercial and residential properties across India. This partnership will utilize the reach of Airtel Payments Bank to digitize the parking ecosystem using FASTag associated with the vehicle. Park+ is backed by **Sequoia Capital and Matrix Partners** and is engaged in automating parking spaces through FASTag.
- **Adani Group** and **South Korea's** largest steelmaker **POSCO** have signed a non-binding memorandum of understanding (MoU) to explore business opportunities in India. This includes the establishment of a green, environment-friendly integrated steel mill at Mundra, Gujarat. The estimated investment of the project is up to **\$5 billion (approx. Rs 37,000 crore)**.
- **LazyPay**, a Buy Now Pay Later (BNPL) solution by **PayU Finance**, announced its partnership with **SBM Bank India** to launch **LazyCard**, a prepaid payment instrument backed by a credit line that works on the Visa payment network. To empower financially underserved Indians with easy access to credit as their card has limited credit options.
- **Axis Bank** has tied up with **MinkasuPay** to offer a biometric authentication solution for net banking payments in merchant apps using Fingerprint or Face ID, without the need for usernames, passwords, and One-Time Passwords (OTPs). This Solution will reduce the time of payment from 50-60 seconds to just 2-3 seconds and also increase the transaction success rate.
- Small businesses-focused online lending platform **Indifi Technologies** has collaborated with **Google Pay** to provide instant loans to eligible **medium, small and micro enterprises (MSMEs)** merchants through the Google Pay platform.

Books and Authors

- Tata Sons emeritus Chairman, veteran industrialist and philanthropist **Ratan Tata's** authorized biography titled '**Ratan N. Tata: The Authorized Biography**' is set to hit the stands in November 2022. The biography is penned by a former senior bureaucrat and retired IAS officer **Dr Thomas Matthew**. It will be published by HarperCollins. The book chronicles around the 84-year-old Ratan Tata's childhood, college years, and early influences, among other things.

- HarperCollins is set to publish “**Indomitable: A Working Woman’s Notes on Life, Work and Leadership**” the autobiography of **Arundhati Bhattacharya**, retired Indian banker and former first-ever **woman Chairperson of the State Bank of India**.

Banking/Economy/Business News

- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** issued eligibility criteria for entities that harness data from **credit information companies (CICs)** or credit bureaus. These newly-formed guidelines said that a company’s net worth must be at least **Rs 2 crore** and owned and controlled by resident Indian citizens to become a designated user with a credit bureau, which comes amid accusations of lending applications with Chinese ties functioning in India.
- The **Reserve Bank of India** has increased the threshold limit for Banks to maintain the **Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR)** on deposits and other ‘extension of funds’ received from non-financial small business customers from **Rs 5 crore to Rs 7.5 crore**. This is applicable on all Commercial Banks other than **Regional Rural Banks, Local Area Banks, and Payments Banks**. To better align RBI’s guidelines with the **Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS)** standard and enable banks to manage liquidity risk more effectively.
- **RBL Bank and Google** announced a strategic collaboration to fuel the **Bank’s customer experience strategy**. Through this, the bank will expand its value proposition to serve its rapidly growing customer base through the digital platform, **Abacus 2.0**.
- **Reserve Bank of India** has set up a separate internal department for **fintech (Financial technology)**. The new department has been created with effect from January 04, 2022, by subsuming the FinTech Division of Department of Payment and Settlement Systems, Central Office (DPSS, CO). The department will not only promote innovation in the sector but also identify the challenges and opportunities associated with it and address them in a timely manner. **Ajay Kumar Choudhary**, who was recently promoted as the Executive Director of RBI was appointed as head of the department.
- The economic research team of the **State Bank of India (SBI)** released its **Ecwrap report**. In the report, SBI researchers have revised upwards the real GDP of India to around **9.5 per cent** in 2021-22 (FY22) on a year-on-year (YoY).

- As per the latest **Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data**, the foreign currency reserves of India declined by **\$1.466 billion to \$633.614 billion**, in the last week of 2021, which ended December 31, 2021. Gold reserves rose by **USD 14 million to USD 39.405 billion**. India’s forex touched a lifetime high of USD 642.453 billion in the week ended September 03, 2021.
- **National Statistical Office (NSO)** has estimated India’s GDP to grow at **9.2 per cent** in the current fiscal, 2021-22. NSO released its first advance estimates of economic output on January 07, 2022. The GDP estimate for the 2020-21 fiscal was projected at a contraction of **7.3 per cent** by NSO.
- According to the finance ministry, the deposits in bank accounts opened under the **Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) scheme** have crossed **Rs 1.5 lakh crore mark**. The total balance in accounts under the Jan Dhan scheme was recorded at Rs 1,50,939.36 crore as of December-end 2021. The data revealed that over 44.23 crore accounts have been opened under the scheme.
- Swiss brokerage **UBS Securities** has lowered the growth forecast of the Indian economy for the current financial year (FY22) to **9.1 per cent** due to a massive surge in Omicron infections. Earlier this was estimated at **9.5 per cent**. However, UBS Securities has revised upwards the real GDP forecast of India in **FY23 to 8.2 per cent**. This was projected at 7.7 per cent earlier.
- The **World Bank** has projected the Indian economy to grow at the following rate in its ‘**Global Economic Prospects**’ report released on January 11, 2022. The World Bank retained its FY22 growth forecast for India at **8.3 per cent** but upgraded it to **8.7 per cent** for FY23, from 7.5 per cent estimated earlier, citing improving growth prospects, especially a reviving private capex cycle.
- **Retail inflation in December 2021** rose to a six-month high of **5.59 per cent** from **4.91 per cent** in **November 2021**, mainly due to a sharp rise in food prices as food inflation for the period under review also rose steeply to 4.05 per cent against 1.87 per cent in November 2021.
- The GDP growth forecast of India in fiscal 2022 is estimated to grow at **6.5 per cent** as per the **United Nations World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) 2022 report**. Earlier this was estimated at **8.4%**. The WESP is a flagship report produced by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA). UN has projected the growth rate for fiscal 2023 (FY 2022-2023) at 5.9 per cent.

- **Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL)** has announced the acquisition of a controlling stake of **73.37%** in **Mandarin Oriental New York**, a premium luxury hotel in midtown Manhattan. RIL through its wholly-owned arm Reliance Industrial Investments and Holdings Limited has acquired the entire share capital of Cayman Islands-based Columbus Centre Corporation (Cayman), for an equity value of approximately **\$98.15 million (Rs 735 crore)**.
- The **Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)** has signed an agreement with **Tata Consultancy Services Limited (TCS)** for the second phase of the **Passport Seva Programme (PSP-V2.0)**. TCS will be the service provider for the Passport Seva Project, which it has been for over 10 years.
- The **Central Government of India** is set to become the largest shareholder in **Vodafone Idea**. The company's board approved the conversion of **Rs 16,000 crores** in interest into equity. India's third-largest network **Vi or Vodafone Idea Limited (VIL)** has approved the interest on the spectrum and **Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR)** dues into government equity.
- As per the weekly **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** data, the foreign exchange reserves of India declined by **\$878 million to USD 632.736 billion** in the week ended January 7, 2022. In the previous week ended December 31, India's reserves dropped by **\$1.466 billion to \$633.614 billion**. The decline was mainly due to a fall in gold reserves and foreign currency assets (FCA). In the reporting week, FCAs decreased by \$497 million to \$569.392 billion.
- **Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPBL)** became the largest and fastest-growing **UPI beneficiary bank in India**. It becomes the first beneficiary bank in the country to achieve the landmark of over **926 million UPI transactions** in a single month.



Appointments/Resignations

- The Government of India has extended the tenure of **Navrang Saini** as interim Chairperson of **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)** for three more months till March 05, 2022.
- Former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor, **Urjit Patel** has been appointed as **Vice President** of the multilateral funding institution **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)** for a period of three years. He will be one of the five Vice Presidents of the AIIB.
- French-born economist **Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas** has been named as the next chief economist of the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**. He will succeed **Gita Gopinath**, the first woman to serve as the Fund's chief economist.
- **RenewBuy**, an online insurance platform, has appointed **Rajkummar Rao** as the brand ambassador for its 1st 360-degree consumer advertising campaign that highlights consumers' insurance needs.
- **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** has announced the appointment of the eminent rocket scientist **Dr S Somanath** as its new **chairman and Space Secretary**.
- **Reserve Bank of India** has approved the appointment of **Ittira Davis** as managing director & chief executive officer of (MD & CEO) of **Ujjivan Small Finance Bank** for one tenure
- Professor emeritus, Kurukshetra University, **Raghuvendra Tanwar** has been appointed as **chairman of the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR)**. Tanwar appointment is for a period of three years from the day he assumes the office of the Chairman of the Council or until further order.

Defence News

- **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** successfully test-fired an extended range sea-to-sea variant of the **BrahMos supersonic cruise missile** for the **Indian Navy**. This advanced sea to sea variant of BrahMos Supersonic Cruise missile was launched from INS Visakhapatnam, a stealth guided-missile destroyer of the Indian Navy.
- **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** successfully flight tested the **Man-Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM)**, in its final "deliverable configuration". MPATGM will be manufactured by Bharat Dynamics Limited at its facility in **Bhanoor, Telangana**.

Awards and Recognitions

- **HDFC Bank** was named as the '**Best Private Bank in India**' at the '**Global Private Banking Awards 2021**' which was organised by **Professional Wealth Management (PWM)** in a virtual ceremony. PWM is a wealth management Magazine, published by the **Financial Times Group**. The award was given for contributing to accelerate key trends, including digitalisation, communication and investment in environmental, social and governance (ESG) strategies.
- A professor in the clinical embryology department at Kasturba Medical College (KMC), under Manipal Academy of Higher education (MAHE), **Dr Satish Adiga** has been selected by the **Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)** for its national award. He will receive **Dr Subhas Mukherjee Award** from ICMR in recognition for his outstanding contribution to the field of **in-vitro fertilization (IVF)**. He has contributed significantly to both clinical IVF and fertility research.
- The **Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL)** won **SKOCH Award** in the Silver category for its work towards **combating Crime and Violence against Children**. The award was given out at the 78 SKOCH Summit. The "State of Governance" was the theme of the summit.
- The 2015 film Bajrangi Bhaijaan fame actress, **Harshaali Malhotra** has been awarded the **12th Bharat Ratna Dr Ambedkar Award 2022**. She received the award from Shri Bhagat Singh Koshyari, Governor of Maharashtra, for her commendable performance in the movie and contribution in the field of Indian Cinema.
- DBT-BIRAC supported start-ups, **NIRAMAI Health Analytix Pvt Ltd**, and **InnAccel Technologies Pvt Ltd** have received **World Bank Group and Consumer Technology Association's Global Women's Health Tech Awards**.

Summit and Conference

- Union Minister of Science and Technology, **Dr Jitendra Singh** has inaugurated the **24th National Conference on e-Governance** in **Hyderabad, Telangana**. The theme of the two-day Conference is '**India's Techade: Digital Governance in a Post Pandemic World**'.
- The **19th** meeting of the **National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)** was held under the chairmanship of the union minister for Environment, Forest & Climate Change **Bhupender Yadav**. Currently, there are 51 Tiger Reserves in India and more than 35 rivers originate from those areas which are crucial for water security.

Ranks and Reports

- The **Chennai International Airport** is one of the top 10 large international airports in the world that ensures 'on-time' departures. In a review conducted by Cirium, an organisation that specialises in offering aviation data to travel, finance, aerospace, and aviation industries, the airport has been **ranked 8th** for '**on-time performance**' for the year **2021**. Besides that, Chennai airport is the only Indian airport to figure in the top 10 positions of the list. The first three positions have been bagged by United State's Miami Airport, Fukuoka Airport, and Haneda Airport in Japan.
- **India** has improved its position by seven places to rank at **83rd** place among 111 countries in the latest **Henley Passport Index**, released for Q1 of 2022. **Oman and Armenia** are the latest destinations where Indian passport holders can visit without obtaining a visa. **Japan and Singapore** have retained the joint top position in the Henley Global Mobility Report 2022 Q1. Their passports holders are allowed to travel visa-free to 192 countries. **Afghanistan** has the world's least powerful passports, with a visa-free score of 26.
- Union Environment Minister, **Bhupender Yadav** has launched the **17th edition** of the biennial '**India State of Forest Report (ISFR) 2021**'. ISFR is released by the **Forest Survey of India (FSI)**, every two years since 1987 to assess the country's forest resources. India's forest and tree cover rose by 2,261 square kilometres in ISFR 2021 as compared to the assessment of 2019. This includes an increase of **1,540 square kilometres** in forest cover and a **721 sq km** increase in tree cover.

Schemes and Committees News

- **Ministry of Home Affairs** has constituted a committee to enquire into the serious lapses in the security arrangements during Prime Minister **Narendra Modi's visit to Punjab**. It is a three-member committee and will be headed by **Sudhir Kumar Saxena**, Secretary (Security), Cabinet Secretariat. It also comprises **Balbir Singh**, Joint Director, IB and **Suresh, IG, SPG**.
- The **Supreme Court of India** has constituted a five-member committee to probe the security breach during the recent visit of Prime Minister **Narendra Modi to Punjab**. The committee will be headed by former apex court judge Justice **Indu Malhotra**. Other members of the panel include the Inspector General of the National Investigation Agency (NIA), the Director-General of Police of Chandigarh, the Registrar General of the Punjab and Haryana High Court and the Additional DGP (Security) of Punjab.

Sports News

- **Legends League Cricket (LLC)** has appointed **Jhulan Goswami** as an ambassador to its **All Women Match Official Team** to promote Women's Empowerment initiatives of the LLC and to increase participation of women in cricket.
- **Nodirbek Abdusattorov** (Uzbekistan), won the **World Rapid Chess Championship 2021** by defeating **Ian Nepomniachtchi** (Russia) in a tiebreaker and dethroning **Magnus Carlsen**, the current World Number 1. 2020 FIDE Championship was won by Magnus Carlsen.
- French tennis player **Gael Monfils** beat Russia's **Karen Khachanov** in the men's singles event of the **2022 Adelaide International 1** to claim the 11th ATP title of his career. In the women's category, World number one Australian star **Ashleigh Barty** beat **Elena Rybakina** of Kazakhstan to win her second Adelaide International title.
- World number six **Rafael Nadal** won the men's singles tennis title at **2022 Melbourne Summer Set 1**. Nadal beat American qualifier Maxime Cressy 7-6(6), 6-3 to earn his 89th career ATP title. In the **women's singles**, **Simona Halep** beat Russia's Veronika Kudermetova 6-2, 6-3 to win her 23rd career WTA title.
- Tamil Nadu's **Bharath Subramaniam** became **India's 73rd chess Grandmaster**. He secured the third and final Grandmaster norm at an event at **Cattolica in Italy**. He scored 6.5 points from nine rounds along with four others and finish seventh in the event.
- South African all-rounder **Chris Morris** has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. Morris has played in four Tests, 42 ODIs and 23 T20Is for South Africa.
- The **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** has informed that **Tata group** has replaced Chinese mobile phone manufacturer **Vivo** as the title sponsor of the **Indian Premier League (IPL)** for the **2022 and 2023 seasons**. The multinational conglomerate will pay Rs. 300 crore per year.
- The **All India Sports Council of the Deaf** has got approval from the **International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD)** to host the first **World Deaf T20 Cricket Championship** in Kerala from January 10-20, 2023.

Important Days

- **World Hindi Day** is celebrated on **January 10** since **2006** to promote the language at the global stage. The day marks the anniversary of the first **World Hindi Conference** which was inaugurated on January 10, 1975, by the then prime minister **Indira Gandhi**.
- This year **National Human Trafficking Awareness Day** is observed on **January 11, 2022**, which is on Tuesday. The day aims at raising awareness of the plight of human trafficking victims, and promoting and protecting their rights.
- In India, the **National Youth Day** is celebrated on **12 January** annually to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Swami Vivekananda**. The main aim behind this is to make sure that the students across the country can be encouraged to learn about the life, the ideas and philosophy of Swami Vivekananda and apply them in their lives.
- In India, the **Armed Forces Veterans Day** is observed each year on **14 January since 2017**. The day aims to acknowledge and honour the selfless devotion and sacrifice of our veterans in the service of the nation. **2022 marks the 6th** Armed Forces Veterans Day.
- The **Army Day in India** is celebrated on **15 January** every year, to salute the valiant soldiers who sacrificed their lives to protect the country and its citizens. This year marks the **74th Indian Army Day**.

Obituaries

- **Marilyn Bergman**, the Oscar, Emmy and Grammy-winning American lyricist and songwriter has passed away. Bergman collaborated with her husband, Alan Bergman for song-writing.
- European Parliament President, **David Sassoli** has passed away due to health issues. He had served as the **President of the European Parliament** from July 2019 until his death in January 2022. He was first elected as a member of the **European Parliament (MEP) in 2009**.
- Prominent Kannada writer **Chandrashekhara Patil**, popularly known as "**Champa**", passed away at the age of 82. He was a Kannada language activist, a poet and a playwright and also served as President of the Kannada Sahitya Parishat (KSP) and Chairman of the Kannada Development Authority.
- Olympic athlete **Deon Lendore**, who participated in the 400 meters race at the 2020 Olympics, passed away at the age of 29 years due to a fatal car accident in **Texas, United States (US)**.

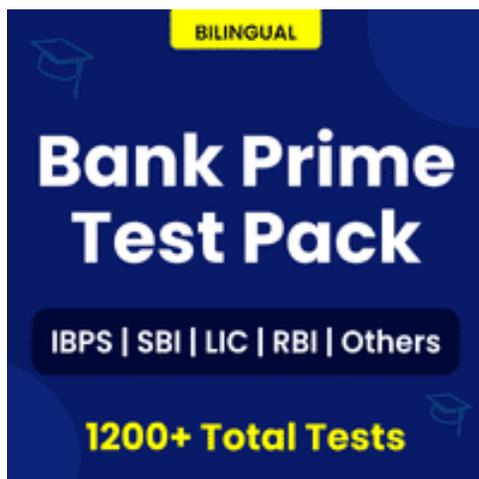
Miscellaneous News

- The **Ministry of Railways** has approved the renaming of the **Kevadiya railway station** in the Narmada district of Gujarat, as **Ekta Nagar railway station**. The Statue of Unity's Kevadiya railway station falls under the Vadodara division. The station code of Ekta Nagar railway station will be EKNR. The numerical code of the station will be 08224620.
- The **Railway Protection Force (RPF)** of the **Western Railways zone of Indian Railways** has launched a new initiative called "**Mission Amanat**" to make it easier for railway passengers to get back their lost luggage.
- **Kochi, Kerala** has become India's first city to have a **Water Metro Project** after the launch of its first boat in **December 2021, namely 'Muziris,'** among the 23 battery-powered electric boats being manufactured by **Cochin Shipyard Limited**. This launch is a part of the Rs 747-crore project which is operated by **Kochi Water Metro Ltd (KWML)**. The boats will be called Water Metros.
- Haryana Deputy CM **Dushyant Chautala** announced that Gurugram will get **India's 1st heli-hub** with all aviation facilities. The heli-hub will be the first of its kind in India to have all facilities at one place for helicopters. The heli-hub is proposed to be built in Gurugram & would be near the metro facility along with easy connectivity to **industrial areas (Noida & Bhiwadi)**.
- The **9th edition of the North East Festival** concluded in **Guwahati, Assam**. The main purpose of this festival is to promote and highlight the commercial and tourism potential of the **North East region**. The festival was organised in the format of a carnival with live music and dance performances, engaging the visitors throughout the day in the open area while serious discussions **on business, economic, socio-political issues of the region engrossed the intellectuals in the conference halls**.

- India's oldest female sloth bear, whose name was **Gulabo**, has passed away at the **Van Vihar National Park and Zoo**, located in **Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh**.
- A **US man** has become the first person in the world to get a **heart transplant from a genetically-modified pig**. **David Bennett**, 57, is doing well three days after the experimental seven-hour procedure in Baltimore. The possibility of using animal organs for so-called xenotransplantation to meet the demand has long been considered, and using pig heart valves is already common.
- The **20th Dhaka International Film Festival** begins at **Dhaka, Bangladesh**. The festival will showcase 225 films from 70 countries under 10 categories will be screened across various venues in Dhaka between **15-23 January**. The Indian entries to the 20th DIFF include films like Koozhangal directed by P S Vinothraj, Avijatrik directed by Subhrajit Mitra, Mayar Jonjal directed by Indranil Roychowdhury, and Aandaal directed by Shareef Easa among the 35 entries.
- **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** has successfully conducted the qualification test of **Cryogenic Engine** for Gaganyaan programme for a duration of 720 seconds at **ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC), Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu**. According to the space agency, the performance of the engine met the test objectives and the engine parameters were closely matching with the predictions during the entire duration of the test.

Static Takeaways

- **Chief Minister of Sikkim:** PS Golay.
- **Governor of Sikkim:** Ganga Prasad.
- **Sikkim's capital and largest city:** Gangtok.
- **Uttar Pradesh Capital:** Lucknow;
- **Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister:** Yogi Adityanath;
- **Uttar Pradesh Governor:** Anandiben Patel.
- **Chief Minister of Manipur:** N. Biren Singh; **Governor:** La. Ganesan.
- **Kazakhstan Capital:** Nur-Sultan;
- **Kazakhstan Currency:** Kazakhstani tenge.
- **Cyprus Capital:** Nicosia;
- **Cyprus Currency:** Euro;
- **Cyprus Continent:** Europe;
- **Cyprus President:** Nicos Anastasiades.
- **Airtel Payments Bank's MD and CEO:** Anubrata Biswas.
- **Airtel Payments Bank Headquarters:** New Delhi.
- **Airtel Payments Bank Founded:** January 2017.



BILINGUAL

Bank Prime Test Pack

IBPS | SBI | LIC | RBI | Others

1200+ Total Tests

- Adani Group Headquarters: Ahmedabad;
- Adani Group Founder: Gautam Adani;
- Adani Group Founded: 1988.
- SBM Bank Incorporated: 1st December 2018
- SBM Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra
- SBM Bank CEO & MD: Sidharth Rath
- Axis Bank Founded: 3 December 1993;
- Axis Bank Headquarters: Mumbai;
- Axis Bank MD & CEO: Amitabh Chaudhary;
- Axis Bank Chairperson: Shri Rakesh Makhija;
- Axis Bank Tagline: Badhti Ka Naam Zindagi.
- RBL Bank Founded: 1943;
- RBL Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra;
- RBL Bank CEO & MD: Rajeev Ahuja;
- RBL Bank Tagline: Apno Ka Bank.
- Reserve Bank of India Founded: April 1, 1935;
- Reserve Bank of India Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra;
- Reserve Bank of India Governor: Shaktikanta Das.
- HDFC Bank Headquarters: Mumbai;
- HDFC Bank Founded: August 1994;
- HDFC Bank CEO: Sashidhar Jagdishan;
- HDFC Bank Chairman: Atanu Chakraborty.
- Reliance Industries Ltd CEO: Mukesh Ambani (31 Jul 2002-);
- Reliance Industries Ltd Founder: Dhirubhai Ambani;
- Reliance Industries Ltd Founded: 8 May 1973, Maharashtra;
- Reliance Industries Ltd Headquarters: Mumbai.
- Tata Consultancy Services Limited CEO: Rajesh Gopinathan (21 Feb 2017-);
- Tata Consultancy Services Limited Founded: 1 April 1968;
- Tata Consultancy Services Limited Headquarters: Mumbai.
- Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India Headquarters: New Delhi;
- Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India Founder: Parliament of India;
- Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India Founded: 1 October 2016.
- President of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank: Jin Liqun.
- Headquarters of AIIB: Beijing, China.
- AIIB established: 16 January 2016.
- International Monetary Fund Formed: 27 December 1945;
- International Monetary Fund Headquarters: Washington D.C., USA;
- International Monetary Fund Member countries: 190;
- International Monetary Fund Managing Director: Kristalina Georgieva.
- ISRO Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka;
- ISRO established: 15 August 1969.
- Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Headquarters: Bengaluru;
- Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Founder: Samit Ghosh;
- Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Founded: 1 February 2017.
- Indian Council of Historical Research Founded: 27 March 1972;
- Indian Council of Historical Research Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Tata group Founder: Jamsetji Tata;
- Tata group Founded: 1868, Mumbai;
- Tata group Headquarters: Mumbai;
- Chairman of the Board at Tata Sons: Natarajan Chandrasekaran.
- International Committee of Sports for the Deaf Founded: 1924;
- International Committee of Sports for the Deaf Headquarters: Maryland, USA;
- International Committee of Sports for the Deaf President: Rebecca Adam.
- Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Railway Board: Vinay Kumar Tripathi.
- Kerala Capital: Thiruvananthapuram;
- Kerala Governor: Arif Mohammad Khan;
- Kerala Chief Minister: Pinarayi Vijayan.
- 28th Chief of Army Staff: General Manoj Mukund Naravane.
- Sri Lanka Capitals: Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte; Currency: Sri Lankan rupee.
- Sri Lanka Prime Minister: Mahinda Rajapaksa; Sri Lanka President: Gotabaya Rajapaksa.
- Philippines Capital: Manila;
- Philippines Currency: Philippine peso;
- Philippines President: Rodrigo Duterte.
- Nicaragua Capital: Managua;
- Nicaragua Currency: Nicaraguan córdoba.
- Chairman of Paytm Payments Bank Ltd: Vijay Shekhar Sharma;
- MD and CEO of Paytm Payments Bank Ltd: Satish Kumar Gupta;
- Paytm Payments Bank Ltd Headquarters: Noida, Uttar Pradesh.