

## Weekly One-liner Current Affairs (1 Jan.- 7 Jan. 2023)

Q1) Koneru Humpy wins Silver in the Women's World Chess Blitz Championships 2022



- The Former Indian World Rapid Chess Champion **Koneru Humpy** won the Silver medal in the women's section of **Women's World Blitz Championships 2022**.
- She lost the Gold medal match to Bibisara Balabayeba of Kazakhstan.
- This Chess tournament was held from 26 to 30 December 2022 in **Almati (Kazakhstan)**
- The **World Blitz Chess Championship** is Chess Tournament organized by the **FIDE**.
- Current World Blitz Chess Champion

In Women's section - **Bibisara Balabayeba (Kazakhstan)**

In Men's section - **Magnus Carlsen (Norway)**

### Winners of World Rapid Chess Champion 2022

Winner in Women's section - **Tan Zhongyi (China)**

Winner in Men's section - **Magnus Carlsen (4<sup>th</sup> title)**

Bronze medallist - **Savitha Shri (India)**

## About FIDE

Formed- **20 July 1924**

Headquarter - **Lausanne (Switzerland)**

President - **Arkady Dvorkovich**

## **Q2) G Kamala Rao appointed as next CEO of FSSAI**



- Former Managing Director of Indian Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. (ITDC) **G Kamala Rao** appointed as the new **Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of FSSAI**.
- G Kamala Rao is a retired 1990 batch IAS officer from Kerala cadre.
- FSSAI (Food Safety & Standards Authority of India) is a **statutory body** that comes under the **Ministry of Health & Family Welfare**.
- The FSSAI has been established under the **FSSAI Act 2006**.

## Additional Information

Formed- **2008**

Headquarter- **New Delhi**

**Q3) Dinesh Kumar Shukla assumes charge as the Chairman of the  
“Atomic Energy Regulatory Board”**



- Former Executive Director of Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB)  
**Dinesh Kumar Shukla** assumes the charge as the **Chairman of AERB**.
- He has been appointed to this post for a period of **3 years**.
- The Atomic Energy Regulatory Board was established in **1983** by the **President of India under the Atomic Energy Act 1962**.
- Currently, the board consists of a **Chairman, an ex-officio member, three part-time members and a secretary**.

Additional Information

Formed- **15 November 1983**

Headquarter - **Mumbai**

Q4) In Hockey, Madhya Pradesh wins the “Khelo India Youth Games U-18 Title 2022”



- In Hockey, Madhya Pradesh clinched the” **Khelo India Youth Games U-18 Title 2022**” by defeating Odisha team 6-5.
- The Tournament was played in **Bhubaneshwar (Odisha)**
- Haryana defeated the Jharkhand 2-0 to secure the 3<sup>rd</sup> position in the tournament.
- With this, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Haryana & Jharkhand have qualified for this year’s **Khelo India Youth Games** to be held in **Madhya Pradesh**.

#### Important points

- 1<sup>st</sup> Khelo India Fencing Women’s League was held in **New Delhi**
- Khelo India University Games 2023 will be held In **Uttar Pradesh**

#### Q5) PM Modi addresses the 108<sup>th</sup> Indian Science Congress 2023



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the **108<sup>th</sup>** edition of the Indian Science Congress (ISC) via video-conferencing on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023.
- Theme for ISC 2023 is “**Science & Technology for Sustainable Development with Women Empowerment**”
- The 1<sup>st</sup> session of the Indian Science Congress was held in **1914**.
- The Headquarter of ISC is **Kolkata**.

#### Q6) India's 1<sup>st</sup> Underwater Metro to become operational by December 2023



- India's 1<sup>st</sup> Underwater Metro in **Kolkata** will become fully operational by December 2023, according to the Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation (KMRC).
- The Kolkata Metro is being developed under **East West Corridor project**.
- The project is **15 km long and spans from Salt Lake Stadium to Howrah**.
- KMRC has used **German machines** and other experts to build the tunnel.

### Additional Facts about Metro

- The 1<sup>st</sup> Metro in India started on **24<sup>th</sup> October 1984 in Kolkata.**
- It was started from **Dumdum to Belghuria covering 24 stations.**
- The largest Metro rail operational in India is  
**Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (390.14 km)**
- The smallest Metro rail operational in India is  
**Ahmedabad Metro (6 km)**

### **Q7) Ministry of Rural Development launches Prajwala Challenges**



- The Ministry of Rural Development launched the “Prajwala Challenge” under the **Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Rural Livelihoods Mission.**
- The aim of this challenge is to invite ideas, solutions and actions needed to transform the rural economy.
- Top 5 ideas will be awarded with Rs. 2 Lakh each.

### About Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY- NRLM)

- It is the **centrally sponsored programme** launched by the Ministry of Rural Development in **June 2011**
- It aims to support rural poor households into joining self-help groups (SHG’s)

**Q8) BCCI announced YO-YO Test and DEXA to be selection criteria for Indian team**



- The Board of Cricket Control in India (BCCI) has announced that the YO-YO Test and the DEXA Test will be a part of Indian selection criteria.
- The tests will be a major boost for the player's fitness parameters ahead of the upcoming ICC World Cup 2023.
- The ICC World Cup 2023 will be hosted by **India** in October & November.
- The DEXA (Dual Energy X-Ray Absorptiometry) is an X-ray scanning that measures the bone density of the players.

Additional Information about BCCI

Formed- **1928**

Headquarter- **Mumbai**

President - **Roger Binny**

Secretary - **Jay Shah**

Indian coach - **Rahul Dravid**

**Q9) PM Modi virtually inaugurate Vande Bharat Express in West Bengal.**



- PM Modi virtually inaugurated the 1<sup>st</sup> Semi-Speed train **Vande Bharat** to West Bengal.
- The train will run from **Howrah to New Jalpaiguri** and covering a total **distance of 560 km.**
- This Vande Bharat train will be the **7<sup>th</sup> Vande Bharat express train in India.**
- The 1<sup>st</sup> Vande Bharat train was from **Delhi - Varanasi** and was flagged off by the PM Modi on **15 Feb. 2019.**

**Q10) Election Commission appoints Maithili Thakur as State Icon of Bihar**



- The Election Commission of India appointed folk singer **Maithili Thakur** as the **State Icon of Bihar.**
- She will create awareness among the voters for their participation in the upcoming elections.
- Recently, She was selected for the **Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Purashkar for 2021** for her contribution to the folk music of Bihar.



## Q11) Govt. names 27 Overseas Indians for Pravasi Bharatiya Samman 2023



- The Indian Govt. has selected 27 Indian living overseas for their outstanding achievements both in India and abroad.
- The award will be conferred by the **Indian President Draupadi Murmu** at the **17<sup>th</sup> Pravasi Bharti Diwas 2023 to be held at Indore (Madhya Pradesh)**
- Theme for this year's Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas is **Diaspora: Reliable Partners for India's Progress in Amrit Kaal"**
- The Chief Guest for this year's will be **Md. Irfaan Ali (Guyana's President)**
- The celebration marks the **returning of Mahatma Gandhi to India from South Africa on 9 January 1915.**
- The inaugural session of PWD was celebrated on **2003.**

**Q12) Captain Shiva Chauhan becomes the 1<sup>st</sup> women officer to be operationally deployed in Siachen.**



- Captain Shiva Chauhan becomes the 1<sup>st</sup> women officer to be deployed at the world's highest battlefield Siachen Glacier.
- Shiva Chauhan was posted at the Kumar post which is at an altitude of around 15,600 feet in Siachen
- Capt. Shiva Chauhan, who hails from **Rajasthan** is a Bengal Sapper officer.
- The Siachen lies in the **Karakoram Range which is 75 km long.**

**Q13) PM Modi will flag-off the World's longest river cruise "Ganga Vilas"**



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch the **World's Longest River Cruise** on 13 January 2023.
- The cruise named "**Ganga Vilas**" will travel from **Varanasi (UP) to Dibrugarh (Assam) via Bangladesh.**
- The Ganga Vilas cruise will cover **4,000 kms on the two greatest river systems of India Ganga & Brahmaputra.**
- The ship will pass through **3 major waterways** 1) the Ganga-Bhagirathi-Hooghly river system, 2) the Indo-Bangla Protocol Route (Kolkata-Dhubri) and 3) National Waterway over Brahmaputra.

Union Minister for Port Shipping & Waterways - **Sarbananda Sonowal**

**Q14) Imoinu Iratpa festival celebrated across Manipur**



- The Imoinu Iratpa festival celebrated majority by the Meitei community every year in **Manipur**.
- The festival honours the goddess “Imoinu Ahongbi” believed to be the goddess of wealth and prosperity.
- Chief Minister of Manipur **N.Biren Singh** greets the people of Manipur on the auspicious day.

Festivals celebrated in 2022

Festival	State/UT
Jonbeel festival	<b>Assam</b>
Vangala festival	<b>Meghalaya</b>
Bastille festival	<b>Puducherry</b>
Yugadi festival	<b>Karnataka</b>
Madhavpur fair	<b>Gujarat</b> The Fair is celebrated on the memory of <b>Krishna &amp; Rukmini</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup></b> Sindhu Darshan Yatra	<b>Leh</b>
Kharchi festival	<b>Tripura</b>
Shumang Leela festival	<b>Manipur</b>
Marbat festival	<b>Maharashtra</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b> Bird festival	<b>Pahalgam (J&amp;K)</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b> Megha Kayak festival	<b>Meghalaya</b>
Tokhu Emong bird count	<b>Nagaland</b>
Gaan Ngai festival	<b>Manipur</b>

### Q15) Rajnath Singh inaugurate Siyom bridge in Arunachal Pradesh



- Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** inaugurated the **100 metre Siyom bridge in Arunachal Pradesh** at Siang district,
- Along with the Siyom bridge, he also inaugurated 27 other infrastructural projects completed by the **Border Road Organisation (BRO)**
- The bridge is built at a cost of **724 km** is an alternative route for Indo-China border.

#### **About Border Road Organisation:**

Founded- **7 May 1960**

Headquarters- **New Delhi**

Founder: **Jawaharlal Nehru**

Director General- **Lt. Gen. Rajeev Chaudhary**

## Additional Facts about Arunachal Pradesh

- Arunachal Pradesh is also called **Land of the Rising Sun**
- It shares its International Boundary with **China, Myanmar & Bhutan.**

Chief Minister - **Pema Khandu**

Governor - **BD Mishra**

Capital - **Itanagar**

Folk Dances of Arunachal Pradesh - **Lion & Peacock dance, Popir dance, Bardo Chham dance**

National Parks in Arunachal Pradesh - **Namdapha National Park, Mouling National Park**

**Latest news-** Arunachal Pradesh govt. signed “**Namsai Declaration**” with Assam govt.

### **Q16) Mamta Banerjee launched “Didir Suraksha Kavach” campaign**



- Chief Minister of West Bengal **Mamta Banerjee** has launched **Didir Suraksha Kavach** campaign for her party TMC (Trinamool Congress)
- The campaign was launched ahead of this year’s panchayat polls to be held in April.
- The mobile application **Didir Doot** was also launched for people to register their problems.
- The programme will be launched on **11 January 2023.**

### Additional Information

Governor- **C.V Ananda Bose**

Folk dances of West Bengal - **Gambhira, Kirtan Dance, Domni,  
Purulia Chhau**

National Parks in West Bengal - **Sundarban National Park,  
Buxa Tiger Reserve**

**Q17) Hyderabad will become the 1<sup>st</sup> city with 100% Sewerage Facilities by  
May 2023**



- Hyderabad will become the 1<sup>st</sup> Indian city to have **100% Sewerage Facilities by the next April-May 2023** according to the IT Minister of Telangana K.T Rama Rao.
- He said that the 31 new Sewage Treatment Plants (STP) are being built in the city with the total investment of **Rs. 3,866 crores.**

### Additional Information

Chief Minister of Telangana - **K Chandrashekhar Rao**

Governor of Telangana - **Tamilisai Soundararajan**

### Q18) “SMART” programme launched by the Ayurveda Professionals



- The National Commission of Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) and the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Science ((CCRAS) have launched the **“SMART” programme**.
- “SMART” programme refers to the Scope for Mainstreaming Ayurveda Research.
- The programme is aimed to boost scientific research in priority healthcare research areas through Ayurveda colleges and hospitals.

#### Additional Information

- The **9<sup>th</sup>** World Ayurvedic and Congress Expo held in **Panaji (Goa)**  
Theme- **Ayurveda for One Health**
- “National Institute of Ayurveda” is in **Jaipur (Rajasthan)**



### Q19) Croatia adopts Euro, entered the borderless Europe club



- Croatia has adopted the Euro currency with effect from 1 Jan. 2023 and becomes the **20<sup>th</sup> member of the eurozone (officially called the euro area)**
- It becomes the **27<sup>th</sup> country to join the Schengen area.**
- Schengen area comprises of 27 European countries that have abolished all passports and border controls.
- Croatia is a former Yugoslav republic of 3.9 million people that fought a war of independence in the 1990s, joined the EU in 2013.

#### **About Croatia**

- Croatia is a country in the **Balkan peninsula.**

Capital- **Zagreb**

President- **Zoran Milanovic**

**Q20) China becomes the 1<sup>st</sup> Asian country to launch Hydrogen powered train**



- Chinese company CRRC Corporation Lt. launched a **hydrogen urban train** which will be the 1<sup>st</sup> in the Asian country and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the world after **Germany**.
- The train has a top speed of 160 km per hour and can run without refuelling for 600 km.
- Germany was the 1<sup>st</sup> country in the world to launch the **Hydrogen powered train in September 2020**.
- Indian Railway Minister **Ashwini Vaishnaw** said that India will have its Hydrogen powered train **by December 2023**.
- Hydrogen can be referred as the “green fuel of the future.” The Hydrogen fuel cell is environment friendly and it does not emit any greenhouse gases.

## Q21) India to take over Asia Pacific Postal Union leadership in Thailand



- India will take charge over the “Asia Pacific Postal Union” (APPU) leadership in **Bangkok (Thailand) from January 2023.**
- **Dr. Vinay Prakash Singh** will take over the charge of Secretary-General of the APPU for a tenure of **4 years.**
- The goal of APPU is to extend, facilitate and improve postal relations between member countries and to promote cooperation in the field of postal services.

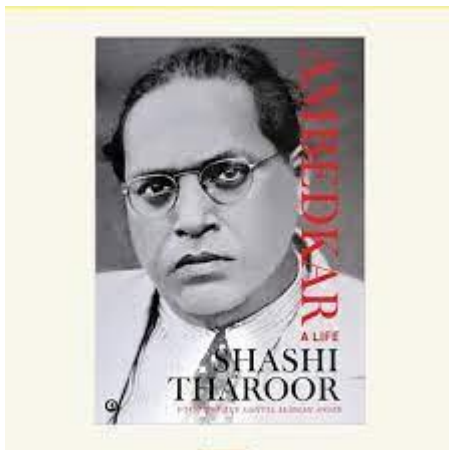
### About Asia Pacific Postal Union (APPU)

Founded- **1982**

Headquarter- **Bangkok (Thailand)**

Members- **32**

## Q22) Shashi Tharoor’s latest book Ambedkar: A life launched



- A book titled “Ambedkar: A Life” has been authored by renowned author Shashi Tharoor and launched at the Kitaab Kolkata event.
- The event was organised by the Prabha Khaitan Foundation (PKF)
- In this new biography, Tharoor tells Ambedkar’s story with great lucidity.

### Some other books of Shashi Tharoor

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| 1) An Era of Darkness          | 2) The Battle of Belongings               |
| 3) Pride, Prejudice & Punditry | 4) Bookless In Baghdad                    |
| 5) Why I am Hindu              | 6) The Paradoxical Prime Minister         |
| 7) Inglorious Empire           | 8) India: From Midnight to the Millennium |

### Q22) Government starts process to buy 100 more K-9 vajra



- The Defence Ministry has started the procure 100 more K-9 vajra self-propelled howitzers, made in India by the L&T using technology transferred from South Korean defence major Hanwha defence.
- The K-9 Vajra is a **155mm, 52 calibre track self-propelled howitzer** built by L&T.

### Additional point

- Indian Army will open “coaching centre for poor pupils” in **Manipur**.

### **Q23) Coffee export from India rose almost 2% to 4 Lakh tonne**



- According to the Coffee Board of India, Coffee export in India rose from Almost 2% to 4 Lakh tonne in 2022 mainly due to the increase in coffee Exports and imports.
- **Italy, Germany, and Russia** are the major export destinations for the Indian coffee.

### About Coffee Board of India

Formed - **1942**

Headquarter - **Bangalore**

Ministry responsible - **Ministry of Commerce & Industry**

### Additional point

- In India, coffee is available in 2 varieties **a) Robusta b) Arabica**
- Largest exporter of coffee in India is **Karnataka**
- Largest exporter of coffee in the world is **Brazil**

**Q24) India and ADB signed loan agreements to boost infrastructure sector.**



- India has signed loan agreement with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) with the total amount of **\$1.22 billion** for developing infrastructure in various Indian states.
- A loan agreement of **\$300 million** was signed to improve connectivity in Maharashtra.
- A loan of **\$350 million** was also signed to expand metro rail network in Chennai.

About Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Formed- **1966**

Headquarter- **Manila (Philippines)**

President- **Masatsugu Asakawa**

Members- **68**

## Q25) Union Cabinet approves Rs. 2,614.51 crore investment in the 382 MW Sunni Dam Hydroelectric Project



- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by the PM Modi approved the investment of Rs. 2,614.51 crores for the **382 MW “Sunni Dam Hydroelectric Project” in Himachal Pradesh.**
- The dam is being built by the Sutlej Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited (SJVN) on **Sutlej river in Shimla and Mandi districts.**
- He also laid the foundation stone of **210 MW Luhri stage-1 on Sutlej river & 66 MW Dhaulasidh project in Beas river.**

### About Sutlej river

- Sutlej or Satluj river is one of the longest 5 main rivers.
- It is one of the longest tributary of **Indus river** and flows through **Himachal Pradesh, Punjab & Pakistan.**
- Satluj river has its source from **Man Sarovar Lake** & falls into **Chenab river.**