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December 2020 One-liner PDF

1st Week One liners (1st to 8th Dec)

National News

- **Narendra Singh Tomar** launches **Honey FPO** Programme in **5 states**
- Nagaland's **Hornbill Festival** to begin on **December 1**
- **Assam Govt.** launched **Orundoi Scheme**
- **Andhra Pradesh's** Chief Minister Launched '**JaganannaThodu**' Scheme
- PM **Modi** participates in **Dev Deepawali Mahotsav** in **Varanasi**
- **World Malaria Report 2020**; India recorded the largest reduction in malaria cases in South East Asia
- Cyclone **Burevi** to **Cross Sri Lanka** and **Hit** India's **Southern Tamil Nadu, Kerala**
- India invites UK's **Johnson** as 2021 **Republic Day chief guest**
- **Ninth Edition** of **International Sand Art Festival** Begins in Odisha's **Puri**
- **Assam** proposes **6th national park** in militancy ravaged forest
- **West Bengal** launched **SwasthyaSathi** scheme
- **NongpokSekmai** police station in Thoubal district of Manipur: **Best performing police station** in the country 2020
- **India & USA** signs **MoU** on **Intellectual Property Cooperation**
- **India Post** Released **Stamp** on Former Prime Minister **K. Gujral**
- **Majerhat Bridge** named "**Jai Hind**" to **Mark Netaji's 125th Birth Anniversary**
- Uttarakhand CM **Trivendra Singh Rawat** inaugurates **Suryadhar Lake**
- **PM Modi** Virtually **Inaugurates** Construction of **Agra Metro Project**
- UP's **Dandupur railway station** to be renamed as **Maa Barahi Devi Dham**
- **Maharashtra police** acquired a **software Crawler** for **Operation Blackface**



- **Gwalior, Orchha** in **UNESCO world heritage** cities list
- **Uttar Pradesh** government **launched** a **scheme for Tharu tribes**

International News

- Arab Gulf's first coal-based power plant being developed in Dubai
- **US Air Quality Index; Lahore** has **topped** the list of **world's most polluted cities** in the world
- **QS Asia University Rankings 2021**; National University of Singapore has come up as Asia's best university; **IIT Bombay (Rank 47)**, **IIT Delhi (Rank 50)**, and **IIT Madras (Rank 56)**
- **India 8th Most Impacted by Terrorism**: Global Terrorism Index 2020; Afghanistan most impacted

Banking and Financial

- **UBS** Projects India's **GDP** at **-10.5%** for FY21
- **YES Bank** launches '**SMS Pay**' on POS Terminals
- **PFC, REC** to provide **Rs 8,520 cr. loan to SJVN's power project** in Bihar
- November GST collection stands at **₹1.04 lakh crore**
- **S&P** India's **GDP forecast** at **9%** contraction for FY21
- **OECD** Projects India's FY21 **GDP** at **-9.9%**
- **ADB** Approves **\$430 Million** to Help **Rehabilitate Power Distribution Networks** in Uttar Pradesh
- **Reliance Industries** tops **Fortune 500** list of Indian firms; **IOC** in **2nd** spot
- **RBI** ban on **HDFC Bank digital** launches & **selling new credit cards**
- UP CM **Yogi Adityanath** rings bell at **BSE** for listing **bond of Lucknow Municipal Corporation (LMC)**
- India's **GDP** to contract **5%** for FY21: **RBI**
- **RBI Monetary Policy on 4th Dec 2020**; limit of contactless card transaction has been raised from Rs 2,000 to Rs 5,000 per transaction
- **ADB** approves **\$190 million loan** for upgradation of **Bengaluru power distribution system**



- **RBI** to introduce **digital payment security control** directions
- **PNB** launches loan management solution '**LenS-The Lending Solution**'
- **Fitch** Revises India's **GDP Forecast -9.4%** In FY 21
- **RTGS** system to be **available on 24x7 basis** from **December 14**
- **ICICI Bank** Launches '**iMobile Pay**' App

Appointment and Resignation

- **AR Rahman** announced as **India ambassador to BAFTA's** Breakthrough initiative
- **Bata** names **Sandeep Kataria** as global **CEO**
- Lt Gen **Rajeev Chaudhary** becomes new **Director-General of BRO**
- **Dronacharya Awardee Kuldeep Handoo** appointed PM's '**Fit India**' Movement Ambassador
- **Horlicks Protein Plus** ropes in **Akshay Kumar** as its **new brand ambassador**
- **Ficci** elects **Uday Shankar** as **president** for the year **2020-21**

Awards

- **Indo-Japan cooperation** wins **OECD MAP 2019 award** for highest agreement ratio in transfer pricing cases
- Time Kid of the Year **Gitanjali Rao** aims to '**solve world's problems**'
- Indian village school teacher **Ranjitsinh Disale** wins **\$1 million global prize**
- **Shantanu Narayen, Ajay Banga** named among **Fortune Businessperson of the Year 2020**
- **Mondo Duplantis, Yulimar Rojas** named the **World Athletics Awards 2020**
- **ICAR** wins 2020 King **Bhumibol World Soil Day Award**
- **Raj Kamal Jha** wins **Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize**

Defence



- Indian Navy successfully test-fires naval version of BrahMos missile
- **Indian, Russian navies** conduct **Passage Exercise** in eastern Indian Ocean Region

Science

- **China** becomes **second nation** after US to **plant flag on the Moon**

Sports

- **Lewis Hamilton** won **Bahrain GP**
- **Kohli** becomes fastest cricketer to score **12000 ODI runs**, beats Tendulkar's record
- **Japan** to host **seven-team Club World Cup** in **2021**
- **Sergio Perez** takes first F1 won at **Sakhir Grand Prix**
- **New Zealand** all-rounder **Corey Anderson** retires from all forms of Cricket
- **Sri Lanka** to **host Asia Cup** in **2021**
- **JehanDaruvala** becomes **first Indian** to won **F2 race**

Book and Author

- **On the Move: My Journey as a Relentless Entrepreneur**, Book released written by **Hari Khemka**
- Vice President releases a book on Former President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam titled "**40 Years with Abdul Kalam- Untold Stories**" authored by **Dr A.Sivathanu Pillai**

Important day

- **30th Nov: Guru Nanak Jayanti**
- **December 1: World AIDS Day** (Theme 2020: Global Solidarity and Shared Responsibility)
- **December 2: National Pollution Control Day**
- **2nd December: World Computer Literacy Day**



- **December 3: International Day of Persons with Disabilities** (Theme 2020: "Building Back Better: Towards a disability-inclusive accessible and sustainable post COVID-19 World")
- **3rd Dec: Dr Rajendra Prasad Jayanti**
- **December 4- Indian Navy Day** (Theme 2020: Indian Navy Combat Ready, Credible and Cohesive)
- **4th December-International Day of Banks**
- **December 5: World Soil Day** (Theme 2020: Keep Soil Alive, Protect Soil Biodiversity)
- **05 December- International Volunteer Day** (2020 Theme: "Together We Can Through Volunteering")
- **December 6-Mahaparinirvana Divas** (death anniversary of Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar)
- **December 7: Armed Forces Flag Day**
- **07 December: International Civil Aviation Day** (Theme 2020: "Advancing Innovation for Global Aviation Development")

Obituary

- **British Actor David Prowse** passes away
- **MDH owner 'Mahashay' Dharampal Gulati** passes away
- **Former Pakistan PM Zafarullah Jamali** passes away at 76
- **Actor Ravi Patwardhan** passes away at 84
- **Father of Fibre Optics Narinder Singh Kapany** passes away
- **Veteran Bengali actor Manu Mukherjee** passes away

2nd Week Oneliners (9th to 15th Dec)

◆National News

- **India (Rank 10)** in top 10 performers on **climate change index**
- **Lakshadweep** declared **100% Organic**
- **MoRTH** signs MoU with **Austria** on **technology cooperation** in road infrastructure sector



- **First India Water Impact Summit** on December 10, 2020
- Shri **Nitin Gadkari** inaugurated the **Koliwar Bridge** over the **Sone river** in **Bihar**
- **Association of Buddhist Tour Operator (ABTO) International Convention** inaugurated in **New Delhi**
- **PM Narendra Modi** addresses **International Bharati Festival 2020** virtually
- **Maharashtra** cabinet approves **death punishment for crimes against women**
- **BSNL** launches '**world's first**' **satellite-based narrowband-IoT network**
- **Punjab** 1st in India to **ban loose cigarette-sale**
- **India's First Homemade mRNA Vaccine** Gets Permission to Start Human Trials
- **NITI Aayog** releases '**Vision 2035: Public Health Surveillance in India**'

◆International News

- **Mount Everest** declared **86 cm** taller by **Nepal and China**
- **Forbes** names **Sitharaman** as **world's 41st most powerful woman**, Roshni Nadar Malhotra, Mazumdar-Shaw in top 100
- **World Economic Forum 2021** to be held in **Singapore**
- **Time magazine** names **Biden, Harris** its '**Person of the Year**'
- MoU between **Indo-Uzbek** for **capacity building & renewable energy** sectors
- **France Law** against **Islamism**
- **India, Qatar** to set up **energy task force**
- **WHO, IFRC** sign memorandum of understanding on **emergency medical teams**

◆Banking and Financial

- **Ujjivan SFB** launches neighbourhood banking channel – "**Money Mitra**"



- **At 9.9% GDP growth**, India could be fastest-growing Asian economy in **2021: Nomura**
- **RBI** cancels license of **Maharashtra-based Karad Janata Sahakari Bank**
- **ADB** approves **Rs 2.5 mn** in technical assistance for **biofuel development** in India
- **ADB** to provide **USD 300 mn loan** for **primary health care** in urban areas
- **ADB** cuts India's contraction projection to **8% for FY21**, recovery faster than expected
- **BoB** launches **Atmanirbhar Women Gold Scheme**
- **RBL Bank** and **ICICI Prudential Life Insurance** forge bancassurance partnership
- **Tamil Nadu** signs **18 MoUs** worth **Rs 19,955 cr**, projects to create 26,500 jobs
- **BSE** launches **e-agricultural spot market** platform '**BEAM**'
- **RBI** to set up **Automated Banknote Processing Centre** in **Jaipur**
- **Export-Import Bank of India** extends **USD 448 million** line of credit to **Uzbekistan**
- **S&P** revises **India's FY21 GDP** contraction forecast to **7%** from 9% earlier

◆ Appointment and Resignation

- **Anil Soni** appointed **first CEO** of **The WHO Foundation**

◆ Awards

- **Bajrang Punia, Elavenil Valarivan** bag **top honours** at **FICCI India Sports Awards**
- **Sonu Sood** tops **50 Asian Celebrities in The World list 2020**
- **Carolina Araujo** awarded **2020 Ramanujan Prize for Young Mathematicians**
- **UNESCO** to launch **international prize** in the name of **Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib**



- **Ashraf Patel** wins **Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award – India 2020**

◆Defence

- **GRSE Kolkata** launches '**Himgiri**', its **1st Ship of Project 17A**

◆Sports

- **Government** to start **1000 Khelo India Centres** to encourage sports culture
- **Parthiv Patel** retires from all forms of **cricket**
- **Zena Wooldridge** Elected as **World Squash Federation President**
- **Madagascar** replaces the Maldives as **host of 2023 Indian Ocean Island Games**
- **Max Verstappen** ends F1 season with processional win **in Abu Dhabi Grand Prix**
- India's **Yash Vardhan** won **gold online 10m air rifle shooting event**

◆Important day

- **December 9 -International Anti-Corruption Day 2020** (Theme 2020: RECOVER WITH INTEGRITY)
- **December 10: Human Rights Day** (Theme 2020: Recover Better- Stand Up for Human Rights)
- **11th December: UNICEF Day**
- **11th December: International Mountain Day** (Theme 2020: Mountain Biodiversity)
- **12 December: International Day of Neutrality**
- **12 December: International Universal Health Coverage Day** (Theme 2020: 'Health for All: PROTECT EVERYONE)
- **14 December – National Energy Conservation Day**
- **15th December: International Tea Day**

◆Obituary



- **Dance pioneer Astad Deboo** passes away
- **Italy's World Cup (football) hero Paolo Rossi** dies aged 64
- **Eminent Sanskrit scholar Bannanje Govindacharya** passes away in Udupi
- 'Hind Kesari'-winning **wrestler Sripati Khanchanale** passes away

3rd Week Oneliners (16th to 22nd Dec)

◆National News

- **GOI** launch **Brand India Mission** to promote **quality of products** that are manufactured in the country
- **Maharashtra** Government Introduces **Unified Development Control Rules** for Real Estate
- **Ladakh** Buddhist Association celebrates '**Losar**' festival in **Leh**
- **Museum on Subhash Chandra Bose** to be set up in **Kolkata**
- **India, Bangladesh** sign **7 MoUs**, agreements
- **India-Bangladesh** to reopen **Chilahati-Haldibari rail link** after 1965
- **PM Modi** inaugurates **world's largest renewable energy park** in **Gujarat**
- **Odisha** CM Naveen Patnaik launched '**Pareshram**' Portal
- **Nehru Zoological Park** Hyderabad **1st India's Zoo** gets **ISO certifications**
- **India's foreign ministry** to launch **economic diplomacy portal** <http://www.indbiz.gov.in>
- **MoU** between **India-Austria Cooperation** in **Road Infrastructure** sector
- "**Varasat**" campaign launched in **Uttar Pradesh**
- **India's 1st CoE** for **Skill Development in Power Sector** inaugurated in **Gurugram**
- **India** celebrate **400th prakash parv** of **Guru Tegh Bahadur**
- **PM Modi** to launch '**SEHAT**', **Health Insurance Scheme** for **J&K**



◆International News

- **India** slips two spots to **rank 131** in **global Human Development Index, Norway tops**
- **Kylie Jenner** tops **Forbes 2020** list for **highest-paid celebrities**: Forbes
- **Ghana president Nana Akufo-Addo** won second term with 51.59%
- Category 5 Tropical **Cyclone Yasa** hits **Fiji**
- **India** falls 17 spots on **2020 Human Freedom Index** to **111th rank**
- **20th IORA Council of Ministers Meeting** Held in **UAE** (Theme- "Promoting a Shared Destiny and Path to Prosperity in the Indian Ocean")
- **World Bank's** updated **Doing Business rankings**; **India** ranked **63rd**
- **Sixth India-Japan Samwad Conference**

◆Banking and Financial

- **Canara Bank** launches "**FX 4 U**" for forex remittance via Internet Banking
- **Crisil** revises **India's GDP** forecast to **-7.7%** for **FY2021**
- **SBI** raises **FY21 GDP** estimate to **-7.4%** from -10.9% earlier
- **India Signs \$400 Million Project With World Bank To Protect Poor From COVID Impact**
- **World Bank** approves **4 India projects** worth **\$800 million** to support development initiatives
- **ICRA** narrows its **GDP** decline forecast for **FY21** to **-8%** from -11% earlier
- **ADB, India** signs **\$300 million loan** to upgrade **power distribution network** in **Uttar Pradesh**
- **GoI** and **ADB** sign **21 million dollar** PRF facility **for Tripura**
- **ADB** Approves **\$231 Million Loan** for a **Hydropower Project** in **Assam**
- **Indian Army** signs **MoU** with **Bank of Baroda** for new '**Baroda Military Salary Package**'



- **Central Bank of India** ties up with **NPCI** to launch '**RuPay Select**' Contactless Debit Card

◆Appointment and Resignation

- RBI re-appoints **Uday Kotak** as **MD** of **Kotak Mahindra Bank**
- Prasar Bharati CEO **Shashi Shekhar Vempati** elected as **Vice President of Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU)**

◆Awards

- **Six environmental trailblazers** honoured as **UNEP "Champions of the Earth"**
- **SAIL** gets the **Golden Peacock Environment Management Award 2020**
- **Filmfare OTT awards 2020**; Best Series: **Paatal Lok**
- **Ratan Tata** to be honoured with '**Global Visionary of Sustainable Business and Peace**' award
- **India's Vidyut Mohan** named among '**Young Champions of the Earth**' by **UNEP**
- 7-time F1 champion **Lewis Hamilton** wins **BBC's top sports prize**
- **PM Modi** awarded '**Legion of Merit**' by Donald Trump

◆Defence

- **Goa Shipyard Limited** launched the fifth and final **Offshore Patrol Vessel ICGS "Saksham"**
- **35th** edition of **India-Indonesia Navy CORPATs**
- **Rajnath Singh** inaugurates **India's first hypersonic wind tunnel test facility** in **Hyderabad**

◆Science

- **ISRO** launches country's **42nd communications satellite**
- **ISRO** sets up a dedicated **control Centre 'NETRA'** for **SSA**
- **NASA** selects **Raja Chari** as **commander of SpaceX Crew-3 mission**



◆Sports

- **Qatar** to host **2030 Asian Games, 2034 edition** in **Saudi Arabia**
- **Robert Lewandowski** and **Lucy Bronze** win **best of 2020 FIFA awards**
- **Pakistani Mohammad Amir** retires from international cricket
- **Anshu Malik** grabs **silver** in **Wrestling**, India's first medal at **Individual World Cup**
- **India** end **Cologne World Cup** campaign with **9 medals**

◆Book and Author

- **Kareena Kapoor Khan** announces her new book '**Pregnancy Bible**'

◆Important day

- **16 December: Vijay Diwas**
- **17 December: International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers**
- **18 December: Minorities Rights Day in India**
- **18th Dec-International Migrants Day** (Theme 2020: Reimagining Human Mobility)
- **December 18: World Arabic Language Day** (Theme 2020: 'Arabic Language Academies: Necessity or Luxury?')
- **December 19: Goa Liberation Day**
- **20th December: International Human Solidarity Day**
- **22nd Dec: National Mathematics Day 2020**

◆Obituary

- Renowned **Malayalam writer UA Khader** passes away
- Padma Vibhushan awardee and eminent **aerospace scientist Roddam Narasimha** passes away
- **MP's Former CM Motilal Vora** passes away



4th Week Oneliners (20 to 30th Dec)

National News

- Kerala's Gender Park to sign MoU with UN Women
- India, Israel to share know-how on building climate resilient infra
- Srinagar's Amar Singh College conservation project recognised with UNESCO award
- Cabinet Allows 100% FDI In Direct to Home Broadcasting Services
- India to host Global Film Summit in 2021
- Karnataka unveils "FRUITS" portal for farmers
- Ladakh's Startsapuk Tso, Tso Kar lake complex added to list of Ramsar site
- PM to flag off 100th Kisan Rail on 28 December
- 6th India International Science Festival (IISF 2020) held in New Delhi
- AP launches housing programme 'Pedalandariki Illu'
- PM Modi to inaugurate India's First Driverless Train
- PM Modi to inaugurate New Bhaupur-New Khurja section of eastern freight corridor
- 21-year-old Arya Rajendran becomes youngest mayor of Thiruvananthapuram
- Digital Ocean Application of INCOIS launched by Ministry of Earth Sciences
- India's First Hot Air Balloon Safari in MP

International News

- Florin Citu New PM of Romania
- India to become 5th largest economy in 2025, 3rd largest by 2030
- UK becomes world's first nation to approve AstraZeneca-Oxford Covid vaccine

Banking and Financial

- NCAER expects GDP to contract 7.3% (-7.3%) in FY21
- ICICI Bank launches 'Infinite India' platform for foreign firms
- ADB to give Rs 2100-cr loan to Tripura for urban, tourism development
- India, World Bank sign \$500-million pact for safe, green highways



- **Ind-Ra** revises **FY21 GDP** contraction to **7.8% (-7.8%)**
- **RBI** cancels the **License** of the **Subhadra Local Area Bank, Maharashtra**
- **DFC** to invest **USD 54 million** in India to support critical infrastructure projects
- **HDFC Bank** Ranks **Top** among **100 BFSI Firms** in India
- **Bank of Baroda** launches “**digital lending platform**” to serve retail loan seekers
- “**Maintaining Inflation Target at 4% is appropriate**”-RBI
- **Google Pay** and **ICICI Bank** join hands to offer **FASTag** through app
- Sebi fines NDTV ₹5 crore over disclosure lapses
- **AU Small Finance, ICICI Pru Life** tie up to offer life insurance solutions

Appointment and Resignation

- **Vineet Agarwal** replaces **Niranjan Hiranandani** as **ASSOCHAM President**

Awards

- **NTPC** wins **prestigious CII-ITC Sustainability Awards 2020**
- **ICC Awards Of The Decade 2020**, **Virat Kohli** won **Sir Garfield Sobers award** for the best male cricketer of the past 10 years.
- **Digital India Awards, 2020: Bihar** wins in **Pandemic category**
- **Cristiano Ronaldo** wins “**Player of the Century**” award
- “**Lukoskin**” developer **Hemant Kumar Pandey** gets **DRDO’s ‘Scientist of the Year’ award-2018**
- **Veeramani** honoured with **Dr. Narendra Dabholkar Memorial Award**
- **Mother Teresa Memorial Awards For Social Justice 2020** Announced

Defence

- **India** successfully test-fires medium range surface-to air missile “**MRSAM**” off Odisha coast
- **Indian naval ship** conducts ‘**passage exercise**’ with **Vietnamese Navy**
- **Mission Sagar III: INS Kiltan** arrives at **Sihanoukville, Cambodia**

Science

- **ISRO** releases **Chandrayaan-2 mission’s** initial data



- ISRO developing “Green Propulsion Technology”

Sports

- FIFA cancels men’s 2021 U-20, U-17 World Cups, hosting rights to Indonesia and Peru respectively for the 2023 editions
- Dhoni Captain of ICC T20I, ODI Team of the Decade; Kohli for Tests
- BWF bans Russian badminton player Nikita Khakimov for 5 years

Book and Author

- Jairam Ramesh’s new book to uncover story of ‘The Light of Asia’ poem
- VP Venkaiah Naidu virtually released the book ‘Oh Mizoram’
- Devendra Fadnavis releases book ‘Ayodhya’ written by Madhav Bhandari
- Book titled ‘Covid-19: Sabhyata ka Sankat aur Samadhan’ written by Kailash Satyarthi
- Union Minister Shripad Naik Releases book “Sutranivednachi sutra- ek anbv” by Dr Roopa Chari
- PM Modi releases book “Atal Bihari Vajpayee in Parliament” to mark his 96th birth anniversary

Important day

- December 23: Rashtriya Kisan Diwas
- December 24: National Consumer Rights Day (Theme 2020: The Sustainable Consumer)
- 25 December – Christmas Day
- 25 December – Good Governance Day

Obituary

- Malayalam Poet, Conservationist Sugathakumari Passes Away
- Renowned Urdu writer Shamsur Rahman Faruqi passes away
- Robin Jackman, Former England Bowler & Cricket Commentator passed away
- Dance historian Sunil Kothari passes away
- Former New Zealand batsman John F. Reid passed away aged 64
- Former Indian footballer Mir Sajjad Ali passes away



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