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## Weekly One Liner Current Affairs 1 to 8 March 2022

### National News

- **Chhattisgarh** signed **two MOUs** for **establishing dung-based power plants & food irradiation facility**
- **GoI** launched '**Operation Ganga**' **evacuation mission**
- **National Logistics Portal (NLP)** will be integrated with **Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP)** to make **Multi-Modal Logistics Ecosystem**
- **Centre** constituted **High-Level Task Force** to analyse the **impact of sanctions** against **Russia**
- **MNRE** approved development of **400 MW solar project** in **upper Kinnaur** by **SJVN**
- **India's 1st ambulance** for **street animals** launched in **Chennai**
- **Tamil Nadu CM** launched "**Naan Muthalvan- Ulagai Vellum Ilaya Tamilagam**" skill development scheme for **students**
- **Assam government** declared the **entire state** as a "**Disturbed Area**" for up to **6 months**
- **Herath Festival** celebrated in **Jammu and Kashmir**
- **Adani Green** got **letter of award** for setting-up **150 MW solar power plant project**
- **Google & MeitY** partnered to train **100 Indian Startups** to build **high-quality global apps & games** under **Appscale Academy**
- **International Monsoons Project Office** launched at **IITM, Pune**
- **Arunachal Pradesh** will get a **Greenfield Airport** in **Hollongi**
- **19th India-US Military Cooperation** Group Meeting held in **Agra**
- **Centre** approved **continuation of 7 existing sub schemes** under **Umbrella Scheme "Relief and Rehabilitation of Migrants and Repatriates"** for **5 years** with an outlay of **1,452 crores**
- **Rajasthan** announced '**Camel Protection and Development Policy**' with **Rs 10 crores budget**
- **Telangana topped** the country in terms of **Per Capita Net State Domestic Product** at **Current Prices**
- **Centre** approved '**Modernisation Plan-IV for Central Armed Police Forces**' (**CAPFs**) scheme



- **Reliance Industries** opened **country's 'largest business, commerce and cultural hub'** in **Mumbai**
- **India's first Floating Storage and Regasification Unit (FSRU) "Hoegh Giant"** arrived at **Jaigarh Terminal, Maharashtra**
- **PM Narendra Modi** inaugurated **Pune Metro Rail Project** worth **Rs 11,420 crores**
- **India Global Forum (IGF)** annual summit held in **Bengaluru**
- **Haryana govt** announced **Matrushakti Udaymita Scheme** to **support women entrepreneurs**
- **Sikkim Government** will launch **Aama Yojna & Bahini Scheme**
- **India's first indigenous Flying Trainer HANSA-NG** successfully completed sea level trials at **Puducherry**
- **HDFC Mutual Fund** launched women-led financial empowerment initiative '**LaxmiForLaxmi**'
- **Labour Ministry** has launched **Donate-a-Pension** programme

### International News

- **Google** launched '**Play Pass**' subscription in **India**
- **Bangladesh** signed **two loan agreements** worth **USD 292 million** with **ADB** for **flood management**
- **Knight Frank's 16th The Wealth Report 2022: India** ranked **3rd** in **billionaire population** globally; **US** topped
- **India & Nepal** signed **MoU** on **supply of Urea and DAP** under **G2G Agreement**
- **Swiss Airlines** will become **world's first airline** to **use solar aviation fuel**
- **India** signed **Host Country Agreement** with **International Telecommunication Union (ITU)** for **establishment of Area Office & Innovation Centre** at **New Delhi**
- **Sustainable Development Report 2021: India** ranked **120th**; **Finland** topped
- **United Nations Environment Assembly 5.2** held in **hybrid form** in **Nairobi, Kenya**
- **2022 Mobile World Congress** held in **Barcelona, Spain**; Focused on **5G and Economic Recovery**
- **United Arab Emirates** placed on **Financial Action Task Force (FATF's)** grey list



- **Germany** will host **virtual meeting** of **G7 agriculture ministers**

## **Banking and Financial**

- **National Statistical Office (NSO)** projected **India's GDP growth** in **2021-22** at **8.9%**
- **Union Cabinet** approved **FDI** of **up to 20%** in **LIC** under **automatic route**
- **Government** collected **Rs 1.33 lakh crores** as **GST** of **February 2022**
- **Bank of Maharashtra** launched "**Project Banksakhi**" in **Odisha**
- **Union Bank of India** signed **agreement** with **Ambit Finvest** for **co-lending to MSMEs**
- **Trivitron Healthcare** acquired **US-based medical devices firm Kennedy Company**
- **RBI** canceled licence of **Sarjeraodada Naik Shirala Sahakari Bank, Sangli, Maharashtra**
- **Central Depository Services Limited (CDSL)** became **1st depository** to register more than **60 million Demat accounts**
- **Axis Bank** signed **MoU** with **IPE Global** for **USD 150 million loan to healthcare sector**
- **Paytm** partnered with **IRCTC** to **offer digital ticketing services** through **Automatic Ticket Vending Machines (ATVM)**
- **Future Generali India Insurance** launched '**FG Dog Health Cover**' Insurance & unveiled '**Oh My Dog!**' Campaign
- **Google Cloud** and **Flipkart** entered into a **multi-year strategic partnership**
- **RBI** released "**BE(A)WARE**" booklet on **modus operandi of financial frauds**
- **Indian Overseas Bank** extended **Rs 1,000 crores loan** to **J&K Infrastructure Development Finance Corporation Ltd (JKIDFC)**
- **Banks Board Bureau** launched programme for **improving quality** of **PSU bank boards**
- **Zeta** partnered with **Mastercard** to **power next-gen credit processing** for **banks, fintechs**
- **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)** signed an **MoU** with **IBA** to **collaborate on capacity building**





- **Bharti Airtel** partnered with **Axis Bank** to **issue co-branded credit card**

## Appointment and Resignation

- **Sanjay Pandey** appointed as **new Police Commissioner of Mumbai**
- **Bhushan Patwardhan** appointed as **chairman of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)**
- World Bank's India head **Junaid Kamal Ahmad** appointed **Vice President, Operations, MIGA**
- **Samiran Gupta** will **head Twitter's public policy and philanthropy efforts** in **India** and **South Asia**
- **TS Ramakrishnan** appointed as **MD & CEO** of **LIC Mutual Fund**
- **Akshaye Widhani** appointed **Chief Executive Officer** of **Yash Raj Films**
- **Ashneer Grover** **resigned** as **MD & Director** of the **board of BharatPe**
- **Amitabh Bachchan** appointed as **brand ambassador** of **UpGrad**
- **Vidya Balan** appointed **Brand Ambassador** of **Bharti AXA Life Insurance**
- **Sunil Agrawal** appointed **Chief Financial Officer** of **LIC**
- **Sanjiv Kapoor** appointed as **CEO** of **Jet Airways**
- **Aman Lekhi** **resigned** as **Additional Solicitor General of India**
- **Manindra Mohan Shrivastava** appointed as **Chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court**
- **DN Patel** appointed as **Chairperson** of **Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal**
- **Nitin Chugh** appointed as **Deputy MD** of **SBI**

## Awards

- **IISER Prof Deepak Dhar** became **first Indian** to **bag Boltzmann Medal**
- **Annpurna Devi** presented **National ICT Awards** to **49 teachers** **across country**
- **National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)** awarded '**Special Jury Award**' for **Ganga rejuvenation**



- **CtrlS** won the **ASSOCHAM Award** for **Sustainability Excellence in Energy Management**

## Defence

- **Ministry of Defence** hosting **12th DefExpo 2022** at **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**
- **9th edition of India-Sri Lanka naval exercise SLINEX** conducted in **Visakhapatnam**.
- **Indian Navy** successfully test-fired extended range **BrahMos cruise missile** from **INS Chennai**

## Science

- **Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)** signed **MoU** with **Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)** for **renewable energy, electric mobility & alternative fuels**
- **IIT Kanpur** developed **biodegradable nanoparticle** to **protect crops from diseases**
- **NASA** launched **next-generation GOES-T satellite** for **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)** to **track hazardous weather**
- **JSW Energy** signed **power purchase agreement** with **Haryana Power Purchase Centre**
- **Microsoft** to set up **India's largest datacentre region** in **Hyderabad**
- **Aarushi Verma** selected to **represent India** at **2041 Climate Force Antarctica Expedition**

## Sports

- **India's Sadia Tariq** won **gold** in **Russia Wushu Stars Championship 2022**
- **India** secured **8 medals** at **Singapore Weightlifting International 2022**
- **31st Southeast Asian Games** will be held in **Vietnam**
- **Daniil Medvedev** ranked the **new ATP World No.1**, overthrew **Novak Djokovic**



- **Saurabh Chaudhary** won **India's first gold** at **International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup** in **Cairo**; **Esha Singh** won **silver**
- **Ladakh LG** inaugurated **1st-ever Ice Wall Climbing Competition 2022**
- **Shri Nivetha, Esha, Ruchita** won **gold in women's 10m air pistol team event** at **ISSF World Cup**
- **BCCI** announced **RuPay** as the **official partner for Tata IPL 2022**
- **Mithali Raj** became **first woman cricketer** to appear at **six Cricket World Cup**

### Book and Author

- **Mithilesh Tiwari** authored a book titled "**Udaan Ek Majdoor Bachhe Ki**" by **Captain AD Manek**
- A new book titled "**The Millennial Yogi**" authored by **Deepam Chatterjee**
- **Rahul Gandhi** launched **Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin's autobiography "Ungalil Oruvan"**
- **Amitava Kumar** authored a book titled **The Blue Book: A Writer's Journal'**
- **The Queen Of Indian Pop: The Authorised Biography Of Usha Uthup** released

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Important day

- **1-7 March: Janaushadhi Diwas week**
- **1 March: Zero Discrimination Day** (Theme 2022: "Remove laws that harm, create laws that empower")
- **1 March: World Civil Defence Day**
- **2 March 2022: 46th Civil Accounts Day**
- **3 March: World Wildlife Day** (Theme 2022: 'Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration'.)
- **3 March: World Hearing Day** (Theme 2022: "To hear for life, listen with care")
- **3 March: World Birth Defects Day** (Theme 2022: "Many births defects, one voice".)
- **4 March: National Security Day**



- **4 March: National Safety Day** (Theme 2022: 'Nurture young minds – Develop safety culture')
- **4 March: World Obesity Day** (Theme 2022: 'Everybody Needs to Act'.)
- **6 March 2022: CISF 53rd Raising Day**
- **7 March: Janaushadhi Diwas** (Theme 2022: "Jan Aushadhi-Jan Upyogi".)
- **8 March: International Women's Day** (Theme 2022: "gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow".)

## Obituary

- **Bollywood film critic, writer Jaiprakash Chouksey** passed away
- **Oscar-winning producer Alan Ladd Jr** passed away
- **Australian cricket legend Shane Warne** passed away at 52
- **Former Punjab Governor & Indian Army Chief General S F Rodrigues** passes away
- **Former Australian cricketer Rod Marsh** passed away

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## National News

- **Chhattisgarh government** launched '**Kaushalya Matritva Yojana**'
- **Tamil Nadu Chief Minister** inaugurated **India's largest floating solar power project** at **Thoothukudi**
- **Prime Minister** unveiled **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj statue** in **Pune**
- **India's largest reclining statue of Lord Buddha** being built at **Bodh Gaya, Bihar**
- **Karnataka government** launched '**Women@Work**' programme to **provide 5 lakh jobs to women**





- **Haryana's CM** presented **Rs 1.77 Lakh crores** Budget for the **FY 2022-23**; announced '**Sushma Swaraj Award**' for **women**
- **Tripura Govt** announced "**Mukhyamantri Chaa Srami Kalyan Prakalpa**" scheme for **tea workers**
- **Jyotiraditya Scindia** and **Shivraj Chouhan** inaugurated the **first drone school** in **Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh**
- **India's 1st fully women-owned industrial park** inaugurated in **Hyderabad**
- **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)** signed **MoU** with **IIT Roorkee** for '**BIS Standardization Chair Professor**'
- **Andhra Pradesh** retained the **first rank** in **Skoch State of Governance ranking 2021**
- **India's first Virtual Smart Grid Knowledge Centre** inaugurated in **Manesar, Haryana**
- **Cabinet** approved setting up of **WHO Global Centre** for **Traditional Medicine** at **Jamnagar, Gujarat**
- **Puducherry** launched **first-of-its-kind Digital School Health Platform**
- **Indian Railways' first Gati Shakti Cargo Terminal** commissioned in **Asansol Division of Eastern Railway**
- **Tamilnadu Petroproducts** became **world's first LAB manufacturing company** to receive **BIS Certification**
- **Odisha** and **NABARD** signed **agreement** to **increase fish production**
- **PM Modi** inaugurated **Rashtriya Raksha University building** in **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**
- **India's 1st medical city 'Indrayani Medicity'** will be set up in **Pune, Maharashtra**
- **Odisha topped** in **full immunization** with **90.5% coverage** under **Mission Indradhanush**
- **2022 Fortune India The Next 500 list: RailTel ranked 124**
- **Mahanadi Coalfields Limited** became the **largest coal-producing company** in **India**
- **Delhi govt** launched '**My EV**' portal for **purchasing, registering e-autos**
- **India's 1st Digital Water Bank 'AQVERIUM'** launched in **Bengaluru**
- **India's first 'World Peace Center'** to be established in **Gurugram, Haryana**



- **Mumbai** became **first South Asian City** to set target of **Net-Zero Carbon Emissions** by **2050**
- **Kerala topped** in **maternal and child health** in **India**; recorded **lowest Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR)** of **30**
- **“Credit Guarantee Scheme for Subordinate Debt”** for **MSMEs** extended till **March 2023**

### International News

- **International Paralympic Committee (IPC)** banned **Russian, Belarusian athletes** from **Beijing 2022 Winter Paralympics**
- **IMF** approved **\$1.4 billion emergency support** for **Ukraine**
- **India, Bangladesh, and Nepal** signed an **MoU** to **boost trade and connectivity**
- **India & Singapore** signed **MoU** on **cooperation in Science, Technology and Innovation**
- **V-Dem’s Democracy Report 2022: India** ranked **93rd**; **Sweden** topped
- **Katalin Novak** elected **first-ever female president** of **Hungary**
- **India** ranked **2nd** for **Global Investment in Digital Shopping** in **2021**, **Bengaluru** topped among cities
- **India’s first-ever GI-tagged Kashmir carpets** flagged off to **Germany**
- **India-Canada** re-launched **Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement**
- **India** emerged as the **largest importer** of **arms** in **2017-21** as per **SIPRI report**
- **India** entered into **World’s Top 5 Club** in terms of **market capitalisation** for the **1st Time**; ranked **5<sup>th</sup>**
- **Adani Group** signed a deal for **two power projects** in **Sri Lanka**
- **India** approved **US\$ 1 billion line of credit** for **Sri Lanka** to help pay for crucial imports

### Banking and Financial

- **Centre** approved **continuation** of **Swatantrata Sainik Samman Yojana** till **FY26** with an outlay of **Rs 3,274.87 crores**
- **Himachal Pradesh CM** presented **Rs 51,365 crores Budget** for **2022-23**



- **Telangana govt** proposed **Rs 2.56 lakh crores** Budget for **2022-23**
- **RBI** launched **UPI** for feature phones '**UPI123Pay**' and **24\*7 helpline 'DigiSaathi'**
- **Axis Bank** rolled out '**HouseWorkIsWork**' initiative to **bring educated women to workforce**
- **CRISIL** projected **GDP growth** forecast at **7.8%** for **2022-23**
- **Karnataka Bank** signed an **MoU** with **SELCO Solar Light**
- **RBI** issued **guidelines** for **Extended Interest Equalisation Scheme** for **Export Credit**
- **SEBI** raised **UPI Limit** for **Public Debt Investment** up to **Rs 5 Lakhs**
- **Star Health and Allied Insurance** launched women-centric medical insurance policy '**Star Women Care Insurance Policy**'
- **India** signed **\$125 million loan agreement** with **World Bank** for **social protection services** in **West Bengal**
- **ToneTag** partnered with **NSDL Payments Bank & NPCI** to launch **VoiceSe UPI digital payments** for **feature phone users**
- **NaBFID** will be regulated as **All India Financial Institution** under **RBI Act**
- **Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance** entered into a **bancassurance partnership** with **Bharat Co-operative Bank**
- **UCO Bank** became **stakeholder** in **IDRCL** by acquiring a **3% stake**
- **RBI** directed **Paytm Payments Bank** to **stop onboarding** of **new customers**
- **RBI** **lifted restrictions** on **HDFC Bank's** business generating activities planned under **Digital 2.0** programme
- **Morgan Stanley** projected **India's GDP** for **FY23** at **7.9%**
- **Bank of India** entered into **co-lending partnership** with **IKF Finance**
- **IIFL Securities** launched **India's first Primary Markets Investment Platform, OneUp**
- **LivQuik** became **first PPI issuer** to Achieve **RBI's PPI Interoperability Guidelines**
- **Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)** lowered the **interest rate** on **PF deposits** for **2021-22** to **8.1%**
- **ICICI Bank** will acquire **5% stake** in **National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (NARCL)**



- **IDBI Bank** acquired **5% & 9% stakes** in **NARCL & IDRCL**
- **Ujjivan Small Finance Bank** launched **Industry's first Digital based Onboarding facility**
- **Bank of Baroda & BNP Paribas** joined hands to form **Mutual Fund JV**; **Suresh Soni** appointed **CEO**
- **Razorpay** acquired 5th payments tech startup **IZEaliant Technologies**

### Appointment and Resignation

- **T Raja Kumar** appointed as **President** of **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)**
- **B Chandra Sekhar** has taken over as **Commandant of Air Force Academy**
- **Mary Kom** appointed **Brand Ambassador** of **Lupin Limited's Shakti campaign**
- **Yoon Suk-yeol** elected as **South Korea's new President**
- **Ashwani Bhatia** appointed as a **whole-time member** of **SEBI**
- **Prabha Narasimhan** appointed as **CEO** of **Colgate-Palmolive India**
- **Justice Vipin Sanghi** named **Acting Chief Justice** of **Delhi HC**
- **AK Sikri** appointed as **Chairperson** of **Chardham project panel**
- **Ajay Bhushan Pandey** appointed as **Chairperson** of **National Financial Reporting Authority**
- **Debasish Panda** appointed as **Chairperson** of **IRDAI**
- **Tapan Singhel** got **5-year extension** as **Bajaj Allianz General Insurance's MD & CEO**
- **N Chandrasekaran** named **chairman** of **Air India**
- **Pradeep Rawat** assumed **charge** as **India's new ambassador to China**
- **Shubman Gill & Ruturaj Gaikwad** appointed as **new brand ambassadors** for **My11Circle by Games24x7**
- **Ranjit Rath** appointed **Chairman & MD** of **Oil India Limited**
- **Bhagwant Mann** sworn in as the **17th Chief Minister** of **Punjab**

### Awards



- **Rizwana Hasan** to get **US International Women of Courage Award 2022**
- **J&K Bank** won **National Award for SHG Bank Linkage**
- **Six Indian Airports** won **ACI World's ASQ Awards 2021** – Best Airports by **Size & Region** in **Asia Pacific region**
- **Shreyas Iyer, Amelia Kerr** declared **ICC Players of the Month** for **February 2022**
- **75th BAFTA Award 2022** announced: **"The Power of the Dog"** won the **Best Film Award**, **"Joanna Scanlan"** won the **Best Actress** in Leading Role, **"Will Smith"** won the **Best Actor** in Leading Role
- **Axis Bank** won **'Asian Bank of the Year'** and **'India Bond House'** award at **IFR Asia Awards 2021**
- **India's 'Writing with Fire'** nominated for **Best Documentary feature** category at **Oscars 2022**

### Defence

- **Australian Army Research Centre** signed **MoU** with **Centre for Land Warfare Studies, India**

### Science

- **PARAM Ganga Petascale Supercomputer** installed at **IIT Roorkee**
- **ISRO** has organized **Young Scientist Programme "YUVIKA"** to select **150 students**
- **NITI Aayog's AIM** partnered with **Snap Inc.** to promote **AR skill development** among **youth**
- **India's 1st Artificial Intelligence & Robotics Technology Park** launched at **IISc, Bengaluru**
- **HAL** signed **MoU** with **SASMOS** to **work together in aerospace domain**
- **ISRO** successfully **tested solid fuel-based booster stage** of **Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV)**

### Sports

- **Priyanka Nutakki** became **23rd Woman Grandmaster of India**





- **Indian GM S L Narayanan** won **Grandiscacchi Cattolica International Open Chess Tournament**
- **India topped** the medal tally with **4 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze** in **2022 ISSF World Cup**
- **Tiger Woods** inducted into **World Golf Hall of Fame**
- **India's Lakshya Sen** won **silver** in **men's singles** at **German Open 2022**
- **Pramod Bhagat** won **silver** at **Spanish Para-Badminton International 2022**
- **India** will host **FIDE Chess Olympiad 2022** in **Chennai**

### Book and Author

- **Ratnakar Shetty** released his **autobiography** titled "**On Board: Test. Trial. Triumph. My years in BCCI** "
- **Biography** of late **Soli Sorabjee** titled "**Soli Sorabjee: Life and Times**" authored by **Abhinav Chandrachud**
- Hindi novel '**Tomb of Sand**' nominated for **International Booker Prize**
- **Sahitya Akademi** published a book-length poem '**Monsoon**' by **Indian poet-diplomat Abhay K**

### Important day

- **9 March: No Smoking Day**
- **10 March (Second Thursday of March): World Kidney Day 2022** (Theme 2022: 'Kidney Health for All')
- **10 March: International Day of Women Judges**
- **13 March: World Rotaract Day** (Theme 2022: "Rotary Making a Difference".)
- **14 March: Pi Day or International Day of Mathematics** (Theme 2022: Mathematics Unites!)
- **14 March: International Day of Action for Rivers** (Theme 2022: "the importance of rivers to biodiversity.")
- **12 March: World Glaucoma Day** (Theme 2022: "The world is bright, save your sight".)
- **15 March: World Consumer Rights Day** (Theme 2022: "Fair Digital Finance.")



- **16 March: National Vaccination Day or National Immunisation Day** (Theme 2022: "Vaccines Work for all".)

## Obituary

- **Former Pakistani President Rafiq Tarar** passed away

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### National News

- **Nirmala Sitharaman** presented a **Rs 1.42 Lakh crore Budget** for **FY 2022-23** for **J&K** in **Lok Sabha**
- **Welspun One Logistics Parks** signed **MoU** with **Haryana Govt** to invest **1500 crores** to **set up warehouses**
- **MV Ram Prasad Bismil** became **longest vessel** to **sail from Ganga to Brahmaputra** via **Bangladesh**
- **36th International Geological Congress** will be held in **New Delhi** from **20th to 22nd March 2022**
- **Karnataka** developed **Dishaank app** to ensure **easy access to land records**
- **Indian Railways** prepared **National Rail Plan (NRP)** for **India-2030**
- **West Bengal** celebrated '**Dol Utsav**' or '**Dol Jatra**'
- **Visakhapatnam Railway Station** became the **first station** in **East Coast** to implement '**One Nation, One Product**'
- **Telangana** became **1st state** in **India** to implement **Crop Diversification Index**
- **Cochin Shipyard** signed an **agreement** with **Dredging Corporation of India** to build **India's first make in India dredger**
- **NCRTC** unveiled the **coaches of India's first rapid rail** to be used in the **Delhi-Meerut corridor**
- **35th Surajkund International Crafts Mela** inaugurated in **Haryana**
- **N Biren Singh** took **oath** as **Manipur CM** for the **second term**
- **Nagaland** became **first paperless assembly** by implementing **e-Vidhan application**



- **Tamil Nadu's** handmade **Narasingapettai Nagaswaram** got **geographical identification tag**
- **Pramod Sawant** took charge as **Goa Chief Minister** for the **2nd term**
- **Kerala** became **1st state** to introduce **carbon-neutral farming methods**
- **Pushkar Singh Dhami** took **oath** as **Chief Minister** of **Uttarakhand** for **2nd term**
- **Union Health Minister** launched **BRICS Vaccine R&D Centre**
- **India's merchandise exports** touched **\$400 Billion** for the **first time** in a financial year in **FY22**
- **Jal Shakti Minister** launched **Sujalam 2.0** campaign for **greywater management** in **New Delhi**

### International News

- **Deloitte's Global Powers of Retailing 2022: Reliance Retail** ranked **56th**; **Walmart Inc** topped
- **2022 M3M Hurun Global Rich List: Mukesh Ambani** emerged as **Richest Indian & Asian**; **Elon Musk** topped globally
- **Mahatma Gandhi Green Triangle** inaugurated in **Antananarivo, Madagascar**
- **World Happiness Report 2022: India** ranked **136th**; **Finland** topped
- **Prasar Bharati** signed **MoU** with **Australia's public service broadcaster** to **boost co-operation**
- **Second India-Australia Virtual Summit** held
- **Serdar Berdymukhamedov** elected as **President** of **Turkmenistan**
- **Knight Frank's Global House Price Index Q4 2021: India** ranked **51st**; **Turkey** topped
- **IQAir's 2021 World Air Quality Report: New Delhi** is world's most polluted capital city

### Banking and Financial

- **ICICI Bank** launched **co-branded credit cards** with **Emirates Skywards**
- **CPI-based Retail inflation** rose to **6.07%** in **February**, above **RBI's upper limit** for 2nd straight month



- **Wholesale price index**-based inflation rose to **13.11%** in **February**
- **IIT Madras** signed **MoU** with **RBI Innovation Hub** to **boost fintech startups**
- **SBI** will set up **Innovation, Incubation, and Acceleration Centre** at **Hyderabad**
- **Torrent Power** inked a **pact** to **acquire 51% stake** in **power distribution utility** of **Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu**
- **Max Life Insurance** launched **Smart Guaranteed Pension Plan**
- **Mahila Money, Visa, and Transcorp** launched **Prepaid Card** for **Women Entrepreneurs**
- **RBI** unveiled **harmonised framework** for **microfinance lenders**
- **NPCI** will launch **On-Device Wallet 'UPI Lite'** for **small value transactions** in offline mode
- **SBI** will provide **USD 1 billion Line of Credit** to **Sri Lanka** to **recover from economic crisis**
- **Moody's** projected **India's GDP** forecast at **9.1%** for **CY22**
- **BPCL** first to offer **digital payment** to **non-internet users** for **voice-based LPG Booking**
- **Kotak Mahindra Bank** became **first Indian bank** to **sign MoU** with **Business France**
- **Govt** extended **timeline** to **10 years** for startups to **convert debt investments into equity**
- **HDFC Bank** will launch **"Smarthub Vyapar programme"** & **'AutoFirst' app**
- **RBI** canceled **license** of **People's Co-operative Bank Ltd Kanpur, UP**
- **PhonePe** acquired a **100% stake** in **freelance entrepreneur network GigIndia**
- **Fitch Ratings** projected **India's FY23** growth forecast at **8.5%**
- **SBI, HDFC, Kotak Mahindra, and Axis Bank** picked up **7.84% stake** each in **ONDC** for **Rs 10 crore**
- **SBI Card** partnered with **Nature's Basket** to launch the **International Gourmet Card**
- **ICICI Bank** partnered with **IPL team Chennai Super Kings** for **co-branded credit card**
- **Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)** projected **India's GDP** growth at **8.1%** for **FY23**



- **DBS Bank India** launched **Green Deposits** programme

## Appointment and Resignation

- **Ramesh Murthy** appointed as **Chief Financial Officer** of **Ujjivan Small Finance Bank**
- **Frank Torres** appointed as **President** of **Nissan India**
- **Suchitra K Ella** appointed **chairperson** of **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Southern Region** for **2022-23**
- **Banks Board Bureau** recommended **names** for **chiefs of UBI, Punjab and Sind Bank, IOB & SBI; MD & CEO of UBI: A Manimekhalai; MD & CEO of IOB: Ajay Kumar Srivastava; MD & CEO of Punjab and Sind Bank: Swaroop Kumar Saha; MD at SBI: Alok Kumar Choudhary**
- **Prashant Jhaveri** appointed as **CEO** of **Flipkart Health+**
- **RBL Bank's interim CEO & MD Rajeev Ahuja** got **extension** for **3 months** by **RBI**
- **UN** appointed **Jayati Ghosh** to **high-level advisory board** on **multilateralism**
- **Rajesh Gopinathan** re-appointed as **MD** and **CEO** of **TCS**
- **Jay Shah** re-appointed as the **President** of **Asian Cricket Council** for **1 year**
- **Shankar Prasad Sharma** appointed as **new Nepal envoy** to **India**

## Awards

- **Narayan Pradhan** selected for **31st GD Birla Award** for **Scientific Research**
- **Poland's Karolina Bielawska** won **Miss World 2021** title
- **Manjeet Mann's children's book** titled '**The Crossing**' shortlisted for **UK's Yoto Carnegie Medal 2022**
- **Suresh Raina** awarded '**Sports Icon**' award at **Maldives Sports Awards**
- **Neeraj Chopra, Mirabai Chanu** won '**Sportstar of the Year**' award at **2022 Sportstar Aces Awards**
- **Diebedo Francis Kere** became **first African** to win **2022 Pritzker Architecture Prize**
- **Devendra Jhajharia** became **1st para-athlete** to receive **Padma Bhushan**





- **American mathematician Dennis P. Sullivan won Abel prize 2022**
- **Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw** elected **Fellow of Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE)** in **Scotland**

## Defence

- **Gen Bipin Rawat Memorial Chair of Excellence** instituted at **United Service Institution of India**
- **Flight Control System Integration complex** inaugurated in **Bengaluru** to develop **avionics for Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA)**
- **9th India-Seychelles joint military exercise LAMITIYE-2022** conducted in **Seychelles**
- **Fifth in the series of Offshore Patrol Vessels "ICGS Saksham"** commissioned in **Goa**
- **NATO military exercise 'Cold Response 2022'** began in **Norway**
- **Ministry of Civil Aviation & FICCI** organized **'WINGS INDIA 2022'** in **Hyderabad**
- **3rd India-Uzbekistan joint military exercise EX-DUSTLIK** began in **Yangiariq, Uzbekistan**
- **Defence Ministry** approved **military acquisitions** worth **Rs 8,357 crores**
- **Indian Army with Maharashtra Police** conducted **Joint Security Exercise "Suraksha Kavach 2"**

## Science

- **Nitin Gadkari** launched **India's 1st Green Hydrogen Fuel Cell EV 'Toyota Mirai'**
- **National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. (NMDC)** signed **MoU** with **IIT Kharagpur** for **Drone-Based Mineral Exploration**
- **OneWeb** signed an **agreement** with **SpaceX** to **resume its LEO Satellite launches**

## Sports

- **Pankaj Advani** won **Asian Billiards Championship** for the **8th time**



- **Ferrari's Charles Leclerc won 2022 F1 Bahrain Grand Prix**
- **BNP Paribas Open 2022; Iga Świątek & Taylor Fritz won women's & men's singles title**
- **All England Open Badminton World Championships 2022: Viktor Axelsen & Yamaguchi Akane won men's & women's singles title**
- **World no. 1 Ashleigh Barty announced retirement from professional tennis**

### Book and Author

- **Biography of Rahul Bajaj's titled "Rahul Bajaj: An Extraordinary Life" authored by Gita Piramal**
- **A new book titled "More than Just Surgery: Life Lessons Beyond the OT" authored by Dr Tehemton Erach Udadia**
- **Autobiography of former cricketer G.R. Viswanath titled "Wrist Assured: An Autobiography", co-authored by R Kaushik**
- **A new book titled "Unfilled Barrels: India's oil story" authored by Richa Mishra**
- **A Children's Book 'The Little Book of Joy' authored by Dalai Lama & Desmond Tutu**

### Important day

- **15 March: International Day to Combat Islamophobia**
- **18 March: Ordnance Factory Day**
- **18 March: World Sleep Day** (Theme 2022: 'Quality Sleep, Sound Mind, Happy World')
- **18 March: Global Recycling Day** (Theme 2022: "recycling fraternity")
- **20 March: World Oral Health Day** (Theme 2021-2023: "Be proud of your mouth".)
- **20 March: International Day of Happiness** (Theme 2022: "Build Back Happier".)
- **20 March: World Sparrow Day** (Theme 2022: "LOVE Sparrows.")
- **21 March: World Down Syndrome Day** (Theme 2022: '#InclusionMeans'.)
- **21 March: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination** (Theme 2022: "VOICES FOR ACTION AGAINST RACISM".)



- **21 March: World Poetry Day**
- **21 March: International Day of Forests or World Forestry Day** (Theme 2022: "Forests and sustainable production and consumption.")
- **20 March: UN's French Language Day**
- **21 March: World Puppetry Day** (Theme: 'Azadi ke Rang, Putul Ke Sang'.)
- **22 March: World Water Day** (Theme 2022: "Groundwater, Making the Invisible Visible".)
- **22 March: Bihar Diwas** (Theme 2022: 'Jal, Jeevan, Hariyali'.)
- **23 March: World Meteorological Day** (Theme 2022: Early Warning and Early Action.)
- **23 March: Shaheed Diwas or Martyrs' Day**
- **24 March: World Tuberculosis Day** (Theme 2022: 'Invest to End TB. Save Lives.')
- **24 March: International Day for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims**

### Obituary

- **Former Andhra Pradesh Governor Kumudben Joshi** passed away
- **American Astrophysicist Eugene Parker** passed away
- **Bangladesh's former president Shahabuddin Ahmed** passed away
- **Former Prime Minister of Mali Soumeylou Boubeye Maiga** passed away

## Weekly One Liner Current Affairs 25 to 31 March 2022

### National News

- **Bihar** became **first state** to implement **dynamic map** for **villages to track land ownership**
- **Yogi Adityanath** took oath as **Chief Minister** of **UP** for **2nd time**



- **Kerala Tourism** launched **24/7 WhatsApp Chatbot 'Maya'**
- **Cabinet** approved **MSP of Rs 4,750 per quintal of Raw Jute** for **2022-23 season**
- **Himachal Pradesh** signed **MoU** with **National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER)**, Mohali as **Knowledge Partner** for **Medical Devices Park** in **Nalagarh, Solan**
- **Gujarat** topped in **NITI Aayog`s Export Preparedness Index 2021**
- **73rd Indian Psychiatric Society national conference** held in **Visakhapatnam**
- **NABARD** allocated **4,013 crores financial assistance** to **Odisha**
- **SIDBI** joined hands with **Meghalaya** to **develop MSME ecosystem**
- **India** signed pact with **WHO** to set up **global traditional medicine centre** in **Jamnagar, Gujarat**
- **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana** extended for **6 months**
- **PVR & INOX Leisure** announced **merger**, **Ajay Bijli** appointed **MD** of **merged entity PVR INOX Ltd**
- **Pramod Sawant** took oath as **Goa's Chief Minister** for the **2nd time**
- **Surat, Gujarat** became **India's 1st city** to get **'steel slag road'**
- **Shaktikanta Das** dedicated **Varnika Ink Manufacturing Unit of BRBNMPL** in **Mysuru** to nation
- **Museum** dedicated to **all former Prime Ministers of India** will be inaugurated in **Delhi**
- **Meghalaya's Living Root Bridges** included in **UNESCO's tentative list of World Heritage Sites**
- **Government** set the target to **create 220 new airports** by **2025**
- **RBI governor** laid foundation stone of **Learning and Development Centre** of **Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (BRBNMPL)** in **Mysuru**
- **Virat Kohli** ranked the **Most Valued Celebrity** in the **Duff & Phelps Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2021**
- **Karnataka government** announced **Vinaya Samarasya** scheme
- **Maharashtra** launches scheme to offer **personal loans** for **prisoners**



- **Assam** signed a pact with **Meghalaya** to **resolve 5-decade old border dispute** in **six places**
- **Tamil Nadu** signed **MoU** with **UAE based Lulu Group** to get **3,500 crores investment**

### International News

- **World Bank** issued **first wildlife conservation bond** to **save Africa's black rhino**
- **5th Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Summit** will be hosted by **Sri Lanka**
- **UNEP's Annual Frontier Report: Dhaka 1st** and **Moradabad 2nd most noise polluted city** in the world
- **Robert Abela** re-elected as **Prime Minister of Malta**
- **Hurun Global U40 Self-Made Billionaires 2022: India** ranked **4th**; **USA** topped
- **Piyush Goyal** inaugurated **Indian Jewellery Exposition Centre building** in **Dubai**
- **India & Australia** signed **MoU** for **joint exploration of Lithium and Cobalt mineral resources**

### Banking and Financial

- **RBI** allowed **SBI Group** to pick up to **9.99% stake** in **ICICI Bank**
- **ICICI Lombard** partnered with **Airtel Payments Bank** for **smartphone insurance**
- **UNCTAD** projected **India's GDP** growth at **4.6%** in **2022**
- **RBI** inaugurated **Reserve Bank Innovation Hub** in **Bengaluru**; **Kris Gopalakrishnan** is **first Chairman of RBIH**
- **Ola** acquired **neo bank Avail Finance**
- **FinMapp** got **license** from **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)** and **IRDAI** to **sell NPS, insurance**
- **Bank of India** invested **Rs 108.81 crore** in **National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (NARCL)**
- **Max Life Insurance** partnered with **PhonePe** to offer **financial protection to consumers**





- **DBS Bank India** partnered with **EaseMyTrip** to launch a green debit card
- **RBI** unveiled **framework** for **geo-tagging of payment system** touch points
- **SIDBI** approved **Rs 837 crores** grant for **Odisha** to develop **MSME Clusters**
- **ICRA** projected **India's GDP growth** forecast at **7.2%** in **FY23**
- **ICICI & HDFC Bank** will acquire **15% stake** in **IDRCL**
- **Centre** announced to sell **1.5% stake** in **ONGC** to raise **Rs 3,000 crores**
- **HDFC ERGO** launched **India's first industry based digital customer** engagement and rewards program **"VAULT"**
- **Central Bank of India** partnered with **ID** to **digitize customer onboarding**

### Appointment and Resignation

- **Pralay Mondal** appointed **interim MD & CEO** of **CSB Bank**
- **Vinod G Khandare** appointed as **Adviser** in **Ministry of Defence**
- **Rajnish Kumar** joined the **International Strategic Advisory Board of Dun & Bradstreet**
- **Hisashi Takeuchi** named as **MD and CEO** of **Maruti Suzuki**
- **Jens Stoltenberg's** tenure as **Secretary-General** of **NATO** extended till **2023**
- **Gilbert Hougbo** from Togo appointed **next Director-General** of **International Labour Organization**
- **Shashi Sinha** appointed as **new Chairman** of **Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC) India**
- **Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma** re-elected as **President** of **Badminton Association of India**
- **CS Rajan** appointed as **Chairman** of the **Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services**
- **Raj Subramaniam** appointed **new CEO** of **FedEx**
- **Renu Singh** appointed **director** of **Forest Research Institute**
- **Vishwas Patel** re-elected as **chairman** of **Payments Council of India**

### Awards



- **Karnataka Bank** won '**Best MSME Bank of the year – Winner**' award
- **President Ram Nath Kovind** awarded **President's Colour** to **INS Valsura**
- **Mario Marcel** won the **Governor of the year award** at **Central Banking Awards 2022**
- **94th Oscars Awards 2022** announced: **Will Smith & Jessica Chastain** won **Best actor & Best actress award**; **Read complete list of winners here**
- **Cochin International Airport** won '**Covid champion**' award at **Wings India 2022**
- **Wilfried Brutsaert** won **Stockholm Water Prize 2022**
- **Deepika Padukone** won **TIME100 Impact Award** for **contribution to mental health awareness**
- **Mirabai Chanu** won '**BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year**' award **2021**
- **Uttar Pradesh** won **best state award** at **National Water Awards 2022**

## Defence

- **INS Shivaji's marine engineering centre** recognized as the **Centre of Excellence in Marine Engineering**
- **AAI and BEL** joined hands to **develop indigenous Air Traffic Management Systems**
- **Indian Navy's Western Naval Command** conducted offshore security exercise '**Prasthan**'
- **MoD** signed **Rs 473 crore** contract with **Goa Shipyard Ltd** for **construction of 8 Fast Patrol Vessels for ICG**
- **US & Philippines** hold **largest-ever military drills Balikatan 2022**
- **MoD** signed a contract worth **Rs 3,102 crore** with **BEL** for procurement of advanced **electronic warfare suite & Instrumented Electronic Warfare Range (IEWR)**

## Science

- **IIT Madras** partnered with **TCS** to launch **Tech in Industrial AI**
- **West Bengal governor Jagdeep Dhankar** inaugurated **Petascale supercomputer PARAM Shakti** at **IIT Kharagpur**



## Sports

- **Byju's** named as **official sponsor** of **FIFA World Cup 2022** in **Qatar**
- **India won 2022 SAFF U-18 Women's Championship title**
- **PV Sindhu** won **Women's Singles title** at **Swiss Open Badminton 2022**
- **Max Verstappen** won **2022 Saudi Arabian Grand Prix**

## Book and Author

- **Home Minister** unveiled the book **chronicling journey of SII** in producing **Covishield**, titled "**The Shield: Covishield**", authored by **Prakash Kumar Singh**
- A book titled '**Spoorthi Pradatha Sri Somayya**' authored by **K Syam Prasad**
- **NITI Aayog & FAO** launched a book titled "**Indian Agriculture towards 2030**" edited by **Ramesh Chand, Pramod Joshi and Shyam Khadka**

## Important day

- **25 March: International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members**
- **25 March: International Day of the Unborn Child**
- **25 March: International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade** (Theme 2022: "Stories of Courage: Resistance to Slavery and Unity against Racism".)
- **26 March (last Saturday of March): Earth Hour 2022** (Theme 2022: 'Shape Our Future')
- **5 October** will be celebrated as **National Dolphin Day from 2022**
- **27 March: World theatre Day**
- **26 March 2022: Bangladesh 52nd Independence Day**
- **29 March (88th day of the year): World Piano Day 2022**
- **30 March: Rajasthan Diwas**
- **31 March: International Transgender Day of Visibility**
- **31 March: World Backup Day**
- **31 March: International Day of Drug Checking**



## Obituary

- **Former Chief Justice of India RC Lahoti** passed away
- **Inventor of the GIF format, Stephen Wilhite** passed away
- **Former CM of Sikkim B.B. Gurung** passed away

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