

Weekly One Liner Current Affairs

2nd week (9th to 17th December) 2023

National News

- **Kaspersky, IIT Delhi** partner for **cybersecurity talent development** in **India**
- **Wax statue** of **Babasaheb Ambedkar** installed in **Jaipur Wax Museum**
- **Defense Ministry** partners with **Indian School of Business (ISB)** to offer **scholarships** for **ex-servicemen**
- **EKI Energy, Indian Oil** to jointly promote **indoor solar cooking system**
- **PM Modi** approves **India's first project** to tackle urban floods
- **India** ranked **7th** in **Climate Change Performance Index 2023**
- **PM Modi** addressed **financial technology event** "Infinity Forum 2.0"
- **New branch** of **Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), Mumbai Bench** inaugurated by **CJI Chandrachud**
- **Telangana** rolls out **free bus travel** scheme for **women, transgenders**
- **NITI Aayog** releases the **1st Delta Ranking** of **Aspirational Blocks Programme (ABP)**
- **Invest India** to host **27th World Investment Conference** in **New Delhi**

- **UNICEF** in **collaboration** with **India** to launch **“Green Rising”** initiative at **COP28 Summit** in **Dubai**
- **Loans** worth **Rs 9,790 crore** disbursed under **PM SVANidhi** scheme: **Govt**
- **PM** launched **‘Viksit Bharat @2047: Voice of Youth’** Workshop
- **Rays Power Infra** to build **500 MW solar park** in **Uttarakhand**
- **Adani Green Energy** ranked **2nd-largest solar PV developer**: **Mercom**
- **The Art of Living** signed an **MoU** with the **Govt** of **Maharashtra** for a **powerful resolution** to the devastating **water crises**
- **RITES Ltd** signed **pact** with **CFM Mozambique** for **10 diesel locomotive supply**
- **Punjab govt** launched **“Bhagwant Mann Sarkar Tuhade Dwar”** scheme
- **Udaiti Foundation** launched **“Close the Gender Gap”** initiative
- **Madhya Pradesh govt** to set up **PM College of Excellence** in all **districts** of the state
- **Tata Power** ties up with **Indian Oil** to set up over **500 EV charging stations**
- **India’s e-retail market** estimated to reach over **\$160 bn** by **2028**: Report
- **NHAI** inks **pact** to develop **multi-modal logistics park** at **Nagpur**
- **India’s** plan for **50,000 e-buses** on its **roads** gets **US support**
- **Germany** to give **€500 mn** for **Bengaluru Metro expansion**
- **India, ADB** sign **\$200 million loan agreement** for **Uttarakhand power system project**

- **Zepto founders, Kaivalya Vohra & Aadit Palicha top Hurun India's list of 'Top 100 under 30**

International News

- **Indonesia's Ibu volcano erupts**, ash up to 1,200m
- **Sri Lanka** to host **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) conference** in **2024**
- **Russia** unveiled **two new nuclear-powered submarines**
- **Hyderabad** ranked as **"most livable city in India"** by **Mercer**
- **Myanmar** surpassed Afghanistan as **world's largest source** of **opium: UN report**
- **China** launched the **deepest lab** on **Earth**
- **Shah Rukh Khan tops UK's 2023 South Asian celebrity list**

Banking and Financial

- **Union Bank** collaborates with **Accenture** to **boost operational efficiency**
- **SBI Card** joins **Bharat BillPay** in the **credit card category**
- **LIC fourth largest insurer** in the **world** based on reserves: **S&P Global study**
- **UPI transaction limit** for **medical, educational services** to be hiked to **₹5 lakh**
- **India's economy** to grow at **6.8%** in **FY24**, **accelerate** to **7%** in **FY25**: **CII**
- **RBI** has **canceled the license** of **Sitapur-based Urban Co-operative Bank**
- **IDFC FIRST Bank** launches **"FIRST SWYP"** **credit card**

- **U GRO Capital** joined hands with **Laghu Udyog Bharati** to **empower MSMEs**
 - **Intellect** signs **₹80-crore deal** with **Indian Bank** to **deploy cash management system**
 - **Bank of India** Unveils **Nari Shakti Savings Account**
 - **Retail inflation** surged to **5.5%** in **November** amid **rising food prices**
 - **Poonawalla Housing Finance** rebrands as **Grihum Housing Finance**
 - **SBI** signed **70-million-euro LoC** with **KfW** for **solar projects**
 - **Reliance Industries** partners with **DBS Bank** for **financing programme**
 - **IDFC FIRST Bank, LIC Cards, and Mastercard** to **co-launch Credit card**
 - **ADB** raises **India FY24 growth forecast** to **6.7%**
 - **WPI inflation** in **Nov** at **0.26%**, returns to positive territory after 7 months
- ambitiousbaba.com**
Appointment and Resignation
- **World Radiocommunication Conference 2023** appoints UAE's **Mohammed Al Ramsi** as **Chairman**
 - **Lalduhoma** takes oath as **Chief Minister** of **Mizoram**
 - **Vishnu Deo Sai** becomes the **new CM** of **Chhattisgarh**
 - **Anish Shah** takes over as **FICCI President** for **2023-24**
 - **Mohan Yadav** becomes the **new CM** of **Madhya Pradesh**
 - **Donald Tusk** elected as **PM** of **Poland**
 - **Bhajan Lal Sharma** becomes **CM** of **Rajasthan**

- Tripura appoints **Ganguly** as its **tourism brand ambassador**
- **Parama Sen** appointed **part-time member** of **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) board**
- **Sangram Singh** appoints as **CEO** of **Indifi Technologies**
- **Aditya Jairaj** appoints as **CEO** and **MD** of **Stellantis India**
- India's **Uma Sekhar** elected to **Governing Council** of **International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT)**

Awards

- **TIME** ranks **Sam Altman** as **CEO of the Year**
- **Bhutanese author Tshering Tashi** conferred with **Sahitya Akademi's Premchand Fellowship**
- **Nikhil Dey** named as **International Anti-Corruption champion** by **US Govt.**
- **Kabir Bedi** awarded Italy's highest honour "**Order of Merit of the Italian Republic**"
- **33rd Vyas Samman** to be conferred to **Hindi writer Pushpa Bharati**
- **International Gender Equality Prize 2023** went to an **Afghanistan NGO**
- **Javed Akhtar** to be honoured at **Ajanta-Ellora Film Festival**
- **Former Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon** honoured with **Diwali 'Power of One' Awards 2023**
- **Dr. Hemachandran Ravikumar** honored with the **Karmaveer Chakra Medal**
- **BBG Foundation** becomes **winner** of **Telangana Business Awards**

- **Ali Abu Awwad** and **Daniel Barenboim** won **Indira Gandhi Peace Prize**
- **Federal Bank** as the **top performer** of the **2023 Climate Assessment for Financial Institutions (CAFI) Awards**
- **Bipin Chandra** Bags **Champion of Change Award**

Defence

- **Gen. Anil Chauhan** inaugurated **Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. Avionics Expo**
- **Indian Army** conducted **Table-top Exercise** for **Asean Women Peacekeepers**
- **Indian Navy** Conducts Exercise '**Prasthan**' Off **Mumbai Coast**
- **4th edition** of the **Joint Military Exercise VINBAX-2023** begins in **Hanoi**
- **Indian Coast Guard** held **15th Capacity Building Senior Officers' Meet**

Science

- **Google** launches its **largest** and '**most capable**' AI model, **Gemini**
- **China** launched the **world's first Methane powered rocket "Zhuque 2"**
- **First Indian astronaut on moon** by **2040: ISRO**

Sports

- **ICC** launches **new vibrant logo** for **Men's** and **Women's T20 World Cup 2024**
- **Italy** won **Admiral's Cup 2023** held at **Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala**

- **Kashvi Gautam** became **most expensive uncapped star of all time** in **WPL auction**
- **Ashwini-Tanisha** duo clinches **women's doubles title** in **Guwahati Masters 2023**
- **Asad Shafiq** announces **retirement** from **all forms of cricket**
- **Travis Head, Nahida Akter** won **ICC Player of the Month** awards for **November**
- **Leander Paes** and **Vijay Amritraj** make it to the **Tennis Hall of Fame**

Book and Author

- **Former President Ram Nath Kovind** launches book **"Naye Bharat ka Samveda"**

Important day

- **9 December – International Anti-Corruption Day** (Theme 2023 – UNCAC at 20: Uniting the World Against Corruption)
- **9 December – International Day of Commemoration of the Victims of Crime of Genocide** (Theme 2023 – A Living Force in World Society: The Legacy of the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.)
- **10 December – Human Rights Day** (Theme 2023 – Freedom, Equality and Justice for All)
- **11 December – International Mountain Day** (Theme 2023 – Restoring Mountain Ecosystems)
- **11 December – UNICEF Day**
- **12 December – Universal Health Coverage Day** (Theme for 2023 – Health For All: Time for Action)
- **12 December – International Day of Neutrality**

- **14 December – National Energy Conservation Day**

Obituary

- **Naeem Sayyed aka Junior Mehmood** passes away
- **Former West Indies batter Joe Solomon** passed away
- Exposed AIDS epidemic, **Dr. Gao Yaojie** passed away
- Singham **actor Ravindra Berde** passes away

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