

Weekly One Liner Current Affairs 4th week (1st to 8th January) 2024

National News

- **UAE** initiates process of investing **\$2 billion** in **food parks** in **India**
- **Gujarat** To Unveil **India's First Submarine Tourism** In **Dwarka**
- **Defence Secretary** Opens **HAL's Aero Engine R&D Facility** In **Bengaluru**
- **Hardeep Puri** inaugurates **India's first 'Zero Waste Street Food Festival'** in **Delhi**
- **Guinness world record** of performing **mass Surya Namaskar** created in **Gujarat** on **New Year Day**
- **Assam CM** flags off **200 green buses** for **pollution-free Guwahati**
- **Reliance Power** to **sell Kalai II hydropower project** to **THDC India**
- **PM** to attend **DGP conference** at **Jaipur**
- **India** inaugurated its **first all-girls Sainik School** in **Vrindavan, UP**
- **PM Modi** inaugurates **new terminal building** at **Tiruchirappalli airport**
- **Udhampur** achieved **100% saturation** in **'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra'**
- **Surat** Hosts **12th Divya Kala Mela 2023**
- **J&K** becomes **first UT** to implement **PM Vishwakarma Yojana**
- **Flipkart co-founder, Binny Bansal** launched e-commerce start-up **'OppDoor'**
- **IREDA** Declared **2024** as **'Year of HR Development and Discipline'**
- **Reliance Industries** first in India to receive **ISCC-Plus certification**
- **KABIL (Khanij Bidesh India Ltd)** to invest over **₹200 cr** towards **securing lithium supplies** in **Argentina**
- **CCI** approved **Punjab government's** buy of **private thermal plant**

- **Hyderabad, Bengaluru airports** score **high** in **global on-time ranking**
- **Maharashtra** aims to become **Global Drone hub**
- **PM** inaugurates **Kochi-Lakshadweep Islands Submarine Optical Fibre Connection**
- **ArcelorMittal** partners with **IIT Madras** to create **Hyperloop facility**
- **U.P. tops** in **entry rate** on **Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) platform**
- **Kerala** launches **K-Smart tech solution**
- **Czech PM** to be **chief guest** at **Vibrant Gujarat Summit**
- **Jagdeep Dhankhar** inaugurated **Startup Expo** in **Kathua**
- **Jharkhand govt** reduces **qualifying age** for **old-age pension** to **50**
- **Andhra Pradesh CM** boosts **social security pension** to **Rs 3,000**
- **NHAI** collaborates with **National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC)** to develop **'Green Cover Index'**
- **REC limited** signs with **Rail Vikas Nigam (RVN)** to **finance multi-modal**
- **UP** distributed **loans** over **Rs 6 lakh crore** to **boost MSME sector**
- **Ayodhya** to host **International Kite Festival** ahead of **Ram Temple consecration**
- **Amit Shah** inaugurates **58th DGSP/IGSP conference 2023** in **Jaipur**
- **Cabinet** Approves **India-USAID MoU For Railways' Net-Zero Emission Goal**
- **Ayodhya Airport** Renamed As **'Maharishi Valmiki International Airport'**
- **Sarbananda Sonowal** chair first **Inland Waterways Development Council Meeting** in **Kolkata**
- **Amit Shah** chairs **'National PACS Mega Conclave'** in **New Delhi**
- **Suchetha Satish** sets **new world record** for **singing** in **most languages** during **single concert** in **Dubai**

International News

- **Argentina Rejects BRICS Membership** Under **President Javier Milei**
- **Francoise Bettencourt Meyers** becomes **first woman** with a **\$100 billion**
- **Russia** takes over the **BRICS chairmanship**
- **France** becomes **first European country** to issue **digital Schengen visas**
- **EAM Jaishankar** to **represent India** at **Uganda NAM Summit** in **January 2024**

Banking and Financial

- **Sukanya Samridhi Schemes'** interest rates **hiked up to 20 bps** for **Q4FY24**
- **GST** collection **rises 10%** in **December** to **Rs 1.64 lakh cr**
- **UPI** ends 2023 with record **transactions** worth **₹18-lakh crore**
- **India Ratings** revises **PNB Housing Finance NCD ratings** from **AA** to **AA+**
- **Bank of India** introduced **Super Special Fixed Deposit**
- **India Ratings** raises **GDP growth** forecast for **FY'24** to **6.7%** from **6.2%**
- **Canara Bank** to launch **Data Analytics center** in **Bengaluru**
- **REC Limited** and **Bank of Baroda** join hands to **finance Power, Infra, and Logistics Projects**
- **SBI** raises **\$250 mn** via **Green Bonds** to **fund sustainable projects**
- **Indian economy** to grow at **7.3 percent** in **current financial year**; **NSO**

Appointment and Resignation

- **Arvind Panagariya** appointed as **16th Finance Commission Chairman**
- **Andrew Saberton** appointed as the **Deputy Executive Director** of **United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)**

- **Ashok Vaswani** assumes charge as **Kotak Mahindra Bank's MD** and **CEO**
- **Ravindra Kumar Tyagi** takes over as **CMD** of **Power Grid Corporation**
- **Tshisekedi** re-elected **president** of **Congo**
- **Denmark's Queen Margrethe II** to **step down** after 52 years on throne
- **Vivek Srivastava** appoints as **DG** of **Fire Service**
- **Dong Jun** Named As **China's New Defense Minister**
- **Kia India** names **Gwanggu Lee** as new **MD & CEO**
- Justice **BR Gavai** appoints **chairperson** of **SC legal services committee**
- **Nadia Calviño** takes over as **European Investment Bank (EIB) President**
- **Randhir Jaiswal** became **Spokesperson** of **Ministry of External Affairs**
- **Sanjay Jasjit Singh** took charge of **Western Naval Command**
- **P Santhosh** appoints as **MD & CEO** of **National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL)**
- **Shashi Singh** appointed as **new president** of **All India Rubber Industries Association (AIRIA)**
- Vice Admiral **Dinesh K. Tripathi** appointed as **Vice Chief** of the **Naval Staff**
- **Sanjiv Aggarwal** appoints as **MD & CEO** of **Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited (IIFL)**
- **Raghuram Iyer** appointed as **CEO** of **Indian Olympic Association**
- **Vikas Sheel** appointed as **ED** of **Asian Development Bank**
- **Rajiv Shah** named as '**Class C**' **director** on **Board of Directors** of **Federal Reserve Bank of New York**
- **Indra Mani Pandey** assumes charge of **Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Secretary General**

- **Ashwani Gupta** appointed as **CEO** of **Adani Ports**

Awards

- **Prof B R Kamboj** honoured with **M S Swaminathan Award**

Defence

- **India, UAE** to conduct joint military exercise '**Desert Cyclone**' in **Rajasthan**

Science

- **ISRO** launched **XPoSat** aboard **PSLV-C58**
- **Google DeepMind** Introduces **Mobile ALOHA Humanoid Technology**

Sports

- **Australian batter David Warner** announces his **retirement** from **ODI**
- **Anahat** wins **U-19 girls" title** at **Scottish Junior Open squash**
- **Beatrice Chebet** breaks **5 km world record** in **Barcelona event**

Important day

- **Maharashtra govt** to observe **15 January** as **state sports day**
- **1 January** – **Global Family Day**
- **1 January** – **World Day of Peace**
- **1 January** – **Copyright Law Day**
- **DRDO** celebrates **66th Foundation Day** on **January 1**
- **2 January** – **World Introvert Day**
- **4 January** – **World Braille Day**
- **Chhattisgarh** declared **dry day** on **January 22** to **honor Ram temple**
- **6 January** – **World Day of War Orphans**
- **5 January** – **National Birds Day** (Theme 2023 – Right To Fight)
- **8 January** – **Earth's Rotation Day**

- 8 January – South African Native National Congress (SANNC) Day

Obituary

- Professor Ved Prakash Nanda died
- Former India defender Prabir Majumdar passes away

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