

## Weekly One Liner Current Affairs

### 4th week (9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> February) 2024

#### National News

- **Microsoft** to train over **2 million people** in **India** in **generative AI skills** by **2025**
- **Divya Kala Mela 2024** inaugurated in **Agartala, Tripura**
- **Uttarakhand CM** launches “**Dhami against drugs campaign**”
- **Cabinet** approves **telecom spectrum auctions** at base price of **Rs 96,317.65 cr**
- **Cabinet** approves **Rs 6,000 crore** scheme for **formalisation** of **fisheries sector**
- **Govt** launches **SARATHI portal** to **help insurance companies** reach out to **farmers**
- **Tata Trusts** inaugurated **India’s first small animal hospital** in **Mumbai**
- **Indian Oil-Adani Gas joint venture** announces **Rs 2,500 crore** investment
- **Google** partners with **Maharashtra govt** to **provide AI-led services**
- **India** ranks **3rd** in **US Green Building Council’s (USGBC) list** on **green building certification** for **2023**
- **Varanasi** to have **country’s first conservation centre** for **Gangatiri cows**
- **Papanasam** beach at **Kerala’s Varkala** secures spot among **world’s 100 best beaches**
- **India** and **ADB** sign **\$200 million loan** to **tackle flood and erosion risk** along **Brahmaputra River**
- **VP Dhankhar** inaugurates **World Sustainable Development Summit** in **Delhi**

- **Tata Steel** and **South East Railway** join hands to **develop green infra**
- **Miss World pageant** to take place in **India** from **February 18** to **March 9**
- **Railway Protection Force (RPF)** to host the **67th All India Police Duty Meet** in **Lucknow**
- **IREDA** and **IIT Bhubaneswar** sign **MoU** for **Clean Energy Innovation**
- **PM** inaugurates projects worth **Rs 7300 crores** in **Madhya Pradesh**
- **Defence Minister** unveils **statue** of **Gen Bipin Rawat** in **Dehradun**
- **Ashok Leyland** invests **₹537 cr.** in **UK subsidiary**
- **Wipro** acquires **Aggne** for **\$66 mn** to **boost capabilities** in **insurance sector**
- **Odisha govt** to give **interest-free loans** to youth under **'Swayam'** scheme
- **Dharmendra Pradhan** Inaugurates **National Conference** on **APAAR: One Nation One Student ID Card**
- **Assam** declares **'Kaji Nemu'** as **state fruit**
- **Government Names** of **'Indira'** and **'Nargis'** **Dropped** From **National Film Awards**
- **CIAL** partnered with **BPCL** to set up **first green hydrogen plant** at **Cochin airport**
- **NTPC** commissioned **14 MW unit** of **Ayodhya solar project**

### **International News**

- **India, Türkiye & Qatar** Named **Guests of Honor** at **2024 World Governments Summit** in **Dubai**

### **Banking and Financial**

- **HDFC Bank** raises **\$300 million** through **maiden sustainable finance bond issue**

- **SBI partners with Flywire to modernize international education payments for students**
- **LIC launches new plan “Index Plus” Policy**
- **RBI repo rate unchanged at 6.5 percent**
- **Karnataka Bank launches centenary campaign**
- **RBI Grants Payment Aggregator Licences to Juspay, Zoho, and Decentro**
- **Employees’ Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) Raises Interest Rate on PF Deposits to 8.25%**
- **Paytm E-commerce rebrands to Pai Platforms**
- **RBI increases ceiling on fees payable to non-executive directors of banks to Rs 30 lakh per year**
- **India launches UPI payment services in Sri Lanka, Mauritius**
- **India’s Retail inflation is at 3-mth low to 5.1% in January**
- **India’s WPI inflation eases to three-month low of 0.27 per cent in January**

### Appointment and Resignation

- **Venkatachalam H appointed as MD & CEO of Tata AIA Life**
- **Kazakhstan appoints Olzhas Bektenov as new Prime Minister**
- **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) appoints Ajay Kumar Choudhary as non-executive chairman of board**
- **Ravi Kumar Jha appoints as MD & CEO of LIC Mutual Fund**
- **IRS Officer Narendra Kumar Yadav appointed as Brand Ambassador for Fit India Movement**
- **Katrina Kaif Joins CSK as Brand Ambassador for IPL 2024**
- **Southern Railway appoints first Transwoman TTE, Sindhu Ganapathy**
- **Sundaram AMC appoints Radhakrishnan as CEO**

- **Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)** elects **Ranjeet Kumar Agarwal** as its **new President** and **Charanjot Singh** as its **Vice President**
- Former PM **Alexander Stubb** wins **Finland Presidential election**

### **Awards**

- **Stunning Sleepy Polar Bear Image** By UK Photographer **Nima Sarikhani** Wins **Top Picture Prize**
- **Bharat Ratna** For **Former PMs Charan Singh, PV Narasimha Rao**
- **Pyarelal Sharma** awarded **Lakshminarayana International Award**
- **Neeraj Chopra** honoured by **Swiss tourism** with **plaque** at **Jungfrau's Ice Palace**
- **National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS)** receives **WHO Nelson Mandela Award** for **health promotion**
- **ISRO Chairman S Somanath** awarded **KPP Nambiar Award**
- **India** wins **9th GovTech Prize** for **AI-Powered Government Services** at **World Government Summit 2024**

### **Defence**

- **Embraer** teams up with **Mahindra** to bid for **IAF's medium transport aircraft deal**
- **Navy Chief** Inaugurates **New Defence System 'Precision Approach Radar'**
- **Defence Ministry** Signs **Rs 2,269 Crore Contract** with **BEL**

### **Sports**

- **SCA Stadium** Renamed in **Honor of Niranjan Shah**
- **India** declared **joint winners** Of **SAFF Women's U-19 Championships** with **Bangladesh**
- **Australia** lifts the **Under-19 Men's World Cup trophy 2024**

- **Drass Warriors** clinch **victory** in **15th CEC Ice Hockey Cup Championship**
- **Shamar Joseph** and **Amy Hunter** awarded **ICC Players of The Month for Jan 2024**

### **Book and Author**

- **CDS Anil Chauhan** reveals book **“AI and National Security”**

### **Important day**

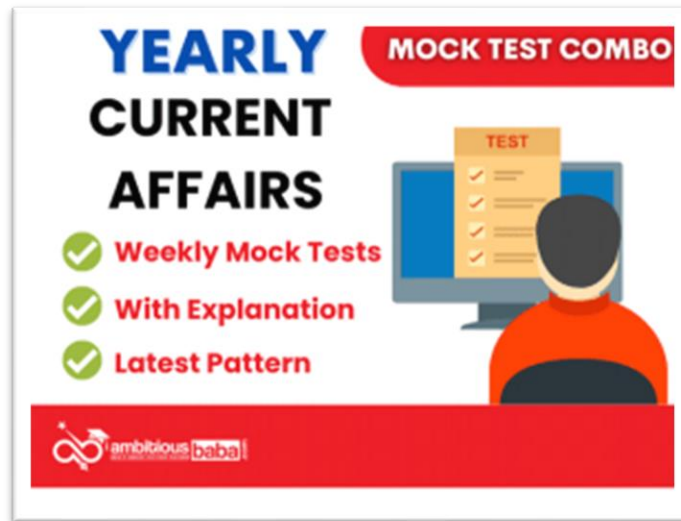
- **11 February – International Day of Women and Girls in Science** (Theme – Women and Girls in Science Leadership, a New Era for Sustainability and the subtheme is “Think Science ... Think Peace”)
- **10 February – World Pulses Day** (Theme 2024 – Pulses: Nourishing Soils and People)
- **12 February – International Day for the Prevention of Violent Extremism as and When Conducive to Terrorism** (Theme 2024 – Living Together: Fostering Community Resilience to Prevent Violent Extremism as and When Conducive to Terrorism)
- **11 February – World Day of the Sick**
- **12 February – National Productivity Day** (Theme 2024 – Artificial Intelligence (AI)- Productivity Engine for Economic Growth)
- **13 February – World Radio Day** (Theme 2024 – Radio: A Century informing, entertaining, and educating)
- **12 February 2024 (second Monday of February) – International Epilepsy Day**
- **15 February – World Hippo Day**
- **15 February – International Childhood Cancer Day**

### **Obituary**

- **Chile’s former President Sebastian Pinera** dies in helicopter crash
- **India’s oldest Test cricketer Dattajirao Gaekwad** dies

- **World Marathon Record Holder Kelvin Kiptum Dies in Road Accident**

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