

## Weekly One Liner Current Affairs 1st week (1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> March) 2024

### National News

- **Coal India Limited (CIL)** and **Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)** sign a **JVA** for setting up **Ammonium Nitrate Plant**
- **Ministry of Jal Shakti** signs **agreement** with **12 technical education institutions** for **basin management** of **6 rivers**
- **NTPC** joins hands with **Maharashtra State Power Generation Company (MAHAGENCO)** for **development of Renewable Energy Parks**
- **Reliance** partners with **Sri Lanka's Elephant House** to **intensify fight** against **Coke & Pepsi**
- **Leopard** numbers show **8% rise** from **2018** to **2022**
- **FSSAI** gives '**Eat Right Station**' certificate to **150 Railway Stations**
- **4 days long 'Tawi Festival'** begins in **Jammu**
- **Telangana Government** launched **One-Time Scheme**
- **Ministry of Women and Child Development** organizes '**Poshan Utsav**'
- **PM Modi** launches **development projects** worth **35,700 crore rupees** in **Jharkhand**
- **Cabinet** approves establishment of **International Big Cat Alliance**
- **Cabinet** approves **PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana**
- **Amit Shah** inaugurates **National Urban Cooperative Finance and Development Corporation**
- **L&T** commissions **India's first indigenously built green hydrogen electrolyser** in **Gujarat**
- **Sarbananda Sonowal** dedicates **first-ever Made-in-India ASTDS tug**

- **Telangana govt** to launch **Indiramma housing scheme**
- **Smriti Irani** launched **Haj Suvidha mobile App**
- **REC Limited** joins hands with **UNISED** to **support Education of Children**
- **Chapchar Kut Festival** Celebrated Across **Mizoram**
- **Rajnath Singh** launches **Acing Development of Innovative Technologies with iDEX (ADITI) scheme** to **boost defence innovation**
- **Jyotiraditya Scindia** inaugurates **country's 1st Green Hydrogen Plant** in **Stainless Steel Sector** at **Haryana**
- **Vivek Bharadwaj** inaugurates the **second PESA Regional Conference** at **Ranchi**
- **India's first indigenous Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor** at **Kalpakkam**
- **Cuttack Rupa Tarakasi, Banglar muslin** get **GI tag**
- **Mandaviya** inaugurates **Three Central Institute of Petrochemicals Engineering & Technology (CIPET) Centers** Across **India**
- **India's unemployment rate in 2023** dropped to **3.1%: NSO**
- **CM Yogi** launched '**MYUVA Scheme**' for **Young Entrepreneurs** in **UP**
- **BHEL** bags order worth **Rs 9,500 cr** to set up **1,600 MW thermal project**
- **Swiggy** and **IRCTC** join hands to **deliver food** on **Indian Railways**
- **PM Modi** inaugurates **India's first underwater metro** in **Kolkata**
- **Government** launched **innovative NITI for states platform** for policy and **good governance**
- **Jharkhand govt** launched **State Widow Remarriage Promotion Scheme**
- **Karnataka govt** signed **MoU** with **World Economic Forum** for **AI centre**
- **Rajnath Singh** inaugurates '**Chola**' **building** at **Naval War College**

- **Airbus** signs contract with **IIM Mumbai** to **boost aviation talent** in **India**
- **Fly91** gets **DGCA approval** to **start flights**
- **Kerala** Launches **India's First Govt-Backed OTT Platform, 'CSpace'**
- **IOC** to **make fuel** for **Formula 1** – **first** by an **Indian firm**
- **Accenture** launches **learning platform**; to **acquire edtech Udacity**
- **First Bharat Steam Boiler Expo 2024** held in **Guwahati**
- **Govt extends subsidy** for **Ujjwala beneficiaries** by **another one year**
- **World's largest literary festival-'Sahityotsav'** to be held from **March 11-16**
- **Cabinet** approves **4% hike** in **DA** for **government employees**

### International News

- **India's rank remains unchanged** at **42** in **International IP Index 2024**
- **Nicaragua** becomes **first Spanish-Speaking nation** to **recognize IPS**
- **France** become **first country** to **enshrine abortion rights** in its **constitution**
- **Panama** becomes **97th member** of **International Solar Alliance**

### Banking and Financial

- **RBI** cancels **licence** of **Rajasthan-based Sumerpur Mercantile Urban Coop Bank**
- **Maruti Suzuki** partners with **Union Bank of India** for **dealer financing solutions**
- **India's GDP** growth at **8.4%** in **Q3 2023-24**
- **GST Collections Jump 12.5% YoY** to **Rs 1.68 Lakh Crore** in **Feb 2024**
- **FIU** imposes **5.49 crore fine** on **Paytm Payments Bank**
- **Flipkart** unveils its **UPI handle** to **boost India's digital evolution**

- **Kotak Mahindra Bank** introduces **Smart Choice Gold Loan**
- **RBI** approves **AU-Fincare Small finance bank merger**
- **Moody's** raises **India's 2024 GDP** forecast to **6.8%**
- **PNB** ties up with **EaseMyTrip** to **launch travel credit card**
- **Infibeam Avenues** get **RBI's authorization** to **payment aggregator licence**
- **30 banks** join **RBI's UDGAM portal** for **unclaimed deposits**
- **CRISIL** raises **India's GDP growth** forecast to **6.8%** for **FY25**
- **Kotak Life** introduces **Non-Linked Par Product Kotak G.A.I.N**
- **Future Generali India** launches **new women's health insurance plan**
- **Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank** launches '**Vikas Spoority**'

### Appointment and Resignation

- **Renu Sud Karnad** as **chairperson** and **independent director** of **PayU**
- **Jana SFB** gets **RBI approval** to re-appoint **Ajay Kanwal** as **MD & CEO**
- **Daljit S Chaudhary** appoints as **Director** of **NSG**
- **Anurag Agarwal** appointed **head** of **Parliament security**
- **RBI** approves ex-Sebi director **S. Ravindran** as **TMB's part time chairman**
- **Shehbaz Sharif** elected as **PM** of **Pakistan**
- **BPCL** teams up with **Neeraj Chopra** as **Brand Ambassador**
- **SI Suman Kumari** makes history as **BSF's First Female Sniper**
- **Slice** appoints **Nayanthara** as **Brand Ambassador**
- **Manish Prasad** appointed **president** and **MD** for **SAP Indian Subcontinent**

### Awards

- **Sunil Bharti Mittal** first Indian to get **Honorary Knighthood** from **King Charles III**
- **Pradeep Mahajan** receives **Maharashtra Bhushan Award 2024**
- **Zoya Akhtar** and **Asma Khan** honored with '**India-UK Achievers' Award**
- **Tiger Woods** honoured with **USGA's prestigious Bob Jones Award**
- **Yatin Bhaskar Duggal** wins **first prize** in **National Youth Parliament Festival 2024**

### Defence

- **DRDO** conducts **successful flight test** of **Very Short-Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS)** missile
- **Iran** launches '**Pars 1**' satellite into **orbit** from **Russia**
- **Navy** commissions strategically important base **INS Jatayu** in **Lakshadweep Islands**

### Science

- **India's IN-SPACe** Inaugurates **Satellite & Payload Technical Centre** in **Ahmedabad**

### Sports

- **Paul Pogba** banned for **four years** for **doping**
- **Pro Kabaddi League Season 10, Puneri Paltan** Clinches **Maiden Title**
- **B Sai Praneeth** announces **retirement** from **international badminton**
- **Shahbaz Nadeem** retires from **international** and **India's domestic cricket**
- **Sunrisers Hyderabad** appoint **Pat Cummins** as **captain** for **IPL 2024**

### Book and Author

- A book on Indian modern art **“The Gems of Indian Art”** launched
- **“The Conspiracy”** authored by **Gotabaya Rajapaksa**

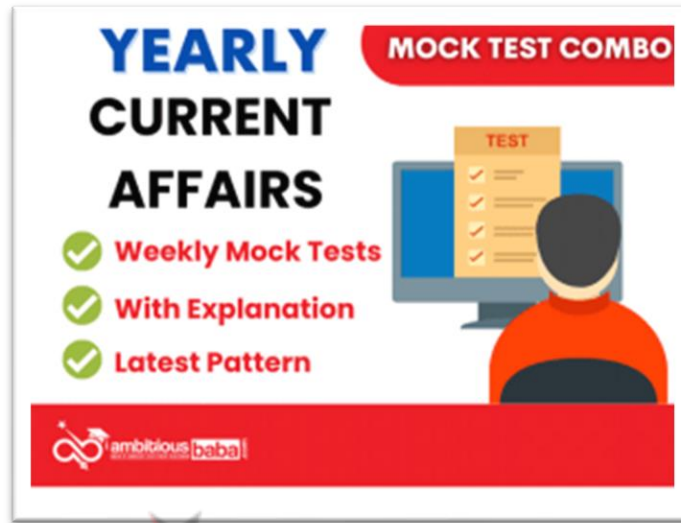
### Important day

- **1 March – Zero Discrimination Day** (Theme 2024 – To protect everyone’s health, protect everyone’s rights)
- **1 March – World Seagrass Day** (Theme 2024 – Healthy Seagrass, Healthy Planet)
- **1 March – World Civil Defence Day**
- **3 February – World Wildlife Day** (Theme 2024 – Connecting People and Planet: Exploring Digital Innovation in Wildlife Conservation.)
- **3 March – World Hearing Day** (Theme 2024 – Changing mindsets: Let’s make ear and hearing care a reality for all)
- **4 March – National Safety Day** (Theme 2024 – Safety Leadership for ESG Excellence.)
- **4 March – World Obesity Day** (Theme 2024 – Let’s Talk About Obesity And...)”)
- **5 March – Dissociative Identity Disorder Awareness Day**
- **5 March – International Day for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation Awareness**
- **6 March – Ghana Independence Day**
- **7 March – Jan Aushadhi Diwas**
- **8 March – International Women’s Day** (Theme 2024 - ‘Invest in women: Accelerate Progress’)

### Obituary

- **Former Canada PM, Brian Mulroney** passes away

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