

Weekly One Liner Current Affairs 1st week (18th to 22nd March) 2024

National News

- **Government** launches **alternate Auto Fuel Ethanol100**
- **India & Singapore** sign **MoU** on **Law and Dispute Resolution**
- **Kashmir** hosts **first Formula-4 Car Racing Event** along **Dal Lake**
- **Election Commission** launches '**Know Your Candidate**' app
- **India's first integrated Oil Palm Processing Unit** by **3F Oil Palm** starts **commercial operations**
- **Election Commission** launches '**Mission 414**' campaign in **Himachal**
- **Guyana** to acquire **2 HAL-Made Dornier 228 Aircraft** from **India**
- **Tata Sons** announces sale of **0.6% Stake** in **TCS** for **over ₹9,300 crore**
- **ICRA** forecasts **Indian IT service industry growth** at **3-5%** in **FY25**
- **Indian Navy & IIT Kharagpur** signed a **MoU** to drive innovation through **research partnership**
- **Meta** partners with **ECI** to **identify unlawful content** from its platforms
- **India's First Ayurvedic Café** Opens in **Delhi**
- **Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)** and **Krishi Jagran** signed **MoU** for the **dissemination & promotion** of **ICAR's initiatives** for the **growth** of **Indian Agriculture**
- **CCI** Approves **Ultra Tech Cement's ₹ 7,600 crore buyout deal** of **Kesoram's cement business**
- **India's 1st Battery Energy storage GigaFactory** to be launched in **J&K**
- **IIT Madras** develops customisable '**Electric Standing Wheelchair**'
- **GRID-INDIA** is now a **Miniratna Company**

- **47th Meeting of National Committee of Archivists** held in **Srinagar**
- **4th Shanghai Cooperation Organization Startup Forum** organized in **New Delhi**
- **ITU** elects **India** as **co-chair** of its **Digital Innovation Board**

International News

- **New Delhi** ranked **world's most polluted capital city** for **4th consecutive year** since 2018
- **World Happiness Report** – **India** ranks **126th**; **topped** by **Finland**
- **3rd summit** for **Democracy** hosted by **South Korea**

Banking and Financial

- **SANY India** signs **MoU** with **J&K Bank** to give **finance solution**
- **Axis Bank** to support **Tata Memorial-supported National Cancer Grid**
- **YES Bank** partners with **Indian Olympic Association** for **Paris Olympics 2024**
- **FinMin** notifies **Rs 90 coin** to commemorate **90 years** of **RBI**
- **RBI** imposes **₹1.31 cr. Penalty** on **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank**
- **Gross Direct Tax** collections for **FY 2023-24** register a **growth** of **18.74%**
- **Airtel PB** partners with **Noise** and **Mastercard** to unveil '**A New Way To Pay**'
- **DBS Bank India** unveils **\$250 mn** lending support to **start-ups** and '**new economy**' organizations

Appointment and Resignation

- **Kotak Bank** appoints **Jaideep Hansraj** as **President** of '**One Kotak**'
- **Rahul Singh** appointed as **new chief** of **CBSE**
- **NK Sehgal** becomes **new chairman** of **Prasar Bharati**
- **EC** announces Para Archer **Sheetal Devi** as **National PwD icon**

- Telangana governor **Tamilisai Soundararajan resigns**
- **Vladimir Putin** wins **Russian presidential election** with 87.97% of the vote
- **Poonawalla Fincorp** appoints **Arvind Kapil** as **MD & CEO**
- **Sheyphali Sharan** appointed **government spokesperson**
- **P. Radhakrishnan** assumes office as **Telangana Governor**
- **Kumar Venkatasubramanian** appoints as **CEO** of **P&G India**
- **Vinay Kumar** appointed **Indian Ambassador** to **Russia**
- **Kiren Rijju** gets **additional charge** after Pashupati Kumar Paras resigns from Union cabinet
- **Prabowo Subianto** elected as new **President** of **Indonesia**
- **M V Rao** elected as **chairman** of **Indian Banks' Association**
- **Naveen Jindal** elected the **President** of **Indian Steel Association (ISA)**
- **Ruturaj Gaikwad** named new **CSK Skipper**

Awards

- **Uday Bhatia & Manasi Gupta** honoured with **Diana Memorial Award**
- **Ratan Tata** awarded **PV Narasimha Rao Memorial Award**
- **Carnatic vocalist TM Krishna** to be conferred with the **Sangita Kalanidhi award**
- **Renowned poet Prabha Varma** selected for **Saraswati Samman** for the year **2023**

Defence

- **Army** raises **helicopter unit** at **Jodhpur** to induct **Apache attack choppers**
- **Defence Ministry** contract with **HAL** for upgrade of **25 Dornier aircraft**

- **Indian Army contingent** departs for **Seychelles** for Exercise “**LAMITIYE-2024**”
- **India-US** Joint Military Exercise “**EX TIGER TRIUMPH 2024**” on the **Eastern Seaboard**
- **India, Mozambique, Tanzania** Joint Maritime Exercise begins

Sports

- **Matthew Wade retires** from **first-class cricket**
- **RCB** triumphs over Delhi Capitals in **WPL 2024 final**
- **Alcaraz** beats Medvedev to win **second straight Indian Wells title**

Important day

- **18 March – Ordnance Factories Day**
- **20 March – French Language Day**
- **20 March – International Day of Happiness**
- **20 March – World Sparrow Day** (Theme 2024 – I Love Sparrow)
- **20 March – World Oral Health Day** (Theme 2024 – A Happy Mouth is A Happy Body)
- **21 March – World Forestry Day** (Theme 2024 – Forests and innovation: new solutions for a better world.)
- **21 March – World Poetry Day** (Theme 2024 – Standing on the Shoulders of Giants)
- **21 March – International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination** (Theme 2024 – A Decade of Recognition, Justice, and Development: Implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent)
- **21 March – World Down Syndrome Day**
- **22 March – Bihar Diwas**
- **22 March – World Water Day** (Theme 2024 – Water for Peace)

Obituary

- **Renowned Rabindra Sangeet Singer Sadi Mohammad** Passes Away

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