

## Weekly One Liner Current Affairs

### 1st week (1<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> January) 2025

#### National News

- **India's first glass bridge** over sea inaugurated in **Kanyakumari**
- **Ministry of Consumer Affairs & Gupshup** introduce **virtual assistant, "Jagriti"**
- **Cabinet** approves **Rs 69,515 crore** boost for **PM Fasal Bima Yojana**
- **India** declares **2025** as **year of defence reforms**, vows '**unprecedented**'
- **Groundwater** recharges up by **15 billion cubic meters** -**Jal Shakti Ministry**
- **Cabinet** approves **extension of One-time Special Package** on **Di-Ammonium Phosphate** beyond NBS subsidy
- **Maharashtra government** launches **15 day reading campaign** amongst **students**
- **Women Entrepreneurship** Platform Partners with **Mira Bhayandar Municipal Corporation** to **Empower Women Entrepreneurs**
- **Blinkit** launches **10-minute ambulance service**, starting with **Gurugram**
- **India** submits its **4th Biennial Update Report** to the **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change**
- **IIT Madras** partners with **Union govt.** to enhance **agricultural extension system**
- **DPIIT** Partners With **Stride Ventures** To Accelerate **Growth** And **Global Expansion** of **Indian Startups**
- **India's Rural Poverty** Down To **4.86%** From 25.7% In **12 Years**: **SBI Report**
- **DFS Secretary** launches revamped '**BAANKNET**' **portal** for **e-auction** of **properties** as **one-stop destination**

- **India** provides **\$5 Lakh aid** to **earthquake-hit Vanuatu**
- **Jammu** is to be the **69th Railway Division** of the **Indian Railway**
- **India** **world's sixth largest exporter** of **Textile & Apparel** in **2023**
- **PM Modi** inaugurates **Delhi-Meerut Namo Bharat RRTS line** worth **Rs 4,600 crore**
- **Telangana farmers** to receive **₹12,000 per acre annually** under **Rythu Bharosa scheme**
- **18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention 2025** to kick off in **Bhubaneswar**
- **Rajiv Ranjan Singh** Launches **India's First Organic Fisheries Cluster** in **Sikkim**
- **Bengaluru** to host **15th Aero India 2025**
- **Amit Shah** launched **BHARATPOL** to streamline **Red Corner Notices** through **INTERPOL**
- **Loksabha Speaker Om Birla** inaugurates **Gandhi Darshan Art Gallery** at **Rajghat**
- **Nadi Tarangini**, **first ayurvedic diagnostic device**, gets **Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) nod**
- **Suzuki** to acquire **26% stake** in **NDDB's bio-gas venture**
- **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)** develops **Paracetamol drugs** indigenously
- **Centre** approves site for **Pranab Mukherjee's memorial** at **Raj Ghat**
- **Nitin Gadkari** announces **cashless treatment scheme** for **road accident victims**
- **e-Shram portal** now available in **22 languages**

### International News

- **Pakistan** begins its **two-year tenure** as **non-permanent member** of **UNSC**
- **India** ranked **second** in **attacks by threat actors** in **2024: CloudSEK; United States** at **first**

### Banking and Financial

- **Economy exhibiting resilience, GDP to grow at 6.6 pc in FY25: RBI report**
- **RBI proposes lookup facility for NEFT, RTGS; banks to comply by April 1.**
- **Income Tax extends Vivad Se Vishwas deadline to January 31**
- **NPCI extends market cap deadline for UPI apps by two years to end of 2026**
- **NaBFID invests Rs 745 crore in long-term bonds issued by NDR InvIT**
- **GST collection jumps 7.3% YoY to Rs 1.77 lakh crore in December**
- **Interest rates remain unchanged on National Small Saving Schemes**
- **CBIC clarifies rules, says no GST to apply on pre-paid gift vouchers, cards**
- **Union Bank of India Enhances Digital Rupee App with Accessibility Features**
- **UPI transactions surge to record 16.73 bn in Dec; value at Rs 23.25 trn**
- **SBI introduces TAB-based digital NRI account onboarding journey**
- **Federal Bank launches digital platform FedOne for corporate banking**
- **RBI approves merger of National Co-operative Bank with Cosmos Co-operative Bank**
- **SBI launches Har Ghar Lakhpatti RD scheme, SBI Patrons FD deposit scheme for senior citizens**
- **Punjab & Sind Bank to roll out instant loan scheme for MSMEs based on GST return**
- **HDFC Bank to acquire up to 9.5% in Kotak Mahindra and AU, Capital SFBs**
- **IndiaBonds.com Launches Digital Fixed Deposits, Expanding Fixed Income Investment Opportunities**
- **FIU-IND signs pact with IRDAI to share information**

## Appointment and Resignation

- **RBI** approves **re-appointment** of **Anup Kumar Sinha** as **non-executive chairman** of **Bandhan Bank**
- **Bhuvnesh Kumar** takes charge as **CEO** of **Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)**
- Air Marshal **Jeetendra Mishra** takes charge as **Chief of IAF's Western Command**
- **Manish Singhal** appointed **Secretary General** of **Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)**
- **ITI Mutual Fund** Names **Jatinder Pal Singh** as **CEO**
- **Faiz Ahmed Kidwai** appointed as **Aviation Body Chief**
- IAS **Ashutosh Agnihotri** Appointed **Chairman & MD** of **Food Corporation of India**
- **Nasscom foundation** names **Jyoti Sharma** as **CEO**
- **Devajit Saikia** appointed as **Secretary of BCCI**
- **Air Commodore Debakinandan Sahu** Assumes **Command** of **Base Repair Depot, Tughlakabad**
- **Bahadur Singh Sagoo** elected as **President** of **Athletics Federation of India**



- **Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports** Announces **National Sports Awards 2024**; [ReadMore...](#)
- **Lionel Messi** Honoured with the **US Presidential Medal of Freedom**

## Science

- **ISRO** successfully launches **SpaDeX mission** from **Sriharikota**

## Defence

- **18th India -Nepal Military exercise Surya Kiran** to commence in **Nepal**

## Sports

- **Bengal** beat Kerala 1-0 to win **Santosh Trophy** for an unprecedented **33rd time**
- **Varun Tomar** Clinches **National Shooting Championship Title** in **Men's 10m Air Pistol**
- **Rishi Dhawan** announces **retirement** from **Indian limited-overs cricket**

### Book and Author

- **Amit Shah** released **Jammu Kashmir & Ladakh Through The Ages** Book by **Professor Raghuvendra Tanwar**

### Important day

- **1 January – Global Family Day** (Theme 2025 – Let's Start The Year With Love, Unity, Appreciation)
- **2 January – World Introvert Day** (Theme 2025 – Some peace and calm in a noisy world)
- **2 January 2025 – 67th Foundation Day of DRDO**
- **3 January – International Mind-Body Wellness Day**
- **4 January – World Braille Day**
- **5 January – National Bird Day** (Theme 2024 – Protecting Our Birds, Protecting Our Future)
- **6 January – World Day of War Orphans**
- **8 January – Earth's Rotation Day**

### Obituary

- **Renowned botanist K S Manilal** passes away at 86
- **Nuclear scientist, R Chidambaram** passes away at 88
- **World's oldest person Tomiko Itooka** dies aged 116
- **Costas Simitis, former Greek Prime Minister** and socialist leader, dies at 88