

Weekly One Liner Current Affairs

2nd week (9th to 16th January) 2025

National News

- **National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)** partners with **Axis My India** to **map skill demand and supply** across India
- **Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto** to be **Republic Day** chief guest
- **IREDA** achieves '**Excellent**' rating for **4th consecutive year** in **MoU** performance
- **Government** launches **PLI scheme 1.1** for **specialty steel**
- **India, Malaysia** agree to explore to **enhance cooperation** in **critical minerals**
- **WEP** of **NITI Aayog** Partners with **India's Largest Convenience Retail Chain New Shop** to **Empower Women Retail Business Owners**
- **Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI)** and **NALSAR University** Sign **MoU** to **Train Animal Welfare Representatives**
- **Swiggy** launches new app '**Snacc**' for **15-minute food delivery**
- Retired Justice **B.N. Srikrishna** to chair **ID verification firm Equal's advisory board**
- **UP govt.** partnered with **Google Cloud** launch **AI-powered agri network**
- **Piyush Goyal** launches **8th edition** of **National Programme for Organic Production**
- **Centre** releases **tax devolution** of **Rs 1.73 lakh crore** to **states**
- **National Waterways** will get **Rs 50,000 crore** in **investment** over the **next 5 year**
- **Piyush Goyal** launches **Bharat Cleantech Manufacturing Platform**

- **ICMR's first infectious disease research, diagnostic lab** to come up in **Bengaluru**
- **India** to host **28th CSPOC** with focus on **AI and social media**
- **Andhra Pradesh** signs **MoU** with **Infosys** for **skill census pre-validation**
- **Piyush Goyal** launches **National Turmeric Board** to **Support Farmers**
- **South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL)** Launches **Post-Retirement Benefit (PRB) Cell**
- **Odisha** becomes the **34th state** to **implement AB PM-JAY**
- **Gautam Adani** announces **₹65,000 crore** investment in **energy, cement projects** in **Chhattisgarh**
- **PM Modi** inaugurates **Z-Morh tunnel** in **Kashmir**
- **C-DOT** and **IIT Mandi** sign **agreement** for **"Developing Semiconductor Chip of Wideband Spectrum Sensor for Dynamic Spectrum Access"**
- **India, Saudi Arabia** sign **Hajj agreement 2025**, quota set at **1.75 lakh pilgrims**
- **Madhya Pradesh CM** launches **Swami Vivekananda Yuva Shakti Mission**

International News

- **Singapore leads** in **2025's most powerful passports**; **India** drops to **85th**
- **Indian HC** in **Sri Lanka** launches **first Hindi Certificate Course** via open
- **Neeraj Chopra** named **best Javelin Thrower of the year** by **US Magazine**
- **PM Modi** to attend **AI Summit** in **France**

Banking and Financial

- **RBI lifts curbs** on **Ashirvad Micro Finance, DMI Finance**

- **Bajaj Broking** partners with **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank** to launch **3-in-1 account solution**
- **Govt** sees **India's GDP growth** hitting a **4-year low** of **6.4%** in **FY25**
- **Bank of Baroda** Expands **Employee Assistance Program** to Promote **Emotional and Mental Well-being**
- **Edelweiss Financial Services** Launches **Rs. 2,000 Million Public Issue of Secured Redeemable NCDs**
- **SBI** lowers **India's FY25 GDP** growth forecast to **6.3%**
- **Mirae Asset** launches **smallcap fund**, targets **India's high-growth segment**
- **KredX** Receives **RBI's Final Nod** to Launch **TReDS Platform, DTX**
- **PhonePe** partners with **ICICI Lombard** to offer **Maha Kumbh Mela insurance**
- **India's economy** projected to grow **6.6%** in **2025: UN**
- **RenewBuy** launches **Smart Term Plan** for **working professionals** and **small business owners**
- **Indian Overseas Bank** to sell **₹11,500-cr NPAs** to **ARCs**
- **Reserve Bank Innovation Hub** and **IIMA Ventures** Launch **Swanari TechSprint 3.0** to **Empower Women-Centric Fintech Startups**
- **SECI** Secures **"Excellent" Rating** in **MoU Performance** for **FY 2023-24**
- **IBBI** mandates **eBKray auction platform** to **sell assets** under **liquidation**
- **Bank of India** seeks its **first dollar loan** of **\$400 million** in over a decade
- **Bank of Baroda** to provide **AI-driven support, forex facility, ATMs, and coin vending machines** for **Maha Kumbh 2025**
- **Retail inflation** eases to **four-month low** of **5.22%** in **December 2024**
- **IDBI Bank** unveils **Chiranjeevi Super Senior Citizen FD**, offers **8.5% interest**
- **Mutual fund investors** in **India** can now name up to **10 nominees**

- **EXIM Bank** Raises **\$1 Billion** Through **Overseas Bond Issuance**

Appointment and Resignation

- **V Narayanan** appointed as next **ISRO chief**
- **State Bank of India** Names **Baldev Prakash** as **DMD & Group Chief Risk Officer**
- **Tuhin Kanta Pandey** appointed **revenue secretary**; **Arunish Chawla** takes over as **Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) secretary**
- **John Mahama** sworn in as **Ghana's president**
- **Lebanon's parliament** elects army commander **Joseph Aoun** as **president**
- **Nicols Maduro** takes oath as **Venezuela's President**
- **Devajit Saikia** appointed as **BCCI Secretary**; **Prabhtej Singh Bhatia** elected **Treasurer**

Awards

- **President** Confers **Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award** at **18th PBD 2025**

Defence

- **India, U.S.** to jointly manufacture **interoperable sonobuoys** for **Navy**

Sports

- **Anahat Singh** clinches **U-17 Girl's Singles title** at **British Junior Open**
- NZ cricketer **Martin Guptill** announces **retirement** from **international cricket**
- **Olympic gold medalist Mo Farah** announced as **international event ambassador** for **Mumbai Marathon**
- Bangladesh cricketer **Tamim Iqbal** announces **retirement** from **International Cricket**

- India pacer **Varun Aaron retires** from **all forms of cricket**
- **First edition of the Kho Kho World Cup** starts in **New Delhi**

Important day

- **9 January – NRI (Non-Resident Indian) Day or Pravasi Bharatiya Divas**
- **10 January – World Hindi Day** (Theme 2025 – A Global Voice of Unity and Cultural Pride)
- **12 January – National Youth Day** (Theme 2025 – Youth for a Sustainable Future: Shaping the Nation with Resilience and Responsibility)

Obituary

- Indo-Pak war **veteran Havaldar Baldev Singh** passes away in Rajouri
- **Singer P. Jayachandran** passes away