

## Weekly One Liner Current Affairs

### 3rd week (17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> January) 2025

#### National News

- **Dharmendra Pradhan** launches **registration portal** for **Kashi Tamil Sangamam**
- **India & Spain** sign **two MoUs** during Dr. Jaishankar's visit to Spain
- **1st astronomical observatory** of **Eastern India** inaugurated in **Bengal**
- **DPIIT** joins hands with **ITC** to bolster **India's startup ecosystem** and **innovation**
- **PM Modi** inaugurated **Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025**
- **Cabinet** approves the establishment of **"Third Launch Pad"** in **Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh**
- **Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya** chairs **first-ever CSR round table** for **sports development**
- **Dr. Jitendra Singh** dedicates **India's 1st of its kind CSIR Innovation complex** in **Mumbai**
- **Om Birla** Inaugurates **All India Presiding Officers' Conference** in **Patna**
- **Sarala Aviation** unveils **prototype** for **India's first air taxi**
- **Mizoram** become **first state** in **Northeast** to **Distributed Property Cards**
- **Union Cabinet** approves **₹11,440 crore revival package** for **Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited**
- **India** boosts **telecom connectivity** with **Sanchar Saathi App** and **NBM 2.0 launch**
- **Uttar Pradesh govt** approves **solar power projects** worth **Rs 10,000 crore**

- **NIXI** announces **Internet Governance Internship & Capacity Building Scheme**
- **India** ranks **7th** in **global coffee production** as exports hit **\$1.29 billion**
- **Centre** launches '**Entity Locker**' for **efficient business document management**
- **3rd National Mining Ministers Conference** in **Konark, Odisha**
- **Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya** Inaugurates **International Seminar** in **New Delhi**
- **National Broadband Mission 2.0** aims to **expand fiber** to **2.7 lakh villages** by **2030**
- **Chhattisgarh CM** launches scheme to provide **Rs 10K annual aid** to **labourers**
- **Odisha, Singapore** sign **MoU** to **establish FinTech hub** in **Bhubaneswar**
- **DPIIT** partners with **Apna** to boost **startup talent** and **create job opportunities** for **youth**
- **Maharashtra** secures **54 MoUs** worth **₹15.70 lakh crore** at **WEF Davos 2025**
- **18th edition** of **Jaipur Literature Festival** to begin from **January 30**
- **Gujarat** to host **1st Olympic Research Conference**
- **Cabinet** approves **MSP** for **Raw Jute** for **2025-26 Season**

### International News

- **India** to lead **G20 insurance growth** with **7.3% annual premium surge**: **Swiss Re**
- **Nigeria** admitted as **partner country** of **BRICS bloc**
- **Trump** orders **US exit** from **World Health Organization**
- **Trump Withdraws US** from **Paris Agreement**
- **Accenture, TCS, Infosys, HCLTech** top **2025 Brand Finance IT Services ranking**
- **India** ranked **4th** on the **Global Firepower Index 2025**

## Banking and Financial

- **Bank of Baroda** launches '**bob Liquid FD**' for **enhanced liquidity** and **convenience**
- **NPCI International** partners with **Magnati** to **expand UPI acceptance** in **UAE**
- **India** to grow by **6.4%** in **FY25**: **FICCI**
- **PNB MetLife** partners with **Saraswat Co-operative Bank** to offer **insurance solutions**
- **PFC** signs **120 bn yen loan pact** with **Japan's JBIC** for **RE project**
- **Shriram Housing Finance** is now "**Truhome Finance**"
- **Shriram Life Insurance** launches **Sunishchit Laabh savings plan**
- **Amazon** to **acquire** Bengaluru based digital lending firm **Axio**
- **IMF** retains **India's economic growth** outlook at **6.5 %** over next **2 Financial Years**
- **HSBC** India gets **RBI approval** to **open 20 new branches** in **20 cities**
- **RBI** revises **FEMA guidelines** to boost **cross-border transactions** in **rupee** and **local currencies**
- **Policybazaar.ae** Unveils '**PB Advantage**': **A Game-Changer** in **UAE Health Insurance**
- **RBI** announces **Standing External Advisory Committee** for **evaluating Applications** for **Universal Banks** and **Small Finance Banks**
- **Bajaj Finance, Airtel** collab to launch **digital financial services platform**
- **TATA AIG** Introduces **CyberEdge**, A **Cyber Insurance Solution** for **Businesses**
- **Indian economy** projected to grow in range of **6.5-6.8%** in **FY25**: **Deloitte**

## Appointment and Resignation

- **JM Financial** appoints **Ankur Jhaveri** as **head** of **Institutional Equities**

- **Vineet Joshi** assumes **charge** as **Secretary, Department of Higher Education**
  - **Binod Kumar** appointed as **MD & CEO** of **Indian Bank**
  - **Ashok Chandra** appoints as **MD** and **CEO** of **Punjab National Bank**
  - **Nripendra Mishra** reappointed **Chairperson** of **PM Museum & Library Society**
  - **Alok Kumar Agarwal** appointed **CEO** of **Zurich Kotak General Insurance**
  - **G.P. Singh** appointed as **Chief** of **CRPF**
  - **Donald Trump** Takes Oath as **47th President** of **United States**
  - **US Senate** confirms **Marco Rubio** as **72nd Secretary of State**
  - **Mahesh Kr Aggarwal** appointed as **DG** of **Border Security Force**
  - **Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI)** elects **Dhananjay Shukla** as **president** for **2025**
  - SSB chief **Amrit Mohan** to hold **additional charge** as **BCAS DG**
  - **Reliance Power** appoints **Neeraj Parakh** as **CEO** for **three years**
- Awards**
- **Singapore** confers **Honorary Citizen Award** on **Tarun Das**
  - **Urbasi Sinha** Wins **Gates-Cambridge Impact Prize 2025**

### Science

- **Pixxel** launches **India's 1st private satellite constellation** with **SpaceX**

### Defence

- **Indian Armed Forces** conducts **Exercise Devil Strike**
- **Defence Ministry** signs **contract** with **Bharat Dynamics** for **Navy's medium-range surface-to-air missiles**
- **India** tests **micro missile system Bhargavastra** to **counter Swarm drone**

- **Indian Naval Ship Mumbai** participates in **multinational La Perouse** exercise

### Sports

- **Smriti Mandhana** Smashes **India's Fastest Women's ODI Century**
- **Arjun Erigaisi** stuns Magnus Carlsen, Fabiano Caruana to **win online chess event**
- **Viktor Axelsen, An Se-Young** Claim **India Open Titles**
- **Kho Kho World Cup: India** clinches historic **double victory** in **men's and women's titles**
- **Karnataka** Clinch **Vijay Hazare Trophy** For **Record 5th time**
- **Eritrea's Berhane Tesfay**, and **Kenya's Joyce Chepkemai** win **Mumbai Marathon 2025**
- **Kochi** hosts **7th edition** of **India Boat & Marine Show**

### Important day

- **20 January** – **National Penguin Awareness Day**
- **Tripura, Meghalaya, Manipur** celebrate **53rd Statehood Day** on **January 21**
- **23 January** – **Parakram Diwas**