

Weekly One Liner Current Affairs

2nd week (17th to 23rd March) 2025

National News

- **India, Mauritius ink 8 MoUs to bolster strategic, economic relations**
- **India and Chile 1st JWG meeting on Agriculture held**
- **PM Modi Hands Over Overseas Citizen Card To Mauritius Counterpart**
- **Govt announces 1-billion-dollar fund for creators' economy, ahead of WAVES 2025**
- **R. Patil inaugurates Water Sustainability Conference 2025**
- **PB-SHABD: Free subscription extended till March 2026 to support media organisations**
- **PM Modi inaugurated 10th edition of Raisina Dialogue in New Delhi**
- **Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurates Fit India Carnival in Delhi**
- **CCI approves acquisition of Uprising Science Private Limited by Hindustan Unilever Limited**
- **Meghalaya inaugurates first scientific coal mine after nearly a decade long ban**
- **FM Nirmala Sitharaman Launches Mobile App for PM Internship Scheme**
- **Anupriya Patel inaugurates the India Innovation Summit**
- **India and New Zealand explore digital payments, trade, and investment ties**
- **Government sets up inter-ministerial-industry panel on fintech, DFS Secretary M Nagaraju to head Panel**
- **Delhi Police launches 'Shishtachar' anti-eve-teasing squad to ensure women's safety**

- **Cabinet** approves revised **₹2,790 crore dairy development scheme to boost infrastructure**
- **Cabinet** approves implementation of **Revised Rashtriya Gokul Mission** with **enhanced allocation** for **2024-25** and **2025-26**
- **Union Cabinet** approves **new ammonia-urea complex** in **Assam**
- **Cabinet** approves **Rs 1,500 crore incentive scheme** to promote **low-value BHIM-UPI transactions**
- **Cabinet** approves construction of **6-lane high-speed highway** in **Maharashtra**
- **AFMS, NIMHANS** sign **MoU** to boost **mental health support** for **military personnel & families**
- **Annual Conference on Anti-Doping Science** to spread awareness
- **DPIIT** and **Kyndryl Partner** to **Drive Innovation** in **India's Manufacturing** and **IT Startup Ecosystem**
- **CSIR-IIIM & HAPICO Industries** Sign **MoU** for Collaborative **Biopesticide Development**
- **India** to host **third Central Asian youth delegation** under **International Youth Exchange Programme**

International News

- **India** Participates in **353rd Governing Body Meeting** of **International Labour Organisation** in **Geneva**
- **World Happiness Report 2025: Topped** by **Finland**; **India** at **118th spot**

Banking and Financial

- **Valueattics Reinsurance** set to become **India's first private reinsurer**
- **India** to become **world's third-largest economy** by **2028: Morgan Stanley**
- **YES Bank** launches **seamless GST payment facility** for **businesses** and **individuals**

- **Infibeam** partners with **Sutex Cooperative Bank** for **enhancing net banking facility**
- **Standard Chartered** raises **€1 billion** via **first social bond**
- **Piramal Finance** and **Punjab & Sind Bank** Join Hands to **Expand Credit Access**
- **SATYA MicroCapital** unveils **bold vision** to empower **10 million households** by **2030**
- **HDFC Bank** is **now accepting deposits** under **Senior Citizens' Savings Scheme**
- **Wholesale price inflation** rises to **2.38%** in **February**
- **Allianz** exits **Bajaj Insurance JVs** after 24 years in **€2.6 billion sale**
- **Muthoot Microfin** wins **Double Gold** at **SKOCH Awards 2025**
- **Canara Bank** becomes the **first bank** to introduce **Online Digital Balance Confirmation Certificate**
- **RBI** and **Bank of Mauritius** sign **pact** on **use of local currencies** for **bilateral transactions**
- **RBI** infuses **Rs. 5 Lakh Crore** into **Banking System**
- **SBI Mutual Fund** launches **two new PSU bank-focused investment schemes**
- **Flipkart's super.money** Rises to **Fifth Place** in **UPI Market**, Overtaking **CRED**
- **RBI** organises **Annual Conference** of the **RBI Ombudsmen**
- **DPIIT** and **YES BANK** Partner to Strengthen **India's Startup Ecosystem**
- **DAC** Approves **₹54,000 Crore Defence Deals** to Boost **India's Military Might**
- **SEBI** Slashes **Minimum Investment** in **Social Stock Exchange** to **₹1,000**
- **SEBI** Partners with **DigiLocker** to **Tackle Unclaimed Assets** in **Securities Market**
- **Fitch** retains **FY26 India growth** at **6.5%**

- **IDFC FIRST** Bank introduces “**Ace**” feature on its mobile app to provide **2500 plus MF options**

Appointment and Resignation

- **Dr. Shivkumar Kalyanaraman** assumes charge of **CEO Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF)**
- **Stuart Young** to be sworn in as **new Prime Minister** of **Trinidad and Tobago**
- **Tractors and Farm Equipment Limited (TAFE)** appoints **Lakshmi Venu** as **vice chairman**
- **Vikas Kaushal** takes charge as **HPCL CMD**
- **Bajaj Auto** Reappoints **Rajiv Bajaj** as **MD & CEO**
- **RBI** Names **Indranil Bhattacharyya** as **New Executive Director**
- **Mythili Balasubramanian** Named **Interim MD & CEO** of **Edelweiss ARC**
- **Deena Mehta** Re-Appointed as **Independent Director** of **Fino Payments Bank**
- **Kirsty Coventry** becomes **1st female president** of **IOC**

Awards

- **RBI** awarded **Digital Transformation Award 2025** for **digital initiatives**
- **Bengaluru Airport** wins **air service quality award** for **third year** running
- **Hydrologist Günter Blöschl** wins **2025 Stockholm Water Prize**
- **Sustainable Eri Silk** from **Northeast India** Secures **Global Recognition** with **Oeko-Tex Certification** from **Germany**
- **Veteran Sculptor Ram Sutar** Chosen for **Maharashtra Bhushan Award 2024**

Science

- **Google** brings **Gemma 3 open model** to **compete** with **Meta's Llama, DeepSeek V3**

Defence

- **INS Ranvir** participates in **Exercise Bongosagar 2025**
- **India** and **France** to **Strengthen Naval Ties** with **VARUNA 2025 Exercise** in **Arabian Sea**

Sports

- **Jharkhand** crowned **15th Hockey India Senior Women National Champion**
- **India Masters** beat West Indies Masters by 6 wickets to clinch **International Masters League T20 title**
- **Kabaddi World Cup 2025** begins in **England**
- **India** concludes **Special Olympics Winter Games** with **33 medals**
- **IOC Board** approves **boxing** for inclusion in **2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games**
- **India** secures **33 medals** at **Special Olympics World Winter Games 2025**
- **Australian GP 2025: McLaren's Norris** wins **F1 season opener**
- **India** to host **11th Asian Swimming Championship** in **Ahmedabad**

Important day

- **15 March – World Consumer Rights Day** (Theme 2025 – A Just Transition to Sustainable Lifestyless)
- **18 March – National Ordnance Factories Day**
- **15 March – International Day to Combat Islamophobia**
- **20 March – World Sparrow Day** (Theme 2025 – A Tribute to Nature's Tiny Messengers)
- **20 March – International Day of Happiness** (Theme 2025 – CARING AND SHARING)

- **20 March – World Oral Health Day** (Theme 2025 – A Happy Mouth is... A Happy Mind)
- **20 March - French Language Day**
- **21 March - World Poetry Day**
- **21 March - World Down Syndrome Day** (Theme 2025 - Improve Our Support Systems)
- **21 March - World Day for Glaciers**
- **21 March - International Day of Forests** (Theme 2025 - Forests and Food)

Obituary

- **Former Indian All-Rounder Syed Abid Ali** Passes Away
- Renowned Odia poet Padma **Bhushan Ramakanta Rath** passes away

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