

Weekly One Liner Current Affairs 3rd week (17th to 23rd April) 2025

National News

- **NITI Aayog** launches Report on '**Unlocking \$25+ Billion Export Potential – India's Hand & Power Tools Sector**'
- **Ministry of Labour** Signs **MoU** with **Swiggy** to Boost **Gig Economy** Jobs and **Expand Employment Opportunities**
- **Railways Minister** commemorates **172nd anniversary** of India's **1st train journey**
- **Indian Navy** Hosts **3rd Meghayyan Symposium** to Mark **WMO Day 2025**
- **NADA India** Hosts **National Conference** on '**Building Together a Clean Sport Ecosystem**'
- **Mansukh Mandaviya** Inaugurates **World's 17th Athlete Passport Management Unit** in **New Delhi**
- **Ministry of Ayush** Organises **Rashtriya Karmayogi Jan Seva Programme**
- **Govt** issues guidelines for setting up **Excellence centres** under **Critical Mineral Mission**
- **SECL** to Become **First Coal PSU** to Use **Paste Fill Technology** for **Mining**
- **Centre** notifies rules for **Radar equipment** for the **measurement** of the **speed of vehicles**
- **India** Showcases **Digital Innovation** and **Skilling Leadership** at **GITEX Africa 2025**
- **Bhagavad Gita** and **Natyashastra** added to **UNESCO's Memory of the World Register**
- **Govt** procures **3,40,000 tonnes** of **tur** under **price support scheme**

- **Telangana govt** signs **MoU** with Japanese company **Neysa Networks** to set up **AI data centre cluster**
- **Andhra Pradesh Cabinet** approves **draft Ordinance** on **sub-categorisation** of **Scheduled Castes**
- **Chennai** launches **South India's first AC EMU train** on **suburban route**
- **PM Modi** to inaugurate **Vizhinjam International Seaport** on **May 2**
- **IAF Surya Kiran** team to begin **aerobatic airshow** in **Patna**
- **Arunachal CM** inaugurates **International Conclave** on '**Buddha Dhamma & Culture of North-East India**
- **Centre** imposes **12% safeguard duty** to **shield Indian steel sector**
- **Union Health Ministry** observes Pan-India '**Fire Safety Week**' from **21st to 25th April**
- **Maharashtra** launches **Pink E Rickshaw Scheme** with **Kinetic Green**
- **Amaravati** to be **world's first fully renewable-powered city**
- **Bihar CM Nitish Kumar** launches '**Mahila Samvad**' campaign targeting **women empowerment**
- **MSDE and Microsoft** Launch '**AI Careers for Women**' Initiative to **Empower Women in Emerging Tech**

International News

- **AIIMS Delhi** Ranks **97th** Among **World's Best Hospitals in 2024**; **Topped** by **Mayo Clinic** in **US**
- **New York City** declares **April 14** as **Dr B.R. Ambedkar Day**

Banking and Financial

- **Morgan Stanley** prunes **FY26 India growth forecast** to **6.1%**
- **United India Insurance, SIDBI** in **pact** to **offer insurance products** for **MSMEs**
- **Mumbai's Panchavati Express** gets **India's first train ATM**
- **Zepto** renames parent entity **Kiranakart Tech**, ahead of possible **IPO**

- **ADB's cumulative loan** commitment to India reaches **\$59.5 billion** in **2024**
- **Fitch** projects **India's GDP** growth at **6.4%** for **FY26**, retains **6.3%** for **FY27**
- **India** to Grow **6.5%** in **2025**, Maintain **Fastest-Growing Economy**
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- **IDFC FIRST** Bank to Get **₹7,500 Crore Investment** Boost from **Warburg Pincus & ADIA**
- **Revolut** Gets **RBI Nod** to Launch **UPI-Enabled Digital Wallets** in **India**
- **Zaggle** Secures **NPCI Approval** to **Offer UPI Payment Solutions**
- **RBI** and **FIU-IND** Join Forces to **Tackle Money Laundering**
- **ADB** sanctions **\$85.4 million loan** for **Tripura Industrial Infra Development**
- **RBI** imposes **penalty** on **Kotak Mahindra Bank, IDFC First Bank, PNB**
- **SBI Card** unveils **co-branded Tata Neu credit card** with exclusive rewards
- **SBI** to Deploy '**Grahak Mitras**' at **4,500 Branches** to Promote **Alternate Banking Channels**
- **LIC** hikes its **stake** in **Bank of Baroda** to **7.05%**
- **Mirae Asset** launches **\$200M global investment fund targeting AI & semicon**
- **RBI** permits **minors above 10 years** to operate **bank accounts independently**
- **Poonawalla Fincorp** and **MobiKwik** Collaborate to **Revolutionise Instant Personal Loans**
- **Financial Intelligence** Unit imposes **₹37 lakh penalty** on **Union Bank of India**
- **SIDBI** plans to **infuse \$800 million** in **Climate Fund** for **small businesses**

Appointment and Resignation

- Former Finance Secretary **Ajay Bhushan Pandey** appointed **vice-president** at **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)**
- **Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna** names **Justice BR Gavai** as his **successor**
- **Arvind Shrivastava** Appointed as **New Revenue Secretary** in **Major Bureaucratic Reshuffle**
- **Government** Appoints **Four Senior IRS Officers, Pankaj Kumar Mishra, Sanjay Bahadur, L. Rajasekhar Reddy, and G. Aparna Rao,** as **Members** of the **CBDT**
- **Government** appoints **Mangi Lal Jat** as **Director General** of the **ICAR**
- **IndusInd Bank** names **Santosh Kumar** as **Deputy CFO**
- **Ananya Panday** Becomes **Chanel's First-Ever Brand Ambassador** from **India**
- Former SC judge **Dinesh Maheshwari** appointed **law commission chairperson**

Awards

- **Bose Institute's High-Energy Physics Team** Wins **2025 Breakthrough Prize** for Contribution to **ALICE Collaboration** at **CERN**
- **Laureus Awards 2025: Andrade** beats Rishabh Pant to **win Comeback of the Year**
- **Achyuta Samanta** Conferred **Gurudev Kalicharan Brahma Award 2025**

Science

- **Bangladesh** becomes the **54th country** to join **NASA's Artemis Accord**
- **India's first satellite, Aryabhata,** completes **50 years**
- **ISRO** Develops **Indigenous Stellite Nozzle Divergent** for **PSLV**

Defence

- **India-Uzbekistan** Joint Military Exercise '**DUSTLIK-VI**' Kicks Off in **Pune**, Focusing on **Counter-Terrorism** and **Interoperability**
- **India** Signs **First Defence MoU** with **Slovakia** Through **JCBL Group**
- **Indian Air Force** Joins Multinational '**Desert Flag-10**' Exercise in **UAE**

Sports

- **South California city** of **Pomona** to **host cricket** in **LA 2028 Olympics**
- **Inder Singh Suruchi** and **Saurabh Chaudhary** win **mixed Team Gold**
- **India** finished **6th Asian U-18 Athletics Championship 2025** with **11 medals**
- **Rajnath Singh** inaugurates **4-day Sansad Khel Mahakumbh** in **Lucknow**
- **Simranpreet Kaur** wins **maiden senior international medal** with **silver** in **25m pistol**
- **Rohit, Kohli** retain **top BCCI annual contract** as **Iyer, Kishan** return
- **India** finishes **2025 ISSF World Cup Lima Campaign** with **7 medals**
- **Neeraj Chopra** Clinches **Gold** with **84.52 m** at **NWU Potch Invitational**

Book and Author

- **Compilation** of **PM Modi's Speeches** on Culture '**Sanskriti Ka Paanchva Adhyay**' Launched

Important day

- **17 April – World Haemophilia Day** (Theme 2025 – Access for All: Women and Girls Bleed Too)
- **18 April – World Heritage Day** (theme 2025 – Heritage under Threat from Disasters and Conflicts: Preparedness and Learning from 60 Years of ICOMOS Actions)

- **19 April – World Liver Day** (Theme 2025 – Food is Medicine)
- **21 April – Civil Services Day**
- **21 April – World Creativity and Innovation Day** (Theme 2025 – Step out and innovate)
- **22 April – Earth Day** (Theme 2025 – Our Power, Our Plane)
- **23 April – World Book and Copyright Day**

Obituary

- **Pope Francis, Head of Roman Catholic Church** Passed Away

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