

## Weekly One Liner Current Affairs 2nd week (9<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> Aug) 2025

### National News

- **Indian Railways** Successfully Trials **Asia's Longest 4.5 km Freight Train 'Rudrastra'**
- **Cabinet Approves ₹4,250 Crore Special Development Packages** for **Assam** and **Tripura**
- **Cabinet Approves ₹4,200 Crore MERITE Scheme** to Boost **Technical Education** and **Research** Across India
- **Cabinet Approves ₹30,000 Crore Compensation** to **OMCs** for **Domestic LPG Losses**
- **Cabinet Approves ₹300 LPG Cylinder Subsidy** for **PMUY Beneficiaries** in **FY 2025–26**
- **Cabinet Approves ₹2,157 Crore 4-Lane Marakkanam–Puducherry NH-332A Project** in **Tamil Nadu**
- **Second Edition of UN Women's 'She Leads II' Programme** inaugurated in **New Delhi**
- **CCI Approves Dalmia Cement's 100% Acquisition** of **Jaiprakash Associates** Under **Insolvency Process**
- **GAIL** and **HCL** Join Hands to Explore and **Develop Critical Mineral Resources**
- **Telangana** awarded with **maximum number of organ donations** in the country
- **Defence Minister** Lays Foundation Stone for **₹1,800 Crore BEML Rail Hub 'Brahma'** in **MP**
- **PM Modi** Inaugurates **Bengaluru Metro Yellow Line**
- **India** Inaugurates First **'Animal Stem Cell Biobank'** at **NIAB, Hyderabad**

- **BSNL Partners with Global Tech Giants to Launch Advanced 5G and AI Training Programs at Jabalpur Institute**
- **TCS Partners with Now Telecom to Boost Digital Infrastructure and Financial Inclusivity in the Philippines**
- **Mumbai Hosts Largest-Ever International Astronomy Olympiad with 288 Students from 64 Countries**
- **CCEA Approves Rs 8,146 Crore for 700 MW Tato-II Hydro Electric Project in Arunachal Pradesh**
- **UIDAI Signs Agreement with Indian Statistical Institute to Strengthen Aadhaar Security and Reliability**
- **DPIIT Partners with Zepto to Boost Manufacturing Startups through 'Zepto Nova' Innovation Challenge**
- **DPIIT Partners with Hero MotoCorp to Boost Early-Stage Startups through 'Hero For Startups' Accelerator Program**
- **Union Health Secretary Launches SHRESTH Initiative to Strengthen State Drug Regulatory Systems**
- **Cabinet Approves Four New Semiconductor Projects Worth ₹4,600 Crore Under ISM**
- **Cabinet Approves ₹8,146 Crore Investment for 700 MW Tato-II Hydro Electric Project in Arunachal Pradesh**
- **Lok Sabha Passes Indian Ports Bill, 2025 to Modernize Maritime Sector and Boost Coastal Development**
- **MY Bharat Partners with SOUL Foundation to Develop Over One Lakh Youth Leaders Across India**
- **India to Celebrate 79th Independence Day on 15 August 2025**
- **IIT Roorkee Develops Breakthrough Drug to Revive Antibiotic Power Against Deadly Superbug**
- **Rapido Launches 'Ownly' App, Enters Food Delivery with Zero-Commission Model**
- **Union Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries Launches Logo, brochure and website of 'Bharat Steel'**

- **Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) & Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences (BSIP) Sign Historic MoU to Unite Science and Culture on a Single Platform**
- **Arintra Raises \$21M Series A Led by Peak XV to Expand AI-Powered Medical Coding Platform**
- **NSIC Signs MoUs with Five Banks to Boost Credit Access for MSMEs**
- **AI-Powered 'SabhaSaar' to Revolutionize Panchayat Meetings with Automated Summarisation**

### International News

- **Kenya Becomes 10th Country to Eliminate Sleeping Sickness as a Public Health Problem: WHO**
- **E3 Nations Warn Iran of Snapback UN Sanctions Over Stalled Nuclear Talks**

### Banking and Financial

- **RBI approves Equirus Finance NBFC launch**
- **EQBAC Launches in India with Partner-First Platform to Simplify Cross-Border Investing**
- **ICICI Bank raises minimum balance requirement for savings accounts; ₹50,000 in metro; semi-urban MAB is now ₹25,000, and rural MAB is ₹10,000**
- **RBI Fines ICICI Bank ₹75 Lakh for Violating Property Valuation and Current Account Norms**
- **IDFC FIRST Bank Launches RemitFIRST2India: Zero-Fee Digital Remittance Platform for NRIs**
- **KSFE becomes first miscellaneous NBFC in India to cross ₹1 lakh crore business turnover**
- **India's Retail Inflation Drops to Eight-Year Low of 1.55% in July**
- **Paytm Gets In-Principle Approval from RBI to Operate as Online Payment Aggregator**

- **SBI Leads Public Sector Banks in Education Loan Disbursals; Maharashtra Tops State-Wise Chart**
- **HDFC Bank SmartWealth goes multilingual in nine regional languages**
- **ICICI Bank lowers min balance requirement to ₹15,000 from ₹50,000**
- **RBI to Introduce Continuous Clearing with On-Realisation Settlement in Cheque Truncation System from October 2025**
- **SEBI Allows IAs and RAs to Use Liquid & Overnight Mutual Funds for Mandatory Deposit Compliance**
- **NPCI to Halt P2P UPI 'Collect Requests' from October 1 to Curb Frauds**
- **Generative AI to Boost Banking Efficiency in India by 46%, Says RBI Report**
- **WPI Falls to -0.6% in July; Retail Inflation Hits 8-Year Low at 1.55%**

### **Appointment and Resignation**

- **Rahul Singh Gets Two-Year Extension as CBSE Chairperson**
- **Zomato Appoints Shah Rukh Khan as Brand Ambassador for 'Fuel Your Hustle' Campaign**
- **Abhijit Kishore Appointed Vodafone Idea CEO**
- **Odisha Appoints Madhuri Dixit as Brand Ambassador for State's Handloom Industry**
- **President Appoints Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla as Governor of Nagaland**

### **Awards**

- **1090 Personnel Honoured with Gallantry and Service Medals on Independence Day**

### **Defence**

- **India's Defence Production** Hits Record **Rs 1.50 Lakh Crore** in **FY 2024-25**
- **Indian Navy** to Commission **INS Udaygiri & INS Himgiri** in **Visakhapatnam**

### Sports

- **India** to be '**Guest of Honour**' at **38th Bogota International Book Fair 2026** in **Colombia**
- **Annu Rani** Clinches **Women's Javelin Title**, **Murali Sreeshankar** Wins **Long Jump** at **Indian Open 2025**
- **Ramesh Budhial** Becomes **First Indian** to **Win Asian Surfing Championship Medal**, Clinches **Bronze**
- **Gill** and **Dunkley** named **ICC Players of the Month** for **July 2025**
- **64th Subroto Cup** to Kick Off on **August 19**
- **Namrata Batra** Wins **India's First-Ever Wushu Medal** at **World Games 2025**
- **Jharkhand Women's Hockey Team** Wins **15th Junior National Championship** for **Second Consecutive Year**
- **India** Wins **27 Medals** at **Asian U19 & U22 Boxing Championships 2025**
- **Rohith Krishna** Becomes **89th Indian Grandmaster**
- German Grandmaster **Vincent Keymer** wins **Quantbox Chennai Grand Masters 2025**

### Book and Author

- Former Chief Justice **DY Chandrachud's** first book, **Why the Constitution Matters**

### Important day

- **9 August – International Day of the World's Indigenous People**  
(Theme 2025- "Indigenous Peoples and AI: Defending Rights, Shaping Futures")

- **9 August 2025 – World Sanskrit Day**
- **10 August – World Lion Day**
- **10 August – World Biofuel Day** (Theme 2025 – The BioE3 Way)
- **11 August – World Steelpan Day**
- **12 August – World Elephant Day**
- **13 August – International Left-Handers Day**
- **13 August – World Organ Donation Day** (Theme 2025 – Answering The Call)
- **12 August – International Youth Day** (Theme 2025 – Local Youth Actions for the SDGs and Beyond)

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