

Weekly One Liner Current Affairs 3rd week (18th to 24th May) 2026

National News

- **India-UAE Sign Major Agreements on Energy Reserves, Investment and Defence Cooperation**
- **Goa Declares Ecologically Sensitive Areas Near Old Goa as 'No Development Zones'**
- **President approves increase in sanctioned strength of judges in Supreme Court from 33 to 37**
- **CBSE Makes Three-Language Study Compulsory for Class 9 Under NEP 2020 Guidelines**
- **IITM Pune Launches Climate Startup Incubation Centre Under NEAT and Mission Mausam Initiative**
- **Committee on Empowerment of Women Constituted; Dr. Daggubati Purandeswari Appointed as Chairperson**
- **NIOS Launches "To Reach the Unreached" Mission to Re-enroll Out-of-School Children**
- **Government e Marketplace Celebrates Incorporation Day 2026**
- **Himanta Biswa Sarma Inaugurates India's First AI-Powered 'Phygital' Banking Branch in Guwahati**
- **Narendra Modi Receives Historic 11th-Century Chola Copper Plates from Leiden University During Netherlands Visit**
- **Tata Electronics Partners with ASML to Boost Semiconductor Manufacturing in India**
- **UIDAI Extends Free Aadhaar Document Update Service Till June 2027**
- **West Bengal Govt. Approves 'Annapurna Bhandar' Scheme and Clears Formation of 7th Pay Commission**

- **Bhupender Yadav** Inaugurates '**Lion**' Species **Spotlight Event** at **Sasan Gir** Ahead of **IBCA Summit 2026**
- **Narendra Modi** Announces **India–Norway Triangular Development Cooperation Pact** for **Global South Development**
- **Rajasthan** Receives **World No Tobacco Day Award 2026** for Outstanding **Tobacco Control Efforts**
- **Everest** Sets **New Record: 274 Climbers Summit in a Day**, Three Indians Included
- **Rekha Gupta** Launches '**Hauslon Ki Udaan 2026-27**' Talent Hunt Scheme in **Delhi**
- **Jitendra Singh** Dedicates **UMMID Programme** for **Rare Genetic Disorders** to the Nation
- **Bharat Tex 2026** to Showcase **India's Textile Strength** with **AI-Powered Innovation**
- **Eight Core Industries** Growth Rises to **1.7%** in **April 2026** Led by **Cement** and **Steel Output**
- **NISM** and **IICA** sign **Memorandum of Understanding** to strengthen **corporate governance** and **ESG ecosystem**
- **India** and **Italy** to Celebrate 2027 as "**Year of Culture and Tourism**" to Boost **Cultural and Economic Ties**
- **PM Modi** Gifts **Giorgia Meloni Assam Muga Silk** and **Manipur Shirui Lily Stoles**
- **Bharat Forge** Signs **MoU** with **Andhra Pradesh** to Set Up **India's First Private Marine Gas Turbine Facility** in **Visakhapatnam**

International News

- **Kami Rita Sherpa** Creates **History** with Record **32nd Ascent of Mount Everest**
- **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** Exits **Entire Stake** in **Microsoft** After **Selling \$3.2 Billion Worth Shares** in **2026**
- **UNDP** Partners with **Zambia** to **Adapt India's eVIN Platform** for **Medicines Track** and **Trace System**

- **Greece's Eurobank Opens Representative Office in Mumbai Ahead of India–Cyprus Diplomatic Milestone**

Banking and Financial

- **TVS Venu Group Acquires 9.9% Stake in Jana Small Finance Bank for ₹193.3 Crore**
- **ICICI Bank and Visa Launch India's First USD-Denominated Debit Card for NRIs at GIFT City**
- **Prudential plc to Acquire 75% Stake in Bharti Life Insurance Company Ltd in Major Insurance Sector Deal After 100% FDI Approval**
- **Viyona Fintech Secures NPCI Certification for End-to-End UPI, IMPS and Mobile Banking Infrastructure**
- **RBI Announces \$5 Billion Dollar-Rupee Swap Auction to Boost Banking Liquidity**
- **United Nations Cuts India's 2026 Growth Forecast to 6.4%**
- **Mahindra & DBS Bank India launch sustainability-linked dealer financing programme**
- **BHIM Records 301% Surge in Transactions During FY 2025-26**
- **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority Holds APY Annual Felicitation Programme**
- **ICRA Cuts India's FY2026-27 GDP Growth Forecast to 6.2% Amid Rising Crude Oil Prices**
- **RBI Cancels Licence of Yashwant Co-operative Bank Over Weak Capital and Earnings**

Appointment and Resignation

- **Andris Kulbergs Nominated as New Prime Minister of Latvia by President Edgars Rinkevics**
- **D. Satheesan to be Sworn in as Chief Minister of Kerala**
- **Saurabh Vijay Takes Charge as CEO of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)**

- **RBI Appoints Gunveer Singh as ED to Head Payment and Settlement Systems**

Awards

- **Narendra Modi** Receives **Sweden's Highest Honour – Royal Order of the Polar Star (Commander Grand Cross)**
- **Narendra Modi** Conferred **Norway's Highest Civilian Honour** During Historic Visit
- **PM Modi** Receives **Prestigious Agricola Medal** from **Food and Agriculture Organisation** in **Rome**

Science

- **GE Aerospace** Invests **₹100 Crore** in **Pune Facility**

Defence

- **DRDO** Successfully Completes **ULPGM-V3 Final Trials**, Paving Way for **Indigenous Missile Production**
- **Indian Navy** Launches **Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel "Sanghmitra"** at **Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers, Kolkata**
- **Nibe Limited** Successfully Tests Indigenous Loitering Munition '**Vayu Astra-1**' with **High Precision Strike Capability**

Sports

- **India** Wins **27 Medals**, Including **9 Gold**, at **Asian Boxing U-15 Championships 2026**
- **Rahul Dravid** Becomes **Owner** of **Dublin Franchise** in **Europe's First ICC-Approved ETPL T20 League**
- **Jannik Sinner** Wins **Italian Open 2026**, Creates History by Completing Career Golden Masters
- **Elina Svitolina** Wins **Italian Open 2026 Women's Title** After Defeating Coco Gauff in Thrilling Final
- **Asian Weightlifting Championships 2026** Held in **Gujarat**

Important day

- **16 May – National Dengue Day** (Theme 2026 – Act. Eliminate)
- **17 May – World Telecommunication and Information Society Day** (Theme 2026 – Digital lifelines: Strengthening resilience in a connected world)
- **17 May – World Hypertension Day** (Theme 2026 – Controlling Hypertension Together)
- **16 May – Sikkim Statehood Day**
- **18 May – World AIDS Vaccine Day** (Theme 2026 – Rebuild. Rise)
- **18 May – International Museum Day** (Theme 2026 – Museums Uniting a Divided World)
- **16 May – International Day of Living Together in Peace** (Theme 2026 – Living Together in Peace: Building Trust through Dialogue, Inclusion and Reconciliation)
- **20 May – International HR Day**
- **20 May – World Bee Day** (Theme 2025 – Bee Together for People and the Planet – A partnership that sustains us all.)
- **21 May – International Tea Day** (Theme 2026 – “Sustaining Tea, Supporting Communities” and “Fostering Growth and Inclusion”)
- **21 May – National Anti-Terrorism Day**
- **21 May – World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development**
- **22 May – International Day for Biological Diversity** (Theme 2026 – Acting locally for global impact)
- **23 May – International Day to End Obstetric Fistula** (Theme 2026 – Her Health Is a Right: Invest to End Fistula and Childbirth Injuries)

Obituary

- **Former England Test Captain MJK Smith** Passes Away at 92