


## Weekly One Liners 22nd July to 28th July 2019

### National Affairs

- **Indian Space Research Organisation** launched **Chandrayaan 2** from Satish Dhawan Space Center at **Sriharikota**. It was launched by **GSLV MkIII-M1** Vehicle at 14:43 hours IST. The **lander-Vikram** will land near **South Pole** of the moon on Sep 7, 2019. Chandrayaan 2 is **India's 2nd moon mission**.
- Government of India will provide **10,000 scholarships** for heirs of the liberation war fighters of **Bangladesh** called '**Muktijodhas**' over the next five years under the **Nutan India-Bangladesh Maitree Muktijodha Sontan Scholarship Scheme**.
- A new **India-UK bilateral pilot scheme**, the **UKEIRI Mobility Programme: Study in India** was launched by Universities UK International (UUKi) and British Council India. It aims to generate up to 200 opportunities for undergraduate students at UK universities to visit India by March 2021.
- The **government** has set a target for the installation of **Rooftop Solar projects of 40,000 MegaWatt by 2022** in the country.
- **GoI** has **reconstituted** the Group of Ministers (**GoM**) looking after the issues of how to **prevent sexual harassment at workplace** and strengthen legal frameworks. The GoM will be **lead by Home Minister Amit Shah**. The other members of the reconstituted GoM are: Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman**, HRD Minister **Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'**, and Women and Child Development Minister **Smriti Irani**.
- The **Digital Communications Commission (DCC)** approved the cumulative penalty of **Rs 3,050 crore** on **Bharti Airtel** and **Vodafone Idea**.
- **Asian Development Bank** has sanctioned **Rs 1925 Cr** project for up-gradation of power generation and distribution in **Tripura** for upgrading capacity of **Rokhia Project** and **Gumti Hydro Electric Project**.

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- The **Western Railway General Stores Depot (GSD)** has become the **first in Indian Railways** to opened a **heritage gallery of the printing and allied machines**.
- **Kaiga Atomic Energy station (Karnataka)** sets a **World Record** in **continuous operation of 962 days** by **Unit-1 of Kaiga Generating Station (KGS-1)**.
- **Kargil veteran Lt Col Dr Samir Rawat** has been invited as an eminent keynote speaker at the **32nd International Congress of Psychology 2020 (ICP)** in **Prague**.

### States in the News

- **Raksha Mantri** inaugurated the **1 kilometre long Ujh bridge** in **Kathua district** and **617.40 Metre long Basantarbridge** in **Samba district of Jammu & Kashmir**. **1 Km long Ujh bridge is the longest bridge** constructed by **Border Roads Organisation(BRO)**.
- **Telangana Government** and the **World Economic Forum's Centre for the 4th Industrial Revolution Network** announced that they are set to launch an **innovative project** to deliver **emergency medical supplies** such as blood and vaccines via drones. This pilot project, called **Medicine from the Sky**, will run in partnership with the State Government and HealthNet Global Limited.
- The number of **districts** in **Tamil Nadu** will go up to **35** as the government has carve out **Tenkasi district from Tirunelveli district** and **Chengalpet district from Kancheepuram district**.
- Researchers discovered **Dracaena cambodiana**, a **dragon-tree species** which has been reported for the **first time in India**, in the **Dongka Sarpo area of West Karbi Anglong district in Assam**.
- **Chief Minister of odisha Naveen Patnaik** has launched the **revamped website of Odisha Tourism, odishatourism.gov.in** for **promoting state brands Boyanika and Utkalika**.
- **Gujarat** ranks on top in the installation of **rooftop solar projects** with an installed capacity of **261.97 megawatts**.
- **Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh** launched the statewide tree plantation programme '**Clean-Green Arunachal Campaign 2019**' in **Itanagar**.

### International Affairs

- **U.S. space agency NASA** prepares to send "**first woman and next man**" on **Moon** as part of its ambitious **Artemis programme** in **2024**.
- **Andhra Pradesh** has become the **first state in the country** to reserve **75% private jobs for locals**. The Andhra Pradesh Assembly passed the **Andhra Pradesh Employment of Local Candidates in Industries/Factories Act, 2019**.

- **Scientists in Bangladesh** have developed a method to **convert Jute fibre into low cost bio-degradable cellulose sheets** named "**Sonali**".
- The **Non Aligned movement** ministerial meeting was held in **Caracas, Venezuela**. **India's** Permanent Representative to the **UN Ambassador Syed Akbaruddin** represented India in the meeting.
- Beijing-based startup "**Interstellar Glory Space Technology**" also known as **iSpace** successfully launched the **china's first commercial rocket**.
- **Pakistan** announced that it will send its **first astronaut** to space in **2022**. It will be using close ally China's satellite launching facilities to execute the mission.

### Agreements/MoUs Signed

- **Life Insurance Corporation** of India has agreed to offer **Rs 1.25 trillion Line of Credit** by **2024**, to fund highway projects under **Bharatmala project**.
- **L&T Technology Services** has been selected as a strategic partner by **United Technologies Corporation** for **Collins Aerospace**, a subsidiary of UTC.
- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and JCB International have launched **RuPay JCB Global Cards**.
- The **Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)** and **National Institute for Medical Statistics (NIMS)**, in partnership with global nonprofit organisation Population Council, launched the **National Data Quality Forum (NDQF)**.
- The **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** has announced that Bengaluru-based education and learning app **Byju's**, as the official Team India sponsor.

### Books and Authors

- The coffee table book titled '**Fire and Fury Corps - Saga of Valour, Fortitude and Sacrifice**', was released by Northern Army Commander Lieutenant General Ranbir Singh.
- PM Narendra Modi releases book "**Chandra Shekhar - The Last Icon of Ideological Politics**" is written by Deputy Chairman in the Rajya Sabha, **Harivansh** and **Ravi Dutt Bajpai**.

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### Banking/Economy/Business News

- "**Inter-Ministerial Committee**" on **legality of cryptocurrencies** and **blockchain** has submitted its report to the Finance Ministry. The **committee** was set up under the **Chairmanship** of Economic Affairs Secretary **Subhash Chandra Garg** in 2017.
- **Reserve Bank of India** has assigned deputy governor **B.P. Kanungo** to run the **monetary policy portfolio** and **forecasting department**. After the exit of Viral Acharya, **Kanungo** has become the **6th member of the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee**.
- The **International Monetary Fund** has lowered its annual **growth forecast for India** from **7.3% to 7%** in financial year **2019-20**.
- **Apple** has announced the acquisition of chip-maker **Intel's smartphone** modem business for **\$1 billion**.

### Appointments/Resignations

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the appointment of **Ajay Bhadoo** as **Joint Secretary** to **President** Ram Nath Kovind. Bhadoo, a Gujarat batch IAS officer is currently serving as the Vadodara Municipal Commissioner.
- **Boris Johnson** will replace Theresa May as **Britain's next Prime Minister**.
- **Lalji Tandon** will replace Anandiben Patel as **governor of Madhya Pradesh**.
- **Anandiben Patel** will replace Ram Naik as **governor of Uttar Pradesh**.
- **Jagdeep Dhankhar** will replace Keshari Nath Tripathi as **governor of West Bengal**.
- **Phagu Chuhan** will replace Lalji Tandon as **governor of Bihar**.
- **R.N. Ravi** will replace P.B. Acharya as **governor of Nagaland**.
- **Ramesh Bais** will replace Kaptan Singh Solanki as **governor of Tripura**.
- Lieutenant-General **M.M. Naravane**, has been appointed as the **next Vice-Chief of the Army Staff**. He will replace Lt. Gen. D. Anbu. He is currently serving as General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Army Command.
- Pakistan Cricket Board's chairman **Ehsan Mani** has been appointed as the **head of the ICC's influential Finance and Commercial Affairs committee**.
- The U.S. Senate confirmed former soldier **Mark Esper** as **Secretary of Defence**, filling America's longest-ever **Pentagon leadership** vacuum as Washington faces mounting tensions with Iran.
- The Table Tennis Federation of India (**TTFI**) has appointed the **Canadian Dejan Papic** as the **head coach of the Indian table tennis** team.
- **Priti Patel** has been appointed as **Britain's Home Secretary** in the newly-unveiled Boris Johnson Cabinet and has all become the Britain's **first Indian-origin Home Secretary**.

- **Ajay Kumar Bhalla** has been appointed **Officer on Special Duty (OSD)** to the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- **Sunil Kumar** has been given additional charge of chairman and managing director of the **Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL)**.
- The leader of the Congress party in Lok Sabha, **Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury** was appointed as the **Chairman** of the **Public Accounts Committee (PAC)**.
- **Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC)** led by **World Cup-winning former captain Kapil Dev** entrusted with the responsibility of **selecting India's new coach**.

### Defence News

- The **Indian Navy commissioned** its new **Dornier Aircraft Squadron** in **Chennai**. This is Indian Navy's **5th Dornier Aircraft squadron**.
- The **Indian armed forces** are all set to conduct the country's first-ever simulated space warfare exercise "**IndSpaceEx**".
- **Defence Minister** launched **dashboard of Department Defence Production (DDP)**, Ministry of Defence to keep track of the major components of **Defence Production**, including **defence exports**, defence offsets, Intellectual Property Rights and **Mission Raksha Gyan Shakti**.
- The **Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)** launched an online encyclopedia called **Securitypedia** and also launched customised video interface for its personnel called **CISFTube**.

### Awards and Recognitions

- Vocalist **S. Sowmya** has been chosen for the **Sangita Kalanidhi award** of the Music Academy. The Sangita Kalanidhi and other music awards will be conferred on the awardees at the Sadas of Music festival, on January 1, 2020.
- **Mohan Bagan club** to confer **awards** in Various Disciplines. The Awardees are: **Mohan Bagan Ratan: Keshav Dutt** (Hockey) & **Prasun Banerjee** (Football), **Lifetime Achievement award: Ashok Chatterjee** (Football), **Best Football Player for the season 2018-19: Arijit Bagui** (Football).

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- Kerala Minister of Tourism presented the inaugural **Nishagandhi Sangeetha Puraskaram** to musicians **Parassala B. Ponnammal** and **T V. Gopalakrishnan** in the Nishagandhi Monsoon Ragas Music Festival.
- **3rd Edition of the CSR Journal Excellence Awards** honoured 6 firms for the best practices in Corporate Social Responsibility. The **theme** of the event was '**India First**'.

### Summit and Conference

- **Lucknow** will host the **11th biennial edition of DefExpo** from February 5 to 8, 2020. The focus of the Expo will be on "Digital transformation of defence". The **main theme** of DefExpo India-2020 will be "**India: the emerging defence manufacturing hub**".
- The **International Police Expo 2019** was held at Pragati Maidan, in **New Delhi**. It focused on everything related to police forces, their welfare and fitness, also showcases the latest equipment required for safety and protection of society.

### Ranks and Reports

- **Reliance Industries Ltd** has replaced Indian Oil Corporation to become the **highest-ranking Indian firm on the Fortune Global 500 list**.

### Sports News

- The Britain swimmer **Adam Peaty** has break the world record in the **men's 100 metre breaststroke** at the **World Championships in Gwangju**, South Korea. He smashed the previous record of 57.10 seconds that was set by him at last year's European Championships, after winning the semi finals in 56.88 seconds.
- Indian sprinter **Hima Das** extended her sensational run by claiming her **fifth gold** of the month as she returned to her pet **400m competition** with a season-best time of 52.09 seconds in Nove Mesto, **Czech Republic**.
- **Shiva Thapa** became **India's first gold-medallist** in the newly-introduced Olympic **category of 63kg** at the **President's Cup** boxing tournament after getting a walkover in the finals in Astana, Kazakhstan.
- Indian bodybuilder **Ravinder Kumar Malik** has clinched **Mr. South Asia title**. He has crowned the overall champion at 12th South Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championship in Kathmandu.
- **Shooting Junior World Cup**, **Aishwarya Pratap Singh Tomar** clinched **gold** with a junior world record in the final of **rifle 3-position event** in Suhl Germany.
- **Japan's Akane Yamaguchi** wins **Indonesia Open BWF Tour Super 1000 tournament** held in Jakarta, Indonesia. She defeated India's **P.V. Sindhu** in the title clash by 21-15, 21-16



- Filipino legend **Manny Pacquiao** claimed the **WBA welterweight championship** after scoring a split-decision win **against Keith Thurman**. He ended the American Keith Thurman's undefeated run at the MGM Grand
- Irishman **Shane Lowry** wins **British Open** to claim his 1st major golfing title at Royal Portrush.
- American tennis player **John Isner** wins **Hall of Fame Tennis Championships** title in **Newport, Rhode Island**.
- **Abhay Singh** of **Tamil Nadu** and **Tanvi Khanna** clinched the **men's** and **women's titles** respectively in the 6th **Bengal Open squash tournament**.
- **Virat Kohli** maintains **number one spot** in **ICC Test Rankings**.
- **Kristof Milak** shattered **Michael Phelps'** long-standing world record in the **200 metres butterfly** at the **World Aquatics Championships in Gwangju**.
- The **BCCI** has approved the **Indian Cricketers Association (ICA)** which is only open to former men and women cricketers.
- **Caeleb Dressel** destroyed **Michael Phelps's** World record in the **100 metres butterfly** at the **World Aquatics Championships 2019 in Gwangju**.
- **Chandigarh** received affiliation from the **Board of Control for Cricket in India(BCCI)** after nearly **four decades**.

### Important Days

- **India** celebrates **23 July** every year as the "**National Broadcasting day**".
- The Central Board of Direct Taxes (**CBDT**) celebrating the **159th Income Tax Day (AaykarDiwas)** on **24th July**.
- **India** remembers its brave hearts on **26 July** which is celebrated as **Kargil Vijay Diwas**. This year nation is celebrating the 20 years of victory in Kargil war.

### Obituaries

- Lok Janshakti Party MP from **Bihar's Samastipur Ram Chandra Paswan passed away**. Ramchandra was a four-time MP and was first time elected to the Lok Sabha in 1999 from Bihar's Rosera (SC) constituency.
- Australian **tennis champion Peter McNamara** passed away.
- **International Atomic Energy Agency** chief **Yukiya Amano** who oversaw Iran deal passes away.
- Former **Chinese premier** and chairman of the National People's Congress Standing Committee, **Li Peng passed away**.
- Dutch film actor **Rutger Hauer**, who specialized in menacing roles including a memorable turn as a murderous android in 'Blade Runner', **passed away**.
- **Tunisia's** President **Beji Caid Essebsi**, the first democratically elected leader of the North African country passed away. He was the **world's oldest sitting president**.



### Miscellaneous News

- **JATAN: Virtual Museum software** has been developed by **Human Centres Design and Computing Group, C-DAC, Pune, Maharashtra** for the **Digitization of Archaeological Museum**.
- Union Cabinet has approved the merger of **National Institute of Miners' Health** with **Indian Council of Medical Research** and **National Institute of Occupational Health**.
- **'CARE4U' the android-based app** which will connect the caregiver to the elderly person. The app has been built by an interdisciplinary team of the institute of **IIT Kharagpur**.

### Static Takeaways

- PM of Nepal: **K P Sharma Oli**; Capital of Nepal: **Kathmandu**; President of Nepal: **Bidhya Devi Bhandari**; Currency of Nepal: **Nepalese rupee**
- PM of Kazakhstan : **Askar Mamin**; Capital of Kazakhstan: **Nur-Sultan**; Currency of Kazakhstan: **Kazakhstani Tenge**
- The **International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL)**: **Lyon, France**
- Defence Minister of India: **Rajnath Singh**
- CM of Tamil Nadu: **E.K. Palaniswami**; Governor of Tamil Nadu: **Banwarilal Purohit**; Capital of Tamil Nadu: **Chennai**.
- CM of Telangana: **K Chandrashekhar Rao**; Capital of Telangana: **Hyderabad**; Governor of Telangana: **ESL Narasimhan**.
- Union Defence Minister: **Rajnath Singh**.
- ISRO Director: **K. Sivan**; Headquarters: **Bengaluru**; Established in: **1969**.
- Chandrayaan-1 was launched by ISRO on **October 22, 2008** from **Sriharikot**.
- Mohun Bagan Club Established in: **1889**; President of Mohun Bagan Club: **Mr. Gitanath Ganguly**.
- CM of Andhra Pradesh: **Y S Jaganmohan Reddy**; Governor of Andhra Pradesh: **Biswabhusan Harichandan**.

- Headquarters of NASA: Washington DC USA; Founded: 29 July 1958; Administrator of NASA: Jim Bridenstine.
- Chief of the Army Staff: General Bipin Rawat.
- CEO of Larsen & Toubro Infotech Ltd: Sanjay Jalona.
- Chairman of LIC : M R Kumar.
- Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways: Nitin Jairam Gadkari.
- PM of Bangladesh: Sheikh Hasina; Capital of Bangladesh : Dhaka; Currency of Bangladesh: Taka.
- Chief of the Naval Staff: Admiral Karambir Singh.
- Governor of RBI: Shaktikant Das; Headquarters: Mumbai, Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata.
- China Capital: Beijing; Currency: Renminbi.
- President of Squash Rackets Federation of India: Debendranath Sarangi.
- Chairman of CBDT: Pramod Chandra Mody.
- Director General of Archaeological Survey of India: Usha Sharma.
- Minister of Defence: Raj Nath Singh.
- Acting MD of IMF: David Lipton; Headquarters: Washington DC, USA.
- President of Table Tennis Federation of India: Dushyant Chautala.
- President of USA: Donald Trump; Capital of the USA: Washington DC.
- Chairman of ICC : Shashank Manohar; Headquarter of ICC: Dubai, UAE.
- CEO of NPCI: Dilip Asbe; Established in: 2008.
- CEO of JCB International: Takao Kawanishi; Established in: 1961.
- Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy: Raj Kumar Singh.
- The 13th edition of ICC Cricket World Cup will be held in India from February 9 to March 26, 2023.
- Union Information and Broadcasting Minister: Prakash Javadekar.
- Founder of Reliance Industries Ltd: Dhirubhai Ambani; CEO of Reliance Industries Ltd: Mukesh Ambani.
- Union Minister of Home Affairs: Amit Shah.
- Capital of Assam: Dispur; CM of Assam: Sarbananda Sonowal; Governor of Assam: Jagdish Mukhi.
- Minister for Tourism of Kerala: Kadakampally Surendran; CM of Kerala: Pinarayi Vijayan; Governor of Kerala: P. Sathasivam.
- President of Asian Development Bank : Takehiko Nakao; Headquarters: Manila, Philippines.

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