

Weekly One Liners : 15th to 21st October

National

- The government has announced **100 crore rupee** award for states that would complete the household electrification early under the **Saubhagaya scheme**.
- **An ATM for deposit and withdrawal of money for cryptocurrencies** has been installed in **Bengaluru's Kemp Fort Mall** by virtual currency exchange **Unocoin**.
- **Union Minister for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi** unfurled **India's highest tricolour on the terrace of the majestic Haj House in Mumbai**. The national flag measured **20x30 feet and stood 350 feet above the ground level**.
- **India and Tanzania** signed **two MoUs** in presence of External Affairs Minister **Sushma Swaraj** and Tanzanian Foreign Minister **Dr. Augustine Mahiga**. The MoUs are between **Foreign Service Institute of India and Centre for Foreign Relation, Tanzania** and **National Research Development Corporation and Tanzania Industrial Research and Development Corporation**.
- India and Japan will hold the **first-ever joint military exercise 'DHARMA GUARDIAN-2018'** involving the Indian Army and Japan Ground Self Defence Force in Mizoram, India.
- **Uttar Pradesh Cabinet** led by **CM Yogi Adityanath** has approved the proposal to rename **Allahabad, which will be called Prayagraj** with immediate effect.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** dedicated the **National Police Memorial (NPM)** to the nation in **New Delhi**. It has been built in recognition of the supreme sacrifice made by police personnel since independence.

International

- **India and China** have launched their **first joint programme for Afghanistan to train its diplomats**.
- **Canada** has become the **second country after Uruguay** to legalize possession and use of recreational cannabis.
- **The Druk Nyamrup Tshogpa (DNT)** will form **new government in Bhutan**. The party has won 30 seats in 47 member National Assembly, the lower house of the parliament.
- European and Japanese space agencies stated that an **Ariane 5** rocket successfully lifted a spacecraft carrying two probes into orbit for a joint mission to **Mercury**, the closest planet to the sun.

Appointments/Resignations

- **Priyank Kanoongo** appointed to the post of **Chairperson, National Commission for**

Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) in the rank and pay of Secretary to the Government of India for a period of 03 years.

- **Nimesh Shah, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund**, has been elected as **Chairman of trade body, Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI)**. **Shah has replaced A Balasubramanian**.
- Online financial services marketplace **BankBazaar** has appointed former RBI Deputy Governor (DG) **S S Mundra** as an advisor to the company.
- **Former editor MJ Akbar** has resigned from his post of **Minister of State for External Affairs** amid sexual harassment allegations against him by over sixteen female journalists.
- **JSW Steel CMD Sajjan Jindal** was elected as the **Treasurer of the World Steel Association (worldsteel)**. The association has also appointed **Tata Steel MD TV Narendran** and **ArcelorMittal Chief LN Mittal** as its members.



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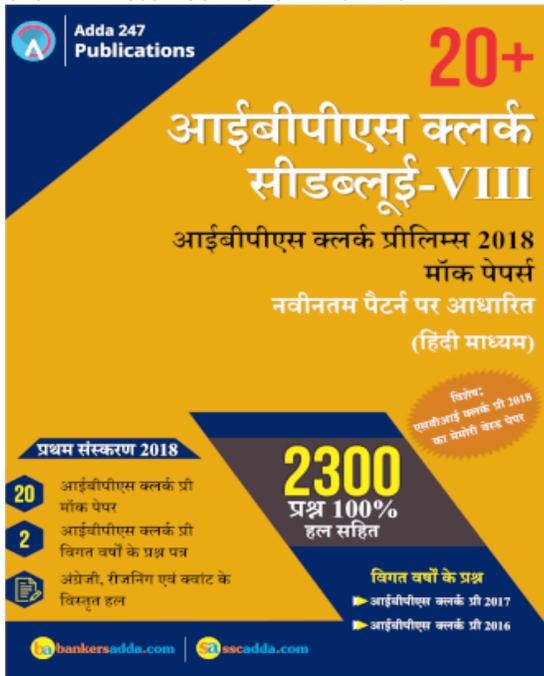
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Summits

- **The Minister of State for Commerce & Industry and Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution C. R. Chaudhary**, attended the **6th RCEP Inter-Sessional Ministerial Meeting (IMM)** in **Singapore**.
- The sixth meeting of the **UAE - India High Level Joint Task Force on Investments** ('the Joint Task Force') was held in **Mumbai** to review the progress being made in addressing the agreed actions of the previous meeting held in Abu Dhabi in January 2018.
- **Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu** is in **Brussels, Belgium** to attend the **12th Asia Europe Meeting (ASEM) summit**. Mr Naidu will lead the Indian delegation at the two-day Summit. The theme of this

year's ASEM Summit is "Global Partners for Global Challenges".

- India will host the fourth edition of Global Partners' Forum in December 2018 in New Delhi.



	Active Society Commission's Grant Award		
7	Wildlife Photographer of the Year award in 10 Years and Under category	Arshdeep Singh	for the picture titled 'Pipe Owls'
8	the Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2018	Marsel van Oosten	For the picture titled 'The Golden Couple'
9	Carnot Prize	Piyush Goyal	for his work for rural electrification
10	US' Presidential Medal	Minal Patel Davis	for her work against sex slavery and labor exploitation

Awards

Sl. No.	Name of The Award	To	For
1	UN Food and Agriculture Organisation's (FAO) Future Policy Award 2018	Sikkim	for being the world's first 100% organic state
2	8th Social Entrepreneur of the Year award 2018	Prema Gopalan	for her work in promoting women's entrepreneurship
3	'Vimala V Pai Vishwa' Konkani best book award	H M Pernal	'Beeg Ani Beegath', a collection of short stories
4	Man Booker Prize 2018	Anna Burns	For novel 'Milkman'
5	Hridaynath Award for Lifetime Achievement	Mohammed Zahur Khayyam Hashmi	_____
6	International Olympic Committee's Sport and	Suheil F. Tandon	for his contribution to sports for development

Banking/Business/Economy News

- The RBI permitted banks to use government securities equal to their incremental outstanding credit to NBFCs, over and above their outstanding credit to them as on October 19, to be used to meet liquidity coverage ratio requirements.
- Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries** made it official that it is entering a strategic investment partnership with **Den Networks Limited and Hathway Cable and Datacom Limited**.
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) Ltd's** quarterly earnings from the financial sector have edged past that of Accenture Plc, making company the **world's largest pure-play information technology (IT)** and consulting firm servicing megabanks and insurers.
- The RBI has released operational guidelines to facilitate payments among **prepaid instruments (PPI)** such as mobile wallets. **According to the notification**, inter-operability among mobile wallets, and between bank account and e-wallet would be enabled through the UPI system.
- Inflation-based **wholesale prices** rose to a two-month high of **5.13%** in September, mainly due to the hardening of **food prices and the rise in the cost of petrol and diesel**. The **Wholesale Price Index (WPI)**-based inflation stood at 4.53% in August and 3.14% in September last year.
- The government has increased the rate of interest for **General Provident Fund (GPF)** and other related schemes by **0.4% points to 8% for the October-December quarter**.
- IFC, International Finance Corporation**, the World Bank's lending arm, has launched its **\$1 billion** masala

bond programme in the **US and Europe**. These bonds are aimed at funding the rapidly expanding investment activities of IFC in India.

Ranks and Reports

- **Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare** has released an 12th edition of *Analytical Report of the National Health Profile 2018*. The report was prepared by the **Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI)**.
- **The World Economic Forum** released the **Global Competitiveness Report 2018**. According to the report, **India has jumped five spots to become the 58th most competitive economy** on the Global Competitiveness Index 2018 (GCI 4.0). **The United States topped the list**.
- India has secured **ninth rank** out of top 50 valuable national brands, according to a report titled '**Nation Brands 2018**' released by **Brand Finance**, a leading brand valuation and strategy consultancy. **The US** topped the list with a brand value of **\$25,899 billion** which rose by 23% from last year.

Sports

Asian Para Games 2018 Concludes: Complete Highlights

- **Venue: Jakarta, Indonesia.**
- **Mascot: Momo.**
- **India recorded its best-ever medal haul at the Asian Para Games by ending the 2018 edition with 72 medals (15 gold, 24 silver, and 33 bronze medals).**
- **China (with 172 Gold, 88 Silver and 59 Bronze) topped the medal tally.**

Youth Olympic Games 2018

- **Venue: Buenos Aires.**
- **Mascot: Pandi.**
- **Akash Malik** became India's first silver-medallist in archery at the Youth Olympic Games, providing a fitting finale to the country's best-ever.
- **Suraj Panwar won India's first medal in athletics at the Youth Olympic Games 2018** after claiming the **silver medal in the men's 5000m race walk** event.

- Indian tennis legend **Leander Paes** has won his second Challenger-level title of the season, lifting the **Santo Domingo Open trophy** with partner **Miguel Angel Reyes-Varela**.
- **In Hockey, Great Britain lifted the 2018 Sultan of Johor Cup**. In Johor Bahru, Malaysia, Great Britain defeated India in the final.
- **Professional Boxer Canelo Alvarez** has signed the **largest contract in the history of sport**, agreeing a five-year, **11-fight deal worth at least \$365 million** with streaming service **DAZN**.

- **World Wrestling Championship** has begun in **Budapest, Hungary**. Asian Games gold medallist **Bajrang Punia** will be India's best bet for a medal as a 30-member team.

Important Days

Day	Celebrated On	Theme
Rashtriya Mahila Kisan Diwas	15 October	_____
International Day of Rural Women	15 October	"Sustainable infrastructure, services and social protection for gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls"
World Food Day	16 October	"Our Actions Are Our Future"
International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	17 October	"Coming together with those furthest behind to build an inclusive world of universal respect for human rights and dignity"



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Obituaries

- **Paul Allen, who co-founded Microsoft in 1975** passed away aged 65 after battling cancer.
- **Environmentalist G.D. Agarwal**, who was on a fast for the last 111 days demanding a clean Ganga, died after a heart attack in Rishikesh, Uttarakhand.

- **Former Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand, N D Tiwari**, passed away after a prolonged stint of hospitalization in New Delhi.

Miscellaneous News

- **Union Minister of State for Textiles, Ajay Tamta**, inaugurated the **46th edition of world's largest IHGF-Delhi Fair** at India Expo Centre & Mart at Greater Noida.
- An emergency action plan has been implemented in the national capital to **combat air pollution** that has begun to show a trend towards poor category.
- **Union Minister of Textiles, Smriti Zubin Irani**, inaugurated the **6th edition of India International Silk Fair (IISF)** in New Delhi. Minister of State for Textiles, **Ajay Tamta** was also present on the occasion.
- **IRCTC has launched a new AI-based assistant, 'Ask Disha'** for its website. This new assistant will be prompt in answering generic queries about most frequently asked questions on the ticket booking platform.
- **Minister of state for culture, Mahesh Sharma and Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, Hardeep Singh Puri** jointly laid the foundation stone for proposed **Museum on Prime Ministers of India** at Teen Murti Estate, New Delhi.
- The government launched a national campaign '**Swasth Bharat Yatra**' on the **World Food Day (16th October)** under which a pan-India cycle rally is being organized to sensitise people about eating safe food and be healthy. It was announced by the FSSAI chief executive Pawan Kumar Agarwal.
- **Four Himalayan peaks** near **Gangotri glacier** of **Uttarkashi** district have been named after former Prime Minister **Atal Bihari Vajpayee**. Located near Sudarshan and Saifi peaks in Raktvan valley, the peaks have been named **Atal-1, 2, 3 and 4**.

Books and Authors

- **Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu** released a **biography of late Anumolu Ramakrishna**, a pioneer in the application of innovative systems and construction techniques in the Indian construction sector. The biography titled '**Building a Legacy**' is authored by **Chartered Accountant V Pattabhi Ram**.

- A new book on **Maharana Pratap** named "**Maharana Pratap: The Invincible Warrior**" authored by historian Rima Hooja has been released.

