

Weekly One Liners 28th January to 3rd February

National Affairs

- India's fastest indigenous train which will run from Delhi to Varanasi has been named as Vande Bharat Express. Its previous name was Train 18.
- The all-women Assam Rifles contingent created history this year by participating for the first time in a Republic Day (26th January) parade.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated Kochi Refinery project and IOCL LPG Bottling Plant to the Nation in Kochi, Kerala.
- Union Minister for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi stated that GST on Haj has been reduced from 18% to 5% and this will significantly lower the airfare thus saving Haj pilgrims' 113 crore rupees this year.
- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has announced "Jiban Sampark" project in partnership with UNICEF India to generate awareness about the development and welfare initiatives of state government among the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups of the state.
- A 5.1-km long cable-stayed "Atal Setu" on the Mandovi river in Goa, a third such bridge to connect the state capital with North Goa, was opened to the public by Union Minister Nitin Gadkari.
- India and China have signed the protocol for exports of Indian tobacco leaves to China.
- In commemoration of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi dedicated grand and iconic 'National Salt Satyagraha Memorial' constructed by the Central Public Works Department at Dandi, Gujarat to the Nation.
- Uttar Pradesh state cabinet has approved construction of a four-lane Ganga Expressway connecting Prayagraj to Western Utter Pradesh which would cost about 36,000 crore rupees.
- Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has launched the National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP) to attract talent and strengthen higher agricultural education in the country.
- The Civil Aviation ministry launched the country's first Geographical Indication (GI) store at Dabolim International Airport in Goa.
- The Punjab government approved a rural development scheme worth Rs 384.40 crore to supplement the ongoing works to build village infrastructure and provide essential amenities.

International Affairs

- The Pakistan government declared sugarcane juice as the "national drink" of the country.
- Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte along with UN representative has launched Africa Centre for Climate and Sustainable development. The new center is located

near the Food and Agriculture Organization headquarters in Rome.

- In Britain, lawmakers voted in favor of an amendment in BREXIT plan seeking alternative arrangements to replace the Irish border arrangement known as the Irish backstop.
- The central banks of the UAE and Saudi Arabia have launched a common digital currency called "Aber", which will be used in financial settlements between the two countries through Blockchains and Distributed Ledgers technologies.
- The United Nations announced 2019 as the International Year of the Periodic Table of the Chemical Elements to highlight its first publication in 1869.

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Schemes and Committees

- Insurance Regulatory Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has set up a panel headed by Praveen Kutumbe, to identify domestically systematically important insurers (SIIs) and an augmented regulatory framework is logically established in this regard.
- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath announced the launch of the 'Yuva Swabhiman Yojana' for youths from the economically weaker sections in urban areas.
- The Kerala government has floated a 'Pravasi Dividend Pension Scheme' to provide regular pension to Non-Resident Keralites on a one-time payment of Rs 5 lakh. Governor P. Sathasivam announced the scheme during his address to the state Assembly.
- K.J. Alphons, Union Minister for Tourism has inaugurated the first project under the Swadesh Darshan Project of the Union Ministry of Tourism at the Zero Point, Gangtok, Sikkim.
- Employees' Provident Fund Organisation has notified three new committees on Finance, Investment and Audit Committee (FIAC), the Pension and EDLI

Implementation Committee (PEIC) and the Exempted Establishments' Committee (EEC).

- On the recommendation of Cabinet Secretary P K Sinha, the government constituted a committee under the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) to explore prepaid payments by state electricity distribution companies to power plants.

Appointments/Resignations

- Suman Kumari has become the first Hindu woman to have been appointed as a civil judge in Pakistan after passing an examination for induction of judicial officers.
- Poonam Khetrapal Singh has been appointed Regional Director for World Health Organization South-East Asia, for a second five-year term.
- Kerala based private sector lender Federal Bank has appointed Dilip Sadarangani as the part-time chairman.
- Lt Gen Rajeev Chopra assumed the appointment of Director General of NCC (DGNCC).
- Ministry of External Affairs announced that Sanjiv Ranjan has been appointed as new Ambassador to the Republic of Colombia.
- Yes bank Senior group President and head of retail and business banking, Pralay Mondal resigned from his post.

Defence

- Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) announced entering into agreements worth \$93 million this for providing Naval Medium Range Surface-to-Air Missile (MRSAM) systems to India.
- The Defence Acquisitions Council, DAC chaired by Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman approved indigenous construction of six submarines worth 40 thousand crore rupees.

Awards and Recognitions

- "Black Panther" took home the top award for best performance by a cast in a motion picture at the 2019 Screen Actors Guild Awards.
- Assam government has conferred the Republic Day Journalism Award 2019 to veteran journalist and former editor Dharendra Nath Chakraborty.
- The Bharat Ratna Awardees in 2019 are- Pranab Mukherjee, Bhupen Hazarika (Posthumously), Nanaji Deshmukh (Posthumously).
- India received the Award of Excellence for 'Best in Show' at the New York Times Travel Show 2019, the largest travel show in North America.

Ranks and Reports

- India 6th in European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Readiness Index: CISCO
- India has replaced Japan as the world's 2nd largest steel producing country, while China is the largest producer of

crude steel, accounting for more than 51% of production, according to the World Steel Association.

- Dubai International Airport (DXB) retained its position as the world's busiest airport for international customer numbers for the fifth consecutive year with annual traffic for 2018.
- India has been ranked in Bloomberg's 2019 list of most innovative countries in the world - 2019 Bloomberg Innovation Index - for the first time ever. India has grabbed the 54th spot with a score of 47.93 out of 100 in the Innovation Index of 60 economies. South Korea has topped the Index.
- Transparency International has released the Global Corruption Index 2018. India rose by 3 points to 78 in the list of 180 countries in the world with a score of 41.
- As per the National Sample Survey Office's (NSSO's) periodic labor force survey (PLFS) India's unemployment rate hit a 45 year high of 6.1% in 2017-18.



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Banking/Economy/Business News

- SBI Card and Etihad Guest, the loyalty programme of Etihad Airways, have joined hands to launch a travel-specific Visa credit card for members and Indian travellers.
- The Reserve Bank of India has stated that it will inject Rs 37,500 crore into the system through the purchase of government securities in February to increase liquidity.
- Reserve Bank of India has released a data on "Census on Foreign Liabilities and Assets of Indian Direct Investment Companies, 2017-18" which shows that the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) has increased 18% to Rs. 28.25 lakh crore in FY18.
- 'Kisan Suvidha loan' for small and marginal farmers has been launched by Ujjivan Small Finance Bank.
- Paytm has launched hotel bookings on its platform and acquired Night Stay, which offers deals on last-minute bookings at luxury hotels, as the Alibaba-backed

payments and e-commerce company expands its travel business.

- Bank of India, Bank of Maharashtra and Oriental Bank of Commerce have been allowed to exit the PCA framework fully.

- Former Defence Minister George Fernandes passed away in Delhi at the age of 88.
- Former Planning Commission member and ex-director of IIMC Hiten Bhaya passed away in Delhi. Bhaya was 98.

Sports News

- Indonesia Masters Title 2019: Anders Antonsen won the men's singles title and Saina Nehwal won the women's singles title.
- Australian Open 2019: Novak Djokovic from Serbia won the Men's Singles event and Naomi Osaka of Japan won the Women's singles event.
- West Indies captain Jason Holder has become the first player from the country in 45 years to top the list of all-rounders in the International Cricket Council Test Player Rankings.
- India's Kartik Sharma won the New South Wales men's Amateur Golf Championship in Australia.
- Nepal batsman Rohit Paudel has become the youngest male cricketer to score an international fifty at the age of 16 years and 146 days, breaking Sachin Tendulkar's previous mark.
- French sailor Jean-Luc Van Den Heede has won the round-the-world yacht race after 212 days alone at sea without modern instruments.
- India captain Mithali Raj has become the first woman cricketer to play 200 ODIs, adding another achievement to her illustrious career.
- Qatar defeated four-time champions Japan 3-1 in the final to win their first ever Asian Cup.
- Midfielder Ki Sung-yueng has announced his retirement from the South Korean national team.
- Golfer Vani Kapoor has become the first Indian to grab Australian Ladies PGA Tour (LPGA) after securing 12th Rank tied with three others in the first-ever qualifying tournament at the Ballarat Golf Club in Australia.
- The INS Dronacharya team won the Regatta trophy in the Kochi Area Pulling Regatta 2019 of the Southern Naval Command (SNC) held in the Ernakulam Channel.

Important Days

- The Council of Europe had launched a Data Protection Day to be celebrated each year on 28 January.
- 30th January is celebrated as World Leprosy Eradication Day which stresses the need of eradicating the disease. Theme: 'ending discrimination, stigma, and prejudice'.
- World Wetlands Day is celebrated every year on the 2nd of February to raise global awareness on the value of wetlands for humanity and the planet. Theme: 'Wetlands and Climate Change'.

Obituaries

- Oscar-winning French composer Michel Legrand has passed away aged 86.

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Miscellaneous News

- The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Ropar, has developed an app Roshni that would help the Visually Impaired to recognise currency notes.
- As a new initiative in sync with the Digital India campaign of the Government, Ministry of Defence had launched a mobile app 'RDP India 2019' on the Republic Day, with the intent of making available the highlights of the Republic Day event.
- Bharat Fritz Werner Ltd (BFW), a Bengaluru-based machining solution provider, has partnered with Universal Robots, a Danish robot maker and a leader in collaborative robots, to co-create robots for MSME sector.
- The Oxford Dictionaries announced 'Nari Shakti' as the Hindi Word of the Year. The Hindi Word of the Year chosen every year, reflects the conversations, ethos of a particular year.
- Uttarakhand's first tulip garden will come up over 50 hectares of forest land in Pithoragarh district at a cost of Rs 50 crore.
- Scientists have developed an artificial pancreas smartphone app that will help in regulating blood sugar levels in diabetes patients.
- The Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) has been renamed as the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade with a mandate to deal with matters related to start-ups, facilitating ease of doing business among others.