

Weekly One Liners 22th to 28st April 2019

National Affairs

- The Indian Army has started the process of inducting women as jawans by starting their online registration for recruitment in the corps of military police.
- The Indian Council of Medical Research has launched the 'Malaria Elimination Research Alliance (MERA) India which is a conglomeration of partners working on malaria control in order to eliminate the disease from India by 2030.



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International Affairs

- Volodymyr Zelenskiy, an actor and comedian has won a landslide victory in Ukraine's presidential election.
- Asian Tea Alliance (ATA), a union of five tea-growing and consuming countries, was launched in Guizhou, China.
- The London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) has announced the creation of the Amartya Sen Chair (Professorship) in Inequality Studies, named in honour of the India-born economist, philosopher, and Nobel laureate.

- For the year 2019, Sharjah, UAE has been declared as the World Book Capital
- Russia has successfully tested the world's first floating nuclear power plant (NPP), Akademik Lomonosov, a subsidiary of Rosatom nuclear corporation stated.
- Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has announced that he would name a new community in the Golan Heights after US President Donald Trump.
- Indonesia has released a special commemorative stamp on the theme of Ramayana to mark the 70th anniversary of the establishment of its diplomatic ties with India.
- The world's first-ever malaria vaccine RTS, S, was launched in a pilot project in Africa's Malawi.
- Kazakhstan has set up Coordinating Council for attracting foreign investments including from India.
- Iran and Pakistan have agreed to set up a joint border "reaction force" to combat the attacks by militant groups on both sides their frontier.
- Zoologists at Trinity College Dublin have discovered two new bird species named as the Wakatobi white-eye and the Wangi-Wangi white-eye in the Wakatobi Archipelago of Sulawesi, Indonesia.

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- India's largest IT services company, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), has partnered with the Department of Posts in a bid to transform it into a multi-service digital hub.
- BSE has entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Network Intelligence, to provide cybersecurity

services to its members in line with the cybersecurity framework set by SEBI.

- The Ministry of AYUSH inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) for cooperation in research and education in areas of traditional systems of medicine and its integration with modern science.
- Bajaj Allianz General Insurance and Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance in collaboration launched their first product 'Total Health Secure Goal'.
- Indian Army signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) Limited, to build four underground tunnels along China and Pakistan borders. Project cost - Rs 15 crore.

Summits and Conferences

- 5th Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) Media Summit on Climate Action and Disaster Preparedness held in Kathmandu. Theme - "Media Solutions for Sustainable Future: Saving Lives, Building Resilient Communities".

Schemes and Committees

- The Central Works Public Department (CPWD) has constituted an expert committee to formulate a design policy for building construction and infrastructure development under the chairmanship of M K Sharma.

Banking/Economy/Business News

- Reliance retail has become the first Indian retail company to clock more than Rs 1 lakh crore in annual revenues.
- SBI General Insurance has launched a product - cyber defence insurance to protect businesses from financial and reputational losses due to cyber-attacks.

- State-owned Allahabad Bank stated that the government has increased its authorised capital by Rs 5,000 crore to Rs 8,000 crore.
- The total deposits in Jan Dhan Account are set to cross Rs 1 lakh crore soon.
- The Reserve Bank of India has become the first central bank in the Asia-Pacific (APAC) region to begin an explicit interest rate easing cycle.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank (Kotak) has launched the first debit card-based authentication solution on NPCI's (National Payments Corporation of India) e-Mandate (electronic mandate) API (Application Program Interface) platform.

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- National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) approved the merger of private sector lender IndusInd Bank with Bharat Financial Inclusion (BFIL), a microfinance company.
- Markets regulator SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) has reduced the minimum subscription requirement as well as defined trading lots for Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) and Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs).

- SEBI has also increased the leverage limit for InvITs from 49% to 70%.
- BuyUcoin, second oldest Cryptocurrency Exchange in India, has introduced a new and unique platform for wholesale cryptocurrency trading.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has divested its entire stake held in National Housing Bank (NHB), and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to the government, which now holds 100% in these entities.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has launched India's first 'Green Car Loan' (Electric Vehicle) to encourage customers to buy electric vehicles.
- Microsoft has reached a valuation of one trillion dollars for the first time after posting an increase in profits.
- The Reserve Bank of India will shortly issue INR 20 denomination banknotes in the Mahatma Gandhi (New) Series. Colour-Greenish Yellow, dimension -63 mm x 129 mm, motif of Ellora Caves on the reverse.

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Appointments/Resignations

- Twitter has appointed Manish Maheshwari as the Managing Director of its India operations.

- Uday Kumar Varma resigned from the post of The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Assocham) Secretary-General.
- Former Dena Bank MD & CEO Karnam Sekar is set to take over as the new Managing Director and CEO of Indian Overseas Bank from July 1, 2019.
- General (Retd.) Dalbir Singh Suhag has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Seychelles.

Defence News

- India and France will conduct their largest ever naval exercise 'Varuna' in May 2019.
- The Indian Navy would be represented in the International Fleet Review (IFR) in Qingdao, China by indigenously built stealth guided missile destroyer INS Kolkata and fleet support ship INS Shakti.
- Indigenously designed 'INS Imphal' a guided missile destroyer was launched by Navy Chief Sunil Lanba at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) in Mumbai under Project 15B.

Awards and Recognitions

- Prominent scientist and businessman Yusuf Hamied is among a host of Indian-origin experts honoured in the 2019 list of new fellows of the UK's Royal Society.
- Sunil Kumar Gautam, Special Commissioner of Police (Operations) was honoured with 'Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant Award' for his book titled 'Samvidhan Kavya'.
- The Intellectual Property Rights Cell (IPR Cell) of Kerala Agricultural University (KAU) has been selected for the National Intellectual Property Award 2019.
- Indian-American scientist and social activist Sree Sreenath has been inducted into

the prestigious Cleveland International Hall of fame.

- Dr. Benny Antony has been honoured with the National Intellectual Property Award, 2019 in the category of Top Individual for Patents and Commercialization.
- The prestigious Master Deenanath Mangeshkar Award 2019 was awarded to National Award-winning filmmaker Madhur Bhandarkar, popular scriptwriter Salim Khan and dancing diva Helen.
 1. Lifetime Award – Salim Khan.
 2. Special Award for the contribution to Indian cinema – Madhur Bhandarkar.
 3. Special Award – Helen.
 4. Vagvilasini Award – VasantAbaji Dahake.
 5. Mohan Wagh Award (Best Drama of the Year 2019) – SoyareSakal.
 6. Anandmayee Puraskar– Pandit Suresh Talwalkar.
 7. Award for music and art – Classical dancer Sucheta Bhide-Chapekar.

Dawn editor and Columnist Cyril Almeida from Pakistan has won the IPI's (International Press Institute) World Press Freedom Hero award in 2019.

MadaMasr, an Egyptian news site, won Free Media Pioneer Award 2019 of the IPI and International Media Support (IMS).

The second edition of Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize was awarded to author Rana Dasgupta for his 2010 novel "Solo", a tale of estrangement and the ultimate failure of material existence.

The Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize for social achievement was awarded to Yohei Sasakawa, for "his incredible efforts to uproot leprosy and great contribution to world peace".

Ranks and Reports

- India was ranked 17th position among 100 countries in Startup Ecosystem Ranking for 2019 released by StartupBlink. It was ranked 37th spot last year. Top three countries are:1st: United States, 2nd: United Kingdom, 3rd: Canada.
- India was ranked 19th out of 28 countries in the Index of Cancer Preparedness (ICP)released by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU). Top 3 countries are Australia (1st), Netherlands (2nd) and Germany (3rd).

Sports News

- Fabio Fognini became the first Italian to win an ATP Masters 1000 title at the Rolex Monte-Carlo Masters. He defeated Dusan Lajovic.
- World number one Bajrang Punia won gold at Asian Wrestling Championship in China's Xian.
- Asian Athletics Championships 2019 held at Doha in Qatar. India -fourth, Bahrain-First
- Tejinder Pal Singh Toor (Shot put), Gomathi Marimuthu(800 metres) and P. U. Chitra(1500 metres) won gold Asian Athletics Championships 2019 for India.
- India won 2 gold in the ISSF World Cup in Beijing. Manu Bhaker and Saurabh Chaudhary- 10 metres Air Pistol Mixed Team event. Anjum Moudgil and Divyansh Singh Panwar - 10 metres Air Rifle Mixed Team event.

Important Days

- The World Creativity and Innovation Day (WCID) is celebrated every year on 21st April.

- Earth Day is an annual event celebrated on April 22 Worldwide. Theme- 'Protect Our Species.'
- World Book Day is celebrated every year on 23 April.
- National Panchayati Raj Day is celebrated every year on 24th April by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj. First observed- 2010.
- Every year on 25 April, people around the globe observe World Malaria Day (WMD). Theme for the day is "Zero malaria starts with me".
- World Intellectual Property Day (WIPD) is celebrated every year on 26 April. Theme- "Reach Gold-Intellectual Property (IP) And Sports".
- The last week of April every year is observed as World Immunisation Week (WIW).

theme "Protected Together: Vaccines Work".

Obituaries

- Eminent Bengali folk singer Amar Paul passed away following a cardiac arrest.
- One of the most well-known paranormal investigators, Lorraine Warren passed away at the age of 92.
- Chennai's famed chronicler, cartographer, and journalist S. Muthiah, 89, passed away due to age-related ailments.
- Veteran lady mountaineer Rama Sengupta Paul passed away at the age of 66 due to cardiac arrest.

Miscellaneous News

- Etihad Airways, UAE based flag carrier, has become the first major airline in the Gulf region to operate a flight without any single-use plastics on board.