

Weekly One Liners 25th to 31st March 2019

National Affairs

- **Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ)** announced that it has recorded cargo movement of more than 200 million metric tonnes (MMT) at nine ports along the east and west coasts, becoming the **first Indian port operator to achieve the milestone.**
- **Tashigang, a Himachal Pradesh village** at an altitude of 15,256 feet has now become the highest polling station in the world.

International Affairs

- President Ram Nath Kovind embarked on a state visit to **Croatia, Bolivia and Chile** to hold talks with the leaders of these countries and strengthen ties in trade, investment and renewable energy.
- **Oslo, the capital city of Norway** will become the world's first city to install wireless, induction-based charging stations for its fleet of electric taxis.
- The **UN Security Council** has unanimously passed the first-ever resolution ordering members to enforce laws against terror financing.

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Agreements/MoUs Signed

- **Oman** has signed an agreement with the **United States of America** that allow American ships and warplanes to take advantage of his ports and airports.
- US President Donald Trump has signed a proclamation **recognising Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights** and told the visiting Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, that Israel has an absolute right to self-defence.
- Cabinet Approves MoU between India and Republic of Korea on Startup Cooperation.

- Cabinet Approves MoU between India and Indonesia on combating illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and its precursors.
- Cabinet Approves acquiring land of Central Water Commission at Nallagandla, Hyderabad by Telangana State Government for road widening.
- **Cabinet Approves** creation of additional posts of three Judicial Members and three Technical Members in the **National Company Law Appellate Tribunal.**
- An agreement has been signed between **India and the African Union** to establish an India-Africa health sciences collaborative platform.
- **India and the US** signed an agreement for exchange of **country-by-country (CbC) report.** The move will give huge relief to subsidiaries of **US-headquartered companies** in the taxation-related matter.
- On the second day of President's three-day visit to Bolivia, **India and Bolivia signed eight MoUs** in the fields of culture, Visa waiver arrangement for diplomats, exchange between diplomatic academies, mining, space, traditional medicine, establishment of Centre of Excellence in IT and Bi-Oceanic Railway project.

Summits and Conferences

- **NITI Aayog** has organized a day-long FinTech Conclave at Dr. Ambedkar International Center, New Delhi. The Conclave was inaugurated by **RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das.**

Schemes and Committees

- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has appointed 5-member committee under the chairmanship of **Nandan Nilekani** to strengthen digital payments as well as to boost financial inclusion through Financial Technology.

Banking/Economy/Business News

- The **Reserve Bank of India** has slapped a penalty of Rs 2 crore on Punjab National Bank for non-compliance of regulatory directions with regard to SWIFT operations.
- **Apple Inc & Goldman Sachs Group Inc** jointly launched the Apple Card credit card for iPhones.
- **Infosys**, a global leader in next-generation digital services and consulting, and **Roland-Garros Grand Slam tennis tournament**, also called the French Open, announced a three-year strategic technology partnership.
- **Bank of Baroda** has signed an MoU with agriculture services companies to develop an

- agriculture digital platform, **Baroda Kisan**, which will provide solutions for agricultural requirements.
- The Finance Ministry has decided to infuse Rs 5,042 crore into state-owned **Bank of Baroda (BoB)** ahead of the merger of two other public sector lenders **Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank with BoB**.
- State-owned lender **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** had sold stake in its housing finance arm, **PNB Housing Finance (PNBHF)** to General Atlantic Group and VardePartners for Rs 1,851 crore at Rs 850 per share.
- Wipro Limited (Bengaluru Based)**, a leading global information technology, consulting and business process services company and **Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur (IIT Kharagpur)**, signed an MoU to collaborate on high-impact, industry-focused applied research in the areas of 5G and AI.
- Power Finance Corporation (PFC)** has completed the acquisition of majority stake in **REC Ltd by transferring Rs 14,500 crore to the government**. This acquisition and merger will make PFC **second-largest government-owned financial player** in the country based on the current market capital after State Bank of India (SBI).

Appointments/Resignations

- Jet Airways Founders Naresh Goyal** and wife Anita Goyal have stepped down from the board of the cash-strapped airline.
- The **Amateur International Boxing Federation (AIBA) President Gafur Rahimov** announced his resignation claiming that political based discussions were harming the organizations progress.
- Supreme Court-appointed **BCCI Ombudsman Justice D K Jain (retd)** will now serve as the Ethics Officer of the Indian cricket board on an ad-hoc basis.

Defence News

- Indian Navy's frontline ASW corvette, **INS Kadmatt** arrived at Langkawi, Malaysia on a 7 days official visit to participate in the 15th edition of **Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition, LIMA-19**.
- The Indian Navy's state of the art **Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Training Facility (NBCTF)** was inaugurated by Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Sunil Lanba at INS Shivaji, Lonavala. The training facility has been named ABHEDYA.
- The Indian Air Force formally inducted the **CH 47 F(I)- Chinook** heavy-lift helicopters into its inventory at Air Force Station Chandigarh.
- The joint training exercise **MITRASHAKTI - VI between Indian and Sri Lanka Army** kick-started at Diyatalawa in Sri Lanka.

- First Indian Army Mountaineering Expedition to **Mt Makalu (8485m)** comprising five Officers, two JCOs and eleven OR was flagged off by Director General Military Training.

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Awards and Recognitions

- Winners of the **64th Filmfare Awards** were announced at Jio Garden, BKC, Mumbai. Winners in Short:
- Best Actor in a Leading Role (Female): Alia Bhatt, Raazi.
 - Best Actor in a Leading Role (Male): Ranbir Kapoor, Sanju.
 - Best Director: Meghna Gulzar, Raazi.
 - Best Playback Singer (Male): Arijit Singh for Ae Watan, Raazi.
 - Best Playback Singer (Female): Shreya Ghoshal for Ghoomar, "Padmaavat".
- The **Lalit Kala Akademi (LKA)** announced 15 winners of the **60th Annual Academy Awards** at the 60th National Exhibition of Art in New Delhi.
 - Peter Tabichi**, a member of the Franciscan religious order has been conferred with the prestigious **Global Teacher Prize for 2019** at a ceremony in Dubai hosted by Hollywood actor, Hugh Jackman.
 - A consortium of two Indian oil companies, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, and Indian Oil Corporation Limited has been awarded the exploration rights for Abu Dhabi's Onshore Block 1.
 - President Ram Nath Kovind** has been awarded the Grand Order of King Tomislav with Sash and Grand Star by the President of Croatia Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic.
 - The **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade** has recently awarded Geographical Indication (GI) to five varieties of Indian coffee. They are:
 - Coorg Arabica coffee,
 - Bababudangiris Arabica coffee,
 - Chikmagalur Arabica coffee,

4. Araku Valley Arabica coffee,
 5. Bababudangiris Arabica coffee.
- **Nobel Prize-winning economist Amartya Sen** will be awarded the prestigious **Bodley Medal**, the highest honor granted by the University of Oxford's world-famous Bodleian Libraries.
 - **Three pioneers** in AI, University of Toronto faculty member and Google Brain researcher **Geoffrey Hinton**, **Facebook** chief AI scientist and **NYU professor Yann LeCun**, and Element AI founder and University of Montreal professor **Yoshua Bengio** has been honored with the Turing Award.
 - President Ram Nath Kovind has been conferred with the highest State honor of Bolivia, "Condor de Los Andes en el Grado de Gran Collar" during his visit to Bolivia.

Ranks and Reports

- In accordance with the preliminary world airport traffic rankings for 2018 released by Airports Council International (ACI), **Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA)** of New Delhi has elevated 4 ranks to reach at **12th spot in terms of the busiest airport**. Topped by **Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (Georgia)**.
- India has moved up 2 places to rank 76th on a global energy transition index in the annual list, compiled by Geneva-based World Economic Forum (WEF). Sweden tops the list.
- **Singapore's Changi Airport** has been crowned the world's best aviation hub for the seventh time in a row, while **New Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport featured at number**

59, according to the **Skytrax World Airport Awards**.

- **Madhya Pradesh has the highest number of 55770 fully covered tribal habitations** with the safe drinking water in the country followed by Odisha and Jharkhand.

Books and Authors

- **Former Vice-President Hamid Ansari** launched the book titled '**Every Vote Counts-The Story of India's Elections**' authored by former Chief Election Commissioner Navin Chawla.
- The Chairman of 15th Finance Commission of India, **N.K. Singh launched the book "Indian Fiscal Federalism"**. The book has been written by Dr. Y. V. Reddy, former Governor of RBI and Chairman of the 14th Finance Commission of India along with Dr. G. R. Reddy, Advisor (Finance) to the Government of Telangana.

Sc-Tech News

- **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** will launch 29 satellites including the primary payload EMISAT, on the first of April.
- India has entered its name as an elite space power. An **Anti-Satellite Weapon (A-SAT)** successfully targeted a live satellite on a low earth orbit. The name of this mission was 'Mission Shakti'. After the US, Russia, and China, India is the fourth country to acquire this space capability.
- **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** has launched a special programme for schoolchildren called **Young Scientist Programme or Yuva Vigyani Karyakram (YUVIKA)**.

Sports News

- **Chennai Super Kings' Suresh Raina** has become the first ever cricketer to reach 5,000 runs in Indian Premier League.

- The **Seamaster 2019 ITTF Challenge Plus** commonly called **Oman Open table tennis** held in Muscat, Oman. Indian players G Sathyan (won Bronze) and Archana Kamath (won Silver) excelled in the tournament.
- In Shooting, **Manu Bhaker and Saurabh Chaudhary have won a Gold medal** in the 10-meter Air Pistol Mixed team event at the 12th Asian Airgun Championship at Taoyuan in Taipei.
- **Veselin Matic**, who took Iran to an Asian Games bronze medal in 2010, is set to be appointed as the new **head coach of the Indian men's basketball team**.
- **Social Media giant, Facebook** has launched two new India-specific tools viz. **"Candidate Connect"** and **"Share You Voted"** to boost civic engagement on its platform during the Lok Sabha elections 2019 that commence in April.
- Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar has inaugurated the Smart India Hackathon Grand Finale 2018 -Software edition in New Delhi.

Important Days

- **World Meteorological Day** is observed annually on **March 23** to commemorate the establishment of the **World Meteorological Organization (WMO)** in 1950. Theme of 2019: **"The Sun, the Earth and the Weather"**.

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Obituaries

- **Kala Prapoorna awardee, Vinjamuri Anasuya Devi** passed away at the age of 99 due to illness in the USA.
- **Scott Walker**, one of the most innovative and enduring songwriters of the 20th century, has died aged 76.
- **Celebrated Malayalam writer and poet Ashita** passed away at the age of 63 in Thrissur, after fighting a long battle with cancer.
- **Russian cosmonaut Valery Bykovsky**, who made the first of his three flights to space in 1963, passed away at the age of 84 years.
- **Veteran journalist and academician Prafulla Rajguru** passed away at the age of 82.

Miscellaneous News