

Weekly One Liners 20th to 27th January

National Affairs

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the **National Museum of Indian Cinema (NMIC)** in Mumbai. The development of the Museum was guided by the Museum Advisory Committee headed by Shyam Benegal.
- Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb launched a project for Sustainable Catchment Forest Management at State Forest Academy Ground in West Tripura.
- The 15th edition of **Pravasi Bhartiya Divas** begins at Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh. Theme: 'Role of Indian Diaspora in building New India'.
- **Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT)** Becomes Only Indian Port to Be Listed Amongst World's Top 30 Container Ports.
- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister, Pema Khandu declared **Pakke Paga Hornbill Festival (PPHF)** as the "State Festival" at Seijosa in East Kameng district, Arunachal Pradesh.
- Andhra Pradesh cabinet has decided to cater 5% reservation each for Kapu community and the economically backward classes (EBCs) among the forward castes.
- The Telangana government has decided to form a 'State Tiger Protection Force' to save the Big Cat population in the State.

Agreements Signed

- Cabinet has approved MoC between **India and Japan** in the field of Food Processing Industry.
- Cabinet has approved MoU between **India and Kuwait** for cooperation on the Recruitment of Domestic Workers
- Cabinet has approved Amendment to the 'Framework on Currency Swap Arrangement for SAARC Member Countries' to incorporate 'Standby Swap' amounting to USD 400 million operated within the overall size of the facility.
- Cabinet has approved Creation of the National Bench of the **Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT)**.
- **India has signed a long-term contract with Uzbekistan** for supply of uranium ore concentrates to widen its source base for the nuclear fuel.
- **India and Sri Lanka** signed an MoU to provide modern infrastructural facilities to Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies of Eastern University in Batticaloa district of Sri Lanka.
- **India and Japan-India Cooperative Actions (JICA)** signed the loan agreements under the Japanese Official Development Assistance Loan Program in New Delhi.
- **Omega Healthcare Management Services** has signed a pact with **IIIT-Bangalore** for advanced use of the latest technology in providing healthcare solutions.

International Affairs

- Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency has launched Tokyo-based startup Star-ALE's mini-satellite aimed to deliver the world's first artificial meteor shower.
- Nepal's central bank has banned the use of Indian **currency notes of Rs 2,000, Rs 500 and Rs 200** denominations, a move that could affect Indian tourists visiting the Himalayan nation where Indian currency is widely used.
- The Swedish Parliament approved **Stefan Lofven** as **Prime Minister** for a second four-year term.
- The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has named the Brazilian city of Rio de Janeiro as the World Capital of Architecture for 2020.
- Madagascar president, Andry Rajoelina, has sworn into office after taking the oath in Antananarivo before nine judges of the High Constitutional Court.
- China's economy grew at 6.6% in 2018, its slowest rate in almost 3 decades.
- Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro has announced that he is breaking off diplomatic ties with the United States.





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Summits and Conferences

- India will host the 14th session of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) to address the issue of land degradation and desertification which will have participation from over 100 countries in October 2019.
- The 2-day **Agri Vision 2019 Conference** on envisioning Agro solutions for Smart and Sustainable Agriculture was held in Hyderabad.
- The Arab Economic and Social Development Summit held in Lebanon's capital Beirut.

- The **World Economic Forum (WEF) annual meet** had begun in Davos, Switzerland. Theme: 'Globalization 4.0: Shaping a Global Architecture in the Age of the Fourth Industrial Revolution'.
- India Steel 2019 Exhibition and Conference had begun in Mumbai.
- Tamil Nadu Government organised the **2nd edition of Global Investor summit** in Chennai.
- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for AYUSH Shri Shripad Yesso Naik, inaugurated the **2nd World Integrated Medicine Forum 2019** on the 'Regulation of Homeopathic Medical Products; Advancing global collaboration' in Goa.

Schemes and Committees

- The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) has set up an 11-member working group under the Chairmanship of former **SEBI chief UK Sinha** to go into the concept of 'Group Insolvency' and suggest a suitable framework.
- The government has constituted a high-power committee to monitor the pricing of medicines and healthcare products. The committee will be **headed by a Niti Aayog member (Health)**.

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Appointments

- The Department of Personnel & Training, Government of India has appointed Senior IPS Officer Prabhat Singh as Director General (Investigation) in the National Human Rights Commission.
- The Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of **V Vaidyanathan as MD and CEO of IDFC First Bank** for a period of three years.
- Yes Bank has appointed veteran banker **Ravneet Singh Gill as its new MD & CEO** and the lender has also received the RBI's approval for the same.
- **Piyush Goyal** has been named the interim Finance Minister and interim Minister of Corporate Affairs during Arun Jaitley's indisposition.

- IndiGo owner InterGlobe Aviation has appointed **Ronojoy Dutta** as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the company.
- **Sultan Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah** was elected as Malaysia's new king by the members of the country's royal families. He **replaced Sultan Muhammad V of Kelantan**.

Defence

- Nashik in Maharashtra will be the site of the country's second defence innovation hub after Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu.
- Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the 426 meters long Diffo Bridge over Chipu River in Lower Dibang Valley District of Arunachal Pradesh. Border Roads Organization (BRO) has constructed the bridge along Indo-China border.
- The Indian Navy commenced the largest coastal defence exercise off the Indian coast '**Exercise SEA VIGIL**', a first of its kind, is being undertaken along the entire 7516.6 km coastline and Exclusive Economic Zone of India.
- The final planning conference to work out the modalities for **Indian Africa Field Training Exercise (IAFTX)-2019** was conducted at Pune, Maharashtra.
- Indian Navy Chief Admiral Sunil Lanba commissioned the new Naval Air Base '**INS Kohassa**' at Diglipur in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Sci-Tech News

- The Indian Space Research Organisation successfully launched the **PSLV C 44 carrying Kalam sat and imaging satellite Microsat R** from Sathish Dhawan Space Centre Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully test fired **Long Range Surface to Air Missile (LR-SAM)** from naval warship INS Chennai.

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Awards and Recognitions

- **Himachal Pradesh MP Anurag Thakur** has been bestowed with Sansad Ratna Award for his distinguished performance as a parliamentarian under Jury Committee Special Award category.
- The **Indian-American Sikh Gurinder Singh Khalsa** was presented with the prestigious 2019 Rosa Park Trailblazer award after being selected for champions of the diversity by the Indiana Minority Business Magazine.
- The Vice President of India M. Venkaiah Naidu presented the **2nd Chhatra Vishwakarma Awards** to students and their mentors and Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY) Awards to institutions at an event organized by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) in New Delhi.
- US Based Indian poet **Ranjani Murali** was awarded the **"Woman's Voice Award"** at the Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival (AKLF).
- **Virat Kohli** has become the first player in history to win the Sir Garfield Sobers Trophy for ICC Cricketer of the Year, the ICC Men's Test Player of the Year and the ICC ODI Player of the Year awards following an extraordinary 2018.
- Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research announced that the Centre for Advanced Materials of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) chose **Eminent Scientist and Bharat Ratna recipient CNR Rao** for the first Sheikh Saud International Prize for Materials Research.

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- 20 Mock Tsts for Puzzle
- 10 Mock Tests for DI
- 10 Mock Tests for Logical Reasoning

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- The President of India, Ram Nath Kovind conferred the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2019 presented to 26 shortlisted awardees including one joint award for

National Child Award (**now renamed as Bal Shakti Puraskar**).

- Noted Gujarati poet Sitanshu Yashashchandra has been awarded Saraswati Samman, 2017, for his poetry collection in Gujarati named "Vakhar".
- **Rishabh Pant** was named the International Cricket Council's (ICC) Emerging Player Of The Year following an impressive show in India's first-ever Test series win in Australia.
- Three Indian expats from the UAE are amongst those who won the prestigious Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award the highest honor conferred on Indian diaspora. President Ram Nath Kovind conferred the award on **Girish Pant, Surender Singh Kandhari and Dr. Zulekha Daud** and other awardees at the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention in Varanasi.
- The government has instituted an annual award titled **Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar**. It will be announced every year on 23rd January. This year, **8th Battalion of National Disaster Response Force** located at Ghaziabad has been selected for the Award.

Ranks and Reports

- India is likely to surpass the United Kingdom in the world's largest economy rankings in 2019, to become the **world's fifth largest economy**, according to a report by **global consultancy firm PwC**.
- **India is among the most trusted nations** globally when it comes to government, business, NGOs and media as per the 2019 Edelman Trust Barometer. **China topped** the Trust Index.
- India has moved up one position to **rank 80th** on the global talent competitive Index. Switzerland tops.
- With robust private consumption and **7.4% GDP growth rate** in the current fiscal, the Indian economy is expected to accelerate at a rate of 7.6% in 2019-20, according to a report by the United Nations titled United Nations' World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) 2019.

Banking/Economy/Business News

- **Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) and Libcoin** are in dialogue to form a world-class consortium to initially build 1GWh lithium-ion battery plant in India. Its capacity will be scaled up to 30GWh in due course.
- **HDFC Standard Life Insurance** has changed its name to HDFC Life Insurance following the receipt of relevant approvals from regulatory authorities.

- **Microsoft India** has launched a new e-commerce platform re-weave.in for handloom weavers under its Project ReWeave, part of its philanthropic initiatives.
- Social media giant Facebook announced that it will create an independent Institute for Ethics in Artificial intelligence (AI) with an initial investment of \$7.5 million over a period of five years.
- India's largest telecom operator by subscriber base Vodafone Idea announced that its board had approved a rights issue of **Rs25,000 crore** to existing eligible equity shareholders.

Sports News

- India's **Ankita Raina** has won the International Tennis Federation's 25,000-dollar Women's tournament in Singapore.
- **Mohammed Shami** became the fastest Indian bowler to claim 100 ODI wickets, during the first one-dayer against New Zealand at Napier.
- Former South Africa all-rounder Johan Botha has announced his immediate retirement from all forms of Cricket.

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Important Days

- **National Girl Child Day** is celebrated in India on **24 January**. 2019 Theme: *"Empowering Girls for a Brighter Tomorrow"*.
- **International Day of Education** was observed on **24 January**.
- **25 January** is celebrated every year as National Voters Day to spread awareness about the necessity of voting and to encourage young generation towards the voting rights. Theme 2019: *"No Voter to be left behind"*.

Obituaries

- **Mary Oliver**, the Pulitzer Prize-winning poet passed away. She was 83.

- The world's oldest man, **Masazo Nonaka of Japan**, has died at the age of 113.
- Former Indian hockey player **Ragbir Singh Bhola**, a two-time Olympic medallist, has passed away aged 92.
- Sahitya Akademi award winning Bengali writer **Atin Bandyopadhyay** passed away of brain stroke.
- **Russell Baker**, the Pulitzer Prize-winning writer who penned thousands of columns for The New York Times, and hosted the PBS television program "Masterpiece Theatre," passed away in Leesburg, Va.
- **Jnanpith Winning Hindi Writer Krishna Sobti** Passed Away aged 93.

Miscellaneous News

- **'Saksham'**, an annual high intensity one-month long people-centric mega campaign of Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) was launched by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.
- Indian Institute of Technology-Hyderabad (IIT-H) has announced the launch of a full-fledged bachelor's programme in **Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology** from the new academic session, a first for the country and only the third globally.
- Dell, as a part of its **three-city PolicyHack series**, hosted an interactive hackathon, where teachers focused on their learning journey in New Delhi.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the **Pravasi Teerth Darshan Yojana** under which a group of Indian diaspora will be taken on a government-sponsored tour of religious places in India twice a year.

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