



CURRENT AFFAIRS WEEKLY ONE LINERS: SEPTEMBER 1 - 8, 2018

NATIONAL

- The national **Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+)** strategy for India prepared by **Indian Council of Forestry and Education, Dehradun** for the Government was released in New Delhi by **Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Harsh Vardhan**.
- The **Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport** has finally been rechristened as **Chhatrapati Shivaji 'Maharaj' International Airport**.
- The Government think tank Niti Aayog will hold the India's first 'Global Mobility Summit', to be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. '**MOVE: Global Mobility Summit**' will be organised in collaboration with various ministries and industry partners.
- The Union government has introduced **Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARRIA)**. It was announced by **Union HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar**.
- The President Ram Nath Kovind has arrived in **Cyprus** on the first leg of his three-nation tour to continue India's high-level engagements with European countries. He was received by Cyprus' Minister of Energy, Commerce, Industry and Tourism **Georgios Lakkotrypis** at the **Larnaca International Airport**.
- The **Gujarat Government** has partnered with a top **India-centric American advocacy group** for the **Vibrant Gujarat summit**.

- **Indian Railways** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **M/s GAIL (India) Limited**, to provide infrastructure facilities for supply of Natural Gas to Indian Railways Workshops, Production Units and Depots.
- The **Minister for Women & Child Development, Smt Maneka Sanjay Gandhi**, alongwith **Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Adityanath Yogi** has inaugurated the widows' home '**Krishna Kutir**' at Vrindavan, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh.
- **India and Cyprus** have signed two agreements on **combating money laundering and cooperation in the field of environment**.
- The **Uttarakhand Chief minister Trivendra Singh Rawat** has announced that **actor Sanjay Dutt** will be the **brand ambassador for anti-drug campaign** for five states, including Uttarakhand, and two Union Territories.
- The **Indian Council of Agricultural Research, ICAR** has organized a two-day conference on **Motivating & Attracting Youth in Agriculture (MAYA)**.
- **India** will shortly unveil a '**One Nation-One Card Policy**' for public transport that will entail connectivity between various modes of transport. It was announced by **NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant**.
- The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** plans to set up its **first overseas ground station at the North Pole**. This would bolster the **Indian Remote Sensing (IRS) operations** which are critically important in times like disaster management.
- **India and Pakistan** have agreed to undertake the **Indus Waters Treaty** mandated tours by their Commissioners in the Indus basin on both sides to resolve issues on the various hydroelectric projects, including the **Pakal Dul and Lower Kalnai in Jammu and Kashmir**.
- The **Union Minister of State for Home Kiren Rijiju** flagged off **Delhi MoveLo Cyclothon** in the national capital, New Delhi.
- **Japan and Gujarat** has signed agreements to promote **bilateral cooperation in culture, business and interaction between the academia**. These agreements were signed during the ongoing visit of a delegation from **Gujarat led by Deputy Chief Minister Nitin Patel to Japan**.
- The **International Aviation Summit** was held in **New Delhi** and it was organized by the **Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA), the Airports Authority India (AAI) and International Air Transport Association**.

- In a bid to boost **Prime Minister Narendra Modi's flagship 'Digital India' campaign**, **Rajasthan government** will soon distribute **mobile phones to women under the Bhamashah Yojana**.
- The Minister for Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu has launched **Coffee Connect - India coffee field force app** and **Coffee Krishi Tharanga - digital mobile extension services for coffee stakeholders**.
- The **Former President Pranab Mukherjee and Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar** inaugurates projects under the **Smartgram Yojna**.
- The Government has approved a proposal by the **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)** to increase wages of artisans **by over 36 percent**, from five rupees 50 paisa per hank to seven rupees 50 paisa.
- India and Bulgaria has signed MoUs, including one on civil nuclear cooperation, as President Ram Nath Kovind held talks with his Bulgarian counterpart Rumen Radev.
- A Conference on “E-Mobility in Indian Railways” was organized by Ministry of Railways through Institution of Railways Electrical Engineers in association with NITI Aayog concluded in Delhi.
- The Software major Adobe has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship to launch an "Adobe Digital Disha" programme across vocational institutes in India.
- The **Ministry of Tourism** has sanctioned **Malanad Malabar Cruise Tourism Project** under **Swadesh Darshan Scheme** for development of a rural circuit in Kerala.
- The **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** inaugurates **the first Global Mobility Summit** called **MOVE**, which will deliberate on steps **to promote electric vehicles and shared mobility**.
- The **Bangladesh Naval Ship Somudra Joy** arrived **Visakhapatnam** on a four day visit to the Eastern Naval Command.
- The **national human space mission ‘Gaganyaan’** will get **French support** in the form of life support and medicine for the Indian crew.
- Piyush Goyal-led Railway Ministry has launched the **Aapoorti mobile app** of **Indian Railways e-procurement system (IREPS)**.

INTERNATIONAL

- Minister of State, (IC), for AYUSH Shri Shripad Yesso Naik inaugurated the Fourth International Ayurveda Congress (IAvC) at Netherlands.
- **India and Nepal** has exchanged an MoU to build a strategic railway line connecting **Bihar's Raxual city to Kathmandu** after Prime Minister Narendra Modi held talks on all aspects of the bilateral ties with his **Nepalese counterpart K P Sharma Oli**.
- **According to data from the UN's tourism organisation**, a total of **1,323 million international tourist** arrivals recorded in destinations around the world. The figure represents an **84 million increase over 2016**, and a new record.
- **China** has pledged a **\$60 billion fund** to bolster industry, counter hunger, and enhance security in Africa. China would also support Africa to achieve “**general food security by 2030.**”
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- The **International Women Entrepreneurs Summit 2018** is being held in **Kathmandu, Nepal**. The Vice President of **Nepal Nanda Bahadur Pun** inaugurated the summit. The theme of 3-day event is “**Equality begins with Economic Empowerment**”.
- A powerful typhoon “Jebi” slammed into western Japan. Jebi, reportedly the strongest typhoon to make **landfall in Japan since 1993**.
- **The Facebook** will invest more than **\$1 billion to build its first data centre in Asia in Singapore** and it is planned to open in **2022**. Facebook’s facility will be located in the west of the island.
- A Japanese team working to develop a “**space elevator**” will conduct a first trial this month, blasting off a **miniature version** of the apparatus and monitoring equipment on satellites to test the technology.
- The **World Hindu Congress** is set to hold its **second conference** in **Chicago, U.S.** It is to to commemorate the **125th anniversary of Swami Vivekananda’s historic speech at the Parliament of the World's Religions in 1893**.

- **India and Sri Lanka** began their bilateral naval exercise in **Trincomalee, Sri Lanka**. The **2018 Sri Lanka-India Exercise (SLINEX)** is the **4th edition**.
- **India and France** have signed an implementation agreement on "**Mobilise Your City**" (MYC) in the presence of Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) **Hardeep Singh Puri** and **Alexander Ziegler**, Ambassador of France in India.
- **India** is the **Partner Country** in the **87th Izmir International trade show** which begins in **Turkey**.

BANKING AND ECONOMY

- The RBI has cancelled the licence of **Rajasthan-based Bhilwara Mahila City Co-operative Financial institution** because it **doesn't have enough capital and incomes prospects**.
- **Mauritius** remained the **top source of foreign direct investment (FDI) into India in 2017-18** followed by **Singapore**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India** has tightened the **banking ombudsman scheme** with the objective to **strengthen the grievance redressal mechanism for customers**.
- The **ITI Ltd** has partnered with **58 start-ups and original equipment manufacturers (OEMs)** covering the manufacturing of a wide range of ICT and IoT-based solutions.
- The **Paytm Money Ltd, the wholly-owned subsidiary of One97 Communications Ltd** targets to sell mutual fund to around 25 million people in the next three to five years. The company launched its app "**Paytm Money app**" for **mutual fund investments**.
- The **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development** has sanctioned an amount of **Rs 335 crore** under the **Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)** to West Bengal.
- The **Amazon.com** became the **second U.S. company to reach \$1 trillion** in stock market value, just weeks after Apple hit the same milestone on August 2.

- Asia Index Pvt Ltd, a joint venture between S&P Dow Jones Indices and BSE Ltd, has announced the launch of an index designed to measure the performance of private banks.
- The US Secretary of State, Michael R Pompeo, and US Defence Secretary, James N Mattis, met their Indian counterparts Swaraj and Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the first '2+2' dialogue in New Delhi.
- The Supreme Court decriminalised a portion of Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code, a colonial era provision that criminalises private consensual sexual acts between same sex adults.
- India will purchase 18 bullet train sets from Japan at a total cost of about Rs 7,000 crore in a deal that includes a pledge to transfer technology for local production.
- The government decided to make the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) an open-ended scheme and added more incentives to encourage people to open bank accounts.
- **Airtel Payment Bank's savings account holders** will now be able to withdraw cash from ATMs with their mobile phones instead of using debit or credit cards.
- The Union Cabinet has decided to indefinitely extend the **Atal Pension Scheme**, which lapsed in August, and doubled the accident insurance and relaxed the age criteria by five years to further incentivise the scheme.

AWARDS AND HONOURS

- **Two Indians, Bharat Vatwani and Sonam Wangchuk** are among six individuals who received the **Ramon Magsaysay** award, regarded as the **Asian version of the Nobel Prize**.
- The **eminent neurosurgeon Dr B.K. Misra** has been named for this year's prestigious as an Eminent Medical Person of the Year.
- The **Hollywood star Anne Hathaway** is set to be honoured with the **Human Rights Campaign (HRC) National Equality Award**.

SUMMITS

- The **Commerce & Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu** attended the **6th East Asia Summit- Economic Ministers' Meeting (EAS-EMM) and 15th India-ASEAN Economic Ministers' Meeting (AEM)** in Singapore. **Singapore** is currently holding the **Chair of ASEAN**.
- The **Indian Ocean Wave Exercise 2018 (IOWave18)** begins in the **Indian Ocean**. India along with 23 other nations is participating in this major Indian ocean-wide tsunami mock drill.
- The **Indo-Kazakhstan Joint Army Exercise 'KAZIND'** will be conducted between the **Indian and Kazakhstan Army in Otar region, Kazakhstan**.
- **Ukraine** has launched joint military exercises with **the U.S.** and a string of other **NATO countries**.

APPOINTMENTS

NAME OF THE PERSON	APPOINTED AS
Srinivasan Venkatakrishnan	has taken the charge as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Vedanta Resources Plc with effect
The Indian Banks Association (IBA)	has elected Punjab National Bank's managing director and chief executive, Sunil Mehta , as the new chairman for 2018-19 .
Justice Tahira Safdar	has been sworn as the first woman chief justice of a Pakistani high court .
At the 19th annual general meeting(AGM) of Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF), Sony Pictures Networks India CEO and MD NP Singh	was elected as the new president of the foundation.
Arif Alvi	was elected as President of Pakistan.

The Chief Justice Dipak Misra has recommended the Justice Ranjan Gogoi	as 46th Chief Justice of India.
Indian boxer MC Mary Kom	BSNL has roped as its brand ambassador for two years.
Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh	has been nominated for a second five-year term as regional director of The World Health Organisation (WHO) South-East Asian Region.
The Actor Akshay Kumar	has been selected as an honorary ambassador for Lal Bahadur Shastri Memorial Foundation.
Ashwani Bhatia	has been as SBI managing director and chief executive officer. appointed
Anshula Kant	as Managing Director of the State Bank of India

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has released the book “**Moving On, Moving Forward – A Year in Office**” to mark one year in office of Vice President Venkaiah Naidu.
- The Union HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar has launched a book titled ‘**Experiential Learning — Gandhiji’s Nai Talim**’ to mark the Teachers Day.
- The congress leader **Kapil Sibal** has launched his new book, “**Shades of Truth – A Journey Derailed**”, that aims to highlight the failures of the Narendra Modi government.

RANKINGS

- According to latest data collated by UK mobile analytics company and speeds tester, OpenSigna Kolkata has the highest 4G services availability across India’s 22 telecom circles.

- According to the **Nuclear Security Index**, India has improved its ranking by one spot from 2016 and now stands **19th in the 'Theft Ranking'** for countries with weapons usable nuclear materials.
- **HDFC Bank** retained its top spot in the **BrandZ India Top 50 for the fifth year in a row**, growing its brand value by 21 percent to \$21.7 billion in 2018.

SPORTS

- The **former India and Tamil Nadu batsman S. Badrinath** announced his retirement from all formats of the game.
- In boxing, **former junior world champion boxer Sakshi Choudhary** claimed the **gold** in the **57-kilogram category** at the **World Youth Boxing in Budapest, Hungary**.
- **India ended their Asian Games 2018 campaign** with the highest medal tally at the tournament ever, **with a total of 69 medals which includes 15 gold, 24 silver and 30 bronze medals**.
- **Anjum Moudgil and Apurvi Chandela** became the first set of Indian shooters to secure quota places for the **2020 Olympics by winning a silver and finishing fourth respectively** in the **women's 10m air rifle event** of the **ISSF World Championship at Changwon, South Korea**.
- The **Mercedes player Lewis Hamilton** won **Italian grand prix 2018**. It is his fifth Italian Grand Prix. The Briton's(British player) 68th career victory and sixth this year stretched his championship lead from 17 points to 30 ahead of Sebastian Vettel.
- **England's highest Test run-scorer Alastair Cook** will retire from **international cricket** after this week's final Test against India.
- The Former Indian pacer RP Singh has announced his retirement from the game.
- The **Paris Sain-Germain striker Neymar** has been appointed as the permanent captain of Brazil's national team.

OBITUARY

- The **Jain monk Tarun Sagar** has passed away in East Delhi. He took ‘**Jain Sanyas**’ at the age of 13 and later emerged as a prominent spiritual personality.
- The **Former Maharashtra football player Arthur Pereira** has passed away. Pereira played for several clubs in the city, including the well-known Orkay Mills.
- **Indian shooter Om Prakash Mitharwal** clinched his maiden **gold medal at the ISSF World Championships**, claiming the top honours in the **50m pistol event**.
- **Bhagwati Kumar Sharma, a Gujarati language author, and journalist** has passed away. He was rewarded with Ranjitram Suvarna Chandrak award in 1984 and Sahitya Akademi Award in 1988 for his distinguished work in literature.
- **Burt Reynolds**, the handsome film and television star known for his acclaimed performances in Deliverance and Boogie Nights, commercial hits has passed away.

IMPORTANT DAYS

SEPTEMBER	IMPORTANT DAY	THEME
1st to 7th	The National Nutrition Week	"Optimal Infant & Young Child Feeding Practices: Better Child Health".
2	World Coconut Day	_____
5	Teacher's Day	_____
5	The International Day of Charity	_____
8	International Literacy Day	_____