



CURRENT AFFAIRS WEEKLY ONE LINERS: SEPTEMBER 16 - 22, 2018

NATIONAL

- The **Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle-C42 (PSLV)** has been successfully injected two foreign satellites - **NovaSAR and S1-4-** into the orbit.
- India climbed **one spot to 130 among 189 countries** in the latest human development index released by the **United Nations Development Programme**.
- India ranks **third globally** in terms of number of family owned businesses with **111 companies of USD 839 billion total market capitalisation**, followed closely **after China with 159 firms and the United States with 121 firms**.
- In an attempt to combat human trafficking, the West Bengal government has rolled out a scheme, Swayangsiddha, in different districts of the State. Swayangsiddha, which means self-reliance, will be executed by the West Bengal Police.
- The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Nabard) has approved Rs 65,634.93 crore loan projects under the government's flagship scheme Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY).
- India gets the first ever dedicated dog park in Hyderabad, Telangana. The park has been developed by the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) at a cost of Rs 1.1 crore.
- The Delhi government on September 14, 2018 signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Seoul Metropolitan Government to work closely in the fields of environment, tourism, waste water and solid waste management, infrastructure and public health.
- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) on Sunday successfully tested a low-weight indigenously developed man-portable anti-tank guided missile (MPATGM) at its Ahmednagar range.
- The **online 'e-Sahaj' portal** was launched to **facilitate individuals and private companies in seeking security clearance for setting up businesses** in certain sensitive sectors.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** and his Bangladesh counterpart, **Sheikh Hasina**, unveiled e-plaques for the ceremony of the two projects, **oil pipeline and a key railway project**.

- India and Malta has signed three Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) relating to tourism, maritime cooperation and exchanges between the Foreign Service Institute of India and the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies, University of Malta.
- The **Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)**, chaired by **Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman**, has accorded approval for the procurement of equipment for the **Defence Forces valued at over Rs 9,100 crore.**
- The **Union home minister Rajnath Singh** has launched two smart fencing pilot projects along the **198-km-long India-Pakistan international border in Jammu and Kashmir.**
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has launched various development projects worth over **Rs 500 crore in his Lok Sabha constituency, Varanasi.**
- The **Culture Ministry** has revived the **National Museum Research Bulletin**, a comprehensive anthology of the museum's contents after a gap of 16 years
- The **national capital's Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA)** has bagged the title of **Best Airport to handle over 40 million passengers per annum (MPPA)** by the **Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Awards 2017.**
- **India and Morocco** signed the revised **Air Services Agreement** between the two countries enabling **greater connectivity through a modernized agreement.**
- **India and Romania** have agreed to intensify **cooperation at the United Nations** and other multilateral fora in order **to address global challenges.** Romania will open a **consulate in Chennai.**
- **President Ram Nath Kovind** has signed the ordinance **banning the practice of instant triple talaq.** The ordinance was cleared by the Union Cabinet.
- The **Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)** has approved a new scheme which would **pay cash relief to insured persons during the period of unemployment.**
- The **Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani** is due in India for a day-long visit that comes ahead of next month's parliamentary polls in Afghanistan.
- The **World Bank Board** has endorsed an **ambitious five-year Country Partnership Framework (CPF)** for India, which aligns with New Delhi's objectives of high, sustainable and inclusive growth.
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** will lay the foundation stone of **India International Convention and Expo Centre (IICC).**
- The Union Home Minister, Shri Rajnath Singh has launched two separate portals to strengthen Women Safety.
- The portal "**cybercrime.gov.in**" will receive complaints from citizens on objectionable online content related to child pornography, child sexual abuse material, sexually explicit material such as rape and gang rape.

- **India's leading stock exchanges Bombay Stock Exchange and National Stock Exchange of India** have received approval from capital market regulator SEBI to **launch commodity derivatives segment.**
- The **Board of Directors of Vodafone Idea Limited**, India's largest telecom operator approved merger of the Vodafone Idea Limited with the **Aditya Birla Telecom Limited (ABTL)**, the parent company of Idea Cellular.
- The **Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb** has inaugurated **ISRO's first Space Technology Incubation Centre** at the **National Institute of Technology Agartala** via remote from **Bengaluru.**
- The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** has successfully flight tested the indigenously developed **surface-to-surface tactical missile 'Prahar'**, from **Launch Complex-III, ITR, Balasore in Odisha.**
- The **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** exchanged the MoUs with the **Tata Trusts and Dell** to provide a **technological platform for nationwide prevention, control, screening and management program of Non Communicable Diseases (NCDs).**
- **India and Niger** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the implementation of **Mahatma Gandhi International Convention Centre (MGICC)** in **Niamey, Niger** with the Indian government's grant assistance.
- **Odisha** is all set to get its **second operational airport.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi is in the state to launch some other projects and inaugurate the airport.
- The **Jharkhand government** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **National Insurance Company Ltd** to provide medical facilities to the people of the state under the Centre's flagship health scheme - **Ayushman Bharat Yojana.**
- **Mousumi Khatua** became the first woman from **Kalyani City, West Bengal** to climb Asia's highest volcanic **peak Mount Damavand.**

INTERNATIONAL

- The world's largest free literary festival, **Jaipur Literature Festival** kicked off at the **Asia Society of Texas** with a performance by Indian Sufi singer Zila Khan.
- The second edition of Nepal-China joint military exercise (JME) named Mt Everest Friendship Exercise-2018 (Sagarmatha Friendship-2018) began in China's southwestern Sichuan province.
- The **70th annual primetime** Emmy honors handed out at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles.

Some important awards are given below:

Drama Series	Game of Thrones
Comedy Series	The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel
Actor, Drama Series	Matthew Rhys, The Americans
Actress, Drama Series	Claire Foy, The Crown

- NASA launched its Ice, Cloud and Land Elevation Satellite-2, known as ICESat-2. It will use an extremely precise laser to collect measurement data to track the Earth's shrinking polar ice, on Saturday (September 15) from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California.
- **Germany** has rolled out the **world's first hydrogen-powered train**, signalling the start of a push to challenge the might of polluting diesel trains with costlier but more eco-friendly technology.
- The **World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)** is organizing the **7th UNWTO Global Summit on Urban Tourism: A 2030 Vision for Urban Tourism in Seoul, Republic of Korea**.
- In Japan, **Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has been re-elected as the leader of the Liberal Democratic Party**. The members' vote gives him another 3 years as the head of the party and keeps Abe in his current role as the Prime Minister.
- The **exercise Aviaindra** is an **Air Force level exercise between India and the Russian Federation**.
- India has contributed a **whopping \$1 million for the installation of solar panels** on the roof of the imposing **UN building at the world body's headquarters**.
- The **3rd edition of acclaimed International Business Conference 'MahaBiz 2018'** will be held in **Dubai** on 12th and 13th October 2018. MahaBiz is considered a bridge for business opportunities between **Maharashtra state and Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) region**.
- **India and Sri Lanka** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for construction of a **5000-metric ton temperature controlled warehouse in Dambulla of Central Province**.
- A **Japanese billionaire and online fashion tycoon, Yusaku Maezawa**, will be the first man to fly on a **monster SpaceX rocket** around the Moon as early as **2023**, and he plans to bring six to eight artists along.

BANKING AND ECONOMY

- The Centre on Monday proposed the amalgamation of state-owned Bank of Baroda, Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank to create India's third largest bank as parts of reforms in the public sector banking segment.
- Infosys, the country's second largest IT services firm, acquired Finland-based Fluidio in a deal worth up to 65 million euros (over Rs 545 crore).
- Food-delivery firm UberEats has partnered with general insurance provider Tata AIG to offer comprehensive insurance covers for its delivery executives in India.
- *Time* magazine is being sold by Meredith Corp. to Marc Benioff, a co-founder of Salesforce. *Time* magazine is sold for \$190 million in cash to Mr. Benioff, one of four co-founders of Salesforce, a cloud computing pioneer.
- Federal Bank, which is in the process of formation of a wholly owned subsidiary company, has executed MOU with Infopark Kakkanad for leasing space in their campus.
- The **newly-launched India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** has tied up with **Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance** to sell the insurance products through IPPB network. IPPB customers will get access to all the insurance products and services offered by Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance.
- **The Small saving schemes** such as **Public Provident Fund (PPF), National Savings Certificates and Post Office Deposit Scheme** will fetch more in the three months period starting October 1. The Government has raised interest rate on these schemes between 30 and 40 basis points (100 bps is 1 percent).
- A Loan Agreement for **IBRD Credit of US\$74 million equivalent for the Uttarakhand Workforce Development Project (UKWDP)** was signed with the World Bank.
- The **Corporation Bank has signed an information utility (IU) agreement** with **National e-Governance Services Ltd (NeSL)**, the first IU registered with the **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)**, to share financial and security information under IBBI (IU) Regulation 2017.
- The **US multinational Fitch Ratings** raised India's GDP growth forecast for the **current fiscal to 7.8 percent**, up from their earlier estimate of **7.4 percent**.
- **IRDAI** has constituted a committee, comprising its officials as well as senior executives of a few insurers, to study regulatory issues fin-tech poses for insurance.

APPOINTMENTS

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PERSON		
Moutaz Mousa Abdallah	has become the Sudan's new Prime Minister.	_____
The Former England wicket-keeper James Foster	_____	has announced his decision to retire from all forms of cricket at the end of the ongoing season.
Prashant Kumar	has taken charge as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of State bank of India.	_____
The Bollywood stars Varun Dhawan and Anushka Sharma	have been signed on to promote and endorse the Skill India Mission, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.	_____
Padmaja Chundururu	appointed as MD and CEO of Indian Bank	_____
Mrutyunjay Mahapatra	appointed as MD and CEO of Syndicate Bank	_____
Pallav Mohapatra	appointed as MD and CEO of Central Bank of India	_____
Packirisamy	appointed as MD and CEO of Andhra Bank	_____
Karnam Sekar	appointed as MD and CEO of Dena Bank	_____
Tajinder Mukherjee	has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director of National Insurance Company Limited (NIC).	_____
The Renowned scientist Kamlesh Nilkanth Vyas	has been appointed the secretary of the Department of Atomic Energy and chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission.	_____

AWARDS AND HONOURS

- The **Canada - Peter Farrelly's dramatic comedy buddy movie "Green Book,"** starring Mahershala Ali and Viggo Mortensen, won the Toronto International Film Festival audience prize.
- The state-run **Punjab National Bank (PNB) has bagged the "Rajbhasha Kirti" award** for outstanding performance in implementing the **Official Language Policy during 2017-18.**

- The Kerala Tourism won two Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) gold awards. The awards were presented at a glittering function in Langkawi, Malaysia on Friday during PATA Travel Mart 2018.
- Ustad Iqbal Ahmed Khan won top honours at the first international music festival initiated by President Shavkat Mirizoyev.
- All-women crew of **INSV Tarini** has bagged the prestigious **Tenzing Norgay National Adventure award** for beating the odds in water with their enduring skills and sailing across the world for eight long months.
- The **Chairman and MD, JK Tyre & Industries Ltd., Dr. Raghupati Singhania** has been conferred with '**Mexican Order of the Aztec Eagle**', the highest honour accorded to non-nationals by the Government of Mexico.

SPORTS

- **Maldives** have lifted the 2018 **South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Cup**. They defeated India with a goal 2-1.
- The Reigning world champion **Kento Momota** won his first Japan Open title, beating **Thailand's Khosit Phetpradab** in straight games.
- **Indian five-time world boxing champion M C Mary Kom** clinched her **third gold medal of the year in 48 kg category**, while **Jyoti Gulia** picked up the country's lone gold in 51 kg of the youth category of the **Silesian Open boxing Tournament for women in Gliwice, Poland**.
- The **World champion Kevin Mayer** set a new world record in the **decathlon with 9,126 points at the Decastar meet**. to eclipse Ashton's Eaton previous mark of 9,045.
- Rio Olympics Bronze medalist Sakshi Malik settled for a Silver medal at the Medved International Wrestling tournament at Minsk, Belarus last night.
- The **Asian Paralympic Committee (APC)** has confirmed that **Hangzhou in China** will host the fourth edition of **Asian Para Games in 2022**. The confirmation came following a visit to Hangzhou in July by APC President Majid Rashed and CEO Tarek Souei.
- **Indian cricket captain Virat Kohli and weightlifter Saikhom Mirabai Chanu** will receive the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award- India's highest sports honour.
- The **34th Priyadarshni Academy Anniversary Global Awards** were held at **Hotel Trident, Mumbai** on Sept. 19.
- **Guru Nanak Dev University (GNDU), Amritsar**, has won the prestigious **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy for 2017-18**. GNDU has reclaimed the trophy after a gap of six years.
- The **World Women's Boxing Championships**, to be hosted by India after more than a decade, will be held from **November 15 in the national capital New Delhi**.

RANKING

- In a **2018 ranking of countries on e-government development**, **Denmark, Australia, and Republic of Korea** came out on top of a group of 40 countries, scoring very high on an index (the E-Government Development Index—EGDI),

which measures countries' use of information and communications technologies to deliver public services.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

- The **incredible story of Dutee Chand**, who rose from abject poverty to become one of India's biggest sprinting stars, will be brought alive in the form of a book titled as, "Story so far".

OBITUARY

- A well-known wrestler **Ganpatrao Andalkar** has passed away. Andalkar, a former Olympian who took part in the 1964 Tokyo Olympics, had bagged the coveted "**Hind Kesari**" title in 1960.
- The former Union petroleum minister Satya Prakash Malaviya has passed away. Mr. Malaviya had served as the petroleum minister in the cabinet headed by former Prime Minister Chandra Shekhar.
- The **veteran freedom fighter and former Odisha Minister Dolagobinda Pradhan** has passed away.
- **India's first woman IAS officer post-Independence, Anna Rajam Malhotra** has passed away.
- Vietnamese President **Tran Dai Quang**, the country's second in command after the Communist party's leader has passed away.

IMPORTANT DAYS

SEPTEMBER	IMPORTANT DAYS	THEMES
17	International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer.	Keep Cool and Carry On: The Montreal Protocol
21	International Day of Peace	"The Right to Peace - The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70".
29	Surgical Strike Day	_____