

## Important One Liner Current Affairs of the Week (11 Oct – 17 Oct 2021)

### 11 October

- PM Narendra Modi has launched the Indian Space Association (ISpA). ISpA is a private industry body to help boost space technology in India.
- India and Denmark signed two MoUs on research in climate change, and setting up a “green hydrogen” electrolyser plant.
- The govt has appointed M. Ravichandran as Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences.
- The Union Minister Parshottam Rupala, launched the River Ranching Programme in Uttar Pradesh.
- In a landmark decision, the Department of Food and Public Distribution has imposed stock limits on Edible Oils and Oilseeds for a period upto 31st March, 2022.
- Telecom secretary and Chairman of Digital Communications Commission inaugurated its Quantum Communication Lab and unveiled the indigenously developed Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) solution at C-DOT, Delhi
- The Indian Railways has launched 2 long haul freight trains 'Trishul' and 'Garuda' in South Central Railways (SCR).
- Martin J Sherwin, a leading scholar of atomic weapons passed away.
- National Mission of Clean Ganga signed an MoU with Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Institute to conduct a series of trainings to enhance the quality of service of officials in Urban Local Bodies.
- Punjab National Bank has launched a "6S Campaign" encapsulating different schemes such as - Swabhiman, Samruddhi, Sampark and Shikhar, Sankalp and Swagat.
- Indian captain Sunil Chhetri equalled the legendary Pele with his 77th international goal.

### 12 October

- Chairman of DRDO, G Satheesh Reddy has been conferred the prestigious Aryabhata Award.

- **Rajnish Kumar**, former chairman of **State Bank of India (SBI)**, has joined the board of Fintech firm **BharatPe** as its **Chairman**.
- **German** rail operator **Deutsche Bahn** and industrial group **Siemens** unveiled the world's first automated, driverless train in **Hamburg**.
- Three US-based economists **David Card**, **Joshua D Angrist** and **Guido W Imbens** have been conferred **2021 Nobel prize** for economics.
- **Karuppur Kalamkari Paintings**, **Kallakurichi Wood carvings** & **Kanyakumari Clove**, all three from **Tamil Nadu** were awarded with **GI tags**.
- **Global Multidimensional Poverty Index 2021** was released by **United Nations Development Programme** and the **Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative (OPHI)**.
- Telugu filmmaker **B Gopal** has been chosen for the fourth **Satyajit Ray Award 2021** for his overall contribution to the Indian cinema.
- Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting **Dr L. Murugan** inaugurated **Prasar Bharati Auditorium** at **All India Radio Srinagar**.
- Veteran **Kannada** actor **Sathyajith (72)** passed away after suffering a massive heart attack.
- **National Award**-winning Malayalam actor **Nedumudi Venu** passed away.
- For boosting exports of citrus and its value-added products, **APEDA** has signed an MoU with **ICAR-Central Citrus Research Institute, Nagpur**.
- **Alexander Schallenberg** has been appointed as new **Chancellor of Austria** after **Sebastian Kurz** resigned amid corruption allegations.
- The book titled "**Quest for a Stable Afghanistan: A View from Ground Zero**" was authored by **Sujeet Sarkar**.

### 13 October

- **Randeep Guleria** (Director of All India Institute of Medical Sciences) has been conferred with **Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence**
- Union Environment Minister has released **Vision Plan (2021-2031)** for Indian zoos by **Central Zoo Authority (CZA)** to upgrade them to global standards, strengthening Central Zoo Authority
- **NITI Aayog Vice Chairman, Rajiv Kumar** has launched '**NITI Aayog – United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Handbook on Sustainable Urban Plastic Waste Management**' in New Delhi
- **Delhi govt** has launched mentorship programme '**Desh Ke Mentor**' for children studying in Classes IX to XII of govt schools

- PM Narendra Modi has participated virtually in G20 Extraordinary Summit on Afghanistan.
- Adani Group took over the responsibilities of Jaipur International Airport from Airports Authority of India (AAI)
- Indian shooters claimed a historic victory with 43 medals to stand atop in the medal table at 2021 International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Championship Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun that was held at Lima, Peru
- Unique clove spice grown in the hills of Kanyakumari district in Tamil Nadu, 'Kanyakumari clove' has been awarded geographical indication (GI).
- World football governing body, FIFA has unveiled the official mascot of U-17 Women's World Cup India 2022.
- Former Chairman of State Bank of India (SBI) Rajnish Kumar has come out with his memoir titled 'The Custodian of Trust – A Banker's Memoir'.
- Pakistani nuclear physicist and metallurgical engineer, Abdul Qadeer Khan (85 years) passed away, after being transferred to a hospital in Islamabad with lung problem.
- India has developed indigenous technology to convert high ash Indian coal to methanol and established its first pilot plant in Hyderabad.

#### 14 October

- PM Modi has inaugurated Rs 100 lakh crore PM Gati Shakti-National Master Plan for multi-modal connectivity from Pragati Maidan in New Delhi
- Govt has accorded 'Maharatna' status to the state-owned Power Finance Corporation Ltd (PFC), thus giving PFC greater operational and financial autonomy by Dept of Public Enterprises
- Arun Kumar Mishra has been appointed as the chief executive officer (CEO) of Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL).
- World's first automated, driverless train has been unveiled in Hamburg, Germany and will begin carrying passengers from December 2021
- India has retained 3rd rank in 58th Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index (RECAI) released by Ernst & Young .
- Former Information & Broadcasting and Higher Education Secretary, Amit Khare has been appointed as the Advisor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for two years on contractual basis
- Delhi Transport Dept will soon issue QR based Smart cards for driving licenses (DLs) and registration certificates (RCs) for digitization the DL system
- Chairman of Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO), Sardar Balvinder Singh Nakai (87 years) passed away.

- Meghalaya CM Conrad Sangma has launched **Special Postal Covers** of Pa Togan N. Sangma and Citrus Indica (**Memang Narang**) at Williamnagar.
- **National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)** signs MoU with **Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO)** for development of a **Multimodal Logistics Park (MMLP)** at VOC Port in Chennai.
- **Department of Posts** has launched digital version of the Postal Life Insurance policy bonds, termed as '**ePLI bond**', on the occasion of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

### 15 October



- Justice **Prashant Kumar Mishra** was sworn in as the Chief Justice of the **Andhra Pradesh High Court** at Vijayawada.
- Seven-year-old hailing from Karnataka's Bangalore, **Aadhya Aravind Shankar** has scripted history by becoming the first-ever Indian to win the Children's Peace Image of the Year-Global Peace Photo Award.
- SNV Aviation, which will fly under the **Akasa Air brand** has received a no-objection certificate from the ministry and expects to begin **flights across India in 2022**.
- WHO has announced the establishment of a **scientific advisory group** to identify the origin of **COVID-19** and other future outbreaks.
- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has issued a small finance bank (SFB) license to a consortium of fintech companies **BharatPe** and **Centrum Financial Services Ltd.**
- **Dept of Biotechnology** has launched the **First One Health project** of DBT through video conferencing
- **India** has approved to provide \$200 million **Line of Credit (LoC)** support to **Kyrgyzstan** for development projects.
- India will host the **South Asian Cross Country Championships** in Kohima, Nagaland on **15th January 2022**.
- Union Minister, **Giriraj Singh** has launched the **Climate Resilience Information System and Planning (CRISP-M)** tool for integration of climate information in Geographic Information System (GIS) based watershed planning.

### 16 October

- **Satya Nadella** (CEO Microsoft), along with three other top leaders of Microsoft awarded the prestigious **2021 C K Prahalad award** for **Global Business Sustainability Leadership**.

- A K Goel, (MD & CEO) of UCO Bank has been elected as new chairman of Indian Bank's Association for 2021-22.
- 'Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Prerana Sthal' was inaugurated at Naval Science & Technological Laboratory (NSTL), Visakhapatnam.
- The Ministry of Food Processing Industries, under the PM Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises Scheme, organised Food Tech Summit 2021
- NASA launched Lucy spacecraft, the first space mission to study the Trojans Asteroids.
- India has slipped to 101st position in the Global Hunger Index 2021 of 116 countries.
- The BPCL has launched an automated fuelling technology -UFill- to ensure better customer experience at outlets.
- According to World's Best Employers rankings 2021 published by Forbes, RIL is among the top four Indian companies to work for.
- The 17th edition of the Indo-US joint training exercise "Ex Yudh Abhyas 21" commenced at Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson in Alaska.

### 17 October

- Pradeep Kumar Panja has been appointed as the Chairman of Karnataka Bank Ltd with effect from November 14, 2021, for a period of three years.
- Navrang Saini has been appointed as the interim Chairperson of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI), for a period of three months, or till the joining of a new incumbent to the post, or until further orders.
- Chennai Super Kings (CSK) has defeated Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) in the finals to win the 2021 Indian Premier League (IPL) title.
- Amitabh Chaudhry has been re-appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Axis Bank for a period of three years.
- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has constituted 4-member high powered advisory committee on settlement orders and compounding of offences.
- China and Russia joint naval exercises titled as 'Joint Sea 2021' kicked off at Russia's Peter the Great Gulf, in the Sea of Japan, on October 14, 2021.
- India has been re-elected to United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) for sixth term on October 14, 2021 with overwhelming majority.
- Hubble Space Telescope Observatory of NASA has revealed the presence of persistent water vapour in 'Europa', the icy moon of Jupiter.

- **Sajjan Jindal** has been elected as the **Chairman of World Steel Association (WSA)** for the year 2021-22.

### Weekly Events that happened in the history

- The **International Day of the Girl Child** is observed annually on **October 11**. The date was set by the **United Nations** to urge the global community to embolden gender equality impacts.
- **World Arthritis Day** is celebrated every year on **October 12** to spread awareness about the existence and impact of rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases.
- **United Nations International Day for Disaster Reduction** is held every year on **13 October** to promote a global culture of risk-awareness and disaster reduction since 1989.
- **International E-Waste Day (IEWD)** is observed every year on **14 October** every year to promote the correct disposal of e-waste throughout the world, increasing re-use, recovery and recycling rates.
- **World Standards Day (WSD)** is observed globally on **14th October** annually to raise awareness about the importance of standardization to the global economy among the consumers, regulators and industry.
- **World Students Day** is being observed annually on **15<sup>th</sup> October** to mark the birth anniversary of former President A. P. J. Abdul Kalam.
- The **Global Handwashing Day (GHD)** is observed on **15th October** every year.
- **World Food Day** is celebrated all over the world on **October 16**.
- **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty** is observed on **17th October** every year across the globe to raise awareness of the need to eradicate poverty and destitution around the world, particularly in developing countries.