

## Important One Liner Current Affairs of the week (16 August - 22 August) 2021

### 22 August

- **Ismail Sabri Yaakob (61 years)** has been appointed as the new **Prime Minister of Malaysia** by Malaysia's King Sultan Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah. Capital of Malaysia: **Kuala Lumpur**.
- **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL)** has launched an AI-enabled chatbot, named as **'URJA'** to provide a platform for seamless self-service experience and faster resolution of queries/issues to its customers
- **National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Ltd** has commissioned **largest floating solar PV project of 25MW** on the reservoir of its Simhadri thermal station in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- **Tokyo Paralympics** is scheduled to be held from **24 August to 5 September 2021**. India will be represented by **54 athletes** and compete in **9 sports disciplines** including Archery, Athletics Track and Field, Badminton, Swimming, Weightlifting at Tokyo Paralympics.
- Govt of India has identified two Autonomous Institutes of Dept of Biotechnology (DBT), named as **National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB), Hyderabad** and **National Centre for Cell Science (NCCS), Pune**, for upgradation as **Central Drug Laboratories (CDLs)**.
- **Indian Naval Academy (INA), Ezhimala** will conduct the **8th edition of the prestigious annual 'Dilli Series' Sea Power Seminar** on 11th and 12th October 2021.
- Govt has constituted **Committee for doubling the production and quadrupling the exports of handlooms** within three years.

### 21 August

- **Sweden** becomes the first country in the world to manufacture **first fossil-free steel (Green Steel)**. Capital of Sweden: **Stockholm**.
- **Shanti Lal Jain** has been appointed as the **Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Indian Bank** with effect from **September 1, 2021**.
- **Apple** has been declared as the **World's most valuable company** with USD 2,443 billion according to the **Hurun Global 500 Most Valuable Companies list 2021**.
- **Facebook India** in partnership with online lending platform **Indifi** has launched **Small Business Loans Initiative in India**.
- **NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL)** has tied-up with **Mashreq Bank** to launch payment system facility of **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)** in the UAE.
- **2021 edition of World Athletics U20 Championships** is scheduled to be held in **Nairobi, Kenya** at the Nyayo Sports Complex.
- **Geological Survey of India** has launched **GSI Mobile App (Beta Version)** to make itself accessible to the masses and make its presence felt digitally. Headquarters of GSI: **Kolkata, West Bengal**.

### 20 August

- **N K Singh** (Chairman of 15th Finance Commission) has been elected as the **President of Institute of Economic Growth (IEG) Society**.
- Raksha Mantri **Rajnath Singh** has launched **'Defence India Startup Challenge (DISC) 5.0'** under **Innovations for Defence Excellence - Defence Innovation Organisation (iDEX-DIO)** initiative in New Delhi.

- **Apurva Chandra** (1988-batch IAS officer of Maharashtra cadre) has been appointed as the **Secretary of Information and Broadcasting Ministry** with effect from Sep 2021.
- **DRDO** has developed **Advanced Chaff Technology** to safeguard fighter aircraft of Indian Air Force (IAF) against hostile radar threats.
- **Union Minister of Heavy Industries** has inaugurated **Solar Electric Vehicle (SEV) Charging Station** at Karnal Lake Resort, Karnal
- **India** in collaboration with **UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations** and **Dept of Operational Support** has launched tech platform titled as '**UNITE Aware**' for improving the safety and security of the UN peacekeepers.
- Health and Family Welfare Minister, **Mansukh Mandaviya** had organized an event **Aarogya Dhara 2.0** to mark the completion of 2 Crore treatments under **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)**.
- **All-India Consumer Price Index Numbers for Agricultural Labourers and Rural Labourers July 2021** has been released with increase by **4 points** and 5 points to stand at 1061 and 1070 points
- Govt will set up separate **Civil Services Exam Centre for Ladakh** to be located at Leh.
- **Tamil Nadu Govt** has constituted seven member committee led by **Sultan Ahmed Ismail of the State Development Policy Council** to study the exploration of hydrocarbon projects.
- **Zila Panchayat of Aligarh** has passed a resolution to rename **Aligarh as Harigarh** and sent the proposal to CM Yogi Adityanath.
- New book titled as '**Operation Khukri**', based on one of **Indian Army's most successful UN Peacekeeping missions**, in the jungles of Sierra Leone in 2000 has been released.

#### 19 August

- **Kotak Mahindra Bank (KMBL)** has tied-up with **Creditas Solutions** to introduce a secure, **Do It Yourself (DIY) Digital Repayment Platform** for missed loan repayments. **Aim:** To deliver a superior repayment experience for customers and increase efficiencies.
- **Priyanka Chopra** has appointed as the Chairperson of **Jio Mumbai Academy of Moving Image (MAMI) Film Festival** with effect from August 17, 2021. Festival Director: **Anupama Chopra**.
- **Indian Army** has organised **400 Km 'JAZBAA-E- TIRANGA' Relay Marathon** in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.
- **Ghaziabad** was the **second most polluted city in the world in 2020** with average **air quality index (AQI)** of **2.5 particulate matter (PM)** in **106.6µg/m3** according to a report prepared by **HouseFresh**.
- **Chhattisgarh government** has launched '**Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Bhumihin Majdur Nyay Yojana**', benefiting 12 lakh landless families. Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh: **Bhupesh Baghel**.
- Olympic silver medalist weightlifter **Saikhom Mirabai Chanu** has been appointed as the **brand ambassador for Amway India** and its Nutrilite range of products
- Odisha Chief Minister **Naveen Patnaik** has launched **smart health cards under Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana** which is expected to benefit around 3.5 crore people.
- **Manreet Sodhi Someshwar** has penned down a book titled as '**Lahore: Book 1 of the Partition Trilogy**'. It has been published by **HarperCollins**.
- **Uttar Pradesh govt** has decided to set up a training centre for **Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) commandos in Saharanpur's Deoband**, known for its Islamic seminary Darul Uloom Deoband.

#### 18 August

- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has constructed composite **Financial Inclusion Index (FI-Index)** to capture the extent of financial inclusion across India. FI-Index will be published annually in **July every year**
- **Odisha govt** will continue to sponsor Indian men's and women's national hockey teams for another **10 years**, after the current sponsorship ends in 2023. Chief Minister of Odisha: **Naveen Patnaik**.
- **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)** NITI Aayog, along with **La Fondation Dassault Systemes** has launched third series of '**Student Entrepreneurship Program**' (SEP 3.0) for young innovators of **Atal Tinkering Labs**
- Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor **Manoj Sinha** has unveiled **Photographic Record of On-site Facility (PROOF)** to bring more transparency and accountability in the governance system
- **MyGov** under **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology** and **UN Women** has jointly launched **Amrit Mahotsav Shri Shakti Innovation Challenge 2021** to encourage technology solutions developed by Women Entrepreneurs that facilitate Women's Safety and Empowerment
- **Indian Naval Ship Tabar** has participated at Portsmouth in England to undertake the annual bilateral drill titled as '**Exercise Konkan 2021**' between Indian Navy and Britain's Royal Navy.
- Creator of puzzle Sudoku, **Maki Kaji (69 years)** passed away due to bile duct cancer in Japan.
- **Minister of Commerce and Industry** has conferred **National Intellectual Property Awards 2020** to the winners. The award is conferred every year by **Office of Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks (CGPDTM)**, Dept for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- Union Minister **Anurag Thakur**, along with Union Minister Jal Shakti and Food Processing Industries has unveiled the **2nd season of successful travelogue Rag Rag Mein Ganga**. **Rag Rag Mein Ganga** was first introduced in **2019**
- **Ministry for Electronics and IT (MeitY)-NASSCOM Start-up Women Entrepreneur Awards 2020-21** winners has been announced.

### 17 August

- Young Indian Grandmaster **Raunak Sadhwani (15 years)** has won **19th Spilimbergo Open chess tournament** here with seven points from nine rounds. He was also **U-10 Commonwealth Champion in 2015** in New Delhi, India.
- **Hakainde Hichilema (59 years)** has been elected as the new **President of Zambia**, after defeating incumbent **Edgar Lungu**. Zambia's Capital: **Lusaka**.
- Maharashtra CM **Uddhav Thackeray** has launched **e-crop survey initiative** with effect from August 15.
- Union Agriculture Minister **Narendra Singh Tomar** has inaugurated **World's second-largest refurbished gene bank** at **National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR)**, Pusa, New Delhi.
- President **Ram Nath Kovind** has conferred **144 Gallantry awards** to armed forces, police and paramilitary personnel on the occasion of Independence Day 2021.
- **Komalika Bari** became **new under-21 recurve world Archery champion** at the Youth World Championships in Wroclaw, Poland.
- **All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS)**, New Delhi has become the **1st hospital of India** to house a fire station inside the hospital premises to meet any emergency.

- Vice President, **M Venkaiah Naidu** has laid foundation stone of **Innovation and Development Centre of Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR)**, Bengaluru.
- Ministry of Power has circulated '**Draft Electricity (promoting renewable energy through Green Energy Open Access) Rules, 2021**'. These rules are proposed for purchase and consumption of green energy including energy from Waste-to-Energy plants, Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO), Green energy open access, Nodal Agencies, banking, and cross subsidy surcharge
- Former India U-19 World Cup winning captain **Unmukt Chand (28 years)** has announced his retirement from playing any form of cricket in India as he wants to play in **US T20 League**
- **Muhyiddin Yassin** has stepped down as **Prime Minister of Malaysia** after months of political turmoil culminated in the loss of his majority.

### 16 August

- **Indian Navy** participated in **U.S. Navy led Southeast Asia Cooperation and Training (SEACAT)** military exercise in **Singapore**. SEACAT began in **2002** and this is the **20th edition of the exercise**.
- Four more wetlands from India have been added to the list of Ramsar sites, giving it status of '**Wetland of International Importance**'. **These 4 sites are:**
  - Thol, Gujarat
  - Wadhvana, Gujarat
  - Sultanpur, Haryana
  - Bhindawas, Haryana
- **Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment** has launched an online portal titled **TAPAS (Training for Augmenting Productivity and Services)** to provide free of cost filmed lectures/courses/material
- **HCL Foundation** has launched an online portal titled as, '**My e-Haat**' to empower artisans and strengthen the value chain of the handicraft sector in India.
- PM Modi has set the target of becoming **energy independent country by 2047**, when India will celebrate 100th year of Independence
- PM Modi has announced that **75 'Vande Bharat' trains** will connect different parts of India in 75 weeks to mark the ongoing '**Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**'.
- Eminent India-international footballer **Chinmoy Chatterjee (68 years)** passed away
- Chhattisgarh CM **Bhupesh Baghel** has announced the creation of four new districts and 18 new tehsils in the state.
- **Indian Navy** has signed MoU with **IDFC First Bank** to initiate premium banking solution titled as '**Honour FIRST**' for serving personnel and veterans of the Indian Navy.
- Union Ministry of Environment has notified '**Plastic Waste Management Amendment Rules, 2021**', that prohibits identified single use plastic items which have low utility and high littering potential by 2022.

### **Weekly Events that happened in the history**

- **World Sanskrit Day (Sanskrit Diwas)** is observed every year on Shraavanapoornima, that is the Poornima day of the Shraavana month in the Hindu calendar, which is also marked as Raksha Bandhan. This year, it is being observed on **August 22, 2021**.
- **International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief** is observed every year on **August 22**.
- **World Senior Citizen Day** is observed every year on **August 21** globally to raise awareness about issues affecting older people, such as deterioration with age and the abuse of the elderly and support, honour and show appreciation to seniors and to recognize their achievements.

- **International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism** is observed every year **August 21** to pay tribute to the individuals across the globe who have been attacked, injured, traumatized or lost their lives because of terrorist attacks.
- **World Mosquito Day** is observed every year on **20 August** to raise awareness about the causes of malaria and how it can be prevented. Theme 2021: **Reaching the zero-malaria target**
- **Akshay Urja Diwas (Renewable Energy Day)** is observed every year on **20 August** to raise awareness about the developments and adoption of renewable energy in India.
- **World Humanitarian Day (WHD)** is observed on **19 August** every year to pay tribute to humanitarian personnel and those workers who lost or risked their lives while doing humanitarian service. Theme for 2021 WHD: **#TheHumanRace: a global challenge for climate action in solidarity with people who need it the most.**
- **World Photography Day** is observed on **19 August** every year to promote photography as a hobby and also inspire photographers around the globe to share a single photo with the rest of the world.

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