

Important One Liner Current Affairs of the week (23 August - 29 August) 2021

23 August

- **India** has ranked 2nd in Global cryptocurrency adoption index, according to **2021 Global Crypto Adoption Index**. The index is released by **Chainalysis**.
- **T M Bhasin** has re-appointed as the **Chairman of Advisory Board for Banking and Financial Frauds (ABBFF)** by Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) with effect from August 21, 2021.
- **World Bank** has launched new '**Cybersecurity Multi-Donor Trust Fund**' to roll-out cybersecurity development agenda in a systematic manner.
- **India's highest altitude herbal park** has been inaugurated at Mana village in Chamoli district, Uttarakhand.
- **Madhya Pradesh Govt** has launched comprehensive **Talent Search Campaign** in the field of sports to search for new talented players and train them in 18 sports academies of state
- Long jumper **Shaili Singh** won silver medal at the **U-20 World Athletics Championships in Nairobi** with 6.59 metre jump.
- Senior BJP leader and former Chief minister of Uttar Pradesh **Kalyan Singh (89 years)** passed away at Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences hospital in Lucknow.
- Union Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** will launch **National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP)** in New Delhi.
- Indian Film Festival of Melbourne Awards (IFFM) 2021 has been announced virtually.
- Full list of winners:
 - Best Feature Film: Soorai Potru
 - Best Performance Male (Feature): Suriya Sivakumar (Soorai Potru)
 - Best Performance Female (Feature): Vidya Balan (Sherni) & Nimisha Sajayan (The Great Indian Kitchen)
 - Best Series: Mirzapur Season 2
 - Best Actress in a Series: Samantha Akkineni (The Family Man 2)
 - Best Actor in a Series: Manoj Bajpayee (The Family Man 2)
- Amitabh Bachchan has become India's First Celebrity to lend his voice for Amazon's Alexa.

24 August

- Senior BJP leader from Tamil Nadu, **La. Ganesan (76 years)** has been appointed as the **14th Governor of Manipur**. Chief minister of Manipur: **N. Biren Singh**. Capital of Manipur: **Imphal**.
- Delhi's Chief Minister has inaugurated **India's first smog tower in Connaught Place, Delhi**
- **Nakul Chopra** has been appointed as the new **Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC), India** with effect from **August 25, 2021**
- Union Minister of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, **Giriraj Singh** has launched new geospatial planning portal titled as '**Yuktdhara**', that will facilitate new MGNREGA assets using remote sensing and geographic information system-based data.
- Union Education Minister has launched **National Education Policy (NEP)-2020 in Karnataka**.
- Minister of State for Electronics and IT, **Rajeev Chandrasekhar** has launched **Amrit Mahotsav App Innovation Challenge 2021** for Indian entrepreneurs and start-ups in New Delhi
- **Cushman and Wakefield** have released **2021 Global Manufacturing Risk Index**.
- Indian Naval Ships '**Shivalik**' and '**Kadmatt**' has arrived at Guam, an Island Territory of the USA to participate in the **annual Exercise MALABAR-21** from **26 to 29 August 2021**

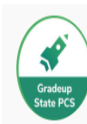
- **Dept of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology** in collaboration with **BRICS countries** is implementing **SARS-CoV-2 NGS-BRICS consortium** and multi centric programme to study the impact of severe COVID-19 conditions on TB patients.
- Manipur's CM **N. Biren Singh** has launched '**COVID-19 Affected Livelihood Support Scheme**' to provide assistance to those who had severely affected the COVID-19 pandemic in the State.
- **IIT Madras** has developed **India's first indigenous motorized wheelchair vehicle** titled as '**NeoBolt**', which can be used not only on roads but even on uneven terrains.
- J&K govt has launched an **online grievance redressal portal** to address the grievances of the Kashmiri migrants, becoming the 1st UT to put in place such portal for migrants.
- **FM Nirmala Sitharaman** has launched '**Ubharte Sitaare Fund (USF)**' in Lucknow, UP
- **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** and **Govt** have signed **\$500 million loan** to expand the metro rail network in **Bengaluru** with the construction of two new metro lines totaling 56 km in length.

25 August

- **Abhay Kumar Singh** (2004-batch IAS officer of Bihar cadre) has been appointed as **Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Cooperation** by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet headed by PM Modi.
- **Copenhagen, Denmark** has been named as the world's safest city from among 60 global cities in **Safe Cities Index 2021**, which is released biennially.
- Fifth edition of Indo- Kazakhstan Joint Training Exercise, **KAZIND-21** will be conducted at Aisha Bibi in Kazakhstan, from **August 30 to September 11** as a part of military diplomacy and to strengthen the growing strategic relation with Kazakhstan
- Indian feminist writer and publisher **Ritu Menon** has come out with her new book titled as '**Address Book: A Publishing Memoir In the time of COVID**'.
- **2021 edition of World Water Week** has been organised from **23rd to 27th August** in entirely digital format. It is an annual event organized by **Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI)** to address the global water issues and related concerns of international development
- **NITI Aayog and Ministry of Development of North-Eastern Region** has launched **first edition of North-Eastern Region (NER) District SDG Index Report and Dashboard 2021-22**
- **NITI Aayog and World Resources Institute (WRI), India** has jointly launched '**Forum for Decarbonizing Transport**' in India as part of **NDC-Transport Initiative for Asia (NDC-TIA)** project
- **First batch of Multi-Mode Hand Grenades (MMHG)** has been handed over to Indian Army in Nagpur, Maharashtra
- A new book titled as '**Mission Domination: An Unfinished Quest**' has been released on August 2021. The book has been authored by **Boria Majumdar** and **Kushan Sarkar**.
- **Ministry of Education** has launches booklet on **One-year New Education Policy (NEP) 2020 Achievement, Academic calendar** and some other initiatives
- Other initiatives are:
 - **Priya: The Accessibility Warrior** - It is an E-Comic cum Activity Book.
 - **Virtual School of NIOS**: It has been designed for NIOS by Ed4All and Microsoft to provide advanced digital learning platforms
 - **NIPUN Bharat Mission**
 - **Vidya Pravesh**: It is a 3 months School Preparation Module for Grade I childre
- **Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)** has given a name to India's complex mission of evacuating its citizens from war-torn Afghanistan, as '**Operation Devi Shakti**'.
- Former Indian Footballer, **O Chandrasekharan (86 years)** passed away in Kochi.



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- **Assam govt** has signed MoU with **Microfinance Institutions** for implementation of **Assam Micro Finance Incentive and Relief Scheme 2021** in Guwahati
- **HDFC Bank** has partnered with **Paytm** to build comprehensive solutions across payment gateway, point of sale machines and credit products.

26 August

- **Sandeep Bakshi** has been re-appointment as the **Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)** of **ICICI Bank** with effect from October 15, 2021.
- **World's largest and tallest observation wheel** is set to be unveiled in **Dubai, UAE** on 21st October 2021. This observation wheel is known as '**Ain Dubai**'.
- **BharatPe** has launched peer-to-peer (P2P) lending app titled as '**12% Club**' that will allow consumers to invest and earn up to **12% annual interest** or borrow at a similar rate
- **Ministry of Jal Shakti** has launched '100 days campaign' titled as **SUJALAM** to create more and more **Open Defecation Free (ODF) Plus villages** by undertaking waste water management at village level. Campaign started on **August 25, 2021**
- **Minister of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)** has launched **Startup Accelerators of MeitY for pRoduct Innovation, Development, and growth (SAMRIDH)** programme
- Union Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** has unveiled **fourth edition of Public Sector Bank (PSB) Reforms Agenda or Enhanced Access and Service Excellence or 'EASE 4.0'** for 2021-22
- **Ministry of Textiles** is implementing **Samarth Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector** to meet the skill gap in the industry.
- **Infosys** became the **4th Indian company to touch a market capitalization (m-cap)** of USD 100 billion
- **Spices Board** in association with **Embassy of India, Bangkok** organized an **International Buyer Seller Meet (IBSM)** and webinar bringing together Indian spice exporters, leading spice importers in Thailand, trade associations, chamber of commerce, leading supermarket chains, etc.
- US-based **Ohmium International Ltd** has started **India's first green hydrogen electrolyzer manufacturing unit at Bengaluru, Karnataka.**
- National Security Advisor of India, **Ajit Doval** has virtually hosted **11th Meeting of BRICS High Representatives Responsible for National Security**, since India is the chair for 2021 BRICS summit.
- **Pakistan** has received **\$2.75 billion** from **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** under **Special Drawing Rights (SDR) programme** to support low-income countries hit by COVID

27 August

- India's top paddler **G Sathiyan** has won **Czech International Table Tennis Federation tournament tournament** at Olomouc in Czech Republic, after beating **Yevhen Ryshepa of Ukraine** in straight sets 11-9, 11-6, 11-6, 14-12.
- India Pavilion at the **International Military Technical Forum 'ARMY 2021'** was inaugurated jointly by India and Russia in Moscow, Russia, at Patriot Expo, Kubinka Air Base and Alabino military training grounds.
- **Ajay Kumar** has been appointed as the **Executive Director (ED) of Reserve Bank of India** with effect from August 20, 2021.
- **Karnataka Bank** has launched '**KBL FASTag**' for seamless movement of vehicles at toll plazas by facilitating automatic deduction of the toll amount across India.

- Former Union Minister, **K J Alphons** has presented his book '**Accelerating India: 7 Years of Modi Government**' to PM Modi
- Labour and Employment Minister **Bhupendra Yadav** has launched National Database on Unorganized Workers, **e-Shram portal** in Delhi
- **State Bank of India** is the Overall winner of the **EASE Reforms Index Award 2021 (EASE 3.0 Awards)**, followed by **Bank of Baroda** and **Union Bank of India**.
- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has approved the appointment of **Hitendra Dave** as the **Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of HSBC India** with effect from August 24, 2021
- **Ministry of Civil Aviation** has repealed **Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Rules, 2021** and replaced it with the **liberalized Drone Rules, 2021**.
- **NITI Aayog** in partnership with **Cisco** has launched next phase of **Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) 'WEP Nxt'** to foster women entrepreneurship

28 August

- **Pramod Kumar Meherda**, a 1997-batch IAS officer of the **Odisha** cadre, has been appointed as managing director in **National Food Security Mission (NFSM)**.
- The **NIFT, New Delhi** under the aegis of **Ministry of Textiles** is undertaking an extensive anthropometric research study to develop a comprehensive body size chart for the **Indian population**.
- **Maharashtra** govt has launched '**Mission Vatsalya**' to help women who have lost their husbands due to **COVID** to provide a bunch of services under one roof.
- Renowned **percussionist Pt Subhankar Banerjee** passed away after battling COVID-19 for two months at a private hospital in the city.
- Union Agriculture Minister **Narendra Singh Tomar** chaired the **11th Meeting of BRICS Agriculture Ministers**
- Navies of **India** and **Germany** carried out a joint exercise, which included helicopter landings and search and seizure operations, in **Gulf of Aden near Yemen**.
- The **Tamil Nadu govt** has moved the **Supreme Court** seeking to restrain **Karnataka** from proceeding with any activity regarding the proposed construction of a reservoir at **Mekedatu reservoir**.
- Actor **Sonu Sood** will be the brand ambassador for the Delhi government's '**Desh ke Mentor**' initiative for the school kids.
- Popular **Malayali chef** and film producer **Naushad** (55) passed away recently.
- **Mahindra Defence Systems** has bagged a contract worth Rs 1,349.95 cr for manufacturing of **Integrated Anti-Submarine Warfare Defence Suite (IADS)** for modern warships of **Indian Navy**.
- **Indian Oil** plans to expand more into hydrogen technologies and develop **India's first green hydrogen plant**.
- Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** inaugurated a stadium named after Tokyo Olympics gold medalist **Neeraj Chopra** at Army Sports Institute in Pune.

29 August

- Union Health Minister, **Mansukh Mandaviya** has been appointed as the **Chairperson of Stop TB Partnership Board**
- Armed force of **China, Pakistan, Mongolia and Thailand** will participate in multinational peacekeeping exercise titled as '**Shared Destiny-2021**'.
- Former England and Sussex captain **Ted Dexter (86 years)** passed away at Wolverhampton.
- Union Minister of Women & Child Development, Smriti Irani has addressed **First-ever G20 Ministerial Conference on Women's Empowerment**.
- **Election Commission of India (ECI)** has organized **2-day Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) Consultation Workshop**

- **India** has won the elections for membership of two key bodies of **Universal Postal Union (UPU)**, during 27th UPU Congress in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
- Raksha Mantri **Rajnath Singh** has dedicated to the nation, indigenously built Coast Guard Ship '**Vigraha**' in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

Weekly Events that happened in the history

- **International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition** is observed every year on **August 23** to memorialize the transatlantic slave trade.
- **National Sports Day** is observed every year on **August 29** to promote awareness about the importance of sports and being physically active in daily life.
- **International Day against Nuclear Tests** is observed every year on **August 29** aims to increase awareness about the effects of nuclear weapon test explosions or any other nuclear explosions.

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