

Weekly One Liners (8 August – 15 August 2021)

15 August

- **Nadir Godrej** has been appointed as the **Chairman of Godrej Industries** with effect from 1st October 2021. Headquarters of GIL: **Mumbai**.
- Jitendra Singh has released '**IndiGau**' chip, which is **India's first Cattle Genomic Chip for the conservation of pure varieties of indigenous cattle breeds** like Gir, Kankrej, Sahiwal, Ongole etc.
- **Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)**, under the aegis of **MoHUA** has focused on equipping the urban poor women with adequate skills and opportunities, titled as **SonChiraiya**.
- **Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD)** has launched **2nd phase of SAMVAD (Support, Advocacy & Mental health interventions for children in Vulnerable circumstances And Distress)**
- Former West Germany forward and the Bayern Munich football legend, **Gerd Muller (75 years)** passed away.
- Afghanistan President **Ashraf Ghani** will shortly tender his resignation on August 15, 2021, as the government has surrendered to the Taliban forces, which entered Kabul and sought the unconditional surrender of the central government.
- **NITI Aayog, Ministry of Power, Department of Science and Technology, Bureau of Energy Efficiency, and World Resources Institute India** has jointly released '**The Handbook for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Implementation**'.
- **World Health Organization (WHO)** has created new advisory group named as **The International Scientific Advisory Group for Origins of Novel Pathogens (SAGO)**.
- **Virendra Kumar** has flagged off pioneering world record expedition named as '**Operation Blue Freedom**' from Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi on 75th Independence Day.

14 August

- PM **Narendra Modi** formally launched the **National Automobile Scrappage Policy** and Investors Summit for setting up **Vehicle Scrapping Infrastructure**, through video conferencing at **Gandhinagar** in Gujarat.
- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports **Anurag Thakur** launched a nationwide programme of '**Fit India Freedom Run 2.0**' programme from Major Dhyani Chand National Stadium in New Delhi
- The **Reserve Bank of India** has cancelled the license of **Raigad based Karnala Nagari Sahakari Bank Limited** in Maharashtra.
- Shakib Al Hasan (Bangladesh all-rounder) and West Indies skipper Stafanie Taylor were named the **ICC Player of the Month** for July in men's and **women's categories** respectively. ICC Headquarters: **Dubai, United Arab Emirates**, ICC Chairman: **Greg Barclay**
- India is sending its **largest-ever contingent to the Paralympic Games** in Tokyo - 54 para-sportspersons across 9 sports disciplines.
- **Kerala Police** to launch "country's first-of-its-kind" Drone Forensic Lab & Research Centre.

13 August

- Senior bureaucrat **Kamlesh Kumar Pant (1993 IAS officer of Himachal Pradesh cadre)** has been appointed as the new **Chairperson of National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)**. **NPPA**: Government regulatory agency that controls the prices of pharmaceutical drugs in India since **1997**.
- India's cleanest city, **Indore (Madhya Pradesh)** has been declared as **India's first 'water plus' certified city** under Swachh Survekshan 2021.

- **Ganga Prasad** has been sworn in as the **Governor of Manipur** at the Durbar Hall of Raj Bhavan, Imphal.
- **Noopur Chaturvedi** has been appointed as the **Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) Bharat BillPay Ltd. (NBBL)**
- Centre has approved the extension of tenure of India's Home Secretary **Ajay Kumar Bhalla** for another 1-year.
- **Hamad International Airport in Doha, Qatar** has been named as the **Best Airport in the World in 2021 Skytrax World Airport Awards**, followed by Tokyo Haneda Airport, Singapore Changi Airport, Incheon International Airport and Narita International Airport
- **130th Edition of Durand Cup Football Tournament** is scheduled to be held at **Kolkata** from 5th September to 3rd October 2021.
- Govt has announced **Prime Minister's Shram Awards for 2018** to recognize distinguished performance in productivity, exceptional courage and presence of mind. These awards are to be given to 69 workers employed in PSUs and Private Sector Units employing 500 or more workers.

12 August

- **India** has been ranked 122nd on **2020 Global Youth Development Index** among 181 countries. Top nations: **Singapore, Slovenia, Norway, Malta and Denmark**. Worst nation: **Chad, Central African Republic, South Sudan, Afghanistan and Niger**.
- **DRDO** has successfully test-fired medium range subsonic cruise missile '**Nirbhay**' from Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur, off Odisha coast
- **Kaziranga in Assam** has become **1st national park in India** to have been equipped with satellite phones, which are generally used by law-enforcing agencies
- **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)** has launched an app-based digital-lending platform named as '**Digital Prayaas**' to sanction loans to entrepreneurs from low-income groups.
- PM Modi has launched scheme on palm oil production called as **National Edible Oil Mission- Oil Palm (NMEO-OP)**. It will increase oil palm cultivation to **1 million hectares by 2025-26** and **1.7-1.8 million hectares by 2029-30**.
- **Facebook** has collaborated with **UNICEF India** to launch 1-year joint program for ending violence against children with a special focus on online safety.
- **Maharashtra Govt** has announced **new award for Information and Technology (IT) sector**, named after the former PM **Rajiv Gandhi**, as a tribute to his pioneering work in the technology sector.
- Well-known spiritual leader, Ayurvedacharya, and proponent of Yoga, **Balaji Tambe (81 years)** passed away, after a brief illness in Pune
- **Dept of Public Enterprises (DPE)** has annually brings out **Public Sector Enterprises Survey 2019-20** on the performance of **Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs)**. It is the 60th in the series.

11 August

- **India** will host its first-ever '**India Internet Governance Forum (IIGF)**' in October 2021 to bring together representatives from various platforms to discuss internet policy issues. It will be held for 3 days from **20th to 22nd October 2021**. Theme: '**Inclusive Internet for Digital India**'.
- RBI has roped in Olympic Gold medalist **Neeraj Chopra** for public awareness campaign to warn people against digital banking frauds. Neeraj Chopra can be seen conveying **RBI messages on safe digital banking** for not sharing your OTP, CVV, ATM Pin with anyone,

change your online banking passwords and pins from time to time and if you lose your card, then block it immediately

- Two women officers named as **Prakriti and Diksha** have been commissioned as combat officers for the first time into the **Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)**, which is responsible for guarding India-China LAC.
- **India** and **UAE** has commenced first-ever naval combat exercise titled as **Al-Mohed Al-Hindi 2021 exercise**. This naval exercise shows the growing defence ties between the two sides in the wake of the **Indian Army Chief's maiden visit to the West Asian country in 2020**.
- Veteran Padma Shri awardee writer, **Sudha Murty** has come out with her new book titled as '**How The Earth Got Its Beauty**'. Book has been published by **Penguin Random House imprint Puffin**, and features illustrations by **Priyanka Pachpande**.
- **Athletics Federation of India (AFI)** has decided to observe August 7 as '**Javelin Throw Day**' in India to honour Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra, who won India's first Olympic gold medal in athletics at Tokyo.
- Veteran Indian film and television actor, **Anupam Shyam Ojha (63 years)** passed away due to multiple organ failure at Lifeline Hospital, Mumbai
- 101 members of Indian Army contingent will be participating in **International Army Games 2021**, which will be held from **22 August to 4 September 2021 in Russia**
- Govt will organize **Fit India Freedom Run 2.0** throughout India as a part of **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**. **Aim:** To encourage people to take up fitness activities such as running and sports in their daily lives and get freedom from obesity, laziness, stress and diseases.
- **Chhattisgarh** became the first State to recognize **Community Forest Resource (CFR) Rights in urban areas** by recognizing the rights of residents of Dhamtari district spread over 4,127 hectares of forest
- **UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)** has published the **first part of its sixth assessment report (AR6)**, which will form the cornerstone of climate science for the years ahead. The report titled as '**Climate Change 2021: The Physical Science Basis**'. As per the report, Indian Ocean is warming at a higher rate than other oceans.

10 August

- Commodore **Kasargod Patnashetti Gopal Rao (95)** passed away. He was commissioned into the Indian Navy on **April 21, 1950**.
- **PM Modi** announced a **National Edible Oil Mission-Oil Palm (NMEO-OP)**. **Aim:** To make India self-sufficient in cooking oils, including palm oil, as he stressed on reducing the dependence on imports.
- **Home** interiors brand **HomeLane** has entered into a three-year strategic partnership with **Mahendra Singh Dhoni** as an equity partner and brand ambassador.
- **Gujarat** govt has launched **eNagar** mobile application and portal. **Gujarat Urban Development Mission** has been appointed as a nodal agency for **eNagar project**.
- Cartoonist, sculptor, and folk singer **P.S. Banerji** passed away at **Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala**.

9 August

- **International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples (World Tribal Day)** is observed every year on **9 August** to protect the rights of the world's indigenous population and recognize the achievements.

- **ISRO** is set to launch **INS-2B** satellite of **Bhutan** in **December 2021** announced **Space odyssey: Showcasing India's achievements in space technology event**
- **Indian Contingent** managed to win **7 medals** comprising **1 Gold, 2 Silver and 4 Bronze Medals** in **2020 Tokyo Olympics Games**.
- **PM Modi** will launch **Ujjwala 2.0 (Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana-PMUY)** by handing over **LPG connections** at **Mahoba Uttar Pradesh**
- **Together with Health Innovation Exchange (HIEx), StartupBlink** has launched '**The Startup Ecosystem Podcast - The Covid-19 Innovation Report 2021**' that includes the rankings of **100 cities and 40 countries**
- **Peres Jepchirchir (Kenya)** has won **Women's marathon** has claimed a one-two in sweltering conditions in **Japan's northern city of Sapporo**.
- **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet** has extended the tenure of **Rajiv Gauba**, as the **Cabinet Secretary of India**, for a further period of **1-year**.
- **VP Venkaiah Naidu** has released **Postage Stamp on Mananiya Chaman Lal** as a part of **Postal Department's initiative to facilitate Unsung Heroes of India under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**

8 August

- **Rekha Sharma** has been reappointed as the **Chairperson of National Commission for Women (NCW)** for another **three years** with effect from **7th August 2021**.
- **Telangana Government's Information Technology, Electronics and Communication (IT,E&C) department** has won '**AI Gamechanger**' Award in the **Xperience-AI Summit**.
- **DRDO's Chairman G Satheesh Reddy** has inaugurated the **2nd Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) International Conference on Range Technology (ICORT-2021)** via videoconferencing.
- **Ministry of Civil Aviation** has granted drone use permission to **National Institute of Science Education and Research (NISER), Bhubaneswar**
- **Union Power Minister R.K Singh** has launched '**Reform and regulatory knowledge base for power sector**' through virtual mode.
- Former Indian footballer **Subramaniam Sankar Narayan (86 years)** passed away at his home in **Thane, Maharashtra**
- India's first indigenous aircraft carrier (IAC) **Vikrant** has completed its **five-day maiden sea trials** from **August 4, 2021 from Kochi to 8, 2021**.

Weekly Events that happened in the history

- India celebrated **75th Independence Day of India** on **August 15, 2021** with unfurling the **Tricolour** at the historic **Red Fort** in **New Delhi**. **75th year of Independence** is being celebrated as '**Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**', which will continue till **August 15, 2023**.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** declared that **August 14** will be observed as **Partition Horrors Remembrance Day**. It will be observed as '**Partition Horrors Remembrance Day**' or '**Vibhajan Vibhishika Smriti Diwas**', in memory of people's struggles and sacrifices during the partition of the country in **1947**.
- "Unity, Faith, and Discipline" is the guiding principle and national motto of **Pakistan**. The country celebrates its Independence Day on **August 14**.
- **World Organ Donation Day** is observed every year on **August 13** to raise awareness about the importance of organ donation and motivate people to donate organs after death.
- **International Youth Day** is observed every year on **August 12**, as recommended by **World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth** in **Lisbon** to **UN General Assembly**. Theme **2021: Transforming Food Systems: Youth Innovation for Human and Planetary Health**.

- **World Elephant Day** is observed on **August 12** every year worldwide for the preservation and protection of the global elephants. The day was co-founded by **Canadian Patricia Sims** and HM Queen Sirikit's **Elephant Reintroduction Foundation of Thailand**.
- **World Lion Day** is celebrated annually throughout the world on '**10th August**'. **World Lions Day** is celebrated across the world since **2013**.
- **Nagasaki Day** is observed every year on **9th August** to mourn historical nuclear attack took place in **1945** with an atomic bomb.

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