

Important One Liner Current Affairs of the week (30 August - 5 September) 2021

30 August

- Indian paddler **Bhavinaben Patel (34 years)** has claimed historic silver medal at **2020 Paralympic Games at Tokyo** in the women's singles table tennis summit clash.
- Indian Grandmaster **S P Sethuraman** has won the **2021 Barcelona Open chess tournament title**, remaining unbeaten through the nine rounds, winning six matches and drawing three.
- **World's highest movie theatre** has been inaugurated in **Ladakh** at an altitude of **11,562 feet**.
- **Max Verstappen (Red Bull – Netherlands)** has been declared as the winner of **Belgian Grand Prix 2021**.
- India's **Vinod Kumar** has clinched **bronze medal in the men's F52 discus throw event** with an Asian record to give India its third medal in 2020 Tokyo Paralympics.
- **MoRTH** has introduced new registration mark for new vehicles titled '**Bharat series (BH-series)**'.
- **Nishad Kumar (23 years)** from India has clinched silver medal in the men's high jump T47 event at **Tokyo Paralympics 2020**
- Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology (Meity), **Rajeev Chandrasekhar** has launched **India's first indigenously developed Quantum Computer Simulator (QSim) Toolkit**.
- Union Agriculture Minister **Narendra Singh** has announced the operationalization of the **BRICS Agricultural Research Platform (BRICS- ARP)** in India for strengthening the cooperation of BRICS member nations in the field of agricultural research & innovations.
- Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has officially recognized **NBF's Professional News Broadcasters Standards Authority ('PNBSA')** as a self-regulatory body of the News Broadcasters Federation (NBF) for news media.

31 August

- Indian Paralympics shooter, **Avani Lekhara (19 years)** has won the **first gold medal for India at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020** in the women's 10m air rifle standing SH1 event
- Former State Bank of India (SBI) Chairman, **Rajnish Kumar** has been appointed as an **independent director of Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) Asia** entity with effect from **August 30, 2021**.
- India's discus thrower, **Yogesh Kathuniya (24 years)** has clinched silver medal at **2020 Tokyo Paralympics in the men's Discus Throw F56 final event**.
- **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)** has increased the **entry age for National Pension System (NPS) from 65 years to 70 years**
- Indian all-rounder **Stuart Binny** has announced his **retirement from all forms of cricket** on 30th August 2021.
- **PhonePe** has received insurance broking license from **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)**.
- **Central Govt** has set up a committee to develop a **technological platform streamlining the appeal filing process related to direct and indirect taxation matters**.
- Eminent Bengali writer **Buddhadeb Guha (85 years)** passed away after a massive cardiac arrest at a private hospital in Kolkata
- Ladakh Lieutenant Governor, **RK Mathur** has inaugurated **2-Day Ladakh Nomadic Festival at Korzok Phu**, Changthang region of eastern Ladakh.
- **Madhya Pradesh** has officially launched **NEP 2020** in the State, becoming the second state to do so, aligning with the aim of central govt to transform and provide world-class education facilities to students.

- **Govt of India and Maldives** has inked contract for the mega **Greater Male Connectivity project (GMCP)**, which is the largest-ever civilian infrastructure project in Maldives.
- **National Security Guard (NSG)** has conducted week-long counter-terrorism exercise titled '**Gandiv**' from 22 to 28 August, 2021.

1 September

- **Pankaj Kumar Singh** (1988-batch IPS officer from Rajasthan cadre) took over as the **Director General (DG) of Border Security Force**
- India's **Sumit Antil (23 years)** has won **Gold Medal in men's javelin throw F64 final event** at 2020 Tokyo Paralympics
- Ladakh based **Dorje Angchuk** has been inducted as an **Honorary Member of the International Astronomical Union (IAU)**.
- **Amul** has dropped two places to rank 18th in the **Rabobank's 2021 Global Top 20 Dairy Companies** list with annual turnover of \$5.3 billion
- **INS Tabar** is participating in the **Maiden Maritime Partnership Exercise** with **Algerian Navy**, off the Algerian coast, in the Mediterranean Sea.
- Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying, **Parshottam Rupala** has launched **E-GOPALA web version** to aid dairy farmers
- **IIT Madras** is developing an innovative digital model to address the problem of **e-waste (electronic wastes)**.
- Chief Justice of India **N V Ramana** administered the oath of nine new judges, including 3 women judges, took oath as **Supreme Court judges**
- Netherlands-based Prosus NV has announced to acquire the Indian digital payments provider **BillDesk** and merge it with its own fintech service business **PayU** for **\$4.7 billion**.
- South African cricketer **Dale Steyn** has announced his **retirement from all forms of cricket** with immediate effect on 31st August, 2021.
- India's **Mariyappan Thangavelu** has won **silver medal in men's high jump (T63)** at Tokyo Paralympics with 1.86m mark.
- Former Indian cricketer and renowned coach, **Vasudeo Paranjape (82 years)** passed away in Mumbai, Maharashtra due to age related illness.
- Indian shooter Singhraj Adana has won the bronze medal in P1 Men's 10m Air Pistol SH1 final at the ongoing Tokyo Paralympics 2020

2 September

- Bangladeshi vaccine scientist **Dr. Firdausi Qadri** along with other 4 were conferred with **Ramon Magsaysay Award 2021**.
- Vice President **M Venkaiah Naidu** appointed **Dr. Parasaram Pattabhi Kesava Ramacharyulu** as the new secretary general of **Rajya Sabha**.
- **J B Mohapatra** has been appointed the chairman of the **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)**.
- Women and Child Development Minister **Smriti Irani** inaugurated **Poshan 2.0**, during the nutrition month starting from **September 1** for the protection of **Severe Actual Malnourished (SAM)** children.
- Information and Broadcasting Minister **Anurag Thakur** inaugurated the first ever **BRICS Film Technology Symposium**.
- CM **Amarinder Singh** launched '**Innovation Mission Punjab**'. It is a public-private partnership that brings in global investors and experts to catalyze start ups.
- The **Indian Navy** signed a contract with **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)** for the supply of the first indigenously developed **Naval Anti Drone System (NADS)**.
- **PM Modi** releases a special commemorative coin of 125 rupees on the occasion of the 125th Birth Anniv of **Srila Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada**.

- Actor **Sidharth Shukla** (40) passed away due to a massive heart attack. Well known for being the winner of popular reality show **Bigg Boss 13**, **Sidharth Shukla** started his career with the show **Babul Ka Aangann Chootey Na**.
- **Scientists** of the **IIT Ropar** and **Kanpur** and the Faculty of **Management Studies of Delhi University** have developed a living plant-based air purifier, 'Ubreathe Life'.

3 September

- Mexican photographer **Alejandro Prieto** has won the **Bird Photographer of the Year award 2021**.
- **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting** constituted a Committee to review the existing guidelines of **Journalist Welfare Scheme** and make appropriate recommendations for changes to the guidelines. The committee will be headed by **Ashok Kumar Tandon**.
- Indian Navy Offshore Patrol Vessel, **INS Savitri** delivered two Mobile Oxygen Plants to Bangladesh to support its effort to fight the COVID 19.
- Jammu and Kashmir LG **Manoj Sinha** launched Rural Enterprises Acceleration Programme titled 'Saath' for Self Help Group (SHG) women.
- The **Assam** govt decided to rename **Rajiv Gandhi National Park** as **Orang National Park**.
- Veteran journalist and two-term Rajya Sabha MP **Chandan Mitra** passed away.
- Separatist leader and pro-Pakistan supporter **Syed Ali Shah Geelani** passed away.
- The 11th **India-UK Economic and Financial Dialogue** was held virtually.
- At **Tokyo Paralympics**, Indian Para-athlete **Praveen Kumar** bagged the silver medal in **Men's High Jump T64** event.
- **AYUSH Ministry** has launched a campaign of distributing Ayush prophylactic medicines and written guidelines on diet and lifestyle in New Delhi.
- UT of **Ladakh** has declared the black-necked crane and snow leopard as their state bird and animal respectively.
- The **New Development Bank** has approved **Bangladesh** as its new member. NDB was established by the **BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa)** countries.
- Central banks in **Australia, Singapore, Malaysia and South Africa** have launched digital currencies (CBDC) scheme.

4 September

- The **Indian Army** participated in the multi-nation military exercise, '**ZAPAD 2021**', at Nizhny in **Russia**.
- The IMF has increased its allocation of **Special Drawing Rights to India**. SDR is an alternate reserve currency floated by the IMF, which the member countries can freely exchange between themselves instead of relying on currency of any one particular country.
- The **International Labour Organisation (ILO)** has released its flagship **World Social Protection Report 2020-22**. ILO is a specialized agency of the **United Nations**.
- FM **Nirmala Sitharaman** chaired the **24th** meeting of the **FSDC in New Delhi**.
- India and the US have signed an agreement for cooperation in the development of **Air-Launched Unmanned Aerial Vehicle** to further expand their bilateral defence and military cooperation.
- **Chandigarh Railway Station** becomes the fifth station to get **5- star 'Eat Right Station'** certification for providing high-quality, nutritious food to passengers.
- **Vartika Shukla** took charge as the **1st woman Chairperson** and **MD** of Engineers India Ltd. She is graduate in **Chemical Engineering** from the **IIT-Kanpur**.

- **Manish Narwal** won gold, while **Singhraj Adhana** won silver in **Mixed 50 metre Pistol** event at the **Tokyo Paralympics**.
- **India** has emerged as the **third largest startup** ecosystem in the world after the US and China.
- **Times World University Rankings 2022** has been released. In the overall category, **UK's University of Oxford** has topped the list, while **California Institute of Technology, Harvard University** and **Stanford University** stand at **2nd, 3rd and 4th** positions, respectively.
- **Arunachal Pradesh** launched two ambitious schemes; '**AtmaNirbhar Krishi Yojna**' and '**AtmaNirbhar Bagwani Yojna**'.
- **World-Wide Fund for Nature-India** and the **Confederation of Indian Industry** have joined hands to develop a platform to promote a circular system for plastics.
- **SJVN** has been conferred with prestigious **Dun & Bradstreet – Corporate Award 2021** in the category of **Best Growth Performance-Power**.
- **Amazon India** has announced the launch of **Kisan Store**. It is an online platform that will enable farmers across India to get access to more than **8,000 agriculture** inputs such as seeds, farm tools and accessories, plant protection, nutrition, and more.

5 September

- **Pramod Bhagat** has won Men's Singles SL3 event badminton gold medal match at **2020 Tokyo Paralympics**.
- **Suman Sharma** (IRS officer of 1990 batch) has been appointed as the **Managing Director (MD)** of **Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)**.
- The **28th edition of Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX)** has been concluded. **SIMBEX-2021** is an annual bilateral maritime exercise and was hosted by Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) in the southern fringes of South China Sea.
- **Cyrus Poncha** has been unanimously elected as **Vice-President of the Asian Squash Federation (ASF)**, during the 41st annual general meeting of ASF.
- **Govt of India** has signed **tripartite peace accord with State government of Assam** and five insurgent groups from **Karbi Anglong region in Assam**, to end decades of violence in the region.
- **Coal India Ltd (CIL)** under Ministry of Coal has launched new software titled as '**Spectral Enhancement**' (SPE)
- **Ayush Ministry** has launched **AYUSH AAPKE DWAR** campaign to distribute medicinal plant saplings to 75 lakh households across the country in one year.
- Hollywood actress **Angelina Jolie** has penned down book titled as '**Know Your Rights and Claim Them: A Guide for Youth**'.

Weekly Events that happened in the history

- **International Day of the Disappeared** is observed every year on **August 30** to draw attention towards increase in enforced or involuntary disappearances of individuals in various regions of the world, including arrest, detention, and abduction unknown to their relatives and/or legal representatives.
- **International Day for People of African Descent** is observed every year on **August 31, 2021** by United Nations.
- **World Coconut Day** is celebrated every year on **2nd September**. The day is especially observed in **Asian and Pacific** nations, which are home to most of the world's coconut producing areas and production centers.
- **International Day of Charity** is being observed annually on **September 5** to commemorate the **death anniversary of Mother Teresa**, who had always been engaged in charitable work

- **Teachers' Day in India** is observed every year on **5th September** to mark the **birth anniversary of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan** (second President of India), who defined the role of the teacher as someone who acts not only as an educator but also as a moral mentor.