

## Weekly One Liners (2 August – 8 August) 2021

### 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**. It is a condition exemption from **Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Rules, 2021**
- Union Power Minister **R.K Singh** has launched '**Reform and regulatory knowledge base for power sector**' through virtual mode. It is an e certification program to provide regulatory training to the practitioners from diverse backgrounds.
- Former Indian footballer **Subramaniam Sankar Narayan (86 years)** passed away at his home in Thane, Maharashtra. He played at the 1956 and 1960 Olympics
- 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. Vikrant is expected to be commissioned into Indian Navy in **2022**

### 7 August

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** announced the renaming of the **Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award** (the country's highest sporting honour) after hockey wizard **Major Dhyan Chand**.
- India's **Javelin throw** star **Neeraj Chopra** (23-years) created history by winning the **first-ever Gold Medal** in the **Olympic track and field** event.
- **National Handloom Day** is being organised on August 7 by the **Ministry of Textiles** through the virtual medium.
- Social Justice and Empowerment Minister **Dr Virendra Kumar** launched PM-DAKSH Portal and PM-DAKSH Mobile App to make the skill development schemes accessible to the target groups.
- J&K LG **Manoj Sinha** flagged off Cyclothon event '**Pedal for Dal**' from the shores of the Dal Lake in the run-up to the **Independence Day** celebrations.
- India's Wrestler **Bajrang Punia** beat Kazakhstan's **Daulet Niyazbekov** 8-0 to win the bronze medal in the men's **65kg freestyle** event.
- **Dhriti Banerjee** has been appointed as the **first woman Director of Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)**
- **Manan Bhatt** has come up with a new book titled as '**Balakot Air Strike: How India Avenged Pulwama**'. The book is published by **Garuda Prakashan**.

### 6 August

- Indian wrestler **Ravi Kumar Dahiya** bagged **silver medal in 57kg category** freestyle final, after losing 4-7, to Russian two-time defending world champion **Zavur Uguev**, at Tokyo Olympics 2020



- Two Indian economist, **Jagdish Bhagwati (Columbia University)** and **C Rangarajan (Former governor of RBI)** have been conferred with inaugural **Prof CR Rao Centenary Gold Medal (CGM)** by **Indian Econometric Society (TIES) Trust**.
- **Border Roads Organisation (BRO)** has constructed **World's highest motorable road at Umlingla Pass in eastern Ladakh**. It is a **52-km-long tarmac road** at Umlingla Pass and has been constructed at an altitude of **19,300 feet**.
- **Hiroshima Day** is being observed every year on **August 6** to commemorate the day in **1945** when an atomic bomb was dropped on the Japanese city of Hiroshima by United States, followed by another drop on the city of Nagasaki on August 9.
- **TRIFED** in collaboration with **Ministry of External Affairs** is going to set up an **Atmanirbhar Bharat** corner in **100 Indian Missions/ Embassies** across the world. The corner will be an exclusive platform to promote GI tagged, natural and organic tribal products abroad
- **Dept of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance** has released over **685 crores** to four States for providing grants to the Urban Local Bodies, ULBs. Out of this, **Rs 494 crore has been released to UP, Rs 110 crore to Gujarat, Rs 74 crore to Jharkhand and Rs 6 crore to Mizoram**.
- **Union Territory of Ladakh** has launched month-long campaign titled as '**Pani Maah**' (**Water Month**) to increase the pace of implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in UT and to inform and engage village communities on the importance of clean water.
- **India's nuclear power capacity** is expected to reach **22,480 MW** from the current **6,780 MW** by **2031**. Share of nuclear power in the total electricity generation in the country is about **3.1% in 2020-21**.
- **Indian Naval Ship Khanjar** has become **first Indian Navy ship** to call at the **heritage coastal port of Gopalpur in Odisha**.
- **VO Chidambaranar Port Trust** has become the **first major port in the country to deploy e-cars**. It has inducted three **Tata Xpres-T electric vehicles** in the first phase.
- **Supreme Court** has decided that the **Governor of a State can pardon prisoners, including death sentence**, even before they have served a minimum 14 years of prison sentence.

### 5 August

- India boxer **Lovlina Borgohain (23 years)** has won **bronze medal** after losing by 0-5 , to top seed Busenaz Surmeneli of Turkey, in the Women's Welter (64-69kg) semi-final bout. She is the **only third Indian boxer to win a medal at the Olympics** after Vijender Singh (2008) and MC Mary Kom (2012).
- **Indian men's hockey team** has defeated Germany to win the bronze medal at **Tokyo Olympics**. This is India's first Olympic medal in hockey since they won gold medal in 1980 Olympics in Moscow.
- Indo-Russia joint training Exercise titled '**INDRA 2021**' commenced at Prudboy Ranges, Volgograd in Russia.
- **Germany** became 5th country to sign **International Solar Alliance (ISA) Framework Agreement** after amendments to it entered into force on 8th January 2021, opening its Membership to all UN Member States.
- Uttarakhand CM **Pushkar Singh Dhami** has launched earthquake early warning mobile application, titled as '**Uttarakhand Bhookamp Alert**'.
- **CBIC** has launched **Indian Customs Compliance Information Portal (CIP)** at **[www.cip.icegate.gov.in/CIP](http://www.cip.icegate.gov.in/CIP)** for providing free access to information on all Customs procedures and regulatory compliance for nearly 12,000 Customs Tariff Items.



- **World Bank** has approved **USD 250 million project** in India titled as **Second Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP-2)** agreement for long-term dam safety program and performance of existing dams of India.
- Pakistani climber named **Shehroz Kashif (19 years)** has become the **youngest mountaineer in the world** to reach the summit of K2 (second-highest peak in the world).
- **National Handloom Development Corporation** has organized **Handloom My Pride Expo** at Dilli Haat to celebrate the **7th National Handloom Day (August 7)**.
- **APEDA** has signed MoU with **University of Agricultural Science (UAS) Bangalore** to give boost agricultural and processed food products exports especially from Karnataka
- Noted author and Padma Shri awardee **Padma Sachdev (81 years)** passed away in Mumbai. He is the first modern woman poet of Dogri language.

#### 4 August

- Ultra-conservative cleric and judiciary chief **Ebrahim Raisi** has taken over as **eighth President of Iran** with effect from August 3, 2021. Capital of Iran: **Tehran**.
- **NITI Aayog**, along with **RMI and RMI India** has released report titled as **Turning Around the Power Distribution Sector** that presents reform pathways that can transform power distribution sector
- **HDFC Bank** has launched an overdraft facility for small retailers titled as **‘Dukandar Overdraft Scheme’** to help shopkeepers and merchants in easing their cash crunch.
- Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, **Anurag Singh Thakur** has launched the **theme song for the Indian Paralympic contingent in New Delhi**. The song is titled as **"Kar De Kamaal Tu"**.
- **U.S. Men’s National Team** has defeated **Mexico** by 1-0 in extra time, to be crowned champion of the **2021 CONCACAF Football Gold Cup** in Las Vegas
- **Italy’s Marcell Jacobs (26 years)** has claimed **Men’s 100 metres gold title at Tokyo Olympics**. He achieved the feat in **9.80 seconds**, becoming the first Italian to take the most coveted title in athletics
- **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** has approved allocation of **\$650 billion in IMF Special Drawing Rights (SDR)** to boost global liquidity
- Seven Indian companies have been placed in **2021 Fortune’s Global 500 list**, which is an annual ranking of the top 500 enterprises globally, as measured by business revenues. **Indian Companies in the list:** Reliance Industries (155<sup>th</sup> rank), SBI (205), Indian Oil (212), ONGC (243), Rajesh Exports (348), Tata Motors (357), Bharat Petroleum (394)
- Defence Secretary **Ajay Kumar** has launched **website for 75th Independence Day Celebrations 2021 (IDC 2021)**, [://indianidc2021.mod.gov.in](http://indianidc2021.mod.gov.in) as a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- **Alexander Zverev of Germany (24 years)** has defeated **Russian Karen Khachanov** by 6-3 6-1, to win gold in men’s single tennis at Tokyo Olympics

#### 3 August

- **Nikol Pashinyan (46 years)** has been re-appointed officially as the **Prime Minister of Armenia** by the President Armen Sarkissian with effect from August 2, 2021.
- Renowned Indian author, **Kunal Basu** has announced to release his new novel titled **‘In An Ideal World’** in early 2022.
- Alpine-Renault team’s **Esteban Ocon (France)** has won **Hungarian Grand Prix 2021**, which was held on August 1, 2021 at Hungaroring in Mogyoród, Hungary.
- Odisha capital’s **Bhubaneswar** has become first city in India to achieve **100% vaccination of its people against COVID-19**



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- Multiple World Masters Athletics Championship gold medalist, **Man Kaur (105 years)** passed away due to heart attack. She was referred to as '**Miracle from Chandigarh**'.
- Sri Lanka left-arm fast bowling all-rounder, **Isuru Udana (3 years)** has announced his **retirement from international cricket** with effect from July 31, 2021, bringing an end to his over decade long career.
- **Culture Ministry** has launches **unique programme to celebrate Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav** on Independence Day 2021. In this initiative, people have been invited to sing the National anthem and upload the video on website **www.RASHTRAGAAN.IN**.
- **Ministry of Tourism** has identified **Eco tourism** as one of the **Niche Tourism areas for development in India**
- Union Minister of Science & Technology has released '**Biotech-PRIDE**' (Promotion of Research and Innovation through Data Exchange) Guidelines

## 2 August

- Indian shuttler **P V Sindhu** has won the bronze medal in the women's singles match in **Tokyo Olympics**.
- The **State Administration Council of Myanmar** has been reformed as the '**Caretaker government of Myanmar**' headed by the Chief of the Myanmar military **Senior General Min Aung Hlaing** as the **Prime Minister**.
- The Indian women's hockey team scripted history by qualifying for the Olympic Games semifinals for the 1st time.
- Italy's **Lamont Marcell Jacobs** won the gold medal in men's **100m in 9.80s**.
- **Venezuela's** two-time world champion **Yulimar Rojas** set a new world record as she won **Olympic gold in the women's triple jump**
- Italian luxury brand **Bvlgari** has appointed actor **Priyanka Chopra Jonas** as global brand ambassador.
- A **hotline** has been set up between the Indian and Chinese armies in the **Sikkim** sector to further boost confidence along the **LAC**.
- **Bharat Bill Payment System** has appointed **Noopur Chaturvedi** as its new chief executive officer.