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**SEPTEMBER 1-7**

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## DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS ONE LINERS

September 1-7

### NATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. The annual conference – **RajaswaGyanSangam** will be inaugurated by **Prime Minister NarendraModi** in New Delhi which is organized by the **Central Board of Direct Taxes and Central Board of Excise and Customs**.
2. **Common Food Processing Incubation Centre for Shallots (Small Onions)** was launched by **Union Minister for Food Processing Industries**, **SmtHarsimratKaurBadal** in **Chettikulam Village** in Perambalur District of Tamil Nadu.
3. **The KOCHI Host City Logo**, the venue for the FIFA U-17 World Cup, India 2017 was launched by **Kerala CM PinarayiVijayan** and the logo reflects Kochi's identity and it will be valuable tool in linking the local community in a global world cup. The **Jawaharlal Nehru football stadium** in Kochi is a host for the FIFA U-17 World Cup and will host eight matches.
4. **Government of India** has decided to disinvest its **100% equity in Central Electronics Limited** which is under the administrative control of Ministry of Science and

Technology through strategic sale with transfer of management control.

5. Uttar Pradesh government has changed the criterion for the recruitment for the posts of Group B, Group C and Group D categories and the only criteria now is written examination.
6. No frills airliner **Trujet of Turbo Megha Airways** has announced the launch of **Hyderabad-Mysore flight** under the **regional connectivity scheme**. **Turbo Megha** is one of the five air operators which won bids to operate on 128 routes connecting 70 airports, of which 31 are unserved under the regional connectivity scheme – **UdeDeshKaAamNagrik (UDAN)**.
7. The Union ministry for **road transport, highways and shipping** has finally given a green signal for the construction of **13 new Railway Over Bridges (ROB) in Pune district**.
8. **Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, ThaawarchandGehlot** has launched a scheme that provides for **physical aids** and **assisted-living devices** for senior citizens belonging to the **BPL category in Gujarat**. He said this ambitious scheme, is expected to benefit 5,20,000 senior citizens over a period of **three years**. Under the scheme, devices were distributed to senior citizens free of cost.
9. **ihar government** has directed the authorities to get all the **placement agencies registered in order to prevent fraud**. **Chief Secretary Anjani Kumar Singh** this after a

review meeting of various departments chaired by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar in Patna and would also allocate 5 crore.

10. **President RamnathKovind** will lay foundation stone for **link – 4 of Saurashtra Narmada Avataran Irrigation Scheme - SAUNI- Yojana** in Rajkot district.

11. 'Ye India ka time hai' event was organized at **National Institute of Technology, Raipur**. The event was held as per the directives of HRD ministry to mark India's **70 years of independence** and **75 years of the Quit India movement**.

12. To aid safe last-mile connectivity in Gurgaon, the **Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC)** in collaboration with **Smart-E company** will launch **1,000 e-rickshaws** at five metro stations across the city. The Smart-E started operations in New Delhi from the **Madipur metro station** at PaschimVihar in **October 2016**

13. **Five banks** of the **BRICS Bank Cooperation Mechanism** have agreed to **establish credit lines** in the **national currencies** and **cooperate on credit ratings**. The agreement was signed ahead of the **BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) summit** in **China's Xiamen city** in which leaders of the five countries, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi are scheduled to take part.

14. **Nepal** has signed a **USD 635 million** UN assistance package for 2018-2022 to lay out the

country's development strategy for the **next five years**.

15. Poor performance in internationalisation of their campuses and a low research score have pulled down Indian higher education institutes such as the Indian **Institute of Science (IISc)** and some of the **Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs)** in the Times Higher Education **(THE)World University Rankings 2018**.

16. **NITI Aayog** has launched the **National Nutrition Strategy** aimed at **KuposhanMukt Bharat** which linked to **Swachh Bharat and Swasth Bharat**. It intends at bringing nutrition to the centre-stage of the **National Development Agenda**. It aims to attain optimal **nutritional status by 2022**.

17. **Uttar Pradesh** is reportedly heading for a new record of sugar production for the **2017-18** crushing season, which begins next month.

18. More number of central government schemes under **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)**, the Narendra Modi administration has instructed the states to ensure that they pass their own DBT laws and **create their own portals** to bring in their schemes under the DBT umbrella. The deadline for bringing those 500 schemes under DBT is **December 2017**.

19. **NITI Aayog** has **constituted an Expert Task Force** to provide a major thrust to job creation by **enhancing India's exports**. It will be headed by **NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Dr Rajiv Kumar**.

20. Chief Minister **N. Chandrababu Naidu** would lay the foundation stone for the **second phase of Chintalapudi lift irrigation** works at Muddulaparva village in Krishna district, as part of **JalasirikiHaratiprogramme**.

21. The **National Highway Authority of India** has awarded its **first international** project in **Myanmar** to a joint venture of **Punj Lloyd-Varaha**. This is for the upgradations of the Yagyi-Kalewa section in Myanmar to two lanes with earthen shoulder in the engineering, procurement, and construction mode.

22. **Deepening cooperation in defence and security, India and Japan** have agreed to enhance exchanges between their forces which is likely **to translate into more bilateral exercises**, as well as more exchanges in the field of **technology** and **equipment** as India looks towards increasing its domestic defence production.

23. **India and Myanmar** signed **11 agreements** in a range of sectors, including one on **maritime security cooperation**, to further strengthen their **multifaceted partnership**.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

**1. India and Switzerland** have emphasized their willingness to **further enhance cooperation in the fight against tax fraud and tax evasion** and also both Prime Minister NarendraModi and Swiss President Doris Leuthard noted with satisfaction of the signing of the Joint

Declaration in November 2016. Swiss President is on a visit to India.

**2. Lebanon's first animal welfare bill** into law which guarantees that domestic and wild animals will be legally protected from abuse was signed by **Lebanese President Michel Aoun**.

**3.** A victory was declared over the Islamic States militants in Tal Afar by Iraqi Prime Minister Hayder al-Abadi.

**4.** The **Civil Aviation Administration of China** announced the opening of the country's **first test-flight** base for civilian drones in **Shanghai**.

**5. Swedish defence giant Saab** and Indian conglomerate **Adani group** have announced collaboration in **defence manufacturing** entailing billions of dollars of investment, mainly eyeing a contract for **single-engine fighter jets for the Indian Air Force**.

**6.** In the German city of Duisburg, the world's highest sandcastle was built and it is 16.68 metres tall.

**7. NASA astronaut Peggy Whitson**, who holds the record for maximum time spent in space by any US astronaut, is set to return to Earth, **completing a 288-day mission** at the **International Space Station**.

**8.** The **world's most powerful X-ray laser** has begun operating at a facility where scientists will attempt to recreate the conditions deep

inside the sun and produce film-like sequences of viruses and cells.

**9. India** will collaborate with **Switzerland** for **developing trains** which will tilt on approaching a bend, just like a motorbike on a winding road. A **memorandum of understanding** was signed between the two countries in this regard.

**10.** The **International Solar Alliance (ISA)** took another step closer to becoming a recognised **inter-governmental body** under the United Nations charter, after **Seychelles** became the **ninth member** to ratify the ISA Framework Agreement. With this, the ISA will need the ratification of just six more countries to become a recognised inter-governmental body. Till now **India, France, Nauru, Niger, Fiji, Mauritius, Tuvalu and Bangladesh** have ratified the ISA Framework Agreement.

**11. Indo-Canadian investment guru PremWatsa**, considered the Canadian equivalent of legendary American investor Warren Buffett, is **launching a new initiative** this week to bring a sense of **urgency to economic ties** between India and Canada. Fincare Small Finance Bank (previously known as Disha Microfin Limited) on Friday kick-started its banking operations with about 25 operational branches across Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh

**12. Prime Minister Narendra Modi** met **Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi** and held talks on ways to strengthen bilateral

ties. Earlier, during his address at the **BRICS Emerging Markets and Developing Countries Dialogue**, which was attended by Egypt, Mexico, Guinea, Thailand and Tajikistan on China's invitation as part of "BRICS Plus" outreach exercise, Mr. Modi described these countries as "close and valued" partners of India.

**13.** China will give **500 million Yuan (\$76.4 million)** for a **BRICS economic and technology cooperation plan, and another \$4 million** for projects at the BRICS countries' New Development Bank, Chinese President Xi Jinping.

**14.** Myanmar became a member of BIMSTEC in **December 1997**. Myanmar is a signatory to the **BIMSTEC Free Trade Agreement**. Myanmar is the lead country for the energy sector. Myanmar trades mostly with **Thailand and India** in the BIMSTEC region.

**15.** Working with **UNESCO to restore monuments in Myanmar** **IIT-Madras** is also officially **collaborating with UNESCO** and providing structural inputs as part of a pilot project in **Bagan in Myanmar**.

## **BANKING & BUSINESS**

**1.** The 5.7% GDP growth rate in the first quarter of this fiscal year was announced by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley and also added that the rate has come down due to pre-GST effect.

- 2.** The growth of eight core sectors slowed to **2.4 per cent** in July due to contraction in output of crude oil, refinery products, fertiliser and cement. These eight infrastructure sectors — coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertilisers, steel, cement and electricity.
- 3.** **Amazon** announced a partnership with the **AkshayaPatra** Foundation to implement the Karnataka government's '**KsheeraBhagya**' Scheme in the city, wherein schoolchildren would be provided a glass of milk each five days a week.
- 4.** The services of Ujjivan Financial services shot up 10 percent after they announced that its own subsidiary Ujjivan Financial Small Bank has been granted "Scheduled Bank" status on August 25.
- 5.** **Unicity International**, headquartered in **Orem, Utah, United States** has launched **world's first ever Genomeceutical** (gene controlling) range of products to India.
- 6.** **India** is expected to **surpass China** in **innovation competitiveness** between 2025-2030, **BRICS Innovative Competitive Report 2017** released by China Science and Technology Exchange Center and also predicts that India would take over Russia in terms of Comprehensive STI competitiveness by 2030. China tops the BRICS nation innovative competitive report.
- 7.** Orion Broking and Orion Capital along with their partners are barred from the securities market for 10 years for failing to redress the several investor grievances pertaining to the non-settlement funds by Market Regulator SEBI.
- 8.** **Jammu and Kashmir** and **Arunachal Pradesh** were the **fastest expanding State economies in 2015-16**, according to a new series of gross State domestic product data with 2011-12 as the base year published by the **Central Statistics Office**. The two States also reported the fastest rise in per capita income in the same year.
- 9.** **Canara HSBC Oriental Bank of Commerce Life Insurance Company (CHOICE)** has come up with a '**Point-of-Sale**' product targeted at the **mass-market segment**.
- 10.** The **Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT)**, an arm of the **Reserve Bank of India**, is developing a model platform for **Blockchain technology**.
- 11.** **Public lender Canara Bank** has reduced interest rate on savings bank accounts by **50** basis points to **3.5 per cent** on deposits of up to **Rs 50 lakh**. However, the bank will continue to pay **4 per cent interest** on deposits of **above Rs 50 lakh**.
- 12.** **India's** largest autonomous public research and development organisation **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)**



has been ranked **ninth** in the world. In overall global ranking, CSIR stands at **75th position** amongst 5250 institutions world-wide. It is the only Indian organisation which has found place amongst the Top 100 Global Institutions.

**13.** **Larsen & Toubro**, the country's largest engineering firm, has received green nod for expansion of its **Powai residential and IT tower projects** in **Mumbai** that will entail an investment of **Rs. 1,102 crore**.

**14.** Fincare Small Finance Bank (previously known as DishaMicrofin Limited) on Friday kick-started its banking operations with about 25 operational branches across Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.

**15.** Businesses will have more time to file the final GST returns as the government has **extended the last date** for filing of sales and purchase data as well as payment of taxes for the months of **July and August**.

**16.** **DBS Bank** has received in-principle approval from the **RBI** to operate a **wholly-owned-subsidiary (WOS) in India**. DBS Bank currently operates 12 branches in India and these will be converted to the new model, **Piyush Gupta**, CEO, DBS Group, said. The new model would also help in scaling up **supply-chain finance**, transaction banking and cash management operations.

**17.** RBI has included **HDFC** in the list of **'too big to fail'** lenders, referred to as **D-SIB or domestic systemically important bank**. India's

largest lender **SBI** and private sector major **ICICI Bank** were classified as **D-SIBs in 2015**.

**18.** The **finance ministry** has advised all banks to take immediate steps to **restrict transactions in bank accounts** of more than **2.09 lakh companies**, whose names have been struck off the Register of Companies. The names of 2,09,032 companies have been struck off from the register of companies under **Section 248 (5) of the Act**.

**19.** **ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company** has got SEBI's go-ahead for its estimated **Rs. 6,000 crore IPO**, which could be the first by a general insurer in the country.

**20.** The **Reserve Bank** has **restricted foreign investors** from buying more shares in non-banking finance company **Bharat Financial Inclusion** after the allowed investment limit reached the ceiling.

**21.** The **ministry of electronics and IT (MeitY)** is working on a multi-pronged strategy under which it plans to make the **Bharat Interface for Money app, or BHIM**, the single point for all mobile payments. This plan includes **handsets coming pre-loaded** with the application as well as having a single **quick response (QR) code** that will be integrated with the app and is accepted by all merchants, in a bid to enable a seamless nationwide network.

**22.** **IFC**, a member of the **World Bank Group**, has invested **\$10 million** as equity in **Power2SME**, an **e-commerce platform** that

helps **small and medium companies** buy raw materials at bulk prices and get working capital without collateral.

**23. Reliance General Insurance** said it has received in-principle approval from the **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** for its **initial public offering (IPO)**. The insurance firm, which is a **100 per cent subsidiary of Reliance Capital**, is expected to list during the ongoing fiscal. Reliance Capital plans to dilute about 25 per cent of its holding in the insurer.

**APPOINTMENTS**

S.No	Name	Post	Post Previously held by
1	Rajiv Mehrishi	Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India	Shashi Kant Sharma
2	Ashwini Attri	Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General	-
3	Anita Pattanayak	Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General	-
4	Ranjan Kumar Ghose	Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General	-
5	Sunil Arora	Election Commissioner of India	-
6	Rajiv Kumar	Secretary in the Department of Financial Services	-

**24. Economic activity** in the country lost some pace amid GST related disruptions but underlying growth momentum remains strong and the country may clock **6.7% growth** this fiscal, says a **Morgan Stanley report**.

**SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

1. An **international team of astronomers** used the NASA/ESA Hubble Space Telescope to estimate whether there might be water on the seven earth-sized planets orbiting the nearby **dwarf star TRAPPIST-1**.



7	Anita Karwal	Chairperson of Central Board of Secondary Education, CBSE	Rajesh Kumar Chaturvedi
8	Kuldip Kaura	Interim CEO of Metal and mining major Vedanta Ltd	Tom Albanese
9	Lt Gen Manoj Pande	Chief of Staff at Headquarters of Southern Command in Pune	Lt Gen RJ Noronha
10	P.V. Sindhu	Bridgestone India's First Brand Ambassador	
11	Shri Piyush Goyal	Union Railway Minister	
12	Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman	Union Defence Minister	
13	Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari	Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways; Shipping; and Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.	
14	Shri Suresh Prabhu	Union Minister of Commerce and Industry.	
15	Shri D.V. Sadananda Gowda	Union Minister of Statistics and Programme Implementation.	

16	Smt. Uma Bharati	Union Minister of Drinking Water and Sanitation.	
17	Shri Dharmendra Pradhan	Union Minister of Drinking Water and Sanitation.	
18	Shri Alphons Kannanthanam	Union Minister of tourism; and Electronics and Information Technology.	
19	J Y Pillay	Singapore's acting president	Tony Tan Keng Yam
20	U B Pravin Rao	MD and CEO of Infosys	Vishal Sikka
21	Kenneth I Juster	Next US ambassador to India	Richard Verma
22	Vasant Narasimhan	CEO of Europe's largest drug maker "Novartis"	Jimenez
23	KV Rama Moorthy	Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Tamilnadu Mercantile Bank	HS UpendraKamath
24	P R Seshadri	Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of KarurVysya Bank	K Venkataraman
25	Shri RaoInderjit Singh	Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers	
26	R A Sankara	Managing Director	Kishore Sansi

	Narayanan	and Chief Executive Officer of Vijaya Bank	
27	Shri Haribhai Parthibhai Chaudhary	MoS Ministry of Coal	
28	N Bajendra Kumar	CMD of the state-run National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC)	

#### RESIGNS

S.No	Name	Post
1	Rajiv Pratap	Union Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
2	Lin Chuan	Taiwan's Premier

#### AWARDS

S.No	Award Name	Awarded to
1	Dhyan Chand Award 2017	Former India Women's Hockey captain SumraiTete
2	FICCI Special Jury Award	DrK R Balakrishnan, Director, Cardiac Sciences, Fortis Centre for Heart Failure & Transplant, Fortis Malar Hospital in Chennai
3	Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Award	Reliance Foundation
4	Rashtriya Khel Protsahana Purushkar	KendriyaVidyalaya Sangathan (KVS)

5	Konkani writer Mahabaleshwar Sail	Saraswati Samman
6	'Best bank' award among small banks for the use of technology for financial inclusion at the 13th IDRBT Banking Technology Excellence Awards 2016-17	Karnataka Bank
7	National Award for 'Excellence' in Energy Management by CII	Hyderabad International Airport Ltd
8	UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy sponsored by China	AdulTICoProgram from Columbia
9	UNESCO Confucius Prize for Literacy sponsored by China	FunDza project from South Africa
10	King Sejong Literacy Prize sponsored by South Korea	Centre for the Study of Learning and Performance from Canada and the We Love Reading programme from Jordan

## SPORTS

- Wildcard entrant Gaurav Bidhuri's** remarkable run at the **World Boxing Championships** ended with a **bronze medal** after he lost his semifinal clash to **American Duke Ragan in Hamburg.**
- India** has whitewashed host **Sri Lanka** 5-nil in One Day International cricket series. In the

fifth and final match at **Colombo** the men in blue beat the host by six-wickets. By winning all games, **India** became the **first** visiting country to inflict a 5-0 defeat on Sri Lanka.

- Former India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni** became the **first wicketkeeper** in world cricket to **effect 100 stumpings in One Day Internationals.** Dhoni achieved the feat in his 301st ODI in Colombo.

**4.** In Badminton, **Rahul Bharadwaj** lost to top seed **Kunlavut Vitidsarn** in the men's singles final to finish as **runners-up** at the **Junior International Grand Prix** in **Pune**.

**5.** **Star India** bagged the IPL media rights for TV and digital broadcast worth **Rs.16,347.50 crore** with a single consolidated bid worldwide. It pipped Sony to acquire the rights from **2018 to 2022**.

**6.** India's **Konsam Ormila Devi** bagged a gold medal in 44kg weight category on the opening day of the Commonwealth Youth (boys & girls) weightlifting championships, held at Gold Coast, Australia.

**7.** The captain of the **Indian basketball team**, **Amritpal Singh** scripted history by becoming the **first Indian-born player** to be picked up by an **Australian NBL team**.

**8.** **India** will **host** the **2019 edition of the Commonwealth** (Youth, Junior and Senior) **Weightlifting Championships**.

		Wellness
1st to 7th September	National Nutrition Week	Optimal Infant & Young Child Feeding Practices: Better Child Health
September 4 <sup>th</sup>	World labour Day	
September 5	Teachers Day	

**OBITUARIES**

- Walter Becker** - The guitarist, bassist and co-founder of the 1970s rock group **Steely Dan**
- John Ashbery** - Rare winner of the book world's unofficial triple crown- the Pulitzer Prize, the National Book Award and the National Book Critics Circle prize.
- Gauri Lankesh** - **Journalist-activist**

**HISTORIC EVENTS OF THE DAY**

DATE	IMPORTANT DAY	THEME
September 2	World Coconut Day	Coconut for Family Nutrition, Health and



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