

Financial One Liners

- **North East Small Finance bank (NESFB)**, Northeast India's first small bank has started its services on 17 June, 2018 in Assam.
- National Bank For Agriculture And Rural Development (NABARD) would **lend Rs 21000 crore to the Madhya Pradesh government in the financial year 2018-19.**
- **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)** has signed a memorandum of understanding on net neutrality titled '**Joint Statement for an Open Internet**' with the **Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications.**
- **The fourth meeting of Governing Council of NITI Aayog was chaired by PM Narendra Modi** at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.
- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has eased the norms for **Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) to invest in debt, particularly into individual large businesses.**
- **Steel Ministry constituted a Task Force** to examine the feasibility of **setting up steel plants in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana** by any interested parties at Bayyaram and Kadapa.
- **The Reserve Bank has tweaked priority sector eligibility and classification norms** following an announcement in the second bi-monthly policy statement on June 6.
- Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority **has set up a panel** consisting 10 members to **review norms for insurance marketing firms. The panel will be headed by Suresh Mathur, ED-IMF of IRDAI.**
- **Truecaller** has announced its acquisition of Indian payments startup **Chillr** to strengthen its payments business in the country.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** on June 19, 2018 **revised the upwards housing loan limits under Priority Sector Lending (PSL).**
- The Reserve Bank of India has tightened norms for **Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS)** by making quoting of the Permanent Account Number or PAN mandatory even **for transactions below USD 25000.**
- **The Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) declared medium (5 GW by 2022) and long-term (30 GW by 2030) targets** for offshore wind power capacity addition.
- The Union Government on June 19, 2018 **constituted a Chief Ministers Subgroup to coordinate policy approaches for Agriculture and the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS).** The decision was taken during the Fourth Governing Council Meeting of the NITI Aayog.
- **The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** on Thursday announced a **reduction in the timeline for the announcement of Initial Public Offering (IPO) prices.**
- The **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)**, a premier financial institution for the promotion, financing and development of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) sector, in joint venture with TransUnion CIBIL, a Credit Information Company, has **released the second edition of MSME Pulse, a quarterly report on MSME sector.**

- After a week of speculations, **India** on Thursday finally **imposed higher tariff rates on 29 import items from the United States (US)** but announced that new rates would kick in from August 4.
- **In a first-of-its-kind collaboration, Accenture, the Consulate General of Israel to South India, and the National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM)** have jointly launched '**scalerator**,' an exclusive program that aims to enhance the collaboration between Israeli and Indian startups to create innovative solutions for global markets.
- Online travel company, **Goibibo**, announced its partnership with **PhonePe**, a digital payments start-up, to provide a unified login and payments experience to over 100 million PhonePe users while making their hotel bookings.
- The **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)** will invest **USD 200 million** in India's **National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)**.
- **The Gujarat government on Saturday launched a solar power scheme for farmers- Suryashakti Kisan Yojana (SKY)** enabling them to generate electricity for their captive consumption as well as sell the surplus power to the grid and earn an extra buck.
- The Department of Economic Affairs, Union Ministry of Finance and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) on June 22, 2018 announced to jointly host the **third Annual Meeting of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) on June 25-26, 2018 in Mumbai, India**.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of **Vanijya Bhawan**, a new office complex for the Union Department of Commerce, in New Delhi on June 22, 2018.

Non-financial One Liners

- The Indian Railways have announced to **repaint 30,000 conventional coaches** manufactured at the Integral Coach Factory in Chennai with the **new color scheme beige and brown**.
- Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar laid the foundation stone of a production unit of the **Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO)** at **Nawada village of Faridabad district of Haryana**.
- Captain of the Indian Men's Cricket Team **Virat Kohli has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador of Remit2India**.
- **World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought** was observed on 17 June, 2018 with the theme of 2018 was Land has true value. Invest in it.
- Nitin Gadkari released Niti Aayog's **Composition Water Management Index (CWMI) report** which was topped by **Gujarat**.
- **Dhanush**, India's first indigenous artillery gun has cleared the final test.
- The government has approved **financial assistance upto Rs. 5.5 lakh per family to West Pakistan Refugees (WPRs)**.
- **Sandeep Bakshi is appointed as as ICICI Bank COO And Whole Time Director** on June 18, 2018.
- **Ivan Duque became the youngest president of Colombia** after winning the election on June 18.
- The **Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) plenary meeting was held in Jurmala, Latvia**.
- Less than a year after returning from her last and longest spaceflight NASA's record-breaking spacewoman, **Peggy Whitson announced her retirement as astronaut**.
- **Russia successfully launched Glonass-M positioning satellite**.

- As a part of its social window the SAARC Development Fund (SDF) will be launching the **Social Enterprise Development Programme (SEDP)**.
- For the **first time Uttarakhand will be playing in Ranji Trophy**.
- **The government will be setting up the country's largest national data centre in Bhopal**, with capacity for 500,000 virtual servers.
- The Union Minister of Human Resource Development, Prakash Javadekar **launched the National Digital Library of India (NDLI) on June 19, 2018**. The library aims to become a single window platform for all educational needs.
- The Central Water Commission (CWC), India's apex technical organisation in the field of Water Resources, on June 18, 2018 **signed a Collaboration Agreement with Google for flood forecasting**.
- The Chhattisgarh Government on June 18, 2018 approved the merger of 'shikshakarmi' with the state school education department. The move would come into effect from July 1.
- Government has directed the CBSE to conduct **the Central Teacher Eligibility Test (CTET) examination in all Indian languages as was being done earlier**.
- A workshop on **Cyber Security Framework for Department of Defence** was organised by Ministry of Defence.
- **Google India** on June 19, 2018 announced **to provide training to 8,000 journalists in English and six other Indian languages on fact checking in the next one year**.
- US-based cab aggregator **Uber** on Tuesday said it has elevated **Pradeep Parameswaran** as **President of its India and South Asia operations**.
- **Dr. Inderjit Singh**, assumed charge as **Secretary, Ministry of Coal** on June 14, 2018.
- US President Donald Trump on June 18, 2018 ordered the US Defense Department and the Pentagon to create a "**Space Force**", an independent sixth branch of the armed forces.
- The Canadian Parliament has passed a **bill to legalise cannabis that would make Canada the first G7 country to allow free consumption of the mind-altering drug**.
- **International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict was observed across the world on June 19, 2018**. 2018 Theme: "**The Plight and Rights of Children Born of War**".
- **The Indian Army is observing the year 2018 as the 'Year of Disabled Soldiers in Line of Duty'** to honour soldiers who have been disabled in the line of duty while serving the nation and to celebrate the undying spirit of 'Soldiering'.
- **Mimicry artist Nerella Venumadhav passed away on June 19, 2018** following a brief illness at his home in Mattewada in Warangal city.
- **The world's first of its kind and state-of-the-art International Centre for 'Humanitarian Forensics' (ICHF) was launched at the Gujarat Forensic Sciences University in Gandhinagar, Gujarat on June 20, 2018**.
- President Ram Nath Kovind on June 20, 2018 approved the **Governor's rule in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) following the resignation of Mehbooba Mufti as Jammu and Kashmir's Chief Minister**.
- **Four Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) have been signed under 'Adopt a Heritage' scheme and six more are at an advanced stage**. The information was shared by Raghvendra Singh, Secretary, Ministry of Culture on June 19, 2018.
- **Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare J P Nadda launched the National Health Resource Repository (NHRR) on June 19, 2018 in New Delhi**. The repository is India's first ever national healthcare facility registry of authentic, standardised and updated geo-spatial data of all public and private healthcare establishments.
- **India and Australia have agreed to strengthen counter-terrorism cooperation** through regular exchange of information and sharing of best practices on countering violent extremism.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will **lead the 4th International Yoga Day Celebrations in Dehradun on June 21, 2018.**
- **Shillong**, the capital city of Meghalaya, has been selected as 100th Smart City after evaluating the proposal submitted by it.
- The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) **has adopted Jagatpur village in Delhi for its Swachhata Abhiyaan.**
- The tri-service joint military exercise Indra-2018 between **India and Russia will take place at Indian military base in second half 2018.**
- **Anukreethy Vas** was crowned Femina Miss India World 2018 on June 19, 2018.
- **Arvind Subramanian**, Chief Economic Advisor, has stepped down from his position on June 20, 2018.
- One97 Communications Limited, the parent company of Paytm announced that Former RBI Dy Governor **Rama Subramaniam Gandhi commonly known as R Gandhi** has joined Paytm board as an advisor.
- **World Refugee Day** was observed across the world on 21 June, 2018. The theme for 2018 World Refugee Day was **#WithRefugees.**
- **India's first robotic telescope launched in one of the world's highest astronomical observatories Hanle, Ladakh.**
- The state government of **Gujarat** on June 21, 2018 announced its **wind-solar hybrid power policy - 2018 to promote setting up of wind as well as solar power projects at one location.**
- **The Indian Institute of Technology (BHU) Varanasi and Amazon Internet Services Private Limited (AISPL)** signed a memorandum of understanding this week **to develop cloud-ready job skills by providing access to the AWS Educate program.**
- **India and Tajikistan** have reaffirmed their commitment to promote bilateral relations and agreed to enhance economic cooperation, particularly in sustainable water development.
- The **7th India Minerals and Metals forum** was inaugurated in New Delhi on June 21, 2018.
- In **Rajasthan**, a record has been set at **State level yoga function in Kota on June 21, 2018 where around one lakh 60 thousand people performed yoga** at one place at a same time on International Yoga Day.
- **Surat smart city** has been selected for **'City Award'** for showing great momentum in the implementation of projects under **'India Smart Cities Award' 2018.**
- State Bank of India's Managing Director **B Sriram** was today appointed as the **MD and CEO of IDBI Bank** for a temporary period of three months, according to an official order.
- A retired IPS officer and an anti-naxal expert, **K Vijay Kumar**, has been appointed as an advisor to the **Governor of Jammu and Kashmir** along with IAS officer **BB Vyas**, the Chief Secretary of the state.
- Renowned music composer **A R Rahman** has been appointed as the **Brand Ambassador of the Sikkim government.**
- Actor **Priyanka Chopra** will come out with her memoir "**Unfinished**" next year in which she will write about things which she has never spoken before.
- **The 4th International yoga day was celebrated across the world on June 21, 2018** with the theme **"Yoga For Peace".**
- **World Music Day** was observed globally on **21 June, 2018.**
- **World Hydrography Day** was observed globally on **21 June, 2018.** The theme of 2018 was **Bathymetry - the foundation for sustainable seas, oceans and waterways.**
- **Canadian Senate** has passed a landmark law that **legalises the recreational use of marijuana nationwide.**

- US President Donald Trump has signed an executive order to keep together immigrant families who have been detained at the border with **Mexico**.
- **Over 1.50 lakh wellness centres will be set up by 2022 across the country and each centre will have yoga facility**, Minister of Health and Family Welfare J P Nadda said at an event to mark the fourth International Yoga Day in Shimla on June 21.
- **The 5,700-kg GSAT-11 satellite was slated for launch on May 26 from Kourou**, a site in South America which India uses to launch its heavy-weight satellite.
- **The redevelopment of the seven government colonies in Delhi will lead to an increase the green area coverage by about 3 times** from the existing green space area, as per Union Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs.
- **Rajasthan has been ranked first by the NITI Aayog among all states after it registered a significant increase in groundwater level** due to the water conservation structures built under Chief Minister's Jal Swavlamban Abhiyan.
- **India and Cuba** on June 22, 2018 signed two Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) in the field of biotechnology, traditional medicine and homoeopathy.
- **Maharashtra Government** on June 23, 2018 imposed the statewide ban on single-use plastic items; announced heavy fine on those caught using these items.
- The appointments committee of the cabinet has appointed **Arijit Basu** as the new Managing Director of State Bank of India.
- Young Indian table tennis player **Manav Thakkar** stunned World No. 18 Kristian Karlsson 2-1, inspiring Empowerji Challengers to a 15-6 victory over Maharashtra United in the CEAT Ultimate Table Tennis in New Delhi on June 21.
- **England made the highest one-day international total of 481-6 as they defeated Australia by 242 runs at Trent Bridge**. The England broke their own record of 444-3 set against Pakistan in 2016 at same venue.
- **International Widows' Day** was observed globally on 23 June, 2018. The theme for 2018 was "Invisible Women, Invisible Problems".
- **United Nations Public Service Day** was observed on 23 June, 2018.
- The World Health Organization in Geneva released the **latest edition (11th) of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11)**.
- **India spends 1% of its gross domestic product on public health**.
- Veteran journalist and litterateur **Prabhakar Choubey** passed away after a prolonged illness at a city hospital in Raipur on June 21, 2018.

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