

- Reserve Bank of India Tuesday released **guidelines on tokenisation for various card transactions, including from debit and credit cards. Tokenisation, which aims at improving safety and security of the payment system, refers to replacement of actual card details with an unique alternate code called the 'token', which shall be unique for a combination of card, token requestor and identified device.**
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has constituted a **High-Level Committee on Deepening of Digital Payments to encourage digitisation of payments and enhance financial inclusion.** The five-member committee headed by UIDAI's former Chairman Nandan Nilekani will include RBI's former Deputy Governor Mr. H.R. Khan and Former Secretary, Ministry of Information Technology, Mrs. Aruna Sharma among others.
- **India took over the operations of a part of Chabahar Port in Iran during the Chabahar Trilateral Agreement meeting held on December 24, 2018 in Iran.**
- **India's GDP is expected to grow at 7.3 per cent in the fiscal year 2018-19, and 7.5 per cent in the following two years, the World Bank has forecast, attributing it to an upswing in consumption and investment.**
- **Andhra Pradesh government today signed an MoU with Adani Group to build data center parks up to 5 gigawatt (gw) capacities in and around Visakhapatnam using 100 percent renewable energy over the next 20 years.**
- **India will likely be larger than the US in the same time period while Indonesia will break into the top 5 economies, according to Standard Chartered report.**
- **Market regulator Security and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has constituted a "Research Advisory" committee that will assist in formulating policy to undertake research relevant for development and regulation of capital markets. The committee, headed by Sankar De.**
- **In a major relief to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), the GST Council chaired by finance minister Arun Jaitley on January 10, 2019 doubled the GST exemption limit for companies in the sector to those with an annual turnover of Rs 40 lakh from the current Rs 20 lakh. For North East and hilly states, the limit has been increased to Rs 20 lakh from Rs 10 lakh.**
- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Wednesday made some changes in the Gold Monetisation Scheme (GMS) by including charitable institutions and the central government, among other.**
- **Sri Lanka's Central Bank on Wednesday said that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has agreed to provide USD 400 million under a swap arrangement to boost the island nation's reserves.**
- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a penalty of Rs 3 crore on Citibank India for not complying with directions regarding the 'fit-and-proper criteria' for directors of the bank.**
- **Jana Small Finance Bank has launched a current account with auto-sweep facility.**
- **YES BANK, India's fourth largest private sector Bank, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Kia Motors, world's eighth largest automaker, to enter into a strategic financing partnership, making it one of the first Indian banks to become their preferred financier.**
- **RBL Bank has signed an MoU with Nasscom to provide customised credit solutions to micro, small and medium enterprises.**
- **National Stock Exchange today said Ashok Chawla has resigned as chairman with immediate effect in light of recent legal developments.**

- **Yes Bank**, India's fourth largest private sector bank, Saturday said it has **appointed Brahm Dutt as non-executive part-time chairman to the board.**
- With a view to strengthen the gems and jewellery industry, **the Government has taken a number of steps, including the establishment of Special Notified Zone (SNZ) and setting up of common facility centres for gems and jewellery sector.**
- **Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated the 25th edition of Partnership Summit 2019 in Mumbai today.**
- **The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a penalty of Rs 1 crore on Bajaj Finance for deficiencies in regulatory compliance.**
- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is working on a set of rules that would link remuneration of banks CEOs to parameters like balance sheet size of a bank, loan delinquency, profits and governance record.**
- **The Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar, Sushil Modi will be heading the seven-member group of ministers (GoM) that will look into revenue shortfall being faced by the states after the GST roll-out and suggest steps for augmenting collections.**

## Non-financial One Liner Current Affairs

- **The Airports Authority of India (AAI) imposed a ban on single-use plastic items at its 129 airports across the country.**
- **Prime Minister of Norway, Erna Solberg inaugurated a new green compound at the Royal Norwegian Embassy in New Delhi.**
- **Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Dharmendra Pradhan launched NIO and MRSC for Open Acreage Licensing Programme (OALP) Bid Round-II.**
- **The Union Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar on January 7, 2019 approved an increase of 5000 seats in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) for the Academic Year 2019-20.**
- **The Supreme Court on January 8, 2019 reinstated Alok Verma as the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Director, three months after the government divested him of his powers and sent him on forced leave.**
- **India born Gita Gopinath joined the International Monetary Fund as its Chief Economist. She is the first woman to occupy the top IMF post.**
- **In a first, Global Aviation Summit 2019 with the theme "Flying for all" will be organised by the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) in collaboration with FICCI from January 15-16, 2019 in Mumbai, India.**
- **India and Norway released a Joint Statement on January 8, 2019 after extensive talks between Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Norwegian PM Erna Solberg, during the latter's official state visit to India from January 7-9, 2019.**
- **The Lok Sabha on January 8, 2019 passed the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, which seeks to amend the Citizenship Act, 1955 to make illegal migrants who are Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan, eligible for citizenship. The bill has now been tabled in the Rajya Sabha.**
- **The Lok Sabha on January 8, 2019 passed the Constitution (124th Amendment) Bill 2019 to provide 10 per cent reservation in jobs and educational institutions to economically backward section in the general category.**

- **Indian Space Research Organisation, ISRO has planned to set up Space Galleries in various locations in the country.**
- **In a surprise move, World Bank President Jim Yong Kim announced that he will step down from his position on February 1, 2019, much before the end of his term in 2022.**
- **Guatemala has said it is withdrawing from a UN-backed anti-corruption commission. It has given the UN body's staff 24 hours to leave the country.**
- **Japan, for the second time in a row, has topped a global index for the world's most powerful passport in 2019, while India ranked at the 79th position.**
- **The International Cricket Council (ICC) on January 8, 2019 announced USA Cricket as its 105th member.**
- **Egypt will host the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations between June 15 and July 13, 2019.**
- **CBI Director Alok Verma, who was reinstated to the post by the Supreme Court on Tuesday, has been transferred.**
- **The Union Ministry of Women and Child Development on January 9, 2018 launched an online campaign, 'Web - Wonder Women' also known as '#www'.**
- **The Cabinet on Thursday approved the establishment of three more All India Institute of Medical Sciences, AIIMS to boost healthcare infrastructure in the country.**
- **World Hindi Day is celebrated on January 10 every year, marking the anniversary of first World Hindi Conference which was held in 1975.**
- **MC Mary Kom became the World No 1 Boxer in 45-48 kg category in the latest International Boxing Association's (AIBA) World Rankings released on January 10, 2019.**
- **The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced on January 10, 2019 that it would be giving a 15-day amnesty to participants who have previously failed to report any information concerning corrupt conduct in Sri Lankan cricket.**
- **Indian men's hockey coach Harendra Singh was on January 9, 2019 sacked from the position and offered the task of helming the junior squad by the national federation.**
- **An agreement for Renukaji Dam Multipurpose Project was signed in New Delhi on Friday among the States of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand in the presence of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation Minister Nitin Gadkari.**
- **ISRO announced on January 11, 2019 that it is well prepared to meet the targets of launching Gaganyaan manned mission to outer space by December 2021.**
- **The Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Dr Harsh Vardhan on January 10, 2019 launched the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP), a time-bound national level strategy for pan India implementation to tackle the increasing air pollution problem across the country in a comprehensive manner.**
- **The Union Cabinet has approved the creation of the post of Vice Chancellor for India's first rail and transportation university, National Rail & Transport Institute (NRTI), which has been set up in Vadodara, Gujarat.**
- **The sacked CBI Chief, Alok Verma on January 11, 2019 announced his resignation from service, refusing to take charge of the new role as DG, Fire Services.**
- **Former chief statistician T C A Anant has been named as a member of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), officials said Friday.**
- **Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen appointed Su Tseng-chang as Prime Minister of the state on January 10 2019.**
- **US President Donald Trump has appointed former defence executive Charles Kupperman as his deputy national security advisor.**

- In a first, the provincial government on Friday appointed an official from the minority Sikh community as Public Relations Officer (PRO) at Punjab Governor House.
- President of the Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWF), Birendra Prasad Baishya, has been named Chef de Mission for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.
- India skipper Virat Kohli and coach Ravi Shastri today received the honorary membership of the Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG) for their contribution to the sport of cricket.
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) hired former Citi executive Daniel Houghes Callahan, 62, as an additional and independent director for 5 years.
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is setting up a 'Human Space Flight Centre' in Bengaluru, which will support its quest of making country's maiden manned space mission a success.
- Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Col Rajyavardhan Rathore today launched the National Youth Parliament Festival 2019 at a function in New Delhi. The festival will continue till 24th of next month.
- Macedonia late Friday fulfilled its part of a historic deal that will pave its way to NATO membership and normalize relations with neighboring Greece, after lawmakers approved constitutional changes to rename the country North Macedonia.
- 8-year-old Kartik Singh has won the under-8 category at the Kids' Golf World Championship organised by US kids Golf in Malaysia, which makes him the youngest Indian to win the title.
- National Youth Day 2019 was celebrated across India on 12 January, 2019.
- Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani announced on January 13, 2019 that his government will implement the 10 per cent reservation for economically weaker sections of the general category with immediate effect.
- Puducherry government has decided to ban the production, sale and use of single-use plastic products in the Union Territory from March 1, 2019.
- In Punjab, the government has said that it will regularise over 5100 teachers with full pay scale next month.
- Science and Technology Minister Dr Harshvardhan on January 14, 2019 launched the special weather services for Kumbh Mela at a function in New Delhi.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on January 13, 2019 released a commemorative silver coin of Rs 350 and stamp on Tenth Sikh Guru, Guru Gobind Singh Ji to mark his 352nd birth anniversary.
- The President of India, Ram Nath Kovind on January 12, 2019 gave his assent to the Constitution (103rd Amendment) Act, 2019 which aims to provide reservation in public employment and higher education to economically weaker sections in the general category.
- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi was on January 14, 2019 conferred with the first-ever Philip Kotler Presidential Award.
- Writer Namita Gokhale has won the Sushila Devi Literature Award for her novel "Things to Leave Behind".
- Niyogi Books has launched a new imprint Bahuvachan dedicated to Hindi titles.
- India and the five Central Asia nations on January 13, 2019 showed their support for the inclusive peace process in Afghanistan following the first ever India-Central Asia Dialogue. These five Central Asia nations are Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan.
- The main camera onboard NASA's Hubble Space Telescope has been shut down after it encountered a hardware problem.
- Tulsi Gabbard, the first Hindu elected to US Congress and a four-time Democratic lawmaker, has said she will run for President in 2020, becoming the latest member of her party to challenge Republican President Donald Trump.