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Financial One Liner Current Affairs

- The Centre has allocated an additional 6 thousand 84 crore rupees to Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, MGNREGA. With this the total allocation for the scheme has reached an all time high of 61 thousand 84 Crore rupees.
- The Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme 2018-19 (Series-V) opened on January 15, 2019 for subion. The issue price of the Bond during this subion period will be three thousand two hundred and fourteen rupees per gram with the settlement date of January 22, 2019.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on January 15, 2019 visited Odisha and launched several development projects worth over Rs 1,500 crore at Balangir, Odisha.
- The Union Government on January 14, 2019 launched the 'Womaniya on Government e Marketplace (GeM)', an initiative to enable women entrepreneurs and Women Self-Help Groups (WSHGs) to sell handicrafts, handloom, accessories, and other products directly to Government departments and institutions.
- UKIBC had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Govt of Maharashtra. This MOU is about increasing the connections between UK businesses and Maharashtra that deliver investment, jobs, and economic growth for both.
- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on January 16, 2019 approved the recapitalisation of the Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank).
- The Cabinet also approved an increase in the authorized capital of EXIM Bank from Rs 10,000 crore to Rs. 20,000 crore.
- The Ministry of Finance on January 15, 2019 constituted a Group of Ministers (GoM) for boosting the Real Estate Sector under the GST regime.
- A consortium of banks led by State Bank of India has agreed to provide finance for Nagpur-Mumbai 'SamruddhiCorridor' expressway project. Bhushan Gagrani, Principal Secretary in the Chief Minister's Office said, SBI has agreed to lend the highest amount, 8,500 crore rupees. Other lenders include Punjab National Bank, Bank of Baroda, Bank of Maharashtra as well as the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India.
- The 9th International Micro irrigation conference began on January 16, 2019 in Aurangabad, Maharashtra.
- In Madhya Pradesh, Chief Minister Kamal Nath *launched the Rs 50000-crore farm debt-waiver scheme named 'Jai Kisan Rin Mukti Yojana'.*
- In an attempt to go one step ahead in ease of doing business the overseas borrowing norms have been simplified.
- The Reserve Bank of India has rationalised the overseas borrowing norms allowing a uniform borrowing limit of Rs 750 million a year across tenors.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a Rs 1-crore penalty on state-owned Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) for non-compliance of Know Your Customer guidelines and fraud-classification norms.
- Union Minister for Commerce and Industries, Suresh Prabhu inaugurated the 10th edition of the India Rubber Expo - 2019 in Mumbai on January 17, 2019.
- The Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Protsahan Yojana, PMRPY has crossed the milestone of one crore beneficiaries as on the 14th of this month.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi **inaugurated the ninth edition of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2019 on January 18, 2019**. The summit is being held at the Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- **India and Japan-India Cooperative Actions (JICA)** on January 18, 2019 **signed the loan agreements under the Japanese Official Development Assistance Loan Program**.
- **BHEL and LIBCOIN in dialogue to build India's first lithium ion factory**
- **The 2-day Agri Vision 2019 Conference on envisioning Agro solutions for Smart and Sustainable Agriculture**, which was inaugurated by Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu
- The Reserve Bank has approved the **appointment of V Vaidyanathan as MD and CEO of IDFC First Bank** for a period of three years, according to a regulatory filing.
- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in January, 2019 initiated two quarterly surveys** to examine the current situation including the **job scenario in India's manufacturing, services and infrastructure sectors**.
- **ICICI Bank has launched a new premium savings account for upwardly-mobile male customers, named 'The ONE'**. It is available in two variants - **Magnum and Titanium**.
- **Nepal's central bank has banned the use of Indian currency notes of Rs 2,000, Rs 500 and Rs 200 denominations**.
- **IDBI Bank said Insurance behemoth LIC has completed acquisition of 51 per cent controlling stake in the bank**, making it the lender's majority shareholder.
- **The International Monetary Fund (IMF) says India's economy is poised to pick up this year**. It is projected to **grow at 7.5 per cent this year and 7.7 per cent in 2020**.
- **The Tamil Nadu government will set up a start-up fund with a corpus of Rs 250 crore for investments in start-up businesses**, as per the new Tamil Nadu Startup and Innovation policy 2018-2023 unveiled by Chief Minister K. Palaniswami in January, 2019.
- The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has clarified that certain news items regarding en masse issue of prosecution **notices to small companies for TDS default are completely misleading and full of factual inaccuracies**.
- **India is likely to surpass the United Kingdom in the world's largest economy rankings in 2019**, as per a report by global consultancy firm PwC.

Non-financial One Liner Current Affairs

- **Gensol Mobility has launched India's first ever 100 percent smart electric fleet of taxis namely Blu-Smart in Delhi NCR**.
- **Sikkim Chief Minister Pawan Chamling in January, 2019 launched 'One Family, One Job' scheme**.
- **The government has approved a proposal to extend the 7th Central Pay Commission benefits to teachers and other academic staff** of the state government and government-aided degree level technical institutes.
- **The Chennai Traffic Police inducted a road safety robot into service** on January 14, 2019 for traffic management. **The robot is named as 'ROADEO'**.
- The Department of Science and Technology, along with **Doordarshan, launched two science communication initiatives - DD Science and India Science**.
- **10-year-old, Abhinav Shaw teamed up Mehuli Ghosh and won the gold medal in 10 m air rifle mixed team event in Khelo India Youth Games** in January, 2019.
- **71st Army Day was celebrated across India on January 15, 2019**.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the Kollam Bypass of the Kerala to the Nation.
- Hundreds of tourists thronged Puri sea beach here to witness the first Odisha Turtle Festival held in January, 2019 to create awareness and promote ideas on conservation of olive ridley turtles.
- The second India-Myanmar bilateral Army exercise 'IMBEX 2018-19' commenced at Chandimandir military station near here in January, 2019.
- Minister of State for Railways, Manoj Sinha inaugurated the newly built broad gauge railway line between Amb Andora and Daulatpur chowk in Una district in Himachal Pradesh.
- The Maharashtra Cabinet approved schemes worth over Rs 700 crore for financial welfare of OBCs and the SC/ST communities.
- The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on January 14, 2019 to increase emphasis on multi-disciplinary research and development activities and nurturing innovations in agricultural biotechnology research and education.
- In Rajasthan, senior leader of Congress and former Central Minister C.P Joshi was elected as Speaker of the 15th Legislative Assembly.
- After a gap of four years, the Centre in January, 2019 announced the awardees for the prestigious Gandhi Peace Prize for 2015 to 2018.
- Mountaineer Satyarup Siddhanta in January, 2019 conquered Antartica's highest point, Mount Sidley. With this feat, he became the first Indian and youngest man to climb the seven highest peaks and volcanic summits across all continents.
- According to the in-Reach Satellite, C
- *Maharashtra is leading in the Medal tally of Khelo India Youth Games with 177 Medals including 64 Gold as on January 16, 2019.*
- Bengaluru, is the world's most dynamic city among 131 major established and emerging business hubs globally, followed by Hyderabad that is ranked second with Delhi (4th), Pune (5th) and Chennai (7th) featuring in the top 10 cities, according to the sixth *City Momentum Index published by JLL.*
- National space agency, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on January 17, 2019 launched the UNNATI (UNISpace Nano-satellite Assembly and Training by ISRO) programme at the U R Rao Satellite Centre, Bengaluru.
- The Union government will soon set up over 460 more Eklavya Model Residential Schools across the country.
- The Supreme Court on January 17, 2019 set aside some provisions of a law imposing restrictions on the licensing and functioning of dance bars in Maharashtra.
- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has imposed a penalty on the Chemists and Druggists Association of Baroda (CDAB) after it found it to be in contravention of the provisions of the Competition Act, 2002.
- The Ministry of Finance on January 16, 2019 constituted a Group of Ministers (GoM) on issues relating to lottery. The GoM is headed by Sudhir Mungantiwar, Finance Minister, Maharashtra.

- The Election Commission of India on January 16, 2019 **launched Voter Awareness Forum (VAF) in New Delhi**. Similar VAFs were launched by the Chief Electoral Officers in the state capitals and by District Election Officers in the districts simultaneously.
- Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh has **approved the report of a task force created by MHA to identify areas for use of space technology in improving Border Management**.
- The Union government in January, 2019 cleared the names of two judges Dinesh Maheshwari and Sanjiv Khanna for elevation to the Supreme Court.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi **inaugurated the National Museum of Indian Cinema (NMIC) in Mumbai on January 19, 2019**.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi in January, 2019 **inaugurated the Armoured Systems Complex of Larsen and Toubro in Gujarat**, the first private facility in the country where the K9 Vajra self-propelled Howitzer guns will be manufactured.
- Bihar Government lifted **ban on sale of live fish, three days after it banned the sale, transportation and storage of all kinds of fish dead or alive in Patna for 15 days**.
- Hardeep S. Puri, Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs, on January 18, 2019 informed that a series of events named '**Shehri Samridhi Utsav**' will begin from **February 1, 2019 and will go on till February 15, 2019**.
- **Naval Air Station (NAS) Shibpur** will be commissioned as **INS Kohassa** by Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Sunil Lanba on **January 24, 2019**.
- The **Indian Institute of Technology-Hyderabad (IIT-H)** has **announced the launch of a full-fledged bachelor's programme in Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology** from the new academic session, which is a first for the country and only the third globally.
- The **second World Orange Festival** began in Nagpur on **January 18, 2019**.
- A **Regional Conference on 'Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme'** was held in Mumbai on January 17, 2019.
- Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, **Suresh Prabhu inaugurated the 10th edition of the India Rubber Expo - 2019 in Mumbai**.
- Justice Asif Saeed Khosa took oath as the **26th Chief Justice of Pakistan** in a simple ceremony.
- Indian star wrestler Vinesh Phogat on January 17, 2019 **became the first Indian athlete to be nominated for the prestigious Laureus World Comeback of the Year Award**.
- The Union Ministry of Home Affairs on January 20, 2019 announced that **Aadhaar Cards are now valid travel documents for Indians under 15 and over 65 years travelling to Nepal and Bhutan**.
- The **15th edition of the Pravasi Bhartiya Divas (PBD)** began at Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh on **January 21, 2019**, giving a chance to the Indian diaspora to participate in the ongoing Kumbha Mela.
- Union Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on January 20, 2019 **inaugurated the Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor from Tiruchirappalli**, taking a major step forward to boost indigenous production of defence equipment.
- The **2nd World Integrated Medicine Forum 2019 on the Regulation of Homeopathic Medical Products** will be held in Goa from **January 23, 2019**. The three-day forum will be inaugurated by **AYUSH Minister Shripad Naik**.
- A grand jallikattu (bull-taming) event held in Pudukottai, Tamil Nadu on **January 20, 2019 entered the world record for the maximum number of bulls released into the sporting arena which was over 1,300 and almost double than the previous record**.
- India has moved up one position to rank **80th on the global talent competitive index**, but remains a laggard among the BRICS nations, a new survey showed.

- *India is among the most trusted nations globally when it comes to government, business, NGOs and media.*
- India's Ankita Raina has won the International Tennis Federation's 25,000-dollar Women's tournament in Singapore.
- The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) *has named the Brazilian city of Rio de Janeiro as the World Capital of Architecture for 2020.*
- Eminent Indian scientist, Chintamani Nagesa Ramachandra Rao, popularly known as CNR Rao, was on January 18, 2019 chosen for the first Sheikh Saud International Prize for Materials Research by the Centre for Advanced Materials of the United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- The world's oldest man, Masazo Nonaka of Japan, has died at the age of 113.
- Prominent Lingayat seer of Tumakuru-based Siddaganga Math, 111-year old Shivakumara Swamiji, who was known as the '**Walking God**', passed away on January 21, 2019 after a prolonged illness.