

Weekly One Liners 16th to 22nd of September 2019

GoI Appoints Four Supreme Court Judges

- The Centre has cleared four names recommended by the Supreme Court Collegium for elevation as judges of the apex court. The four appointed judges are
 - Himachal Pradesh High Court: Chief Justice **V. Ramasubramanian**
 - Punjab and Haryana High Court: Chief Justice **Krishna Murari**
 - Rajasthan High Court: Chief Justice **S. Ravindra Bhat**
 - Kerala High Court: Chief Justice **Hrishikesh Roy**
- The Supreme Court vacancies had increased its judicial strength from 31 to 34 following the enactment of the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Bill of 2019.

20th Edition of IIFA Awards 2019

- The 20th Edition of NEXA International Indian Film Academy Awards (IIFA Awards) for 2019 was held at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Indoor Stadium, Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Here's the complete list of winners:

S.No.	Category	Winners
1.	Best Film	Raazi
2.	Best Actor in a leading role (Female)	Alia Bhatt (Raazi)
3.	Best Actor in a leading role (Male)	Ranveer Singh (Padmaavat)
4.	Best Actor In Supporting Role (Female)	Aditi Rao Hydari (Padmaavat)
5.	Best Actor In Supporting Role (Male)	Vicky Kaushal (Sanju)
6.	Best Director	Sriram Raghavan (Andhadhun)
7.	Best Playback Singer (Male)	Arijit Singh (Ae Watan from Raazi)
8.	Best Playback Singer (Female)	Harshdeep Kaur and Vibha Saraf for Dilbaro (Raazi)
9.	Best Music	Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety

S.No.	Category	Winners
10.	Lifetime Achievement Award	Legendary actor and comedian Jagdeep Jaffery
11.	Best Debut Award (Female)	Sara Ali Khan (Kedarnath)
12.	Best Debut Award (Male)	Ishaan Khatter (Dhadak)
13.	20 Years Best Actor (Female)	Deepika Padukone
14.	Outstanding performance by a director in the last 20 years	Rajkumar Hirani (Sanju)
15.	20 Years Best Actor (Male)	Ranbir Kapoor
16.	Best music in the last 20 years	Pritam
17.	Best film of the past 20 years	Kaho Na Pyaar Hai

National Affairs

- Jal Shakti Minister** and Sports Minister flagged off "Great Ganga Run-2019" at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi.
- Saint Vincent and Grenadines** became the **79th country** to join the **International Solar Alliance (ISA)**, an initiative by India aimed at combating the threats of climate change and global warming.
- Union Minister for Communications, Electronics & Information Technology and Law & Justice **Ravi Shankar Prasad** has launched the **Maritime Communication Services** at **Mumbai, Maharashtra**.
- India's first **National Antimicrobial Resistance Hub** was recently inaugurated in **Kolkata**.
- India has formally launched an initiative to fund **1000 scholars from South East Asian countries** to pursue **PhD at its 23 Indian Institutes of Technology**.
- The Public Premises (**Eviction of Unauthorized Occupants**) **Amendment Bill, 2019** has come into effect.
- India has commenced a special training programme for **Maldivian and Bangladeshi civil servants at Mussoorie in Uttarakhand**.
- 5th International Ramayan Festival** organized by **Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)**, in New Delhi.

- Union Minister of State for Power **RK Singh** and Jammu and Kashmir Governor **Satya Pal Malik** have jointly inaugurated 15 power projects.
- The **Jal Shakti Ministry** is planning to develop a **National Water Museum** to increase awareness among people on the conservation of the natural resource.
- The Department of India Posts has announced commencing of International Speed Post (EMS) Service to **Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Ecuador, Kazakhstan, Lithuania and North Macedonia**.
- **Google** has announced that it will open an **artificial intelligence (AI) based research lab "Google Research India"**. The lab will be opened in Bengaluru.
- The country's **first central police university** will be set up by the Union home ministry off the **Yamuna Expressway in Greater Noida**.
- Human Resource Development Minister **Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'** has launched **Waste Management Accelerator for Aspiring Women Entrepreneurs (WAVE) summit**.
- The **Digital Communication Commission**, the highest decision making body in the Department of **Telecom** has approved multiple projects worth over **Rs 8,500 crore**.
- **National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC)** plans to set up a 5-gigawatt solar park in the western state of Gujarat, which would be the **biggest in the country**.

States in the News

- Union Minister for Environment and Forest and Information & Broadcasting **Prakash Javadekar** flagged off a **Jaldoot vehicle** a travelling exhibition in **Pune, Maharashtra**. The van carrying the **'SAVE WATER'** message will travel to different parts of the state.
- Karnataka Chief Minister **B S Yediyurappa** announced that the **Hyderabad-Karnataka** region has been renamed as **'Kalyana Karnataka'** and a separate secretariat would be established for its development.

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- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu dedicated the **Dikshi Hydroelectric Project** to the people of the state. The **24 Mega Watt Hydroelectric Project** has been installed at Dikshi Village in West Kameng District.
- Delhi Lieutenant Governor Anil Baijal launched **'Tatpar' app**, developed by the Delhi Police, which is a one-stop destination for access to over 50 citizen-centric services.
- Chief Minister **Arvind Kejriwal** launched **"Champions Campaign"** to fight dengue and urged citizens to become 'champions' and encourage 10 friends to check their homes for mosquito larvae.

International Affairs

- **Sri Lanka** unveiled **South Asia's tallest tower**, costing over \$100 million, 80% of which has been **funded by China** under the controversial Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). The **350-metre-tall 17-storey Lotus Tower**, located in the heart of Colombo city.

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- **Kerala** signs a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the **Maldives** to strengthen cancer care in the island nation.
- The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** joined hands with **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** for the development of **human-centric systems** for the Human Space Mission to demonstrate its human space flight capabilities.
- Defence PSU **Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML)** and **Wipro Infrastructure Engineering (WIN)** have signed an MoU to work together in the areas of aerospace, industrial automation, 3-D printing, artificial intelligence and hydraulic system engineering.
- **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)** has partnered with Ola, a mobility platform, to extend the welfare to its drivers.
- **Tata Communications** has partnered with Cisco to offer enterprises a secure, fully-managed, multi-channel, intelligent and cloud-based **Cisco Webex Contact Center solution**.
- The **Directorate General of Training (DGT)**, under the skill development and entrepreneurship ministry, has signed an agreement with IT major IBM to carry out a nationwide Train-the-Trainer programme in basic artificial intelligence.
- **Nasscom's** Data Security Council of India (DSCI) collaborated with the electronics and IT ministry (**MeitY**) and **Google India** to launch a nationwide awareness campaign **'Digital Payment Abhiyan'**.

Books and Authors

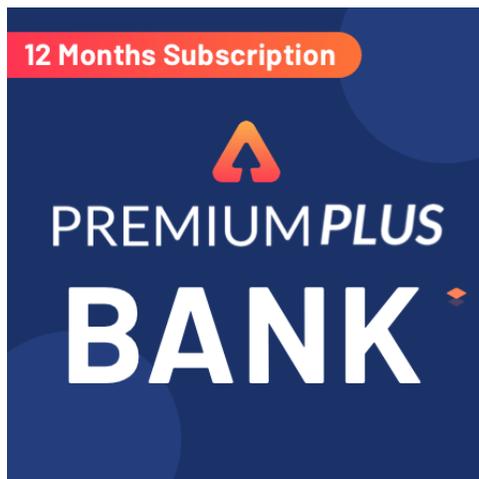
- The book titled **“The Cousins Thackeray: Uddhav, Raj and the Shadow of their Senas”** written by the journalist **Dhaval Kulkarni** was released. It is published by Penguin Random House.
- A new book titled **“Being Gandhi”** written by award-winning author **Paro Anand** released.

Banking/Economy/Business News

- The **Goods and Services Tax Network** has decided to make **Aadhaar** authentication or physical verification mandatory for new dealers from January 2020.
- Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** has announced that Public Sector Banks will organise **‘loan melas’** or **“Shamiana meetings”** in **400 districts**.
- **Airtel Payments Bank** launched **“Bharosa savings account”** services, designed for deepening the financial inclusion in the country.
- **Wipro Consumer Care** and Lighting has launched **“Wipro Consumer Care-Ventures”**, a startup venture fund to invest in startups in the consumer brands space.

Appointments/Resignations

- Former judge of the **Andhra Pradesh High Court P. Lakshmana Reddy**, who has been appointed as State’s **Lokayukta**.
- United Nations Secretary-General appointed **Lieutenant General (Retired) Abhijit Guha** as the head of the UN mission in **Hodeidah, Yemen**.
- Cognizant Technology Solutions has appointed **Ramkumar Ramamoorthy** as Chairman and Managing Director of Cognizant India.
- **Wing Commander Anjali Singh** has joined the Indian Embassy in Russia as India’s **first female military diplomat** to be posted in any of the Indian missions abroad. She has joined her new assignment as the Deputy Air Attache.
- **Asian Development Bank (ADB) President Takehiko Nakao** has announced his resignation. He became the president of ADB on April 28, 2013.



- **Robert O’Brien** has been appointed as the **National Security Adviser of United States of America**. He will replace John Bolton as the NSA of US.
- The central Government has appointed Vice Chief of the Indian Air Force (IAF) **Air Marshal RKS Bhaduria** as the next **Chief of Air Staff (CAS)**. He will take over on 30th September. He will have a two-year tenure.
- IDBI Bank’s Board of Directors has approved the appointment of **Samuel Joseph Jebaraj** as **Deputy Managing Director (DMD)** for a period of 3 years.

Defence News

- DRDO and the Aeronautical Development Agency successfully executed the first-ever arrested landing of **Light Combat Aircraft(LCA) Tejas (Navy)** at the shore-based test facility in Goa. This is a step towards the aircraft getting operational on aircraft carrier **INS Vikramaditya**.
- The White water Rafting Expedition christened **‘RUDRASHILA’** being undertaken by **Kalidhar Battalion** under the aegis of Battle Axe Division was Flagged Off at Jaisalmer Military station.
- A maiden trilateral exercise **SITMEX**, involving Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN), Royal Thailand Navy (RTN) and Indian Navy (IN) started at Port Blair.
- Indian Air Force has successfully flight-tested air-to-air missile **Astra** off the coast of Odisha. The missile was launched from a **Sukhoi Su-30 MKI combat aircraft**.
- Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** becomes the first defence minister to fly in the indigenously-built light combat aircraft (LCA) **Tejas**. He flew in the **Tejas fighter aircraft from the HAL airport in Bengaluru**.
- The Indian Army conducted a massive rare exercise **‘Chang Thang’** in Eastern **Ladakh** bordering China. The exercise involved the use of infantry, **mechanised forces, T-72 tanks**, with force multipliers such as artillery guns and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles. The Indian Air Force was also roped in the exercise.

Awards and Recognitions

- Bangladesh Prime Minister **Sheikh Hasina** received the **Dr Kalam Smriti International Excellence Award 2019** in Dhaka.
- Arcadia Education Project which involves construction of floating school for marginalised children in **South Kananchor of Bangladesh**, has been awarded the prestigious **Aga Khan Architecture Award 2019**.
- Bollywood actor **Neena Gupta** has won 2 awards at Indian **International Film Festival of Boston**. The actress won the Best Actress award for ‘Badhaai Ho’ and her film ‘The Last Color’ emerged victorious in Best Feature Film category.
- Meghalaya-based rights activist **Agnes Kharshiing**, who survived an assault by the coal mafia almost a year ago, received the **11th International Hrant Dink Award**.

- The Union Minister for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, **Dr Mahendra Nath Pandey**, awarded **Vinod Kumar Yadav**, Chairman of Railway Board with **Eminent Engineers Award**.
- **Super 30 founder** and noted mathematician **Anand Kumar** has been felicitated in the **US with a prestigious Education Excellence Award 2019**.
- Twenty-two scientists across the country were awarded the **National Geoscience Awards for the year 2018**. The National Geoscience Awards were given in ten disciplines.

Summit and Conference

- Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** will chair the **29th meeting of the Northern Zonal Council**.

Schemes and Committees

- Ministry of Commerce & Industry through Export Credit Guarantee Corporation has introduced a new Export Credit Insurance Scheme called **NIRVIK**. The **Niryat Rin Vikash Yojana** has been launched to enhance loan availability to exporters and to ease the lending process. Under the new scheme **NIRVIK**, up to 90 per cent of the principal amount and interest will be covered through insurance.

Ranks and Reports

- Filmmaker **Anurag Kashyap's Gangs Of Wasseypur** has become the only Indian film to feature in "**The Guardian**" list of **100 Best Films of the 21st century**. The film has bagged the **59th position**.
- The **International Migrant Stock 2019** was released by the Population Division of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA). As per the report, **India** was the leading country of origin of international migrants in 2019 with a **17.5 million** strong diaspora.

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Sports News

- **Pankaj Advani** defeated Nay Thway Oo to win the 150-up format at the **IBSF World Billiards Championship** held in Mandalay, Myanmar.
- **Sourabh Verma** has won the **Vietnam Open Super 100** title held at the Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. He defeated China's Sun Fei Xiang in the thrilling Men's Singles.
- Indian Badminton star, **Lakshya Sen** has won the **Belgian International** badminton title. He defeated Victor Svendsen of Denmark.
- Indian shuttler **Kaushal Dharmamer** has won the **Myanmar International Series**. He defeated Indonesia's Karon Karon.
- **Spain** defeated **Argentina** by 95-75 to win the **Basketball World Cup** held in Beijing, China.
- Former Indian Cricket all-rounder **Dinesh Mongia** announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.
- Union Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs **Anurag Thakur** announced that a **cricket and sports academy** will be set up in Leh, Ladakh.
- The International Cricket Council has banned Sri Lankan off-spinner **Akila Dananjaya** from bowling in international matches for **1 year**.
- The Indian football team slipped a place to **104th position** in the latest FIFA rankings released.
- **Bajrang Punia** won a bronze medal at the **2019 World Wrestling Championships** in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan. He defeated Mongolia's **Tulga Tumor Ochir** 8-7 to clinch the medal in the 65 kg weight category.

Important Days

- The United Nations observes **15 September** every year as **International Day of Democracy**. Theme of International Day of Democracy 2019: **Participation**.
- The United Nations observes **16 September** every year as International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer. Theme of the day for 2019: **32 Years and Healing**.
- **World Bamboo Day** is observed every year on the **18th of September** by the World Bamboo Organization to generate awareness about conserving and promoting the bamboo industry.
- **International Day of Peace** is observed around the world on 21 September. The theme for International Day of Peace 2019 is "**Climate Action for Peace**".

Obituaries

- Film editor **Sanjib Kumar Datta**, who has movies like Iqbal, Ek Hasina Thi and Mardaani to his credit, passed away.
- The renowned writer of Kerala **Sivaraman Cherianad** passed away.
- Former speaker of Andhra Pradesh Assembly **Kodala Siva Prasada Rao** passed away.

- Veteran Kerala actor **Sathar** passed away.
- Tunisia's former President **Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali** passed away.
- Bollywood's famous horror film producer **Shyam Ramsay** passed away.
- The former Rangers and Netherlands football player **Fernando Ricksen** passed away at the age of 43.

Miscellaneous News

- The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has decided to translate and publish an anthology of the writings of **Guru Nanak Dev** in world languages to mark his **550th birth anniversary**.
- **Moti Bagh**, a documentary film based on the struggle of a farmer in a remote **Uttarakhand village**, has been nominated for the Oscars.
- American breast cancer survivor **Sarah Thomas** became the first person to swim across the **English Channel** four times non-stop in a **54-hour feat of endurance**.
- Beijing 2022 Paralympic and Olympic mascots unveiled. The mascot, named **Bing Dwen Dwen**, is a chubby giant panda wearing a suit of ice was revealed as the official mascot for Beijing Winter Olympics 2022 and Chinese lantern **Shuey Rhon Rhon** was declared as the official mascot for Winter Paralympics 2022.
- The first ever "**Jammu International Film Festival**" will be held in Jammu. **37 short films** and documentaries from 11 countries will be screened at the inaugural edition of Jammu International Film Festival.
- The **Telangana government** has decided to declare **2020 as Artificial Intelligence year** by organising various activities related to the emerging technology.
- Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment **Thaawarchand Gehlot** launched the (**Management Information System**) **MIS portal** in New Delhi.
- The **16th Session of the Joint Economic Commission (JEC)** between **India and Belgium Luxembourg Economic Union (BLEU)** was held in New Delhi.

Static Takeaways

- Jal Shakti Minister: Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.
- Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Youth Affairs and Sports: Kiren Rijiju.
- St Vincent and the Grenadines Capital: Kingstown; Currency: Eastern Caribbean dollar.
- CM of Andhra Pradesh: YS Jaganmohan Reddy; Capital of Andhra Pradesh: Amaravati.
- On 24 October 1945, The United Nations officially comes into existence
- Antonio Guterres is the Secretary-General of the United Nations
- United Nations is headquartered in New York.
- DRDO Chairman: G Satheesh Reddy; Established: 1958; Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Headquarters of United Nations: New York, USA.
- Union Minister of Commerce and Industry: Piyush Goyal.
- Capital of Bangladesh: Dhaka; Currency: Taka.
- Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh: YS Jaganmohan Reddy; Governor: Biswa Bhusan Harichandan.
- Sri Lanka Capitals: Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte; Currency: Sri Lankan rupee.
- Prime minister of Sri Lanka: Ranil Wickremesinghe; President of Sri Lanka: Maithripala Sirisena.
- Karnataka Capital: Bengaluru, Governor: Vajubhai Vala.
- Capital of Kerala: Thiruvananthapuram; Governor: Arif Mohammad Khan.
- Capital of Maldives: Male; Currency of the Maldives: Maldivian Rufiyaa.
- President of the Maldives: Ibrahim Mohamed Solih.
- ISRO Director: K Sivan, Headquarters: Bengaluru, Established: 1969.
- Chairman of DRDO: Dr G. Satheesh Reddy; Headquarters: New Delhi; Founded: 1958.
- Chairman & Managing Director of BEML: D K HOTA. Headquarters: Bengaluru.
- President of Russia: Vladimir Putin; Capital: Moscow.
- The Russian ruble is the currency of Russia.
- Union Minister of Railways: Piyush Goyal.
- John Mathai was the first Railways Minister of Independent India.
- CM of Uttarakhand: Trivendra Singh Rawat.
- Governor of Uttarakhand: Baby Rani Maurya.
- Capital of Uttarakhand: Dehradun.
- Union Minister of Jal Shakti: Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.
- Secretary, Department of Posts & Chairperson, Postal Services Board: Ananta Narayan Nanda.
- Headquarters: New Delhi; Founded: 1 April 1854.
- Director-General: Meera Handa.
- Headquarters of ADB: Manila, Philippines; Founded: 19 December 1966.
- Member of ADB: 68 countries.
- Chief Minister of Delhi: Arvind Kejriwal
- Chief Justice of India: J Ranjan Gogoi; Founded: 28th January 1950.

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- Chief Executive Officer of Google: Sundar Pichai.
- Union Minister of Home Affairs: Amit Shah.
- Uttar Pradesh CM: Yogi Adityanath; Governor: Anandiben Patel.
- The Indian Air Force is the air arm of the Indian Armed Forces.
- Indian Air Force was founded on 08th October 1932.
- Headquarters of IAF is in New Delhi.
- Co-Founder and CEO of Ola: Bhavish Aggarwal.
- Founder of IBM: Charles Ranlett Flint; Established: June 16, 1911.
- Union Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship: Mahendra Nath Pandey.
- MD & CEO of Airtel Payments Bank: Anubrata Biswas.
- Headquarters of Airtel Payments Bank: New Delhi.
- Chief of the Army Staff: General Bipin Rawat.
- ICC Chairman: Shashank Manohar; Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
- The 13th edition of ICC Cricket World Cup will be held in India from February 9 to March 26, 2023.
- President of FIFA: Gianni Infantino; Headquarters of FIFA: Zurich, Switzerland.
- Capital of Tunisia: Tunis; Currency of Tunisia: Tunisian Dinar.
- President of World Bamboo Organization: Michel Abadie.
- CEO of World Bamboo Organization: Susanne Lucas.
- CM of Telangana: K Chandrashekhara Rao; Capital of Telangana: Hyderabad.
- Governor of Telangana: Tamilsai Soundararajan.
- Minister of Communications and Electronics and Information Technology.: Ravi Shankar Prasad.
- Chairman of NASSCOM: Keshav Murugesu.
- Belgium Capital: Brussels, Currency: Euro.
- Chairman and Managing Director of NTPC: Gurdeep Singh.
- Headquarters of NTPC: New Delhi.
- Chairman of IDBI: M R Kumar.
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