

Weekly One Liners 25th to 30th of November 2019

Constitution Day of India 2019

- **Constitution Day or Samvidhan Divas** is celebrated **26 November** cross the country to mark the adopting of the Indian Constitution by the Constituent Assembly on this day in 1949.
- In 2019, it marks the **70th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution**.
- It came into force on 26th January 1950, marking the beginning of a new era in the history of the Indian Republic.
- It is aimed at reiterating and reorienting the citizens towards the values and principles expressed in the Constitution and encouraging all Indians to play their rightful role in strengthening the Indian Democracy.
- It also aims to create awareness of Fundamental Duties as enshrined in the Constitution.
- India's constitution is the longest written constitution in the world. It took around 2 years, 11 months and 17 days to complete the Constitution.

RIL market cap hits 9.5 lakh crore, a first for an Indian company

- **Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)** is the first Indian company to cross **Rs.9.5 lakh in market capitalization (m-cap)**.
- Recently Vodafone India and Bharti Airtel had announced their tariff hike which will be implemented from December 2019.
- This has increased the share price of RIL in the market and is believed to attract more subscribers for Reliance Jio.
- On 26 Nov 2019, its m-cap touched Rs 9,99,045 crore nearing the Rs 10 lakh crore mark.
- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), RIL's closest rival in market capital had a share price of Rs.2,110, 2% lower on BSE and m-cap of Rs.7,71,996.87 crore.

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ISRO Launches CARTOSAT-3

- India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle, **PSLV-C47 Launch Vehicle-XL (PSLV-XL) rocket** carrying advanced earth observation satellite **Cartosat-3 and 13 US nano satellites** lifted off from the second launch pad of the rocket port from Sriharikota.
- At about 9.28 a.m. the 44.4 meters tall, weighing 320-ton rocket blasted off from the second launch pad at the country's rocket port.
- The launch was normal despite a clouded sky.
- According to ISRO, the 1,625 kg Cartosat-3 is an advanced agile satellite to obtain panchromatic and multispectral imagery with an operational life of five years.

Important Points:

- **PSLV-C47** is the 21st flight of PSLV in the 'XL' configuration (with 6 solid strap-on motors). This will be the 74th launch vehicle mission from Sriharikota.
- Cartosat-3 satellite is a third-generation agile advanced satellite having high-resolution imaging capability. The satellite will be placed in an orbit of 509 km at an inclination of 97.5 degrees.
- PSLV-C47 will also carry 13 commercial nanosatellites from the United States of America as part of commercial arrangement with New Space India Limited (NSIL), Department of Space.

Logo, motto introduced for Lokpal

- Lokpal Chairman Justice (retired) **Pinaki Chandra Ghose** launched the new **logo and motto** for the apex anti-corruption ombudsman.
- A new motto, "**Ma Gridhah Kasyasvidhanam (Do not be greedy for anyone's wealth)**", was also adopted.
- Earlier, an open competition was conducted, inviting entries for the logo and the motto.
- A total of 2,236 entries for the logo and 4,705 entries for the motto were received.
- The logo symbolises how Lokpal protects and cares for the people of India by establishing justice as per law.

Uddhav Thackeray takes oath as Maharashtra CM

- Shiv Sena Chief and Maha Vikas Aghadi nominee **Uddhav Thackeray** took oath as the Chief Minister of Maharashtra. He is the 19th Chief Minister of Maharashtra.
- He was named as the leader of the Shiv Sena-NCP-Congress alliance called the '**Maha Vikas Aghadi**'.

- Governor of Maharashtra **Bhagat Singh Koshyari** administered the oath to Thackeray at Shivaji Park, Dadar in Central Mumbai.
- He is the first Thackeray family member to become Maharashtra's CM. The alliance is yet to decide the candidate for the Deputy CM post.

National Affairs

- Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs has launched **Credit-linked Subsidy Services Awas Portal, CLAP**, in New Delhi.
- Union Human Resource Development (HRD) Minister launched the **kartavya.ugc.ac.in** portal for holding monthly essay competitions for students. The portal was launched as part of year-long '**Nagrik Kartavya Paalan Abhiyan**' being observed throughout the country.
- **India** wins bid to host **2023 Men's Hockey World Cup** Kalinga Hockey Stadium in Bhubaneswar and Biju Patnaik Hockey Stadium in Rourkela to be the venues for the tournament.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will inaugurate the 3-day-long **Military Literature Festival (MLF)** on 13 December 2019 at Chandigarh.
- The Transport Ministry has extended the **01st December** deadline for **100% electronic toll collection** across National Highways in the country by two weeks (15th December).

States in the News

- Every year the State of **Manipur** celebrates the "**Manipur Sangai Festival**" from 21st to 30th November. The 'Festival' is named after the State animal, Sangai, the brow-antlered deer found only in Manipur.
- **Madhya Pradesh** government has announced **5% reservation** to national and international medallists sports persons in state government jobs.

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- The **Etawah Lion Safari**, formally known as **Etawah Safari Park** was thrown open for public in Uttar Pradesh without the lion segment.
- Chief Minister of **Odisha Naveen Patnaik** inaugurated the **National Tribal Craft Mela - 2019** in Bhubaneswar.
- **Uttar Pradesh** government is launching a massive immunisation campaign against the **filariasis or Filaria**.
- In a major step to conserve the endangered vulture population, the **Uttar Pradesh** government will set up the state's **first vulture conservation and breeding centre in farenda area of Maharajganj district**.
- The **Chhattisgarh** government has decided to declare **Guru Ghasidas National Park** in the state's Korea district as a tiger reserve.

International Affairs

- The **Ocean Dance Festival 2019** kicked off in Cox Bazar of **Bangladesh**. Ocean Dance Festival is the largest international dance festival of Bangladesh in which more than 200 dancers, choreographers and scholars from 15 countries are participating. The theme of this year's festival is 'Bridging the distance' or Durotter Shetubandhan.
- The **European Union's legislature** has declared a **climate emergency**, in a symbolic move aimed at increasing pressure on the incoming European Commission to take a stronger stance on climate change.

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- Commercial vehicle manufacturer **Ashok Leyland Ltd. (ALL)** has entered into a two-year memorandum of understanding (MoU) with **ICICI Bank** to offer customised financial solutions to customers across India with a focus on semi-urban and rural geographies.
- **India and Uzbekistan** have signed a pact for further strengthening of cooperation in the fields of counter-terrorism and organised crime.
- **NewQuest-backed U GRO Capital** inked an SME loan co-origination agreement with **State Bank of India** to facilitate broader credit outreach and faster disbursal.

Books and Authors

- On 11th anniversary of the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, a book titled "**Hemant Karkare - A Daughter's Memoir**" by his daughter **Jui Karkare Navare** was released in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

- Union HRD Minister **Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'** launched 3 books which are a collection of stories for **Children namely Kumbh, Garam Pahad and Dilli ki Bulbul (Sindhi edition)** in New Delhi

Banking/Economy/Business News

- The **RBI** expanded the scope of **Special Non-Resident Rupee Accounts (SNRR account)** by permitting non-residents to open such accounts for rupee-denominated overseas borrowings, trade credit and trade invoicing for popularising cross-border transactions in the domestic currency.
- **Muthoot Finance Ltd**, the largest gold loan non-banking finance company in the country, entered into a definitive agreement to **acquire IDBI Asset Management Ltd and IDBI Mutual Fund Trustee Company Ltd**.
- **Markets regulator SEBI** imposed a total fine of **Rs 40.5 lakh** on 7 companies for indulging in fraudulent trading in the illiquid stock options segment on the BSE.
- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has expressed concern over rising bad loans from **Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY)**.
- The **Asian Development Bank** has approved the 2nd tranche of **USD 150 million** (about Rs 1,065 crore) for West Bengal to boost capital investment and infrastructure in the state.
- Global rating agency **Moody's** expects the Centre's fiscal deficit to touch **3.7%** of the GDP.
- **India's GDP growth** hit an over six-year low of **4.5 percent** in **July-September 2019**, dragged mainly by the deceleration in manufacturing output and subdued farm sector activity. The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth was recorded at 7 percent in the corresponding quarter of **FY 2018-19**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed a monetary penalty of **Rs. 1.50 crore** on Corporation Bank for non-compliance with certain provisions of directions issued by RBI.

- Non-bank lender **Aditya Birla Finance** became the first company to list its commercial papers borrowing of **Rs 100 crore on the bourses**.

Appointments/Resignations

- **Kerala cadre senior IAS officer Suman Billa** is set to join the **United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO)** at its headquarters in **Madrid, Spain**.
- Chief Minister of Maharashtra **Devendra Fadnavis** announced his resignation after the Supreme Court asked him to face a floor-test to test the strength of his BJP-led government's position.
- General **Bipin Rawat** to be first **Chief of Defence Staff**. He will end his tenure as the Army Chief in December 2019.
- The **Board of Tata Communications (Tata Comm)** appointed **Amur Swaminathan Lakshminarayanan** as the managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of the telecom company for a term of five years with effect from **26 November 2019**.
- Former deputy governor of RBI, **HR Khan** has been appointed as the first chairman of the steering committee of the **Code for Responsible Lending (CRL) in micro-credit**.

Defence News

- The **Indian Navy** will host military drill 'Milan 2020' in March which will witness the participation of several countries. 41 nations from South Asia, Southeast Asia, Africa and Europe that share defence cooperation with India have been invited for the drill. **MILAN stands for 'Multilateral Naval Exercise'**.
- A maiden bilateral exercise between the **Indian Navy and the Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF)** have conducted Mine Countermeasure Exercise (MINEX) 2019 at Kochi, Kerala.
- The Indian Army has successfully test-fired **2 Spike long-range anti-tank missiles** at Mhow in **Madhya Pradesh**.

Awards and Recognitions

- **Eliud Kipchoge**, the first man to run a marathon in less than two hours, and 400 metres hurdles world champion **Dalilah Muhammad** won the **World Athlete of the Year** awards.
- Floating school project of **Bangladesh** wins **Aga Khan Architecture Award**. Bangladesh is a land of water.

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- Noted writer from Rajasthan, **Manisha Kulshreshtha**, was awarded the 28th Bihari Puraskar for 2018 for her novel 'Swapnapash'. The award is presented by the KK Birla Foundation and is for writers of Rajasthani origin.
- Indian journalist **Neha Dixit** has receipt **2019 International Press Freedom Awards**. This award is awarded by Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ), a non-profit organization whose aim is to enable journalists to work without the fear of reprisal.
- **India's first 'Quality Ratna' award** to **Suresh Krishna, Chairman, Sundram Fasteners Ltd.**
- Odia women weightlifter **Jhili Dalabehera**, who has brought laurels for both the State and the country in several national and international events, will receive the **27th Ekalabya Award for 2019**.
- Singer **Billie Eilish** will be honoured as **Billboard's 2019 Woman of the Year**. Pop star Taylor Swift will also be honoured at Billboard's event, receiving the inaugural Woman of the Decade award.
- **Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS) London** has conferred the Honorary Fellowship of the Society for the year 2019 to **G Sathesh Reddy**, Secretary Department of Defence R&D and Chairman DRDO. He is the first Indian recipient of this prestigious award in over 100 years.
- 'Particles' directed by **Blaise Harrison** and produced by **Estelle Fialon** has won the coveted **Golden Peacock Award at the 50th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)**, which concluded in Goa on November 28, 2019.

Summit and Conference

- **India** will host the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Forum of **Young Scientists and Innovators in 2020**.
- Union Minister of Jal Shakti, represented India at the **8 WATEC (Water Technology and Environment Control) Conference 2019**. The theme of the conference is "Water Stewardship and Innovation-driving global leadership in the responsible planning management, and protection of water".
- The DEFCOM INDIA 2019 seminar commenced at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi. The theme for the seminar is, "Communications: A Decisive Catalyst for Jointness".
- The **47th All India Police Science Congress (AIPSC)** begins in Lucknow. The event will be inaugurated by Puducherry Lieutenant Governor and retired IPS officer Kiran Bedi.
- The **International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT)** is organizing a **NuGen Mobility Summit, 2019** in Gurugram, Haryana.

- Minister of State for Home Affairs, inaugurated the **1st International Conference on "Landslides Risk Reduction and Resilience"** in New Delhi.

Science and Technology

- **Microsoft** rolled out its **K12 Education Transformation Framework** more widely to schools across India at the second edition of the **Microsoft Education Days** in Gurgaon.
- **NVIDIA** has announced a new kind of GPU-accelerated supercomputer in the cloud on Microsoft Azure. **NDv2** supercomputer is designed to handle demanding AI and high-performance computing applications, using up to 800 NVIDIA V100 Tensor Core GPUs interconnected on a single.
- **ISRO** has transferred its indigenous technology to produce space-grade Li-Ion cells to **Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)**.

Ranks and Reports

- The first-ever **Prosperity & Inclusion City Seal and Awards (PICSA) Index**, released in the Basque Country capital of Bilbao in northern Spain.

Sports News

- India's **Lakshya Sen** has won the **Scottish Open badminton men's singles title**, defeating Brazilian Ygor Coelho to seal his fourth title in 3 months.
- **Rafael Nadal** has clinched **6th Davis Cup title for Spain** after beating Denis Shapovalov of Canada in front of a jubilant home crowd in Madrid.
- **Sangram Dahiya and Varsha Varman** clinched double trap titles, winning gold at the **63rd National Shotgun Shooting Championship in New Delhi**.
- Indian archers **Deepika Kumari and Atanu Das** won a bronze medal in the recurve and compound mixed event at the **Asian Archery Championships in Kolkata**.

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- **Abhishek Verma and Jyothi Surekha Vennam** claimed the gold in compound mixed pair event at the 21st Asian Archery Championships, which ended in **Bangkok, Thailand**.
- **Steve Smith** became the fastest cricketer to score **7,000 Test runs**, shattering a record that had stood since 1946, while moving past **Donald Bradman** to become Australia's 11th highest scorer.

Important Days

- The **National Cadet Corps (NCC)**, the world's largest uniformed youth organization, is celebrating its **71st Raising Day on 24 November**.
- The **International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women** is observed across the world on **25 November** annually. The theme for this year is **"Orange the World: Generation Equality Stands Against Rape"**.
- **National Milk Day** is celebrated across the country on November 26 every year on the birthday of **Dr Verghese Kurien**.
- In 1977, the General Assembly called for the annual observance of **29 November** as the **International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People**.

Obituaries

- Former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister **Kailash Joshi** has passed away.
- The General Secretary of the Revolutionary Socialist Party (RSP) and former West Bengal Minister **Kshiti Goswami** passed away.
- Australian writer and broadcaster, **Clive James** passed away.
- Renowned cartoonist **Sudhir Dar** whose works graced several newspapers in a career spanning 58 years, passed away.
- Veteran Tamil actor and theatre artist **Bala Singh** passed away.

- A world-renowned rock climber, US national **Brad Gobright**, fell to his death while climbing a sheer rock face in northern Mexico.
- **Yasuhiro Nakasone**, one of Japan's longest-reigning Prime Ministers and known for his friendship with Ronald Reagan, has passed away at the age of 101.

Miscellaneous News

- The Survey of India, India's central engineering agency in charge of mapping and surveying has released an updated map of India with **Amaravati** as the capital of Andhra Pradesh (AP).
- **The Indian Railway Institute of Financial Management (IRIFM)** has been set up in **Hyderabad, Telangana**.
- **Indian Women's Association (IWA)** has donated **two electric vehicles** to Pashupati Area Development Trust (PADT) in Nepal.
- The **Indore-based Devi Ahilya University** becoming **Madhya Pradesh's** first varsity to be accorded A-plus grade by the **National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)**.

Static Takeaways

- Bangladesh Capital: Dhaka; Currency: Taka; PM: Sheikh Hasina.
- Capital of Manipur: Imphal.
- Governor of Manipur: Najma Heptulla.
- Chief Minister of Manipur: N. Biren Singh.
- The Reserve Bank of India was established on April 1, 1935, in accordance with the provisions of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.
- Governor of RBI: Shaktikanta Das; Headquarters: Mumbai.
- Managing Director(MD) of Muthoot Finance Ltd: George Alexander Muthoot; Founded: 1939; Headquarters: Kochi, Kerala.
- Secretary-General of SCO: Vladimir Norov; Founded: 19 September 2003; Headquarters: Beijing, China.
- Capital of Scotland: Edinburgh; Currency: Pound sterling.
- Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Microsoft: Satya Nadella; Founded: April 4, 1975; Headquarters: Washington, United States(US).
- Chief Executive Officer (CEO) NVIDIA: Jensen Huang; Headquarters: Santa Clara, California, United States (US).
- Director-General of NCC: Lt Gen Rajeev Chopra; Founder: Government of the United Kingdom; Founded: 16 April 1948; Headquarters location: New Delhi.
- Governor of Andhra Pradesh: Biswabhusan Harichandan.

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- Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh: Y. S. Jaganmohan Reddy.
- Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs: Hardeep Singh Puri.
- Madhya Pradesh CM: Kamal Nath; Governor: Lal Ji Tandon.
- UP Present CM: Yogi Adityanath, Governor: Anandiben Patel.
- Utkal Divas or Odisha Day falls every year on 01st April; Governor of Odisha: Ganeshi Lal.
- UNWTO's membership includes 158 countries; Founded: October 1975.
- Parent organization of Ashok Leyland Ltd: Hinduja Group; Headquarters: Chennai; Founder: Raghunandan Saran.
- Chairperson of SEBI: Ajay Tyagi; Founded: 12 April 1992; Headquarters: Mumbai.
- World Milk Day is observed on 1 June every year by the United Nations.
- Railway Minister: Piyush Goyal.
- John Mathai was the first Railways Minister of Independent India.
- Governor of Chhattisgarh: Anusuiya Uikey.
- Capital of Uzbekistan: Tashkent; Currency: Uzbekistani som.
- Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of U GRO Capital: Abhijit Ghosh.
- U GRO Capital Launch: December 2017.
- The K.K Birla foundation is named after Krishna Kumar Birla, famous Indian industrialist; Established: 1991, Delhi.
- Committee to Protect Journalist (CPJ) formation: 1981; Headquarters: New York, United States.
- CII Formation: 1895; Headquarters: New Delhi, India.
- Ekalabya award was instituted in 1993.
- Reliance Industries Limited Founded: 8 May 1973; Founder (Reliance Industries Limited): Dhirubhai Ambani; CEO: Mukesh Ambani; Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Chief of the Naval Staff: Admiral Karambir Singh.
- Headquarters of ISRO: Bengaluru.
- Chairperson of ISRO: Kailasavadivoo Sivan.
- Union Human Resource Development (HRD) Minister: Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'.
- DRDO formed: 1958, Headquarters: New Delhi.
- RBI 25th Governor: Shaktikant Das, Headquarters: Mumbai, Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata.
- Capital of Japan: Tokyo.
- Currency of Japan: Japanese yen.
- Prime Minister of Japan: Shinzo Abe.
- Asian Development Bank Headquarters: Manila, Philippines; President: Takehiko Nakao.
- Union Minister of Jal Shakti: Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.
- International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT) Director: Dinesh Tyagi.
- ICAT headquarters: Gurugram, Haryana.
- Headquarters of Lokpal: New Delhi, India.
- Director of National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC): S. C. Sharma; NAAC Headquarters location: Bengaluru; Founded: 1994.
- European Union Headquarters: Brussels, Belgium.
- European Parliament president: David-Maria Sassoli.
- Minister of State for Home Affairs: G Kishan Reddy.
- Odisha CM: Naveen Patnaik; Governor: Ganeshi Lal.
- The motto of Indian Army: "Service Before Self"; Headquarters: New Delhi; Commander-in-Chief: President Ram Nath Kovind.
- Moody's founder: John Moody; Headquarters: New York City, United States; Moody's founded: 1909.
- Chairman & MD of BHEL: Nalin Shinghal; Founded in: 1964; Headquarters: New Delhi, India.
- Nitin Jairam Gadkari is the current Minister for Road Transport & Highways and Shipping Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in the Government of India.
- The total expenditure on the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways for 2019-20 is estimated at Rs 83,016 crore.
- PV Bharathi is Chief Executive Officer of Corporation Bank.
- Corporation Bank headquartered in Mangalore.

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